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# CLASSIFICATION OF CASUALTIES OF AMMUNITION ACCIDENTS OF 31.5.2016 AT CENTRAL AMMUNITION DEPOT (CAD) PULGAON AND GRANT OF LIBERALISED FAMILY PENSION (LFP) TO NOK - REG.

A copy of MoD/D/(Pension/Policy) letter No. 16(5)2016/D(Pen/Pol) dated 31 May 2018 on the above subject, is forwarded herewith for your information and dissemination.

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### No.16(5)/ 2016/D(Pen/Pol) Government of India Ministry of Defence Department of Ex-Servicemen Welfare

New Delhi, Dated: 31 May, 2018

To

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

Subject: Classification of casualties of ammunition accidents of 31.5.2016 at Central Ammunition Depot(CAD) Pulgaon and grant of Liberalized Family Pension(LFP) to NoK-reg.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to IHQ of MoD(Army) letter No. 12841/13/2016/PC/AG/MP 5(d) (Cas Sec) dated 20.12.2016 on the subject mentioned above wherein it was informed that on 31.5.2016 a fire broke out in the Central Ammunition Depot (CAD) Pulgaon. While fire-fighting operations were in progress, at about midnight the entire quantity of mine stores in Explosive Stores House 192 with net explosive content of 135,275 Kgs detonated resulting in death of 19 and grievous injuries to 17 military, DSC and civilian personnel. As per the existing provisions, the death/disability of Armed Forces Personnel were classified as Physical Casualty(PC), attributable to Military Service.

Representations were received from Next of Kin (NoK) of the 2. casualties for the classification of the aforesaid casualty as Battle Casualty(BC) to make them eligible for Liberalized Family Pension and Ex-gratia compensation under Category D of MoD letter No.

1(2)/97/D(Pen-C) dated 31.01.2001.

High number of casualties has resulted due to detonation of huge amount of explosive material contained in mine Stores of CAD, Pulgaon. The case for classification of said casualties as BC has been considered in this Ministry. It has been decided with the approval of the Competent Authority that as an exception, Military Personnel who died/disabled/injured in the above mentioned ammunition be eligible for compensation/pension/gratuity as is admissible in iterms of McD BC letter No. 1(2)/97/D(Pen-C) dated 31.01.2001.

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- 5. This issues with the concurrence of the Finance Division of this Ministry vide their ID No.10(4)/2010/FIN/PEN dated 31.05.2018.
- 6. Hindi version will follow.

Yours faithfully,

(Manoj Sinha)

Under Secretary to the Govt. of India

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