

EXEMPTION OF PAYMENT OF ECHS CONTRIBUTION
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1. Vide MOD letter No 22(1)/01/US(WE)D(Res) dated 08 Mar 04 (copy enclosed), the Government of India has sanctioned exemption of payment of ECHS contribution by “War Widows”, that is, those who are in receipt of Liberalized Family Pension.
2. A “War Widow” is one whose spouse has died due to any of the actions listed at Appendix to this letter.

Appendix

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Category `D`

Death due to acts of violence/attack by terrorists, antisocial elements, etc whether on duty other than operational duty or even when not on duty. Bomb blasts in public, etc. would be covered under this category, besides death/disability occurring while employed in the aid of civil power in dealing with natural calamities.

Category `E`

Death arising as a result of :-

- (a) Enemy action in international war.
- (b) Action during deployment with a peace keeping mission abroad.
- (c) Border skirmishes.
- (d) During laying or clearance of mines including enemy mines as also minesweeping operations.
- (e) On account of accidental explosions of mines while laying operationally oriented mine-field or lifting or negotiating mine-field laid; by the enemy or own forces in operational areas near international borders or the line of control.
- (f) War like situations, including cases which are attributable to/aggravated by:-
 - (i) Extremist acts, exploding mines etc, while on way to an operational area.
 - (ii) Battle inoculation training exercises or demonstration with live ammunition.
 - (iii) Kidnapping by extremists while on operational duty.
- (g) An act of violence/attack by extremists, anti-social elements etc while on operational duty.
- (h) Action against extremists, antisocial elements, etc. Death while employed in the aid of civil power in quelling agitation riots by demonstrators will be covered under this category.
- (j) Operations specially notified by the Govt from time to time.

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