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No. 20(1)/98/D(Pay/Services)
GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF DEFENCE
D(PAY/SERVICES)

To New Delhi the 21st October, 2008

The Chief of the Army Staff
The Chief of the Air Staff
The Chief of the Navy Staff

Subject: Special benefits in cases of death and disability in service-Payment of ex-gratia lump sum compensation to the families of the Defence Service personnel who die in harness -Recommendations of the Sixth Central Pay Commission.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to this Ministry's letter No. 20(1)/98/D(Pay/Services) dated 22 September, 1998 as amended vide corrigendum of even number dated 12th April, 1999, 3rd August, 1999 and 19th May, 2000 on the above mentioned subject and to say that in pursuance of Government's decision on the recommendations of the Sixth Central Pay Commission, the President is pleased to decide that the existing rate of ex-gratia lump sum compensation to the next of kin of the deceased defence personnel shall be revised as follows:

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| (a) | Death occurring due to accidents in course of duties | Rs. 10.00 lakhs |
| (b) | Death in the course of duties attributable to acts of violence by terrorists, etc. | Rs. 10.00 lakhs |
| (c) | Death occurring during enemy action in war or border skirmishes or in action against militants, terrorists, etc. | Rs. 15.00 lakhs |
| (d) | Death occurring during enemy action in international war or war like engagements specifically notified. | Rs. 20.00 lakhs |

2. This letter takes effect from 1st January, 2006.
3. The other terms and conditions contained in the Ministry's letter dated 22.9.1998 as amended shall remain unchanged.
4. This issues with the concurrence of Finance Division of this Ministry vide their UO No.PC.8(15)/04-AG/537-PA dated 16.10.2008.

Yours faithfully,

Surya Rao
(S.C.Siva) Rao

Under Secretary to the Government of India