To

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

Subject: Grant of disability pension for the intervening period between the date of expiry of the initial award and recommendations of Fresh Medical Board - reg.

Sir,

The issue regarding grant of disability pension for the intervening period between the initial award and recommendations of the fresh Medical Board has been under consideration for sometime past. On expiry of the award given by the medical board in respect of disability pension, it is discontinued till a fresh Medical Board recommends the same. The findings of the Appeal Medical Board are effective from the date of institution of this Board. The individual is denied disability pension for the intervening period. After considering the matter at length, it has been decided to address the award during the intervening period in the manner mentioned below:

i) After the claim is made by the pensioner for an award during the intervening period, the admissibility of such a claim may be decided first by the Administrative Authority and when required, opinion of DGAFMS may be sought who will either decide the case on the basis of available records or by holding fresh medical board to physically examine the individual and recommend clearly the assessment for the intervening period. Fresh cases - In future all cases of appeals while deciding for disability pension, entitlement for intervening period also will be recommended by the Competent Medical Authority.

ii) It should be made mandatory for the Medical Boards to clearly state the admissibility of the award in the intervening period. All cases in Column in Notes below SNo. 2 of AVMSF-17 at page No. 3 in future by issuing a clear-cut instructions in this regard at the earliest.
1. All such cases may be dealt with accordingly.

2. This issue will be made with the concurrence of the Finance Division of this Ministry vide their U.O.No 3581/F/P dated 02.11.10.

3. Hindi version will follow.

4. Copy to: DGAfMS – with the request to issue necessary instructions on the above so that the same could be incorporated in AFMSF-17.

5. Copy to: GDA(R)

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