

## **CLARIFICATION ON TERM 'FAMILY' FOR ENROLMENT INTO ECHS**

1. Further to this HQ letter of even number dated 01 Jun 2006.
2. Mentally/Handicapped Children are permitted to be member of ECHS for life. Eligibility conditions for grant of ECHS membership in respect of such children have been stipulated vide Para 3(e) (i) to (iii) of our letter under reference. However, few ESM are finding it difficult to get the disability certified by a Service Classified Specialist especially those who retired prior to inception of ECHS.
3. Keeping in view of above, it has been decided that certificate with regard to permanent disability of a child issued by Civil Surgeon would also be acceptable provided that such certificate clearly indicates the percentage of disability and child's inability to earn his livelihood. Hence, the following amendments may please be made to **Para 3(e) (ii)** of our letter under reference:-
  - (a) **For** "Permanent disability should be certified by Service Classified Specialist as per format of certificate enclosed at Appendix".  
**Read** "Permanent disability should be certified by Service Classified Specialist/Civil Surgeon as per format of certificate enclosed at Appendix duly indicating percentage of disability and the child's inability to earn his livelihood". A copy of certificate of Disability to be produced from Civil Surgeon is enclosed.
4. The remaining conditions on the subject will remain unchanged.

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