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### **Married sons of deceased officials to also get jobs**

NEW DELHI: Married sons of deceased or prematurely retired government servants have finally got their due from the government. After a series of u-turns, the government has decided that married sons of such officials will be considered jobs on compassionate grounds.

Those who missed out on the same between 2013 and 2015 due to the government's changing stance would now be re-considered for the jobs.

In January 2013, the government has brought a policy to regulate granting compassionate jobs to dependent family members of government officials who died in service or in action or had to prematurely retire on medical grounds. While that policy was silent on the issue, a set of Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) issued by the government in May that year said: "A married son is not considered dependent on a government servant."

But the door was left open for married daughters, as the FAQs said she could be considered for the same if she was wholly dependent on the Government servant at the time of his or her death in harness or retirement on medical grounds and that she must support other dependents members of the family.

It was only in February 2015 that the government corrected its stance and said that married sons of a government official would also be considered for a job on compassionate grounds if he fulfilled other conditions like the married daughter. However, the government said and the cases of compassionate appointment already settled as per the May 2013 FAQ's may not be reopened - hence those who missed out on the jobs between 2013 to 2015 were still rendered ineligible for them.