## F.No.1/28/04-P&PW(E) Ministry of Personnel, P.G. & Pensions Department of Pension & Pensioners' Welfare

Dated: 31st March, 09

Subject: Grant of family pension to the families of Government servants kidnapped by insurgents/ terrorists.

## **OFFICE MEMORANDUM**

The undersigned is to invite a reference to this Department's earlier OM No. 1/17/86 – P&PW dated 29<sup>th</sup> August, 1986 and the subsequent clarifications issued vide OM No. 1(17)/86 – P&PW(E) dated 18<sup>th</sup> February, 1993 and OM No. 1/17/86 – P&PW(C) dated 25<sup>th</sup> January, 1991, detailing instructions regarding grant of family pension to the eligible family members of the Government servants who have suddenly disappeared and whose whereabouts are not known, within a period of one year from the date of registration of an FIR with the police.

- 2. The Staff side on the National Council (JCM) have been raising for quite some time the issue concerning withdrawal of the mandatory condition of one year reckoned from the date of filing of FIR with the police, prescribed in regard to sanction of family pension to the eligible family members of the Government employees who are kidnapped by insurgents/terrorists. The demand of the staff side is based on the premise that this kind of stipulation in the rules has been causing a great deal of hardship to the families of suck kidnapped employees.
- 3. The matter has been considered in this Department in consultation with the Ministry of Finance (Deptt. Of Expenditure)/Ministry of Law. It has now been decided that the family pension to the eligible family members of the Government employees kidnapped by insurgents/ terrorists, may be sanctioned after a period of six months from the date of registration of FIR with the police. The instructions concerning grant/ disbursal of retirement or death gratuity, as contained in this Department's OM referred to above, would remain the same.

Hindi version will follow:

(M.P. Singh)

Director(PP)

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All Ministries/ Departments concerned