

CHAPTER 6

ADMINISTRATION OF BRITISH GURKHA PENSIONS RESPONSIBILITIES AND CASEWORK

06001. General. Regulations regarding the eligibility for Gurkha pensions are based on those issued to the Indian Army¹ in accordance with the TPA. The administration of pensions, however, is to follow British lines with the rules regarding forfeiture and restoration that would be applied to British personnel being applied to Gurkhas. The application of British administrative procedures, as detailed in the Army Act, for Gurkha personnel was effective from 1 Apr 93².

06002. Responsibilities. There are particular responsibilities in the administration of Gurkha pensions as detailed below:

- a. Army HQ. Army Pol Sec, is responsible for all pension policy matters regarding Gurkhas and for the publication of pension rates and regulations. Hd Army Pol Sec is the ultimate authority on specific casework.
- b. HQBG. Col BG, through DCOS HQBG, is the principle advisor to Army HQ on all matters relating to Gurkhas.
- c. HQ BGN. Comd BGN, through DCOS HQ BGN, is responsible for the disbursement of pensions in Nepal and India, the investigation of pensions cases and the provision of recommendations on casework.
- d. DBS. Responsibility for the assessment and authorisation of all service, disability and family pensions for Gurkha ex-servicemen and their dependants lies with DBS. Any write-off action on individual cases is to follow normal DBS processes.

06003. All cases that fall within the rules and regulations of the GPM are to be processed in two stages as follows:

- a. Investigation by HQ BGN to determine grounds for each case. Where an entitlement exists all cases are to be passed to DBS for action.
- b. DBS to authorise payment of appropriate pension rate and ensure any arrears are assessed and paid.

06004. Any cases that fall outside the regulations in the GPM are to be staffed to Army HQ. These cases are to be processed in three stages as follows:

- a. Investigation by HQ BGN with report and comment to DBS.
- b. DBS to finalise the case and pass it with comments to HQBG who are to review the case and submit recommendations to Army HQ for a decision.
- c. Army HQ to make a decision on merits of the case. HQBG, HQ BGN and DBS will be informed of the decision reached by Army HQ with DBS to take the necessary action if the case is agreed.

¹ Pension Regulations for the Army (India) 1961

² D/PS(A)/8/62/2PS2(A) dated 23 Feb 93.

d. DBS to authorise payment of appropriate pension rate and ensure any arrears are assessed and paid.