Office Memorandum

Subject: Counting of Military service rendered prior to joining Civil Services

Undersigned is directed to say that under Rule 19(1) of the CCS (Pension) Rules, 1973, a Government servant who is re-employed in Civil Service or Posts is required to give an option at the time of confirmation in the Civil post whether he would like to get his past military service counted for pension in the Civil post or service. The State Government of Himachal Pradesh vide its O.M. No. Fin(G)(3)-2/82, dated the 15th December, 1982, has decided to allow the benefit of pension to Government servants to get pension after completion of twenty years of service either on invalidation or superannuation. In pursuance to a similar decision taken by Government of India, the Himachal Pradesh Government vide its O.M. No. Fin(G)(3)-7/87, dated the 9th June, 1987 decided that those temporary Government servants who retire on invalidation or on superannuation on completion of 10 years of temporary service will be eligible for pensionary benefits. It has now been decided that all Government servants who retire on superannuation or on invalidation without confirmation after rendering not less than ten years of combined military and civil service shall be entitled to the benefit of counting of service under Rule 19(1).
The provision of Rule 19(1) may be deemed to have been modified accordingly. Necessary amendments to the Rule will be issued in due course.

2. It has also been decided that a Government servant applying for counting of service under Rule 19(1) of the CCS(Pension) Rules, 1972 may be allowed to exercise option for the same within a period of one year from the date of joining of Civil Service or post. The refund of pension, gratuity etc., already drawn by such Government servants from military authorities shall be refunded to the Government with interest from the date of joining of the Civil Service. The other conditions as mentioned under Rule 19 of the CCS(Pension) Rules will remain unaltered.

2. In order to facilitate the compliance with the requirement of exercising of option in time, it has been further decided that the administrative authorities concerned should incorporate in the order of re-employment itself a clause to the effect that if the re-employed ex-servicemen desires to take advantage of the retirement benefits based on combined military and civil services, he should exercise option within a period of one year from the date of his re-employment.

This decision may kindly be brought to the notice of all offices under your control for strict compliance.

4. These orders take effect from 1-1-1989.

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