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CHANGE(CORRECTION) OF NAME AND DATE OF BIRTH OF SPOUSE/ FAMILY PENSIONER

Introduction

1. The name and age of spouse of Armed Force Personnel were recorded as disclosed by them at the time of publication of Personnel Occurrence Report. There was a practice in unit that either the age of spouse or the date of birth calculated by the unit clerk based on the date of marriage has been recorded at the time of publication marriage POR. There was no problem in following such practice till the introduction of Aadhar Card and linking the same with Bank Account and Pan Card. Aadhar Card has become compulsory for all purposes.
2. The Name and Date of birth in the Aadhar Card are incorporated based on the authenticated civil documents such as birth certificate or school certificate. Therefore, it has become mandatory that the name and date of birth should be same in Pension Payment Order, Bank Account and Aadhar Card and Pan Card. This has become a major problem for Armed Forces Pensioners, as the date of birth of majority of spouse of living ex-servicemen and family pensioners is not matching with the military records. In majority cases, the date of birth has not been given in the PPOs. After submission of the online application for 64 KB ECHS Smart Card, the problem of mistake in the date of birth of spouse/family pensioner has been reported by the Record Office and processing of the request for ECHS Smart Card is suspended till rectification of the error in the date of birth.

Changes in the Rules of Armed Forces

3. There was no provision to correct the name and date of birth recorded in military documents. The competent personnel working in Administrative Office of Armed Forces Head Quarters and in the Record Offices are not aware of the sufferings of Armed Forces Pensioners. Therefore, they were adamant to change rules and take a positive approach.

4. We had to take up the issue with the Chief of Army Staff, Chief of Air Staff and Chief of Naval Staff. After protracted correspondence Army HQ, Air HQ and Naval HQ issued their own policy instructions to correct the name and date of birth of spouse in military documents as per school records / birth certificate, Aadhar card. Army, Navy and Air force HQ has issued clarifications that marriage certificate is not mandatory evidence to change the name and date of birth.

Policy Instructions

5. The policy instructions issued by Army HQ, Air HQ and Naval HQ are given below:

Change of name(Correction of Name)

Army HQ

No. A/20105/MP 8 (1 of R) (a) dated 15 May 2008

No A/20105/MP 8 (1 of R) (a) dated 03 April 2018

Air HQ

No Air HQ/99803/30/DAV-III(Adm) dated 19 Jun 2019

Naval HQ

DX/VSF/165/15 dated 18 Feb. 2015

Note: There is no uniformity in the policy instructions issued by Army, Air, and Naval HQ.

Change of date of birth (Correction of Date of Birth)

Govt. of India

No 1 (II)/2009-D(Pen/Pol) dated 23 Dec. 2014 issued by Dept. of Ex Servicemen Welfare.

No 1/23/2012-P&PW(E) dated 13 Sep 2012 issued by Department of Pension and Pensioners Welfare.

Army HQ

No. A/20105/MP 8 (1 of R) (a) dated 27 Jan 2014

No. A/20105/MP 8 (1 of R) (a) dated 26 Nov. 2017

Air HQ

No. Air HQ/997999/1/DAV/XXX/(A&N) dated Aug 2016

Naval HQ

DX/VSF/165/15 dated 18 Feb. 2015

Note: There is no uniformly in the policy instructions issued by Army, Air, and Naval HQ.

- 6 The officer and staff working in the Record Offices have to understand that the POR regarding the name and date of birth of spouse and children were published without valued proof at that time and there was no provision to alter the date of birth once recorded in the birth certificate and school certificate. Hence, the correction of name and date of birth in the military documents has to be done based on the Birth Certificate or School Certificate and Aadhar Card.
7. The policy instructions issued by Army HQ, Air HQ and Naval HQ are explicitly clear. Still, one of the Record Office has advised an Ex-servicemen as under:-
“You are advised to approach concerned civil authority to amend/correct name with date of birth of your wife as C JANU with the date of birth 01 Feb. 1954 in the Aadhar, Pan Card and other civil documents to tally with your service record to avoid in fructuous correspondence in their record.”
8. We always expect a positive approach from the Record Office and Zila Zainik Welfare Office to give the guide lines of action to ordinary ex-servicemen and their families to rectify the mistakes by giving suitable advice to avoid in fructuous correspondence and expenditure at all level and delay in processing the cases.
9. We are always committed to give one time advice with consolidated guidelines for which we are always practical and thorough in the rules and regulations and procedures.



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