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Government of India
Ministry of Defence
New Delhi 110011
Dated 06-10-2004

To

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

Subject: Continuation of pension on Change of Nationality by NRI Pensioners

Sir,

I am directed to refer to Regulation 8 of PRA Part-1 1961 and corresponding Regulations for Air Force and Navy, read with Ministry's letter No 12(3)/86/B/2792/D(Pen/Sers) dated 30.05.2003, and to state that when a pensioner becomes a naturalized citizen of a foreign State, PCDA(Pensions), Allahabad has been authorised to decide as to whether the whole or part of the pension or allowance be continued. However, in case of Civil pensioners, change in citizenship by any NRI pensioner does not affect his entitlement to pension. Various representations have been received by the Ministry from effected NRI pensioners and the matter has been reconsidered. The President is pleased to decide that even in the case of Armed Forces Pensioners the entitlement to pension will remain unaffected on change of nationality and pension will continue to be paid by his/her pension disbursing authority. However, the pensioner should intimate the change of nationality etc as per the provision contained in Para 13 of this Office letter No 2(I)/89D{Pen/Sers)/ Part-I dated 01101991 to the Pension Disbursing Agency as well as to the PCD A (Pensions), Allahabad for updation of their records.

- 2 Other conditions for payment of pension to NRI pensioners will remain unchanged.
- 3 Regulation 8 of Pension Regulations for Army Part-I (1961) and corresponding Regulations for Air Force and Navy will be amended accordingly. Para 28(b) of Annexure 'H' of the Scheme for Payment of Pension of Defence Pensioners by Public Sector Banks may also be amended accordingly.
- 4 This issues with the concurrence of Finance division of this Ministry vide their U.O. no. 4497/FP dated 06.10.2004

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Under Secretary to the Govt. of India