

No. 20(5)/2009/D(Pay/Services)

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA

MINISTRY OF DEFENCE

D(Pay/Services)

New Delhi the 4<sup>th</sup> June, 2010

To

The Chief of the Army Staff

The Chief of the Air Staff

The Chief of the Naval Staff

**Subject:** Special benefits in cases of death and disability in service—Payment of ex-gratia lump sum compensation to the families of the Defence Service personnel who die in harness—Recommendations of the Sixth Central Pay Commission.

I am directed to refer to this Ministry's letter No. 20/1/98/D(Pay/Services) dated 22.9.1998 as amended vide letter of even number dated 12<sup>th</sup> April, 1999, 3<sup>rd</sup> August, 1999, 19<sup>th</sup> May, 2000 and 21<sup>st</sup> October, 2008 on the above subject.

2. Vide para 1 of above mentioned letter dated 21<sup>st</sup> October, 2008, the existing rates of ex-gratia lump sum compensation to the next of kin of the deceased defence personnel have already been revised as follows:

(a)	Death occurring due to accidents in course of duties	Rs. 10.00 lakhs
(b)	Death in the course of duties attributable to acts of violence by terrorists, etc.	Rs. 10.00 lakhs
(c)	Death occurring during enemy action in war or border skirmishes or in action against militants, terrorists, etc.	Rs. 15.00 lakhs
(d)	Death occurring during enemy action in International war or war like engagements specifically notified.	Rs. 20.00 lakhs

3. A new clause (d) shall be added to para 1 of aforesaid letter dated 21<sup>st</sup> October, 2008 as follows and exiting clause (d) may be renumbered as (e):

(d)	Death occurring while on duty in the specified high altitude, inaccessible border posts, etc. on account of natural disasters, extreme weather conditions.	Rs. 15.00 lakhs
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4. In certain cases, relief is also provided to the families of deceased Armed Forces personnel from sundry Government sources, such as the Prime Minister's Relief Fund, Chief Minister's Relief Fund, etc. In such cases, it should be ensured that the aggregate of the relief/ex-gratia compensation paid from different sources does not exceed Rs. 20 lakhs in each individual case. Para 12 of Annexure to this Ministry's letter No. 20/1/98/D(Pay/Services) dated 22<sup>nd</sup> September 1998 stands modified to that extent.

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5. The amendment made at para 3 above is in extension of the provisions of Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions (Department of Pension and Pensioners' Welfare) O.M. No.38/37/08-P&PW(A) dated 2<sup>nd</sup> September, 2008 while the amendment at para 4 is in extension of the provisions of the Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions (Department of Pension and Pensioners' Welfare) O.M. No.45/7/2008-P&W(F) dated 16<sup>th</sup> March, 2009 to Armed Forces personnel.

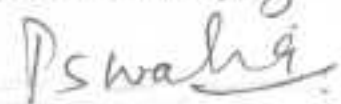
6. The provisions of ex-gratia payments to the families of Defence Forces personnel, as contained in MoD letter dated 22.9.1998 as amended vide MoD letter dated 12.4.1999, 3.8.1999, 19.5.2000 and 21.10.2008 not affected by the amendments mentioned in para 3 and 4 above, shall remain unchanged.

5. The amendments mentioned in para 3 and 4 above take effect from 1<sup>st</sup> January, 2006.

6. This Ministry's letters No. (i) PC.20(1)/98/D(Pay/Services) dated 30.4.2009 and (ii) 20/2/2009/D(Pay/Services) dated 13.7.2009 are hereby cancelled.

7. This issues with the concurrence of Finance Division of this Ministry vide their F.No.PC-8(15)/2004-AG(242-PA) dated 2.6.2010.

Yours faithfully,

  
(P.S. Walia)

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