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### WELFARE OF WIDOWS OF AIR VETERANS

1. Please refer your office memo No.7/1(b)/Bdn Sdr/593-596 dated 21 Aug 2020.

2. Scheme-Wise eligibility and procedure for claim is mentioned below :

(a) Garima Grant :- A Scheme for all Air Veterans launched on 26 Mar 13. Under this grant a sum of ₹7500/- before 01 Apr 19 and ₹10000/- on and after 01 Apr 19 is paid to widow/NoK with an aim of ensuring decent last rites of Air Veterans.

(i) Eligibility :- NoK of Air Veterans who died after retirement, is admissible for the grant.

(ii) Procedure :- NoK will approach to nearest AF Unit (PSI Fund Office) for payment along with death certificate, copy of PPO/Discharge Book and a cancelled cheque or copy of bank pass book. PSI Fund will make payment to NoK and get the amount reimbursed from Air HQ NPFs.

(b) FAS Grant :- This flagship scheme of Air HQ NPFs provides monthly assistance to bereaved families of air veterans who died on and after 01 Apr 97. Rates in different family assistance schemes and their eligibility are as under

(i) FAS-97:- Air Veteran who died on and after 01 Apr 97 with a minimum 20 years of service, the widow/NoK is eligible to get this grant for 8 yrs. Rate for Officers @₹1,900/-pm and Airmen/NCs(E) @₹1,300/-pm respectively.

(ii) FAS-09 :- Air Veteran, who was in service on 01 Apr 09 and died with a minimum 10 years of service, the widow/NoK is eligible to get this grant for 8 yrs. Rate for officers @₹3,800/-pm and Airmen/NCs(E) @₹2,500/-pm respectively.

(ii) FAS-20 :- Air Veteran, who was in service on 01 Jan 20 and died with a minimum 10 years of service, the widow/NoK is eligible to get this grant for 8 yrs. Rate for officers @8,000/-pm and Airmen/NCs(E) @6,000/-pm.

(c) One Time Lump-Sum Death Grant :- Air Veterans who are not admissible for FAS Grant are eligible for this grant with some conditions. Rates and eligibility of different Lump-Sum Grants are mentioned below :-

(i) Lump-Sum Death Grant-97 :- Widows of **pensioners** having less than 20 years of service, discharged prior to 01 Apr 09 (died on and after 01 Oct 08) are eligible for this grant. Rates are as under :-

PERIOD	OFFICERS	AIRMEN/NCs(E)
Death occurs before 01 Oct 19	12000	8000
Death occurs on and after 01 Oct 19	30000	20000

(ii) Lump-Sum Death Grant-09/Lump-Sum Death Grant-20 :- Widows of air veterans having less than 10 years of service, discharged on and after 01 Apr 09 are eligible for this grant. Rates are as under :-

PERIOD	SERVICE	OFFICERS	AIRMEN/NCs(E)
Death occurs before 01 Oct 19	Below 5 yrs	15000	10000
	Above 10 yrs	30000	20000
Death occurs on and after 01 Oct 19	Below 5 yrs	30000	20000
	Above 10 yrs	60000	20000

3. Procedure to claim FAS and One Time Lump-Sum Death Grant :- Widow/NoK will forward copy of Death Certificate (Original) and copy of Discharge Book (Original/Attest by Gazetted Officer) to DAV, Subroto Park, New Delhi-110010. DAV will issue Home Death Notification (HDN) to Air HQ NPFs. On receipt of HDN, Air HQ NPFs will pay FAS/One Time Lump-Sum Death Grant to NoK.

4. A summary of all schemes "Schemes at a Glance" is also attached for herewith for your ready reference.

  
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Annexure : As stated