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Government of India
Ministry of Defence
Department of Ex-Servicemen Welfare
D(Pension/Policy)

New Delhi dated 02.09.2021

To

The Chief of the Defence Staff,
The Chief of the Army Staff,
The Chief of the Naval Staff,
The Chief of the Air Staff

Subject : Implementation of the Government decision on the recommendations of the fifth CPC regarding casualty pensionary awards for the Armed Forces Officers and JCOs & Other Ranks.

Sir,

The undersigned is directed to refer to this Ministry's letter No. 1(2)/97/D(Pen-C) dated 31st January, 2001. In terms of Para 4.1 of this letter, various categories have been enumerated for determining the pensionary benefits for death or disability under different circumstances due to attributable or aggravated by military service causes. One of the circumstances enumerated under Category 'E' (f) (ii) of the said para of the above mentioned MoD letter is 'battle inoculation training exercises or demonstration with live ammunition'.

2. Subsequently, it was decided vide MoD letters No. 1(11)/2006-D(Pen-C)/PC dated 8th September, 2009 and No. 1(11)/2006-D(Pen-C)/PC dated 5th March, 2010 that the term 'Battle Inoculation Training Exercises' would cover the following six categories :

- (i) Flying operation involved in rehearsing of war plans and implementation of OP instructions inclusive of international exercises.
- (ii) All combat and Tactical Sorties in preparation of war.
- (iii) Valley flying and missions involving operating at ultra low levels.
- (iv) All operational missions undertaken during peace like Special operations, Live ORP, Recce, Elint, Survey and induction trials of new weapons.
- (v) Missions undertaken in support of troops and security forces deployed in forward areas.
- (vi) Flying missions involving landings on the ALGs.

3. Para 2 of the MoD letter dated 8th September, 2009 states that "cases already settled prior to the date of issue of this letter will not be reopened".



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4. The matter has been examined in this Ministry and it has been decided that the flying accidents cases that occurred on or after 01.01.1996 and which fall strictly under six categories mentioned at para 2 above may also be considered for grant of pensionary benefits in terms of MoD letter No. 1(2)/97/D(Pen-C) dated 31.01.2001. Accordingly, Para 2 of the MoD letter No. 1(11)/2006/D(Pen-C)/PC dated 8th September, 2009 stands removed.
5. Service Hqrs./Record Offices concerned are advised to re-examine each such case strictly in accordance with six categories mentioned at para 2 above in consultation with PCDA without any deviation.
6. This issues with the concurrence of MoD(Fin/Pen) vide their UO No. 10(4)/2010/FIN/PEN dated 30.06.2021.
7. Hindi version will follow.

Yours faithfully

Ashok Kumar

02.09.2021

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Under Secretary to the Govt. of India

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