

No.1 (10)/2009-D(Pen/Policy)  
Government of India  
Ministry of Defence  
Department of Ex-servicemen Welfare  
New Delhi-II0011

Dated: 29<sup>th</sup> August 2017

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


**SUB: GRANT OF FIXED MEDICAL ALLOWANCE (FMA) TO THE ARMED FORCES PENSIONERS/FAMILY PENSIONERS IN SUCH CASES WHERE DATE OF RETIREMENT IS PRIOR TO 1.4.2003 AND WHO HAD OPTED NOT TO AVAIL MEDICAL FACILITIES AT OPD OF ARMED FORCES HOSPITALS/MI ROOMS AND ARE NOT MEMBERS OF ECHS.**

Sir,

The undersigned is directed to refer to the Govt. of India, Ministry of Defence letter No. 1(1)/98/D(Pen/Sers) dated 15<sup>th</sup> June 1998 and letter No. 1(10)/09-D(Pen/Policy) dated 12th January 2011 & No. 1(10)/2009-D(Pen/Policy) dated 5<sup>th</sup> May 2015 regarding grant of Fixed Medical Allowance (FMA) of Rs.500/- p.m. with effect from 19.11.2014 to Armed Forces Pensioners/Family' Pensioners for meeting expenditure on day to day medical expenses that do not require hospitalization unless the individual had opted for OPD treatment in Armed Forces Hospitals/ M.I. Rooms and convey the sanction of the President for enhancement of the amount of FMA from Rs. 500/- to Rs. 1000/-per month. The other conditions for grant of FMA shall continue to be in force.

2. Ex-Servicemen who retired on or after 01 Apr 2003 have to-become member of ECHS compulsorily and are not eligible to draw Fixed Medical Allowance. These orders applicable only in such cases, where the date of retirement is prior to 1.4.2003 and who had opted not to avail medical facilities at OPD of Armed Forces Hospitals/ MI rooms and are not members of ECHS.
3. These orders will take effect from 01.07.2017.
4. All other conditions as laid down in Government of India letter No. 1(1)/98-D(Pen/Sers) dated 15<sup>th</sup> June 1998 will continue to apply.
5. This issue with the concurrence of Ministry of Defence(Finance/Pension) vide their ID No. 32(9)/2010/Fin/Pen dated 16 August 2017.
6. Hindi version will follow.

Yours faithfully

  
(Manoj Sinha)

Under Secretary to the Government of India



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