

EX-SERVICEMEN STATUS TO ARMY POSTAL SERVICE PERSONNEL

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA

Ministry of Defence

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

No. 9(52)/88/D(Res.)

New Delhi, dated, 19th July, 1989.

Sub.:—Grant of ex-servicemen status to Army Postal Service personnel.

The undersigned is directed to say that the revised definition of an ex-serviceman, recommended by the High Level Committee on problems of Ex-Servicemen, was accepted by the Government of India and a Notification (No. 36034/5/85-Estt(SCT)) to this effect had been issued by the Department of Personnel & Training on 27th October, 1987. Under this, "ex-serviceman" means a person, who has served in any rank (whether as a combatant or as a non-combatant) in the Regular Army, Navy and Air Force of the Indian Union but does not include a person who has served in the Defence Security Corps, the General Reserve Engineering Force, the Lok Sahayak Sena and the Para Military Forces, and—

- (i) who has retired from such service after earning his/her pension; or
- (ii) who has been released from such service on medical grounds attributable to military service or circumstances beyond his control and awarded medical or other disability pension;
- (iii) who has been released, otherwise than on his own request, from such service as a result of reduction in establishment; or
- (iv) who has been released from such service after completing the specific period of engagement otherwise than at his own request or by way of dismissal or discharge on account of misconduct or inefficiency and has been given a gratuity; and includes personnel of the Territorial Army of the following categories namely—
 - (i) pension holders for continuous (embodied) service;
 - (ii) persons with disability attributable to military service; and
 - (iii) Gallantry award winners.

2. The question whether the personnel, who are on deputation to the Army Postal Service and retire with pension, are covered under the definition of ex-servicemen or not, has been under consideration for some time past. The matter has since been examined in consultation with the Department of Personnel and Training and it is clarified that the personnel of Army Postal Service, who are a part of the Regular Army and retire from such service (that is, directly from the Army Postal Service itself without reversion to P&T Department) with a pension or who have been released from such service on medical grounds attributable to military service or circumstances beyond their control and awarded medical or other disability pension, come within the definition of ex-servicemen.

3. This letter issues with the concurrence of the Department of Personnel and Training vide their letter No. 36034/25/88-Estt (SCT) dated 28th February, 1989.

(Sd.)

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