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SUBJECT : REFUND OF ECHS CONTRIBUTION PRE-1996:ID-140723

1. Refer your representation dated 18 Jul 2014.
2. It is intimated that a case for reimbursement of ECHS contribution paid by Pre-1996 retirees was taken up with Deptt of ESW, MoD. The matter was deliberated at all levels in the MoD, MoD (Finance) and the CGDA. The order passed by Hon'ble Supreme Court on 22nd Aug, 2006 is silent on the issue of reimbursement or otherwise of the contribution made by Ex-servicemen who had retired prior to Jan 1996. The directions of the Supreme Court were that Govt. either to waive the amount of contribution or to pay such amount on behalf of those ex-servicemen who retired prior to 1.1.1996 and who intend to avail medical facilities under ECHS. Subsequently, contempt petition was filed by Retired Defence Officers Association in reply to which Govt. took the stand that orders of Hon'ble Court have been implemented vide Govt. Order dated 13.04.2007. It was also stated in Govt. reply that judgment does not imply refund to those who have already paid contribution for becoming member of ECHS. The Court has since dismissed the contempt petition filed by Retired Defence Officers Association and as such the Govt. stand vindicated.
3. In view of the above MoD has decided not to progress the matter further.
4. This is for your information please.


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