

6. Award of Widows'/ Widowers' and Orphans' Pension entitlement in respect of officers becoming non-pensionable though had completed over 10 years service in a permanent and pensionable post.
7. Payment of 50% (exact half) of the Widows'/ Widowers' and Orphans' Pension for the widows and widowers remarried.

Following instructions should be adhered.

1. The written requests of persons claim for entitlements with regard to incidents occurred before 17.08.2010 should be forwarded to the Department of Pensions before 31.12.2011.
2. Heads of Departments and Divisional Secretaries should perform in compliance with directions of relevant acts in forming files and entitling benefits for incidents occurred after 17.08.2010. Guidelines in this regard in Annexure (I) will be sent to Divisional Secretaries.



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Annexure I

Implementing of amendments to the Widows'/ Widowers' and Orphans' Pension Act
Instructions to Divisional Secretaries to entitling benefits
(Incidents occurred before 17.08.2010)

01. Payment of Widows' and Orphans' Pension benefits in respect of Public Officers died due to terrorist actions and natural disasters.
 - 1.1 Requests received by the Department of Pensions will be sent to Divisional Secretaries having approved.
 - 1.2 Attestation with regard the last paid salary should be received from Heads of Institutions concerned.
 - 1.3 The duration till the last payment date should be considered as service period.
 - 1.4 The due contributions should not be recovered.
 - 1.5 Payments should be initiated from 17.08.2010 having issued a revised Award letter.

02. Entitling benefits for casual and temporary appointees died on terrorist actions and natural disasters and having formed widows' and orphans' pension files as per requests and Award letters will be sent to Divisional Secretaries.

03. Entitling benefits for officers in Schedule "Q"
Award letters and widows' and orphans' pension files formed as per requests will be sent to Divisional Secretaries.

04. Payment of Orphans' Pension
 - 4.1 Requests received by the Department of Pensions will be sent to Divisional Secretaries having approved
 - 4.2 Payments can make for unemployed orphans not completed 26 years to the date 17.08.2010.
 - 4.3 Payments should be stopped at completion of 26 years of age.
 - 4.4 Payments of minor orphans should be deposited in accounts to their own name at each possible instance

05. Payment of benefits in respect of officers retired on abolition of posts
- 5.1 Requests received by Department of Pensions will be sent having approved.
 - 5.2 Contributions should be charged till age 55 years
 - 5.3 Payments should be initiated from 17.08.2010
 - 5.4 Revision Award letter should be issued
06. Entitling benefits for officers become non-pensionable even had service period over 10 years in permanent and pensionable post.
- 6.1 Award letters and widows' and orphans' pension files formed as per requests will be sent to Divisional Secretaries.
07. Payment of 50% of pension for remarried widows/ widowers
- 7.1 Requests received by Department of Pensions will be sent having approved.
 - 7.2 Should have been bound by legal marriage
 - 7.3 Should not be having any obstacle regarding entitlements of orphans
 - 7.4 The first entitlement (50%) should be abolished if widow received widows' and orphans' pension entitlement again.



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