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Circular No. 660

Dated:- 14.09.2022

To,

The OI/C  
Records/PAOs (ORs)

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**Sub:** Grant of Disability Pension/Element/Special Family Pension in case of death of ESM due to COVID-19.

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A copy of Govt. of India, Ministry of Defence, Department of Ex-Servicemen Welfare letter No. 2(3)/2022/D(Pen/Pol) dated 16th August, 2022 on the above subject is forwarded herewith for information, guidance and necessary action.

2) The references regarding grant of Disability Pension/Element/Special Family Pension in case of death of ESM due to COVID-19 has been examined in the Ministry and consequently competent authority has clarified that all cases of infection due to any cause do not get attributability as per existing rules and regulations, as every case is different and the rules and regulations are robust. Similarly, all cases of disability/death due to COVID-19 will not qualify for award of attributability as being explained by the Release Medical Boards or the competent medical or the competent medical authorities.

3) It will be difficult to bring out such a direct causal connection between the Government Service and the disease (COVID-19) since contraction of infection from other sources beyond office hours cannot be ruled out, except in cases of frontline workers where Government has made other provisions.

4) Therefore, it has been clarified by the competent authority that for award of Disability Pension/Element/Special Family Pension, a causal connection between disability or death and Military Service has to be established by appropriate authority. Thus, policy for grant of SFP in case of disability or death due to a particular infection/disease already exists. **But the concerned competent authority has to establish causal connection between infection/disease and Military Service. This is equally applicable in the case of COVID-19 infections.**

5) A copy of this circular along with Government of India, Ministry of Defence letter No. 2(3)/2022/D(Pen/Pol) dated 16th August, 2022 is also available on the website of this office [www.pcdapension.nic.in](http://www.pcdapension.nic.in).


  
(Rajendra Kumar Gupta)  
ACDA(P)

No. Grants/Tech/0113/LXXXII

Dated: 14 Sept, 2022

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Accounts Officer (P)

No. 2(3)/2022/D(Pen/Pol)  
Government of India  
Ministry of Defence  
Department of Ex-Servicemen Welfare

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Sena Bhawan, New Delhi,  
Dated, the 16<sup>th</sup> August, 2022

To

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

16/8

**Subject: Grant of Disability Pension/Element/Special Family Pension in case of death of ESM due to COVID-19-clarification thereon.**

Sir,

The undersigned is directed to say that references have been received from all the three services for want of clarification regarding grant of Disability Pension/ Special Family Pension in cases of disability/death of ESM due to COVID-19. The three Services have reported that during processing of such cases, Principal Integrated Financial Advisor (PIFA) of the concerned services have desired clarification from this Ministry on grant of SFP in case of death due to COVID-19.

2. The matter has been examined in this Ministry in consultation with its stakeholders. The competent authority has decided to clarify the following in this regard: -

(i) All cases of infection due to any cause do not get attributability as per existing rules and regulations, as every case is different and the rules and regulations are robust. Similarly, all cases of disability/death due to COVID-19 will not qualify for award of attributability as being explained by the Release Medical Boards or the competent medical or the competent medical authorities.

(ii) It will be difficult to bring out such a direct causal connection between the Government Service and the disease (COVID-19) since contraction of infection from

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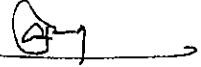
other sources beyond office hours cannot be ruled out, except in cases of frontline workers where Government has made other provisions.

(iii) For award of Disability Pension/Element/Special Family pension, a causal connection between disability or death and Military Service has to be established by appropriate authority. Thus, policy for grant of SFP in case of disability or death due to a particular infection /disease already exists. But the concerned competent authority has to establish causal connection between infection/disease and Military Service. This is equally applicable in the case of COVID-19 infections.

3. This issues with the concurrence of Finance Division of this Ministry vide their ID Note No. 10(04)/2022/FIN/PEN dated 16.06.2022.

4. Hindi version will follow.

Yours faithfully,

  
(Ajay Kumar Agrawal)

Deputy Secretary to the Govt. of India

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2. AFA(Pension)
2. CGDA, New Delhi
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4. DAV, Air Hqrs
5. DPA Navy,
6. All case files received form three Services for clarification in the matter.