

## Monetary Allowance for Widows of Gallantry Awards Recipients

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Recipients of the gallantry awards are entitled to the monetary allowance as per the letter of 1972 of Ministry of Defence (MoD), superseded by letter in 1995 of the MoD, which have been revised from time to time. As per the existing condition for grant of monetary allowance, the allowance shall be admissible to the recipient of the award and on his death to his widow lawfully married by a valid ceremony. The widow will continue to receive the allowance until her re-marriage or death. The payment of the allowance will, however, be continued to a widow who re-marries the late husband's brother and lives a communal life with the living heir eligible for family pension.

Representations were received from various quarters to remove the condition of the widow's remarriage with the late husband's brother for continuation of the monetary allowance.

This issue was considered by the Government of India and it has now been decided to remove the condition of the widow's remarriage with the late husband's brother for continuation of the monetary allowance vide MoD letter dated November 16, 2017.

The revised condition for grant of monetary allowance for recipients of gallantry awards is as under:-

(The allowance shall be admissible to the recipient of the award and on his death to his widow lawfully married by a valid ceremony. The widow will continue to receive the allowance until her death.)

No. 7(62)/2014-D(AG)  
 Government of India  
 Ministry of Defence

Sena Bhawan, New Delhi - 110 105  
 Dated the 4<sup>th</sup> December, 2017

To

- The Chief of Army Staff
- The Chief of Navy Staff
- ✓ The Chief of Air Staff

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**Subject: Enhancement of monetary allowance attached to the Post-Independence Gallantry Awards.**

Sirs,

I am directed to refer to this Ministry's letter No. 7(119)/2008-D(AG) dated 30<sup>th</sup> March, 2011 on the above subject and to convey the sanction of the President to the enhanced payment of monetary allowance at the following rates to all recipients, irrespective of rank and income, of the following Post-Independence gallantry awards, with effect from 1<sup>st</sup> August, 2017:-

Gallantry Awards	Existing rate of Monetary Allowance (Rupees per month)	Revised rate of Monetary Allowance (Rupees per month)
Param Vir Chakra (PVC)	10,000	20,000
Ashoka Chakra (AC)	6,000	12,000
Maha Vir Chakra (MVC)	5,000	10,000
Kirti Chakra (KC)	4,500	9,000
Vir Chakra (VrC)	3,500	7,000
Shaurya Chakra (SC)	3,000	6,000
Sena/Nao Sena/Vayu Sena Medal (Gallantry)	1,000	2,000

2. The allowance shall be admissible to the recipient of the award and on his death to his widow lawfully married by a valid ceremony. The widow will continue to receive the allowance until her death. Ordinarily, the widow who was first married shall receive the allowance but with the special sanction of the Government the allowance may be divided equally between the lawful widows of the recipient.

3. When the award has been made posthumously to a bachelor, the monetary allowance shall be paid to his father or mother, and in case the posthumous awardee was a

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widower, the allowance shall be paid to his son below 18 years or unmarried daughter as the case may be.

4. Each bar to the decoration will carry the same amount of monetary allowance as admissible to the original award.
5. The monthly monetary allowance will be paid in respect of all gallantry awards received by an individual.
6. Payments, if any, already made for the period beyond the date of issue of this letter will be adjusted against the payment due under this letter.
7. The expenditure on this account will be debitable to the relevant Heads of the Defence Services Estimates.
8. This issues with the concurrence of Ministry of Finance (Department of Expenditure) vide their U.O. No. 7/67/E.III.A/98 dated 11<sup>th</sup> September, 2017.

Yours faithfully,

*Prashanth Rao*  
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(T.D. Prashanth Rao)

Under Secretary to the Government of India

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With the request that necessary action may be taken immediately for the issue of service instructions on the authority of this letter.

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