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10 June, 2016

Dear Pan Kalyan,

**Sub. : Implementation of One Rank One Pension for Disabled War Veterans
invalidated out of service**

I draw your attention to the issue of implementation of One Rank One Pension (OROP) for disabled war veterans invalidated out of service.

I have received a representation from Colonel H. N. Handa (Retd), President of Disabled War Veterans (India) (DIWAVE) highlighting the issue through one case of a disabled war veteran, Major M.N.K. Menon (Retd) – wherein, the PCDA (P), at first, issued a correct letter as far as service element is concerned, and then, without taking concurrence of the Ministry of Defence, overruled the same through another letter and reduced his service element to service actually rendered.

Further, CGDA and PCDA (P) have similarly withdrawn the earlier letter in the case of Officers, Other Ranks and Widows of the War Wounded, thereby reducing their service entitlement dues to service actually rendered. Instructions to Centralized Pension Processing Centre (CPCC) of Banks to reverse entitlements due have also been issued. This matter is of importance as it affects war disabled veterans and widows of war disabled soldiers too.

As you may be aware, a special dispensation via MoD Policy letter No. 200847/Pen-C/71 dated 24 February 1972 was accorded to soldiers who were invalidated out of service due to war. This dispensation stated that those disabled and invalidated out of service due to war will be deemed to have served their maximum service in the rank i.e., 33 years.



The Ministry of Defence in its latest order No 16(01)/2014/D (Pen/Pol) dated 18 May 2016 on Revision of Casualty Pensionary Awards in respect of pre-2006 Armed Forces Officers & JCO/Ors Pensioners/Family Pensioners, has given clarity on the matter in Para 4(h): *"Service Element of war Injury Pension in Invalidment case will be given for maximum terms of engagement for the rank of Armed Forces Personnel from which invalided out"*.

Therefore, while apprising you of this needless complication created by overlooking existing rules and regulations of the Ministry of Defence, I urge you to issue immediate directions to PCDA (P) to clear this ambiguity once and for all in order to prevent further harassment to the war disabled invalided out and widows of war wounded soldiers in future.

Sincerely,

RAJEEV CHANDRASEKHAR

Shri Manohar Parrikar
Hon'ble Minister of Defence
Government of India
New Delhi

Encl.:

1. Email representation from Col H.N. Handa, President DIWAVE (India)
2. PCDA letter to Maj. Menon dated 02 May, 2016
3. CDA Revision letter dated 17 May, 2016

Email Representation from Col H N Handa

From: DIWAVE Disabled war Veterans <diwave1@gmail.com>
Date: Jun 4, 2016 8:38:53 AM
Subject: Fwd: War Injury Pay... Service Element & War Injury Element.
To: "Rajeev Chandrasekhar, MP" <rajeev.c@sansad.nic.in>

Dear Shri Rajeev Chandrasekhar,

We thank you for the opportunity to put accross some complex issues governing DISABLED WAR VETERANS INVALIDED OUT of the ARMY.

I am attaching the mail from Maj Menon, in regards the PCDA(P) issuing at first a correct letter of his entitlements as far as service element is concerned and then over ruling the same by bringing him down to service actually rendered as per your request for immediate intervention please.

Maj Menon is to be governed, as far as service element is concerned, under Min of Def letter No. 200847/71/Pen-c dated 24 February 1972"

This states " The awards sanctioned in this letter are in the nature of a special dispensation and not subject to alteration in the future as a result of any revision in the pay structure. Officers and PBOR who are invalided out of service will be paid the service element equal to the amount of retiring pension of the rank for maximum service of the rank"

For the first time in over the MoD realising this, has taken a bold step, in its latest order on fitment tables No 16(01)/2014/D(Pen/Pol) dated 18th May 2016 (CIRCULAR OF WHICH IS AWAITED FROM PCDA(P) THESE PAST 20 DAYS) clearly agrees with the view point and therefore in PARA 4(h) states:

" Service Element of war Injury Pension in Invalidment case will be given for maximum terms of engagement for the rank of Armed Forces Personnel from which invalided out"

CGDA and PCDA(P) have withdrawn their earlier letter in the case of Officers, Other Ranks and Widows of the War Wounded and reducing their service entitlement dues to service actually rendered. Widows have not been spared. They have instructed CPPC Units of Banks to reverse entitlements due. We have written to JS(ESW) and are awaiting the outcome.

Copies of all letters are attached in Maj Menon's mail below:

Kind Regards

Col H N Handa
President Disabled War Veterans (India)



G-1/M/36706/V

Office of the Pr.C.D.A.(Pensions),
Draupadi Ghat
Allahabad - 211014

Tele : (0532) -2421877 (Intcom)-142



Date: 02 May 2016

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To,

The Chief Manager
Syndicate Bank, CPPC,
Head Office Central Accounts Department,
2nd Floor, Manipal- 576104 (KT)

Sub: - Revision of War Injury Pension in r/o Maj M N K Menon (Retd), IC-18071 & A/c No. 30322030001124.

Ref: - Your representation dated NIL.

The above named officer was commissioned on 30/06/1963 and invalided out of service on 17/03/1975. He has rendered actual qualifying service 11 years, 08 months and 18 days. His service for the purpose of service element has been taken up to the deemed date of retirement. He has been given benefit of 32 years including weightage.

Accordingly, War Injury Pension should be revised as per circular no 555. dated 04 Feb 2016 as under-

Service Element- @Rs.23815/- PM w.e.f. 01/07/2014 for life

War Injury Element- @Rs.35723/- PM w.e.f. 01/07/2014 for life for 75% disablement.

It is, therefore, requested to please revise war injury pension (SE+WIE) as above and payment make accordingly.

Sd/-
Sr. A.O. (P)

Copy to:-

The Manager
Syndicate Bank,
Picket Branch,
Secunderabad-500026

-for information.

Maj M N K Menon (Retd)
Flat No. 103, Padmaja Plaza,
Street No. 5, West Marredpally,

-for information.

Regd.



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Ref: - This office letter of even no dated 02 May 2016.

Please refer to this office letter cited under reference wherein it has been mentioned erroneously that revision of service element and war injury element will made with benefit of 32 years (taking up the deemed date of retirement) whereas his actual qualifying service is 11 years, 08 months and 18 days, hence the same letter is treated as cancelled.

In this regard it is further stated that war injury pension (SE+WIE) will be revised by taking into account of actual qualifying service (i.e. 11.5 years) rendered by the above named officer as per circular no 555 dated 04 Feb 2016 as under-

Service Element- @Rs.20572/- PM w.e.f. 01/07/2014 for life

War Injury Element- @Rs.30858/- PM w.e.f. 01/07/2014 for life for 75% disablement.

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