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Government of India
Ministry of Defence
(Department of Ex-Servicemen Welfare)
New Delhi, the 15th June, 2009.

To

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

**Subject : ENHANCED RATE OF ORDINARY FAMILY
PENSION WHERE THE ARMED FORCES
PERSONNEL DIES AFTER
RETIREMENT/DISCHARGE/INVALIDED OUT.**

Sir,

The undersigned is directed to refer to provisions for grant of enhanced rate of ordinary family pension laid down in Army Instruction 51/80 as amended vide MOD letter 1(5)/87/D(Pension/Services) dated 30.10.1987 and 1(6)/98/D(Pension/Services) dated 3.2.1998. A few cases have come to the notice of this Ministry wherein enhanced rate of ordinary family pension works out to be less than that of normal rate of ordinary family pension due to the provision for restriction of enhance rate of ordinary family pension being not more than service pension/invalid pension/special pension (uncommuted value) to which the individual becomes entitled to on discharge/retirement/invalidment whereas ordinary family pension is determined at 30% of the last 'emoluments' drawn. On civil side, provisions exist below Sub Rule (3)(a)(ii) of Rule 54 of CCS (Pension) Rules -1972, which provides protection for the amount of enhanced rate of ordinary family pension to be not less than the amount of normal rate of ordinary family pension.

2. The issue has been examined in this Ministry in consultation with DP&PW and it has been decided to extend the provisions of the above Rules of CCS (Pension) Rules -1972 to Armed Forces family pensioners also. Accordingly, where the pension authorized on retirement to an individual works out to be less than the amount of normal rate of ordinary family pension, the enhanced rate of ordinary