

F. No. A/30555/COVID-19/GS/DGMT  
Government of India  
Ministry of Defence  
Department of Military Affairs

New Delhi, dated 28<sup>th</sup> August, 2020

To,

The Chief of Army Staff

Subject: Delegation of powers to regularize disruption in training due to outbreak of pandemic COVID-19

Sir,

I am directed to convey the sanction of the Ministry of Defence to delegate the powers to regularise the amended schedule of training for the training year 2019-20 and 2020-21. The restrictions stipulated by the Government of India has disrupted ongoing training schedule.

2. Under the powers vested in Ministry of Defence, Government of India, the following authority is delegated to Deputy Chief of Army Staff (Information Systems and Training):-

- (a) Sanction extension to regularize forced overstay at training establishments during the period of lockdown till stabilisation of COVID 19 pandemic.
- (b) Extension of study leave to permit completion of sanctioned courses due to completion in 2020.
- (c) Regularise/Waive residual service clause of three years post termination of study leave for courses completing in 2020 and on case to case basis for online courses.
- (d) Sanction for extended joining time and increased validity of Medical Boards for commencing training in Pre-commission Training Academies and Regimental Centres for courses commencing in year 2020 and 2021.
- (e) Sanction for protection of seniority to effected individuals unable to appear for promotion examinations/tests during the training year 2020-21.

3. The delegation of powers will cover the period from 20<sup>th</sup> March, 2020 to 30<sup>th</sup> June, 2021.

4. The above delegation of powers is in continuation of the delegation of powers issued vide F. No. 18(10)/2001-D(GS.II) dated 21<sup>st</sup> September, 2001.

Yours faithfully

(Manoj Kumar Rai)

Under Secretary to the Government of India