

No.7 (67)/92/D (AG)
Govt. of India
Ministry of Defence
New Delhi,
Dated : 19th April, 1999

To,

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

Subject: Enhancement of monetary allowance attached to the pre-independence gallantry awards.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to this Ministry's letter no. 7 (67)/92/D (AG), dated 30th March, 1994, on the above subject and to convey the sanction of the President to the enhanced payment of monetary allowance at the following rates to all recipients, irrespective of rank and income, of the following pre-independence gallantry decorations, with effect from the date of issue of this letter:-

		Rate for all ranks
a	Indian Order of Merit	Rs.350/- p.m.
	Each Bar	Rs.350/- p.m.
b	Indian Order of Merit Class I	Rs.300/- p.m.
	Each Bar	Rs.300/- p.m.
c	Indian Order of Merit Class II	Rs.200/- p.m.
	Each Bar	Rs.200/- p.m.
d	Distinguished Service Cross	Rs.200/- p.m.
	Each Bar	Rs.200/- p.m.
e	Military Cross	Rs.200/- p.m.
	Each Bar	Rs.200/- p.m.
f	Distinguished Flying Cross	Rs.200/- p.m.
	Each Bar	Rs.200/- p.m..
g	Conspicuous Gallantry Medal	Rs.200/- p.m.
	Each Bar	Rs.200/- p.m.
h	Military Medal	Rs90/- p.m.
	Each Bar	Rs.90/- p.m.
i	Indian Distinguished Service Medal	Rs.70/- p.m.
	Each Bar	Rs.70/- p.m.

3. The allowance will be admissible to the recipient of the award and on his death to his widow lawfully married by a valid ceremony. The widow will continue to receive the allowance until her remarriage and death. The payment of the allowance will, however, be continued to a widow who remarried the late husband's brother and lives a communal life with the living heirs eligible for family pension. Ordinarily the widow who had first married the deceased recipient shall receive the allowance, but with the special sanction of the Government, the allowance may be divided equally between the lawful widows of recipients. Payments to all widows shall cease when the allowance to the first widow terminates.
4. When the award had been made posthumously to a bachelor, the monetary allowance shall be paid to his father or mother, and in case the posthumous awardee was a widower, the allowance shall be paid to his son below 18 years or unmarried daughter as the case may be.
5. The monthly monetary allowance will be paid in respect of all gallantry award received by an individual.
6. Payments, if any, already made for the period beyond the date of issue of this letter will be adjusted against the payment due under this letter.
7. The expenditure on this account will be debitable to the relevant heads of the Defence Services Estimates.
8. This issues with the concurrence of Ministry of Finance (Deptt. of Expenditure) vide their U.O. No. 7(67)/E.III(A)/98 dated 12/13.01.1999 recorded on File No. 1(26)/97/D (Pay/Services)/Vol.IV and Ministry of Finance (Expenditure) I.D. No. 7(67)/E.III(A)/98 dated 09.04.1999.

Yours faithfully,
Sd/-
(V.P.Varghese)

Under Secretary to the Govt. of India