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Sub:- New Scheme for payment of freedom fighters' pension with
effect from 1.1.90 - simplification of procedure amendments -reg
Sir,

I am directed to refer to this Ministry's letter of even number dated 24th October, 1990 on the subject mentioned above and to say that several requests are being received in this Ministry of simplifying the procedure for obtaining the pension by the legal heirs (spouses & unmarried dependent daughters) of the deceased freedom fighters who were in receipt of the Swatantrata Sainik Samman Pension. Accordingly, the matter has been carefully considered and it has been decided to make certain modifications in respect of the procedure laid down against some of the items contained in the aforesaid letter. Accordingly, the following modifications are made:

- 1) Paragraphs 1.1 (b) 1.1 (c) 1.1 (d) may be deleted.
- 2) New paragraphs namely 1.1 (b) (i) and 1.1 (b) (ii) may be substituted below para 1.1 (a) as given under:-

Paragraph 1.1 (b) (i)

In case of pensioners already drawing their pension through the Public Sector Banks/Director of Accounts/Treasuries/Pay & Accounts officers, payment of family pension as indicated in the Pension payment orders shall be commenced by the disbursing officers on receipt of death certificate and application for family pension in the prescribed forms along with pensioner's portion of the pension payment order. The disbursing officer will enter the date of death of the pensioner in the disburser's portion of the Pension payment Order and also make entry in the pensioner's portion of the Pension payment order. Before commencing payment of family pension, the disbursing officer will take action for identification of the family pensioner as prescribed in the rules. The date of death of the pensioner will also be intimated to the Freedom Fighters' Division, Ministry of Home Affairs/Chief Controller of Accounts, Ministry of Home Affairs and Central Pension Accounting office by pension disbursing authorities. The disbursing officer will also be responsible for obtaining certificate of remarriage/non-marriage and non-employment certificate in case of daughters from the recipient.

Paragraph: 1.1 (b) (ii)

In cases where nomination does not exist, the disbursing officer may make payment of family pension after obtaining an affidavit affirming dependents relationship to the freedom fighter. A passport size photograph of the dependent of the freedom fighter should be affixed on the affidavit which may be duly verified and attested by the District Magistrate under his office seal.

- 3) Paragraph 1.1 (e) may be renumbered as Paragraph 1.1 (c).

2) All the concerned are requested to take necessary steps to bring into force the contents of this letter with immediate effect.

