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POLICY : DEPENDENT CANTEEN SMART CARD (GROCERY ONLY)

1. Refer CS Dte letter No 95286/Q/SG/DDGCS dated 26 Sep 2012.
2. Due to exigencies of services, dependent canteen smart cards (grocery only) have been authorized to **dependents of Armed Forces personnel (serving & retired) only**. Feedback has been received from the environment wrt misuse of dependent canteen smart cards by few beneficiaries. Following issues are reiterated:-
 - (a) **Dependent cards may be applied on need basis only. Further, dependent canteen cards will not be used as identity cards. Dependent cards will only be used for gaining access to Unit Run Canteens.**
 - (b) Following dependents of **Armed Forces personnel (serving & retired)** only are entitled for dependent canteen smart cards (grocery only):-
 - (i) Parents of Armed Forces personnel (serving & retired) (only if dependent, as per official records).
 - (ii) **Daughter.** Upto the age of 25 years or till getting married (whichever is earlier). Unmarried/ Widow/ divorcee daughters if dependent are also entitled irrespective of age. The eligibility will be verified by the URC through official records.
 - (iii) **Son.** Upto the age of 25 years or till getting employed (whichever is earlier). The eligibility will be verified by the URC through official records.
3. Only two dependent grocery cards are entitled for a beneficiary. The onus of furnishing authentic data lies with the primary grocery card holder. URCs/ Local military authority (LMA) will carry out check wrt authenticity/ eligibility of dependent canteen smart cards.

4. Further, entitlement of dependent grocery canteen smart cards to children below 10 years of age has been done away with, with immediate effect.
5. This letter may please be disseminated to all URCs under command.
6. All previous policy/ advisory on the subject matter are hereby superseded.



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