

No.1(1)/2007-D(Pen/Policy)
Government of India,
Ministry of Defence,
Department of Ex-Servicemen Welfare
New Delhi, Dated 20th May 2009

To

The Chief of the Army Staff

Subject: Revision of Pension of Pre-1996 EC/SSC pensioners with effect from 1.1.1996.


Sir,

Pension of Armed Forces pensioners was revised under various orders issued by the Government from time to time as per recommendations of Vth CPC. However, Vth CPC had not specifically made any recommendations regarding revision of pension in respect of Pre-1996 retiree Emergency Commissioned Officers (ECOs)/Short Service Commissioned Officers (SSCOs). Thus, pension of these officers was only consolidated under fitment weightage formula prescribed under this Ministry's letter No. 1(2)/97/D(Pension/Services) dated 24.11.1997.

2. The issue regarding revision of pension of Pre-1.1.1996 retiree ECOs/SSCOs has been under consideration of the Government for quite some time and it has now been decided to revise the pension of Pre-1.1.1996 retiree ECOs/SSCOs, whose pension is governed under the provisions contained in SAI 6/S/65 as amended from time to time. The rates of revised basic pension with effect from 1.1.1996 are given in the Appendix to this letter which have been determined by taking into account the following:

- i) Pay of Rs. 10,500/-(fixed) as introduced for Honorary Lieutenant from 1.1.1996 under Vth CPC notionally adopted for fixation of revised pension.
- ii) Full pre-commissioned rank service for working out the qualifying service for determining the revised pension subject to fulfillment of other conditions.
- iii) The benefit of weightage at uniform rate of 05 years in qualifying service to those who had rendered actual qualifying service of 12 years and more but less than 20 years.
- iv) Rank- wise weightage at par with regular Commissioned Officers provided in Para 5(b)(I) of this Ministry's letter No. 1(6)/98/D(Pension/Services) dated 3.2.1998 to all Pre-1.1.1996 retiree EC/SSC officers who had rendered actual qualifying service of 20 years and more. While computing the pension of these officers with rank weightage, the pension of higher rank with same length of qualifying service would in no case be less than pension of lower rank.

3. The family pension of these officers would be uniformly worked out @ 30% of the notional pay of Rs. 10,500/-(fixed) p.m.
4. No fresh option will be exercised by the affected pensioners and all the ECOs/SSCOs who were drawing pension as on 1.1.1996 will now be covered under these revised provisions. As these are exceptionally stray cases, the provisions being made under these orders will not be quoted as precedence for future.
5. Where the pensioner/family pensioner, to whom benefit accrues under the provisions of this letter, is not alive at the time of receiving the payment on account of arrears, payment of LTA will be made in the normal manner.
6. Pension Sanctioning Authorities (PSA) will revise pension under these orders by issuing corrigendum PPO. Any overpayment of pension coming to the notice or under process of recovery shall be adjusted in full by the Pension Disbursing Agencies (PDA) against arrears becoming due on revision of pension on the basis of these orders.
7. These orders will take effect from 1.1.1996.
8. This issues with the concurrence of MOD (Fin) vide their UO No.199/Fin/Pen dated 23.3.2009.
9. Hindi version will follow.

Yours faithfully

(Harbans Singh)
Director(Pen/Policy)

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Appendix to MOD letter No. 1(1)/2007-D(Pen/Policy) dated 20.5.2009

Rates of revised service pension of Emergency Commissioned Officers/ Short Service Commissioned Officers who retired prior to 1.1.1996.

Total Years of Service	Basic Pension (in Rs.) (as on 1.1.1996)
12.0	2705
12.5	2784
13.0	2864
13.5	2943
14.0	3023
14.5	3102
15.0	3182
15.5	3261
16.0	3341
16.5	3420
17.0	3500
17.5	3580
18.0	3660
18.5	3739
19.0	3818
19.5	3898
20.0	4614
20.5	4693
21.0	4773
21.5	4852
22.0	4932
22.5	5011
23.0	5091
23.5	5170
24 and more	5250 (max. permissible)