

ECHS CONTRIBUTION BY WIDOWS OF SERVICE PERSONNEL

1. A case was referred to this Headquarters for clarification whether ECHS contribution amount by “widows” of Service personnel, is to be calculated as per “Enhanced Pension” rate or “Basic Pension” rate.
2. All widows are initially paid ‘Enhanced Family Pension’ in cases where the death of the Service Personnel is attributable to Military Service. However, this enhanced family pension is subsequently reduced to ‘Basic Family Pension’ which is much lesser than the enhanced family pension.
3. The matter has been examined and it has been decided that contribution for ECHS, by such affected widows, will be based on the amount of “Basic Pension” which will be subsequently drawn by them, and NOT on the ‘Enhanced Family Pension’.

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