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Date: 17th Mar 2023

To,
The Chief of Defence Staff
The Chief of the Army Staff
The Chief of the Naval Staff
The Chief of the Air Staff

Respected Sir (s),

SUB: REQUEST FOR RESOLUTION OF ANOMALY IN GROUP 'X' PAY OF RS. 6200 WHILE FIXATION OF BASIC PENSION IN OROP-2 FOR PRE-2016 RETIRED JCOs & ORs - Reg.

1. Kindly refer the following annexed letters:

- DESW letter No. 12 (1) / 2014 / D (Pen / Policy) -Part-II Dt. 07.11.2015
- DESW Letter no. 1(1)/2019/D (Pen/Pol)/Vol-II Dt. 20.01.2023
- DESW Letter no. 1(1)/2019/D(Pen/Pol) Dt. 08.4.2022
- 7CPC Report on Group X Pay

2. With respect to DESW letter cited above (i) under reference, OROP implies uniform pension to be paid to the Defence Forces Personnel retiring in the same rank/group with the same length of service regardless of their date of retirement. Contrary to this basic principle of OROP, table No. 8 has been made applicable for JCOs & ORs of Group X (of Rs. 6200) personnel retired on or after 01.01.2016 and those of the group retired before 2016 are deprived of the applicability solely on the basis of date of retirement vide DESW letter dated 20.01.2023. JCOs & ORs of Group X (of Rs. 6200) personnel retired before 2016 are placed in table no. 7 which is meant for JCOs & ORs of Group X (of Rs. 3600). This anomaly arose due to clarification to PCDA vide DESW letter dated 08.04.2022 that *"a separate table may be prepared for both the rates of Group X i.e. for Rs. 3600 and Rs. 6200 and the table prepared for Rs. 6200 may be made applicable for post 01.01.2016 retirees as the concept was effective from 1.1.2016 in implementation of 7 CPC recommendations"*.

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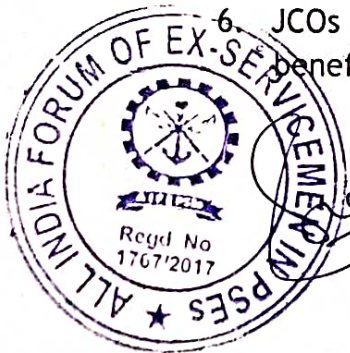
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2. The basis of bifurcating Group X into two groups i.e. Group X pay of Rs. 3600 and Group X pay of Rs. 6200 essentially holds good, but bifurcating the Group X pay of Rs. 6200 into pre and post 2016 is not conceivable. It may be noted that 7thCPC in their recommendations, has carried forward the concept of Group X Pay with same formula as recommended by 6CPC duly approved by GOI, and it is clearly defined in 7thCPC recommendation vide its Para 6.2.87 and 6.2.88. Hence, the concept of Group X Pay has not been evolved in 7thCPC but is effective from 6CPC. The 7thCPC has only revised Group X pay from Rs. 1400 to Rs. 6200 for Armed Forces Technical Trades (Diploma) and Rs. 3600/- (being multiplying factor 2.57 of Rs. 1400) for non-Technical Trades (non-Diploma).
3. It may also be noted that pre 2016 technical trade (Diploma) retirees are already drawing Group x pay of Rs. 6200 in their basic pension after 7thCPC implementation. However, they are placed in table 7 with non-technical trades (non-Diploma) in OROP 2 and thus are deprived of the authorised OROP- 2 pension. DESW has separated pre-2016 Group X veterans, who belonged to the Group X of Rs. 6200, from original group and placed with Group X of Rs. 3600, has not only downgraded the group with massive financial loss throughout the service/family pension period but also dealt a great insult to the group for the services rendered in Armed Forces.
4. DESW letter dated 20.01.2023 outlines that revision of pension is based on the principle adopted in DESW letter dated 07.11.2015 which upholds that uniform pension to be paid to the Defence Forces Personnel retiring in the same rank/group with the same length of service regardless of their date of retirement, whereas the date of retirement has been made a yardstick criteria for Group X of Rs. 6200 veterans. This is in contrast to a single table for Group X of Rs. 1400 pensioners promulgated and made applicable in OROP-1.
5. DESW letter dated 20.01.2023 also outlines that the pension of the past pensioners would be re-fixed on the basis of pension of Defence Forces retirees of calendar year 2018, but bifurcation of Group X of Rs. 6200 into pre and post 2016 indicates that pension of the pre 2016 Group X of Rs. 6200 pensioners has not been re-fixed on the basis of calendar year 2018. It is quite vivid that order of DESW has created the gap between the rates of pension of current and past pensioners by taking the account of date of retirement in respect of JCOs & ORs of Group X (of Rs. 6200).

6. JCOs and ORs of Group X (Diploma), retired before 2016 have been given the benefits of Group X pay of Rs. 6200 in their pension w.e.f. 01.01.2016 by virtue of

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the group, trade & work profile because they belonged to the cadre of the personnel who are still in the service and granted Group X pay of Rs. 6200 on implementation of 7thCPC. As such, separating them from original cadre and downgrading to associate with the group having the Group X pay of Rs. 3600, has left them dejected and stripped off the pride of serving being in the group.

7. In the light of above facts, we humbly requests your kind honour to intervene in the legitimate demand on above anomaly at appropriate level of Govt. towards justice to the veteran Soldiers and this justice shall boost-up the Morale of the Serving Soldiers too.

Thanking you Sir,

Jai Hind!



Copy to:-

The Secretary ESW, MoD - With a request for necessary & corrective Measures for this legitimate demand please.

PCDA, Prayagraj

- For Kind information & corrections at your end for this legitimate demand please.

Sir, with profound regards

Yours Sincerely,

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17/3/2023

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