

Recognition of marriage after retirement—grant of ordinary family pension

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Sub:—Recognition of marriage after retirement for the purpose of grant of ordinary family pension in respect of Armed Forces Personnel.

Sir,

The question of recognition of marriage after retirement for the purpose of grant of ordinary family pension in respect of Armed Forces personnel because of their early ages of retirement has been under consideration of the Government for quite some time. In partial modification of the provisions of A. I. 51/80 and corresponding instructions of Navy and Air Force side and para 13 of this Ministry's letter No. 1 (5)/87/D (Pens/Sers) dated 30-10-1987 in so far as it relates to MNS Officers, the President is pleased to decide that the marriage solemnised by the Armed Forces personnel (Officers/personnel below Officers rank) after retirement will be recognised for grant of ordinary family pension subject to the following conditions, namely :

- (i) that the marriage of the individual is the first marriage and is solemnised within 5 years from the date of retirement or before attaining the age of 45 years, whichever is earlier; and
- (ii) the marriage is registered with the Registrar of Marriages or other competent authority under the relevant law.

2. These orders will take effect from the date of issue. However, those persons whose marriages were solemnised before issue of these orders will also be entitled to family pension from the date of issue of these orders only, subject to their fulfilling the conditions prescribed in para 1 above.

3. other terms and conditions governing grant of ordinary family pension to Armed Forces personnel/re-employed Armed Forces personnel as may be applicable in individual cases will apply mutatis-mutandis.

4. All concerned will be required to register their marriage with the Registrar of Marriages or other competent authority under the relevant law in order to make their families eligible for family pension. However, in respect of marriages solemnised before issue of these orders where registration may not be possible for some valid reasons, such cases may be settled on the basis of :—

- (a) Succession Certificate from the Court; or
- (b) Affidavit sworn before a Magistrate.

5. This issues with the concurrences of finance Division of the Ministry vide their ID Note No. 1419. Pen. of.....1989.

Yours faithfully,

(Sd/.)

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