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"In memory of those who sacrificed their today for our tomorrow"

"Dedicated to those braves who sacrificed their today for our tomorrow"



**A nation that does not remember those, who laid down
their lives for the motherland, cannot always remain a nation worth dying for.
None can speak more eloquently for peace than those who fought the war**



FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK



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Dears Members of IESL

Jay Hind

1. Two months have passed since the last issue of the Indian Ex-Serviceman.
2. In this period alongwith other appointments I tried my best to make some progress in the resolving anomalies, especially of OROP-2. Regretfully no action is being taken by Service HQ. What is the way out? I discussed the problems with the Executive Council Members and I conveyed that only option is to knock the doors of the Courts. Since the next equalisation is due from 01 Jul 2024, we decided to wait for two more months to see what the govt decides.
3. Our Solar Panel System is working satisfactorily and our bill has come down to Rs 14000/- pm from about Rs 40000/-pm in the hot season. Saving approx Rs 25,000/-pm.
4. Our plan of constructing two additional floors is in the final stages of approval and we hope to get the NOC within the month of May 2024. With the construction of the building within this year, we expect to get additional rent anywhere between Rs 4.50 Lakhs to 6.00 Lakhs per month depending on the area of construction allowed. This will help IESL to be financially more secure and we can then undertake more welfare activities.
5. We have become member of PHDCCI which one of the oldest body of industries. I can assure the members that we will benefit from this association. Till we get into some good and safe investment opportunities with the industries we will not be able to help our members, State Bodies and HQ IESL. I can assure you if all goes well we will achieve much more that what we can get through DGR or any govt programme. Nothing is forthcoming from the official circles of service HQ or MoD.
6. Finally I would like to convey that we have to be on our own feet. Help from govt or Service HQ is not forthcoming.

Brigadier Inder Mohan Singh (Retd)

President, Indian Ex-Services League

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1. Indian Ex-Serviceman पत्रिका के पिछले अंक को दो महीने बीत चुके हैं।
 2. इस अवधि के दौरान मैंने अन्य कार्यों के साथ साथ विशेष रूप से ओआरओपी-2 की विसंगतियों का समाधान करने की पूरी कोशिश की है। अफसोस की बात है कि सेवा मुख्यालय द्वारा कोई कार्रवाई नहीं की जा रही है। हल क्या है? मैंने कार्यकारी परिषद के सदस्यों के साथ समस्याओं पर चर्चा की और बताया कि अदालत का दरवाजा खटखटाना ही एकमात्र विकल्प है। चूंकि अगली ओआरओपी-3 समीकरण, 01 जुलाई 2024 से होनी है, इसलिए हमने और दो महीने इंतज़ार करने का फैसला किया है कि सरकार क्या फैसला करती है।
 3. हमारा सोलर पैनल सिस्टम संतोषजनक ढंग से काम कर रहा है और गर्मी के मौसम में हमारा बिल लगभग 40000 रुपये प्रति माह से घटकर 14000 रुपये प्रति माह हो गया है। प्रति माह लगभग 25,000 रुपये की बचत हो रही है।
 4. दो अतिरिक्त मंजिलों के निर्माण की हमारी योजना मंजूरी के अंतिम चरण में है, उम्मीद है की मई 2024 के भीतर एनओसी मिल जाएगी। इस वर्ष के भीतर भवन के निर्माण के साथ, हमें 4.50 लाख से 6.00 लाख रुपये के बीच अतिरिक्त किराया मिलने की उम्मीद है। इससे आईईएसएल की स्थिति और अधिक अच्छी होगी और हम अधिक कल्याणकारी गतिविधियां चला सकेंगे।
 5. हम PHDCCI के सदस्य बन गए हैं जो उद्योगों की सबसे पुरानी संस्थाओं में से एक है। मैं सदस्यों को आश्वस्त कर सकता हूँ कि इस एसोसिएशन से हमें लाभ होगा। जब तक हमें उद्योगों के साथ कुछ अच्छे और सुरक्षित निवेश के अवसर नहीं मिलते तब तक हम अपने सदस्यों, राज्यों और आईईएसएल मुख्यालय की मदद नहीं कर पाएंगे। मैं आपको आश्वस्त करता हूँ कि यदि सब कुछ ठीक रहा तो हम डीजीआर, सेवा मुख्यालय या रक्षा मंत्रालय के आधिकारिक सर्कल से आने वाले किसी भी सरकारी कार्यक्रम के माध्यम से और भी बहुत कुछ प्राप्त कर सकते हैं।
 6. अंत में मैं यह बताना चाहूंगा कि हमें अपने पैरों पर खड़ा होना होगा। सरकार या सेवा मुख्यालय से कोई मदद मिलने की उम्मीद नहीं है

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DO LETTER WRITTEN BY PRESIDENT, IESL TO FORMER CHIEFS OF ARMY STAFF

IESL/105/2024

04 Apr 2024

My dear General,

1. I take this opportunity of addressing you as also all the former Chiefs of Army Staff through this letter.
2. I'm sure you are aware of the existence of IESL and you have also had the privilege of being the Patron of IESL during your tenure as Chief.
3. You would be aware of the problems faced by the Veterans. I will only restrict myself to major issues in which the Govt has a role. First the anomalies arising out of OROP and OROP-2 which is the equalization implemented with effect from 01 Jul 2019. Then there are issues of migration of pension to SPARSH. Inaccuracies in data is the main issue being faced by ESM. There is a variation in pension of similarly placed ESM. And the third major problem is the functioning of ECHS. Medicines are in short supply. Staff strength at ECHS Poly Clinics has been reduced. The outstanding bills of empanelled hospitals is another issue. This leads to frequent empanelling and dis-empanelling of hospitals.
4. Since all of you have served with your Regts / Bns troops and thereafter as formation commanders up the chain, I assume you would be maintaining close relations with ESM from your Regts. I wonder why these problems have never crossed your mind.
5. We place our Army above everything and our troops at the highest pedestal. The entire country saw our former Chiefs at Ayodhya for the consecration ceremony of Shri Ram Mandir. Wouldn't it be appropriate if all of you get together and meet the PM and asked him to address the critical issues of ESM. Infact the rank and file is wondering whether the former Chiefs consider themselves as ESM. We are aware you would not be facing any of the issues which I have reflected in Para 3
6. I've been a member of IESL for the past 13 years. We have had only one serving Chief visit us in the last 10 years. We get no financial help from the MoD or any of the Service HQs. Even the Govt of India has not contributed a single rupee to IESL. We are grateful to the Govt that was kind enough to give IESL about 2000 sq yds land in 1964 on perpetual lease. Possibly the Govt of the day listened to our founders, Gen KM Cariappa and Gen KS Thimayya. Compare this with the support extended by the British Govt to the Royal Commonwealth Ex-Services League (RCEL).
7. It was with some vision that our founding fathers appointed the serving Chiefs of three services as Patron and the Raksha Mantri as the Patron in Chief. I doubt if any of you discharged any responsibility as Patron. May be embarrassing, especially in these times of disowning everything British about the Indian Army, the Royal Commonwealth Ex Services League is the only organisation which extended financial support to WW-2 veterans through us, as also in the construction of our building. Some help came from a couple of corporates.
8. My approach to the Service HQs, including the CDS and the three Chiefs has also not elicited any positive response.
9. All of you occupied the chair once occupied by Gen KM Cariappa and Gen KS Thimayya. I don't know whether the chair used by Gen Cariappa is still being used by the present Chief. We in our office have preserved and placed the chair which our founder occupied in our office with his photograph as we are the Custodian of the Chair of Gen KM Cariappa.
10. May I request you to do whatever you can in helping the ESM. In absence of residential address of most of our former Chiefs, I am circulating this letter through Social Media. Those whose address we have or get it I will forward a hard copy.

Regards and best wishes

Sd/- x x x x x x x

Brig Inder Mohan Singh (Retd),

President, Indian Ex-Services League

**REPLY FROM GEN (DR) VK SINGH, PVSM, AVSM, YSM (RETD), FORMER CHIEF OF
ARMY STAFF TO PRESIDENT IESL DO LETTER DATED 04 APR 2024**

जनरल (डॉ.) विजय कुमार सिंह
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GEN. (DR.) VIJAY KUMAR SINGH
PVSM, AVSM, YSM (Retd)



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DO No- HMOSCA/1324/12

30 Apr 2024

My dear Inter,

Please refer your letter IESL/105/2024 dated 04 Apr 2024.

2. I have had the privilege to visit the IESL complex when I was the COAS. The complex certainly needs to be taken care of and some permanent arrangement needs to be worked out. My suggestion is that the CDS and three Chiefs take up the issue with the Raksha Mantri. They should work out the modicum of how to fund the IESL so that the complex can be taken care of and in the long run become self sustaining.

3. The issues of OROP, SPARSH and ECHS are serious issues. The CDS and the Chiefs need to have it resolved by the Raksha Mantri and Defence Secretary. My recommendation is that a simple time bound solution is presented to the MoD and it then gets implemented for the betterment of the Veteran community.

4. I am sure that you would be able to prevail upon the Raksha Mantri and the CDS to ensure that the needful is done. We should work out various steps of implementation too so that the results are seen on ground.

Warm regards,

Yours Sincerely
VK

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D(Res.I)


The proposal is regarding facilitating employment opportunities for those cadets who are invalidated from their training on medical ground due to causes attributable to or aggravated by Military Training.

2. Every year, young cadets join Academies of the Armed Forces where they undergo academic and military training with the prime objective of being commissioned as Officers in the Armed Forces. As per extant rules, such a cadet is treated as an Officer of the Armed Forces only after commissioning as they are not treated as Service Officer during the training period till their commissioning/passing out.

3. It has been decided that DGR Schemes may be considered for such boarded out cadets in view of their special needs.

4. In view of the above, the proposal for extending the benefit of various resettlement schemes run by the DGR has been examined in the Department and it has been approved by the competent authority that the resettlement schemes run by DGR may be considered for such boarded out cadets.

5. This issues with the approval of Hon'ble RM


Suman Sharma
Under Secretary (Res-I)

DGR

MoD Id No. 12/1/2005/D(Res-I)

dated 15-3-2024

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Government of India
Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pension
Department of Pension and Pensioners' Welfare

Lok Nayak Bhawan, Khan Market,
New Delhi, Dated the 1st January, 2024

Office Memorandum

Subject: Amendment to CCS (Pension) Rules, 2021 – Allowing female Government servants/female Pensioner to nominate her child/children for family pension in precedence to her husband in the event of marital discord leading to filing of divorce proceedings in a Court of Law or filing of a case under Protection of Women from Domestic Violence Act or Dowry Prohibition Act or Indian Penal Code- reg.

The undersigned is directed to state that, as per the provisions of sub-rule (8) and sub-rule (9) of Rule 50 of CCS (Pension) Rules, 2021, if a deceased Government servant or pensioner is survived by a spouse, family pension is first granted to the spouse and the children and other family members become eligible for family pension, on their turn, only after the spouse of the deceased Government servant/pensioner becomes ineligible for family pension or dies.

2. This Department has been receiving a large number of references from Ministries/Departments, seeking advice as to whether a female Government servant/female Pensioner can be allowed to nominate her eligible child/children for family pension in place of her spouse in the event of marital discord leading to filing of divorce proceedings in a Court of Law or filing of a case under Protection of Women from Domestic Violence Act or Dowry Prohibition Act or under Indian Penal Code.

3. The matter has been examined in consultation with Ministry of Women and Child Development. Accordingly, it has been decided that in case divorce proceedings in respect of a female Government servant/female pensioner are pending in a Court of Law, or the female Government servant/female pensioner has filed a case against her husband under Protection of Women from Domestic Violence Act or Dowry Prohibition Act or under Indian Penal Code, such female Government servant/Female Pensioner may make a request for grant of family pension after her death to her eligible child/children, in precedence to her husband and such request may be considered in the following manner:

(a) Where, in respect of a female Government servant/female pensioner, divorce proceedings are pending in a competent Court of Law, or the female Government servant/female pensioner has filed a case against her husband under Protection of Women from Domestic Violence Act or Dowry Prohibition Act or under Indian Penal Code, the said female Government servant/female pensioner, may make a request in writing to the concerned Head of Office to the effect that, in the event of her death during the pendency of any of the aforesaid proceedings, family pension may be granted to her eligible child/children in precedence to her spouse;

(b) In the event of the death of the female Government servant/female pensioner, who had made a request under clause (a), during the pendency of any of the aforesaid proceedings, the family pension shall be disbursed in the following manner, namely:

(i) Where the deceased female Government servant/female pensioner is survived by a widower and no child/children is eligible for family pension on the date of death of the female Government servant/female pensioner, family pension shall be payable to the widower.

(ii) Where the deceased female Government servant/female pensioner is survived by a widower with a minor child/children or a child/children suffering from disorder or disability of mind including the mentally retarded, the family pension in respect of the deceased shall be payable to the widower, provided he is the guardian of such child/children and if the widower ceases to be the guardian of such child/children, such family pension shall be payable to the child through the person who is the actual guardian of such child/children. Where the minor child, after attaining the age of majority, remains eligible for family pension, the family pension shall become payable to such child from the date on which he/she attains the age of majority.

(iii) Where the deceased female Government servant/female pensioner is survived by a widower with a child/children who has/have attained the age of majority but is or are eligible for family pension, the family pension shall be payable to such child/children.

(iv) After the child/children referred to in clause (ii) and (iii) above cease to be eligible for family pension under Rule 50 of the CCS (Pension) Rules, 2021, family pension shall become payable to other child/children, if any, eligible for family pension.

(v) After all the children cease to be eligible for family pension under Rule 50 of the CCS (Pension) Rules, 2021, family pension shall become payable to the widower till his death or remarriage, whichever is earlier.

4. All Ministries/Departments are requested to bring the contents of this order to the notice of Controller of Accounts/Pay and Accounts Officers and Attached, Subordinate Offices and Autonomous bodies under them.

5. In so far as the persons serving in the Indian Audit and Accounts Department are concerned, these orders are issued in consultation with Comptroller and Auditor General of India, as mandated under Article 148(5) of the Constitution of India.

6. Formal amendment to Rule 50 of the CCS (Pension) Rules, 2021 will be notified separately.

7. Hindi version will follow.


(Ravinder Kumar) 11/1/24
Director

To

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**ADVISORY : EXEMPTION OF TOLL FEE TO PRIVATE
VEHICLES OF DEFENCE PERSONNEL**

1. The Indian Toll (Army, Air Force) Act. 1901 exempts all service pers of reg forces from payment of toll fees across the country. The same is being gtd on pvt vehs of def pers on production of I-Cards. However, there have been recent incidents of denial of the said privilege reported from Toll Plazas especially on newly constructed Delhi-Mumbai Expressway.
2. In view of the above, comds are requested to sensitize all Rks to avoid any altercation with toll staff. In such cases, the toll tax be paid by the indl and matter be reported to DG OL&SM through fmn channel for appropriate action at our end.
3. For info & necessary action pl.



(Kumar Amit)
Col
Col Travel
For DG OL&SM

ECHS SPARSH

ECHS was operationalized with effect from 01 Apr 2003 with an aim to provide quality medical care to 55 lakh ESM and dependents. To further maximize the benefits of the scheme, ECHS-SPARSH was launched by President AWWA on 10 Oct 2017, with a motto to serve those who served the nation. The project aims at sharing and caring for veterans in ECHS Polyclinics. It is a volunteer based programme, seeking volunteers from School/ College students, Veterans and their dependents. These volunteers offer their services to help out the veterans at ECHS Polyclinics. Volunteers with 25 hrs of meaningful volunteer service are eligible for the AWWA Certificate of excellence. Prospective Volunteers may contact CO ECHS at 011-25682879/011-2568487 and at diropsechs-mod@nic.in

No. 42/02/2024-P&PW(D)
Government of India
Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances & Pensions
Department of Pension & Pensioners' Welfare

3rd Floor, Lok Nayak Bhawan
Khan Market, New Delhi-110003
Date :- 13th March, 2024

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Sub: Grant of Dearness Relief to Central Government pensioners/family pensioners – Revised rate effective from 01.01.2024-reg

The undersigned is directed to refer to this Department's OM No. 42/04/2023-P&PW(D) dated 27.10.2023 on the subject mentioned above and to state that the President is pleased to decide that the Dearness Relief admissible to Central Government Pensioners/Family Pensioners shall be enhanced from the existing rate of 46% to 50% of the basic pension/family pension (including additional pension/family pension) w.e.f 01st January, 2024.

2. These rates of DR will be applicable to the following categories:-

- (i) Civilian Central Government Pensioners/Family Pensioners including Central Govt. absorbee pensioners in PSU/Autonomous Bodies in respect of whom orders have been issued vide this Department's OM No. 4/34/2002-P&PW(D)Vol.II dated 23.06.2017 for restoration of full pension after expiry of commutation period of 15 years.
- (ii) The Armed Forces Pensioners/Family Pensioners and Civilian Pensioners/Family Pensioners paid out of the Defence Service Estimates.
- (iii) All India Service Pensioners/Family Pensioners.
- (iv) Railway Pensioners/Family Pensioners.
- (v) Pensioners who are in receipt of provisional pension.
- (vi) The Burma Civilian Pensioners/Family Pensioners and Pensioners/families of displaced Government Pensioners from Burma/ Pakistan, in respect of whom orders have been issued vide this Department's OM No. 23/3/2008-P&PW(B) dated 11.09.2017.

3. The payment of Dearness Relief involving a fraction of a rupee shall be rounded off to the next higher rupee.

4. The payment of arrears of Dearness Relief shall not be made before the date of disbursement of pension/family pension of March, 2024.

5. Other provisions governing grant of DR in respect of employed family pensioners and re-employed Central Government Pensioners will be regulated in accordance with the provisions contained in Rule 52 of CCS (Pension) Rules, 2021 and this Department's OM No. 45/73/97-P&PW (G) dated 2.7.1999 as amended from time to time. The provisions relating to regulation of DR where a pensioner is in receipt of more than one pension will remain unchanged.

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6. In the case of retired Judges of the Supreme Court and High Courts, necessary orders will be issued by the Department of Justice separately.

7. It will be the responsibility of the pension disbursing authorities, including the nationalized banks, etc. to calculate the quantum of DR payable in each individual case.

8. The offices of Accountant General and authorised Pension Disbursing Banks are requested to arrange payment of Dearness Relief to Pensioners/Family Pensioners on the basis of these instructions without waiting for any further instructions from the Comptroller and Auditor General of India and the Reserve Bank of India in view of letter No. 528-TA, II/34-80-II dated 23/04/1981 of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India addressed to all Accountant Generals and Reserve Bank of India Circular No. GANB No. 2958/GA-64 (ii) (CGL)/81 dated the 21st May, 1981 addressed to State Bank of India and its subsidiaries and all Nationalised Banks.

9. In so far as the persons serving in Indian Audit and Accounts Department are concerned, these orders are issued in consultation with the Comptroller and Auditor General of India, as mandated under Article 148(5) of the Constitution of India.

10. This issues in accordance with the Ministry of Finance, Department of Expenditure's OM No. 1/1/2024-E-II (B) dated 12.03.2024.

Hindi version will follow.


(Ravinder Kumar) 13/3/24
Director

ADVISORY: NOMINATIONS

We have our pension coming to the Bank account through the Pension Disbursing Agency - DPDO/ CPPC, now through SPARSH. It is important to declare **nominee** for the bank account and for claiming **Life Time Arrears (LTA)**.

• **JOINT A/C FOR PENSION:** The pensioners must open a joint pension a/c with their Spouse. On demise, the balance in the joint a/c will pass on to the survivor, ie the Spouse, being the secondary account holder. The Family pension will also commence in this account w/o opening another a/c.

• **NOMINATION IN THE BANK A/C:** The nominee assumes importance in case of a single pensioner/account holder. The declared Nominee will be authorised to withdraw the balance amount from this a/c.

• **NOMINATION FOR LIFE TIME ARREARS (LTA)**

The nomination for LTA is essential so that after the death of the pensioner, all dues to the pensioner are paid to the Nominee.

The pensioner is required to submit "FORM A" to PCDA (P), Pension Disbursement Authority (DPDO/CPPC of the Bank), Bank Branch and retain one copy.

Format for "FORM A" is given as per the link below: <https://pensionersportal.gov.in/forms/nominationforms/NominationFormA.pdf>

NOTE

Once migrated to SPARSH, the provision for LTA nomination exists on the Portal, which can be updated after login.

- Click on 'Manage Profile'
- Click on 'Nominee Details' - Select LTA - Under it Select 'Add Nominee' and follow process

12681/Gen/T-1/MP 5(b)

All HQs Comds (MS & A Br)

All Col Veterans

(Policy & Planning)/MP 5(b)
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 Integrated HQ of MoD (Army)
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 west Block-III, RK Puram
 New Delhi - 110066

20 Feb 2024

**FORMULATION OF POLICY AND PUB OF PART-II
 ORDERS IN RESPECT OF RETD OFFRS**

1. Officers Record Office (ORO)/ MP-5 is the custodian of approx 92.000 documents of Veteran offrs/NsOK and resp for maint, processing of all disability, pensionary claims and handling offline/online grievances of Veteran offrs/NsOK. No provision existed in the Documentation Procedure for Offrs-2014 to publish pt II orders for retd offrs and same was carried out by MPRS(O) & TA Dte in manual mode. Moreover, PT-II orders of retd JCOs/OR were published by respective Record Offices.
2. In absence of such provisions data updation/correction in respect of Indian Army veteran offrs was carried out by MP 5/ORO manually on receipt of requisite docu as per PCDA (P) guidelines Post requisite verification/ legal vetting of the docu necessary amtds/updates were made in the Record of Service (RoS) and accordingly cases were processed with PCDA (O)Pune/ PCDA (P) Prayagraj with intimation to the offr concerned.
3. Numerous requests/ representations were recd from the veterans for publication of cas post retirement. PCDA (O) Pune and PCDA (P) Prayagraj had also requested for publication of digitally signed part II orders for release of benefits/updation of data accordingly. Case was processed for obtaining separate SUS No for MP-5/ORO to facilitate publication of part-II orders in r/o veteran offrs/ NsOK/ dependents.
4. HRMS appin software which is used to publish part II orders for serving personnel has now been customized to also publish part II orders of veteran offrs. Part-II module on HRMS is now fully functional and is compatible with corresponding software/utility of PCsDA. Publication of Part-II orders in r/o veteran offrs will ensure accountability, transparency and mgt of records.
5. It is requested to give wide publicity to the devp and disseminate the same to offices dealing with veteran offrs.



(Nalin Sharma)
 Col
 Col MP-5
 for Adjutant General

Encls : As above.**Copy to :-**

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MS(Coord)	-	For info of concerned sec pl.
PS-3	-	For info . pl

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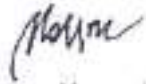
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Adjutant General's Branch
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12 Mar 2024

**EXECUTIVE INSTRUCTIONS: DOMICILIARY MEDICAL
EQUIPMENT FOR ECHS BENEFICIARIES**

1. Please ref Central Org ECHS letter No B/49761/AG/ECHS/Medicine Policy/2023 dated 30 Nov 2023.
2. As per existing policy on procurement of domiciliary med eqpt, various types of aids/eqpts are being purchased through SEMOs. It has been brought to notice that many such eqpts particularly hearing aids are not being collected by ECHS beneficiaries after procurement due to various reasons. As these eqpts do not have indefinite shelf life they need to be utilized adequately within its useful shelf life. As wait for collection can not be Indefinite a need is felt to frame suitable guidelines for judicious use of procured domiciliary aids/ eqpts out of govt fund.
3. Guidelines on the subject matter are as follows :-
 - (a) Domiciliary eqpts are mandatorily needed to be collected within 60 days from date of taking on ledger at med store of service hospital. All possible effort should be made by ECHS PC to liaise with the ECHS beneficiary to collect it within 60 days.
 - (b) Beyond 60 days SEMO is hereby authorised to issue the same eqpt to any other suitable ECHS beneficiary for whom recommendation matches available left over domiciliary eqpt.
 - (c) A reconciliation certificate needs to be issued by SEMO stating that domiciliary med eqpts purchased in name of one indl is now being issued to a new indl due to non collection by the previous beneficiary.
 - (d) The manufacturer warranty should start from date of issue to new ECHS beneficiary (suitable changes in terms & conditions may be included by SEMO during procurement process of such eqpts). Its maintenance, repair and replacement will be governed as per a/m letter under reference.
 - (e) The ECHS beneficiary in whose name the domiciliary med eqpt was originally purchased should be banned for next 06 months from date of issue to the other ECHS beneficiary for processing demand for similar type of eqpt again.
4. This has approval of MD ECHS.


(Sri Kant Kumar)
Lt Col
Jt Dir (Med & Eqpt)
For MD ECHS

Col RS Malik (Retd), President Haryana Ex-Services League Rohtak and Lt Colonel Ranbir Singh (Retd), General Secretary, Indian Ex-Services League, Capt Bhupender Punia met Shri Nayab Singh Saini, Chief Minister Haryana and appraised him with difficulties faced by ESM in Haryana State



Indian Ex-Serviceman

BANK OF BARODA UNDER THE LEADERSHIP OF DEFENCE BANKING ADVISOR JAMMU & KASHMIR AND LEH BRIGADIER NARENDRA KUMAR KHAJURIA WITH THE KIND INITIATIVE OF VICE PRESIDENT IESL NK DALBIR SINGH BHATYAL FELICITATED 30 VEER NARIES AND ALSO MADE THEM AWARE OF THE BOB MILITARY SALARY PACKAGE APPLICABLE TO THEM WITH BETTER FACILITIES THEN THE OTHER BANKS.



New Command Hospital at Udhampur was inaugurated on 10 Apr 2024 by Gen Manoj Pande, PVSM, AVSM, VSM, ADC, Chief of Army Staff virtually amongst presence of Army Cdr and civil dignitaries. Naik Dalbir Singh Bhatyal, Sr Vice President and other members of Jammu and Kashmir Ex-Services League attended the ceremony



Indian Ex-Serviceman

Sub Maj RK Dikshit (Retd), GC Member IESL met with Hon'ble RM and Army Cdr Central Command and discussed regarding anomalies of OROP and empanelment of Super Speciality Hospitals/AIIMS and other Central Govt Medical Colleges and Hospitals.



NO. 12(5)/2024-D(WE)
Government of India
Ministry of Defence
Department of Ex-Servicemen Welfare
D(WE/Res-I)

221, B-wing, Sena Bhawan, New Delhi
Dated the 14th March, 2024

TO,
The Chief of Defence Staff
The Chief of Army Staff
The Chief of Air Staff
The Chief of Naval Staff

Subject: Opening of type 'D' ECHS Polyclinic at Bhoranj and Gagret in Himachal Pradesh

Sir,

1. I am directed to convey the sanction of the Competent Authority for opening of following ECHS Polyclinic:-

- (a) Type 'D' ECHS Polyclinic at Bhoranj, District Hamirpur, Himachal Pradesh
- (b) Type 'D' Gagret, District Una, Himachal Pradesh.

2. This issues with concurrence of Ministry of Defence (Finance/Pension) vide their ID No 32(05)/2024/Fin/Pension dated 11.03.2024.



(Dr. P.P. Sharma)
OSD(WE/I&C)
Tel. 2301 5772

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF FINANCE
DEPARTMENT OF EXPENDITURE
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTIONS No. 1945 (SAKA)

INFORMATION REGARDING EIGHT PAY COMMISSION

395 SHRI RAM NATH THAKUR

Will the minister of finance be pleased to state

- (a) the reasons recorded on files for not considering and according approval of Para 1.22 of 7th CPC by Government:
- (b) whether no proposal for setting up Eighth Central Pay Commission is under consideration due to the fact that Government is not in a position to bear the burden of pay commission:
- (c) if so, the details and reasons for such situation, and
- (d) if not, the reasons why 5th largest economy is not setting up Eighth Central Pay Commission and revising pay of the Central Government employees who are facingunprecedented inflation in the last thirty years?

**ANSWER MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE
(SHRI PANKAJ CHAUDHARY)**

- (a): This issue has not been considered by the Union Cabinet while according the approval for the revision of pay and allowances based on 7th CPC.
- (b) to (d): No such proposal is under consideration of the Government.

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B/49778/AG/ECHS/Claims/ Advisory

(All Regional Centres)

BY REGDSDS / POSI

Central Organisation ECHS
Adjutant General's Branch
Integrated HQ of MoD (Army)
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Near Gopinath Circle
New Delhi - 110010

20 Feb 2024


CLARITY ON ONCOLOGY/ CHEMOTHERAPY RELATED CLAIMS

1. Ref the fwg:-
 - (a) CO ECHS letter No B/49770/ECHS/ Treatment at 06 Mar 2018.
 - (b) CO ECHS letter No B/49770/AG/ECHS/ Treatment dt 10 Apr 2018.
 - (c) CO ECHS letter No B/49778/AG/ECHS/Claim/Policy dt 02 Feb 2023.
2. The following clarification is issued regarding the above :-
 - (a) The policy letter dated 06 Mar 2018 was issued to process retrospective claims which were in NMI / recommended for rejection for want of invoice. This policy is not applicable for settled or rejected claims for want of invoice.
 - (b) The policy letter dated 10 Apr 2018 further clarifies that where invoice is uploaded with MRP on sticker/ Packet, the rate should be same and if there is a variation, the lowest rate is applicable.
3. From the above, it is clear beyond doubt that invoice is required in every claim. The fresh advisory dated 02 Feb 2023 further brings out that the details like batch/lot no in the uploaded vial or pouch should be the same as mentioned in the invoice. The hospital invoice bearing the GST & DL number would suffice. As per CGHS rates, which are applicable for ECHS, there is no restrictions on MRP being mentioned in the invoice. However, under no circumstance can the invoice price exceed the MRP.
4. This has the approval of MD, ECHS.

Encls : As above.

Copy to:-

UTI-ITSL
Surabhi Arcade
1st Floor 5-1-664


(Rajesh Batlish)
Surg Capt
OIC Claim
for MD ECHS

for processing online claims.

NOTICE FOR ECHS MEMBERS

Dear ECHS Members, We kindly request that you avoid visiting the ECHS polyclinic at the end of each month. This temporary measure is necessary to facilitate stock checking clearance procedures. Your cooperation in this matter is greatly appreciated as it helps ensure the smooth functioning of ECHS facility.

ECHS Beneficiaries PI Note: NO medicine issue on last working day of month owing to stock taking.

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1. Pandit Deendayal Energy University, Raisan, Gandhinagar (Gujarat) has offered the following reservation in seats and concession in tuition fee for Defence Personnel/PMF and their wards:-

- (a) Res of 2% seats for Defence personnel and their wards.
- (b) 100% waiver of Tuition fees for wards of Gallantry Award winners and those who made supreme sacrifice for the Nation i.e. fatal battle cas.
- (c) 50% concession in tuition fees for wards of war injured/war disabled soldiers and Defence Forces.
- (d) 50% concession in tuition fees to wards of soldiers whose annual income is less than Rs 08 lakhs.
- (e) 50% of waiver of tuition fee to soldiers taking admission in Masters/ PhD programmes.

2. For further details of the University, please log on to Website of the University [p://www.pdpu.ac.in](http://www.pdpu.ac.in).
(Authority : AG's Branch, C&W Dte /CW-3, IHQ of MoD (Army) New Delhi letter No B/44607/A4/PDPU/CW-3/Edn dated 13 Mar 2024).

ADVISORY: DISPOSAL OF NSP WEAPON

1. A large number of Veterans are in possession of NSP weapons. Disposal of these weapons is a matter of common concern. The Veterans in possession of weapons must familiarize themselves with the Arms Act, amendments if any (Arms Act of 1959 read in conjunction with Arms (Amendment) Act 2019), and the relevant Army Orders (SAO 4/S/2006, AO227/75, SAO6/S/81).

2. Entitled Personnel as per Army Order.

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|--|--|
| (a) Serving Army Officers | - All Weapons |
| (b) Retired Army Officers | - All Weapons less "Prohibited Bore" |
| (c) JCOs | - Carbine.30, Rif.30BA df & SBBL |
| (d) Civilian Gazetted Officers
(Serving Class I only) | - Pistol/ Revolver.32 & 12
Bore SBBL/DBBL |

3. The options available for disposal of NSP Weapon are as under:

- (a) Transfer of weapon to Another Entitled Personnel- Officer/JCO (Serving/Retired).
- (b) Return the Weapon to the Ordnance Depot.
- (c) On Demise of a NSP Weapon Holder, the legal heirs may apply for retention as family heirloom on sentimental reasons.

4. Procedure. The Disposal of the NSP Weapon can be carried out only after the approval of the Standing Allotment Committee (STC). The documents required to be submitted are as under:-

(a) Transfer of weapon to Another Entitled Personnel.

- (i) Application from the Transferor – Appendix 'A'
- (ii) Application from the Transferee – Appendix 'B'
- (iii) Certificate from the Transferee that "I am not in possession of any NSP weapon allotted to me through Ordnance or transferred by any other entitled person"- Appendix 'C'
- (iv) Photocopy of the Issue Voucher of the Weapon issued by the Ordnance.
- (v) In case of loss of Issue Voucher, an Affidavit as per Appendix 'F'
- (vi) Legible copy of the Valid Arms License of the Transferor and the Transferee (If retired).
- (vii) If Arms License is not renewed, an Affidavit on Rs 10/- Non Judicial Stamp Paper attested by Notary, sample at Appendix 'G'

(b) Return the Weapon to Ordnance Depot.

- (i) Application from the Weapon Holder–Appendix 'D'.
- (ii) Photocopy of the Issue Voucher of the Weapon issued by the Ordnance.
- (iii) In case of loss of Issue Voucher, an Affidavit as per Appendix 'F'.
- (iv) Legible copy of the Valid Arms License of the Weapon Holder.
- (v) If Arms License is not renewed, an Affidavit on Rs 10/- Non Judicial Stamp Paper attested by Notary, sample at Appendix 'G'.

(c) On Demise of a NSP Weapon Holder, the legal heirs may apply for retention as family heirloom on sentimental reasons.

- (i) Details of the NSP Weapon Holder –Appendix 'E'
- (ii) Application from the Transferee – Appendix 'B'
- (iii) Legible copy of valid arms license of the transferee.
- (iv) Certificate from the Transferee that "I am not in possession of any NSP weapon allotted to me through Ordnance or transferred by any other entitled person"- Appendix 'C'
- (v) Photocopy of the Issue Voucher of the Weapon issued by the Ordnance.
- (vi) In case of loss of Issue Voucher, an Affidavit as per Appendix 'F'
- (vii) Legal Heir Certificate
- (viii) An Affidavit in original on Rs 10/- Non Judicial Stamp Paper from Legal Heir duly attested by Notary as per Appendix 'H'.
- (ix) Death Certificate of the NSP Weapon Holder.
- (x) No Objection Certificate from the other Legal Heirs.

Note: If the sanction for retention is not granted by the SAC, the Weapon will be returned to the designated Ordnance Depot.

ADVISORY: PENSION PAYMENT ORDER (PPO)

PPO is the most important document after retirement, we advise you to keep it securely and keep your spouse/ family members aware of where it is kept.

Please check your PPO thoroughly going through each column and row carefully for correctness:-

- **Personal Particulars**
 - Army No, rank and name should be correct.
 - **Name** - Spellings of the name of self, spouse and dependents is required to be identical in all documents viz. PPO, Aadhar, PAN, Bank, Service Booklet/ Discharge Book & Passport. etc.
 - **Date of Birth** – Similarly DoB in respect of yourself & Spouse needs to be correct as per documents and accordingly endorsed for necessary financial benefits that would accrue on attainment of 80/85/90/95/100 years of age.
 - **Handicap Child/ Widowed/Divorced/Unmarried Daughter** - In case of handicap child, widowed/divorced/unmarried daughter's name should be endorsed in PPO.
 - Date of Enrolment/Commission & Date of commencement of pension should be correct in the PPO.
 - **Qualifying Service (QS)** in terms of years/month/days must be accurately endorsed. Ensure that in case of offrs with pre-commissioned service, the same is duly included in QS.
- **Type of Pension** - Service/Disability/War Injury/Family Pension-LFP, SFP, OFP/Dependent.
 - Rate of Family Pension-LFP/SFP/OFP including the enhanced rate.
- Gratuity & ECHS contribution.
- **Commutation** - Amount and date of Absolute Commutation (It could be in variance with date of retirement).
- **Details of Spouse**- Name and date of birth and aligned with Aadhar and PAN Card. (In case only age and year of birth is mentioned-approach Records Office/ MP5).
- **Details of Bank**
 - Correctness of account number & bank details.
 - Ensure your pension joint account with spouse & you as the primary account holder.
 - Ensure nominee is designated for the bank acct

Corrigendum PPO

- Original PPO is the most important document.
- Corrigendum PPOs are issued when any change in the structure of basic pension or any correction in the service particulars is made.

ADVISORY: IMPORTANT DOCUMENTATION AFTER RETIREMENT

- Documentation after retirement continues to be as important as it was during service. Our pension, entitlements and welfare schemes are directly dependent upon correct documentation.
- After retirement, the documents are processed with the respective Records/ORO initiated by concerned Zila Sainik Board.
- Service Particulars Booklet/ Discharge Book issued at the time of retirement by ORO/ Depot Coy; contains service particulars, family details, perm address etc. Personal particulars in all documents should be same, incl spelling: PPO, Aadhaar, PAN, Bank Account, ECHS, Passport, DL, Voter ID, I Cards etc.
- The procedure/ format for some of the documents that are generally required to be processed are given in the link below

The important documents are as under:

1. Change/Correction of Spouse Name in the PPO.
https://www.indianarmyveterans.gov.in/PDF/Downloads/Documents_required_for_Change_of_Name_of_Spouse.pdf
2. Endorsement of Spouse name in PPO.
https://www.indianarmyveterans.gov.in/PDF/Downloads/Documents_required_for_endorsement_of_Name_and_Date_of_Birth_of_Spous.pdf
3. Endorsement of Spouse DOB in the PPO.
https://www.indianarmyveterans.gov.in/PDF/Downloads/Documents_required_for_endorsement_of_Name_and_Date_of_Birth_of_Spous.pdf
4. Endorsement of 2nd wife particulars in PPO and Record of Service.
https://www.indianarmyveterans.gov.in/PDF/Downloads/Documents_required_for_endorsement_of_name_of_Second_Wife.pdf
5. Change of Home Address.
https://www.indianarmyveterans.gov.in/PDF/Downloads/CHANGE_OF_PERMT_HOME_ADD.pdf
6. Demand of Service Particulars Booklet/Discharge Book.
https://www.indianarmyveterans.gov.in/PDF/Downloads/SERVICE_PARTICULARS_BOOKLET.pdf
7. Documents for endorsement of Family Pension after demise of the service pensioner.
https://www.indianarmyveterans.gov.in/PDF/Downloads/Document_for_Demise_of_ESM.pdf
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10. Family Pension to unmarried/widowed/Divorced daughter.
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11. Application for issue of Education Concession Certificate.
https://www.indianarmyveterans.gov.in/PDF/Downloads/EDUCATION_CONCESSION_TO_BC.pdf
12. Application for transfer of Pension Disbursement Agency/Bank.
https://www.indianarmyveterans.gov.in/PDF/Downloads/APPLICATION_FOR_TRANSFER_OF_PDA.PDF
13. Form for issue of 7th CPC ePPO
<https://www.indianarmyveterans.gov.in/PDF/Downloads/LPC.pdf>

ADVISORY:**DEMISE OF A SERVING SOLDIER IMPORTANT POINTS FOR THE SPOUSE/ NOK**

In case of Demise of a Serving Soldier, the initial pension and documentation for all entitlements are processed/ assisted by the Unit. The unit detail a special courier to Records Office/ ORO/ MPRSO, PAO/ PCDA(O)/ PCDA(P), AGIF, ZSB and all other concerned establishments. The progress of documents is required to be updated to DIAV by concerned agencies involved. The Complete pension process is now initiated online through SPARSH.

Once the pension commences and other terminal benefits are settled, the Spouse/ NOK need to know some important issues related to his/ her pension and entitlements.

- **PPO.** It is the most important document. Pension notified as Ordinary/ Special/ Liberalised (OFP/SFP/LFP). Please ensure that the entitled family pension is correctly revised as per OROP Tables and CPC, specially in respect of legacy Family Pensioners.
- NoK must obtain Descriptive Roll from Records Office/ MP5/ MPRSO, giving service particulars of the deceased and other personal details.
- Ensure Nominee for Bank a/c and Life Time Arrears are notified.
- In case of AGIF deposits under Social Security Deposit (SSD) Schemes, receipt be kept in safe custody and maturity period be noted.
- Register with ZSB for entitlements/ welfare schemes/ employment offered by the State Government and apply for **Widow/ War Widow/Dependent** Identity Card from ZSB.
- Apply for CSD Cards as primary beneficiary.
- Apply for online 64 KB ECHS Card for self as primary beneficiary and dependents.
- Register with DGR for any eligible scheme.
- Register self/ dependents with AWPO for employment opportunities in the corporate sector.
- Register with DIAV for any assistance, download registration form given in the link: <https://www.indianarmyveterans.gov.in/download.html>
- BC cases to Obtain Entitlement Card for Children Education Grant through Records Office/ ORO.
- BC cases entitled 100% reimbursement of Tuition & Hostel fee till Graduation. Apply for Education Grant up to Graduation with CW3 as per the link given below: <https://www.indianarmyveterans.gov.in/grants.html>
- **Grants to the Fatal Cases(BC & PC) through DIAV:**
 - Education Grant to BC-for PG & Professional Courses for Wards
 - Education Grant to PC- from Class I upto Graduation, PG & Professional Courses for Wards.
 - Education grant for Widows-for Graduation, PG & Professional Courses.
 - One Time Computer Grant - BC & PC pursuing Graduation and above(Wards & Widow)
 - Daughter's marriage/ Widow marriage/Orphan Son's marriage grant.

For detailed information on Entitlements, Benefits, Welfare Schemes to the Spouse and NOK, please visit the link below :

<https://www.indianarmyveterans.gov.in>

ADVISORY : ACTIONS TO BE TAKEN ON MIGRATION FROM LEGACY SYSTEM OF PENSION DISBURSEMENT TO SPARSH

- System for Pension Administration Raksha (SPARSH) has been implemented for sanction and disbursement of Pension for all Defence pensioners.
- "The aim is "Right Pension at Right Time" through a secure and reliable digital platform.

The major features are:

- Centralized sanction, claim and disbursement of pension.
- Easy validation and rectification of data
- Digital process for pensioner identification.
- Real time tracking of grievances.
- The system would cater to all activities of the pension cycle namely:
 - Initiation and Sanction
 - Disbursement
 - Revision
 - Service and Grievance Request Management
 - Know Your Migration Status
- Visit SPARSH website: <https://sparsh.defencepension.gov.in/>
- Go to "Services"
- Under 'Track', click on "Know Your SPARSH PPO and Identification Status"
- Under 'Unique Identifier' click of "Select an Option" and select any of the following option o Bank Account No. o Personal No. o SPARSH No o E PPO No.
- Enter the values as per the selected 'Unique Identifier'.
- Click on "Search".
- In case migrated, the details of the pensioner will be generated to including the SPARSH PPO No.
- In case not yet migrated, a message to this effect will pop up.
- Immediately on migration to SPARSH system of Pension Disbursement, the pensioner should take following actions.
 - Login: <https://sparsh.defencepension.gov.in/>
 - The pensioner will be provided the login credentials on the mobile number and email id captured by the initiating agency.
 - Username : SPARSH PPO Number with suffix as 01 for Service Pensioner and 02 for Family Pensioner
 - Password : A system generated password through SPARSH website. In case no such message received, go to 'Forget Password ' and new system generated password will be received.
 - Once logged in, you will be prompted to create your own password and login. Remember this PASSWORD.
 - Personal Data Verification : PDV
 - Using the system provided login credentials, the pensioner will be able to log on to the SPARSH Pensioner Portal for initiating the 'verification of data'.
 - After initial login a window showing PDV will appear.

- Personal data is made available in SPARSH Portal to facilitate the pensioner to scrutinize.
 - Clicking on 'next' – 'next' – till the last pop up, it will take you to Aadhar based e-authentication through an OTP.
 - Updating of Aadhar and PAN Cards
 - After Login, Select ' Manage Profile ' and update your Aadhar Card details else your digital life certificate (DLC) will not be updated Similarly in case your PAN card number is not updated, your income tax will continue to be deducted at specified flat rate.
 - Note : In case there is mismatch in the Aadhar , following procedure be followed:
 - Visit SPARSH website: <https://sparsh.defencepension.gov.in/>
 - Go to " Services "
 - Under 'Track' , click on " Update Aadhar "
 - Enter either of the options - SPARSH PPO No or Legacy PPO No in respective Boxes.
 - Click on " Verify & Proceed "
 - Enter Aadhar Number in the Box
 - Click on "Verify & Proceed"
 - Updating Mobile No
 - Visit SPARSH website: <https://sparsh.defencepension.gov.in/>
 - Go to " Services "
 - Under 'Track' , click on " Update Mobile "
 - Enter either of the options - SPARSH PPO No or Legacy PPO No in respective Boxes.
 - Under 'Authentication Type' , Select " Aadhar "
 - Click on " Proceed "
 - Enter Aadhar Number in the Box
 - Click on "Send OTP"
 - You will get an OTP on your Aadhar registered mobile number.
 - Enter the Mobile Number to be updated.
 - Identification (Life Certificate) Submit Life Certificate/Identify yourself using any one of the Following two methods by visiting DIAV or nearest Col Veterans/ CSC/Bank :
 - Biometric enabled digital services (DLC - Digital Life Certificate).
 - Upload Manual Life Certificate -MLC.
- Note : In case you are unable to process the above actions yourself, please visit DIAV or your nearest Col Veterans/ Common Service Centre (CSC) at DPDO/ZSB/ESM Cells/Records Office/Nominated Bank Branches for any assistance and ensure that these actions are completed without any delay.

ADVISORY:**ENDORSEMENT/ CHANGE/ CORRECTION NAME & DOB OF SPOUSE IN PPO/ SPARSH**

The Spouse of an ESM is the first claimant of Pension & Entitlements on his/ her demise. It is important that details of spouse are correctly notified in PPO. There are elderly Veterans who retired when such provisions were not existing and many later retirees may have incorrect/ incomplete details of spouse endorsed in PPO/ SPARSH.

Please also remember, details in the Record of Service alone do not make the spouse automatically entitled to pension and entitlements. Endorsement in the PPO/ SPARSH is essential.

Procedures for the following contingencies have been laid down:

- Endorsement of Spouse Name in the Record of Service
[https://www.indianarmyveterans.gov.in/PDF/Downloads/
Documents required for endorsement of Name and Date of Birth of Spous.pdf](https://www.indianarmyveterans.gov.in/PDF/Downloads/Documents%20required%20for%20endorsement%20of%20Name%20and%20Date%20of%20Birth%20of%20Spous.pdf)
- Endorsement of Family Pension on demise of ESM after retirement
[https://www.indianarmyveterans.gov.in/PDF/Downloads/
ENDORSEMENT OF FAMILY PENSION ON DEMIS.pdf](https://www.indianarmyveterans.gov.in/PDF/Downloads/ENDORSEMENT%20OF%20FAMILY%20PENSION%20ON%20DEMIS.pdf)
- Endorsement of Spouse Date of birth in the PPO
[https://www.indianarmyveterans.gov.in/PDF/Downloads/
Documents required for change of Date of Birth of Spouse.pdf](https://www.indianarmyveterans.gov.in/PDF/Downloads/Documents%20required%20for%20change%20of%20Date%20of%20Birth%20of%20Spouse.pdf)
- Endorsement of name of Second Wife on demise/divorce of first wife
[https://www.indianarmyveterans.gov.in/PDF/Downloads/
Documents required for endorsement of name of Second Wife.pdf](https://www.indianarmyveterans.gov.in/PDF/Downloads/Documents%20required%20for%20endorsement%20of%20name%20of%20Second%20Wife.pdf)
- The Record Office/ORO or PCDA(P) may ask for certain additional documents.
- All documents are required to be processed with respective Record Offices, initiated by concerned ZSB.
- Above actions are essential only then can the desiredf changes can affected SPARSH.

**ADVISORY : MEDICAL CARE OF ESM IN MILITARY HOSPITALS
IN EMERGENCY AND LIFE THREATENING CONDITIONS**

1. While the ECHS organization was created on 01 Apr 2003 with the aim to provide comprehensive medicare to the retirees of Armed Forces, care of ESM still remains one of the important and sensitive functions of Military Hospitals. Grievances and complaints on various issues varying from refusal of admission to inadequate medical care at Mil Hosp are received from ESM. Majority of these complaints can be addressed if patients are attended to with empathy and patience.

2. In order to facilitate the emergency medical care of ESM, following actions will be ensured by all Military Hospitals.

- (a) No ESM reporting for emergency and life saving care will be denied admission
- (b) Any decision to refer the patient to an empanelled hospital will only be taken with due clearance from Comdt/CO/HoD
- (c) When an ECHS member ESM is referred to an empanelled hospital, all possible assistance in terms of contact with the empanelled hospital, ascertaining bed availability, details of ambulance services for transfer of patient etc will be provided to the relatives/ attendants of the patient.
- (d) The role of the Mil Hosp will continue till the patient is admitted to the empanelled hospital.
- (e) The record of all such patients will be maintained by the Mil Hosps and will be monitored by Comdt/ CO hosp for effective implementation of the instructions.

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05 Feb 2024

IHQ of MoD (Navy/Dir ECHS (N))
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HQ Southern Command (A/ECHS)
HQ Eastern Command (A/ECHS)
HQ Western Command (A/ECHS)
HQ Central Command (A/ECHS)
HQ Northern Command (A/ECHS)
HQ South Western Command (A/ECHS)
HQ Andaman & Nicobar Command (A/ECHS)
AMA ECHS, Embassy of India, Nepal
All Regional Centre's

**APPLICATION OF CGHS RATES FOR CARDIOLOGY PROCEDURE, INCLUSION OF
NEW PROCEDURE AND REVISION OF RATES OF PET CT SCAN - REG**

1. Please refer GOI MoD (DoESW) letter No 22D(10)/2023/(WE)/D(Res-I) dt 01 Feb 2024 (copy enclosed).
2. The revised rates for Cardiology procedures, inclusion of new procedure and revision of rates of PET CT Scan promulgated by MoD will be applicable for ECHS at all RCs pan India w.e.f 01 Feb 2024 onwards till further orders.
3. Kindly instruct all stakeholders in your AOR to follow the orders with immediate effect.


(Rajesh Batish)
Surg Capt
Jt Dir Claim
for MD ECHS

File No 22D(10)/2023/ (WE)/D(Res-I)
Government of India
Ministry of Defence
Deptt of Ex-Servicemen Welfare
D(We/Res-I)

Room No. 221, B-wing,
Sena Bhawan, New Delhi.
Dated: 01 February, 2024

To,
The CDS
The Chief of Army Staff
The Chief of Naval Staff
The Chief of Air Staff

Subject:- Application of CCGHS rates for Cardiology Procedure, Inclusion of New Procedures and Revision of Rates of PET CT SCAN - reg

With reference to Government of India, MoH&FW OM No.S-11011/ 49/ 2020/ CGHS(HEC) dated 21st December 2023 vide which CGHS Package rates for Cardiology Procedure, new procedures and revision of rates of PET CT Scan (as tabulated below) is revised. The approval of Competent Authority is hereby accorded for making the following revised treatment/ investigayions/ procedures applicable to ECHS beneficiaries:

Ser No.	CGHS Rate code Number	Treatment procedure Cardiovascular and Cardiac Surgery & Investigations	Ncn-NABH/Non-NABL Rates in Rupees	NABH/ NABL Rates in Rupees
1	544	Balloon coronary angioplasty/ percutaneous transluminal Coronary Angioplasty (PTCA)/ Percutaneous Coronary Intervention (PCI) with Vascular Closure Device (VCD)	78,200	92,000
2	545	Balloon coronary angioplasty/ percutaneous transluminal Coronary Angioplasty (PTCA)/ Percutaneous Coronary Intervention (PCI) with Vascular Closure Device (VCD)	71,150	92,000
3	546	Rotablation	47,775	56,206
4	547	Balloon Mitral Valvotomy percutaneous transvenous mitral Commissurotomy (PTMC)	77,000	90,700
5	548	Cardiac Catheterization (CATH)	11,510	13,545
6	556	Coarctation dilatation Ballon dilatation of Aortic coarctation Including Cost of ballon.	60,860	71,600
7	558	Temporary Pacemaker Implantation. (TPI) (Temporary Cardiac Pacing Single Chamber	16,320	19,200
8	560	Permanent Pacemaker Implantaion (PPI) - Single Chamber	27,200	32,000
9	561	Permanent Pacemaker Implantaion Dual Chamber	36,550	43,000
10	562	Permanent Pacemaker Implantaion (PPI) Biventricular	42,180	49,625
11	563	Automatic implantable Cardioverter defibrillator defibrillator (AICD) Single Chamber	42,500	50,000

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12	564	Automatic implantable Cardioverter defibrillator defibrillator (AICD) Dual Chamber	44,500	52,350
13	565	Combo Device Implantation	50,150	59,000
14	566	Diagnostic Electrophysiological Studies Conventional Including catheter	56,100	66,000
15	567	Ambulatory BP Monitoring	1,000	1,000
16	568	External Loop/event recording (maximum up to 7 days)	1,500 first day and 1,000 for subsequent days	1,500 first day and 1,000 for subsequent days
17	569	Radiofrequency (RF) ablation conventional	81,600	96,000
18	570	Radiofrequency (RF) ablation Atrial Tachycardia/with 3-D mapping - all inclusive	1,53,850	1,81,000
19	571	Endomyocardial biopsy	Deleted	Deleted
20	572	Intra-aortic balloon pump (IABP) including Cost of Balloon	42,500	50,000
21	573	Intravascular coils	63,750	75,000
22	574	Septostomy-Balloon	25,500	30,000
23	576	Aortic valve balloon dilatation (AVBD)/ Pulmonary valve Balloon Dilatation(PVBD)	47,940	56,400
24	577	Digital subtraction angiography Peripheral artery	12,400	14,610
25	578	Digital subtraction angiography venogram	12,400	14,610
26	581	Peripheral Angioplasty with VCD	46,750	55,500
27	583	Renal Angioplasty	46,750	55,500
28	584	Intravascular ultrasound (IVUS)	50,000	50,000
29	586	Holter analysis	2,125	2,500
30	588	Inferior Vena Cava (IVC) filter implantation (Cost of Filter extra)	25,500	30,000
31	589	ASD/VSD/PDA device closure	Deleted	Deleted
32	520	Atrial Septal Defect (ASD) Closure.	84,065	98,900
33	521	Ventricular septal defect (VSD) Closure	93,415	1,09,900
34	541	Patent ductus arteriosus (PDA), device closure	46,750	55,000
35	591	Head-up tilt test (HUTT)	3,400	4,000
36	599	Stress Myocardial Perfusion Imaging (MPI)- exercise	7,650	9,000

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37	600	Stress Myocardial Perfusion Imaging (MPI)- pharmacological	7,600	9,000
38	601	Coronary angiography	11,240	13,225
39	608	Pericardiocentesis	8,500	10,000
40	1794	Intracoronary optical coherence tomography (OCT)/Intravascular optical coherence tomography (IVOCT) /Intravascular Ventricular Assist System	65,000	65,000
41	585	Fractional Flow Reserve (FFR) inclusive of cost of wire	30,000	30,000
42	1795	Fractional Flow Reserve (FFR) wire cost (AIIMS Rates)	See code 585	See code 585

New CGHS Treatment Procedure under Cardiology

1	1854	TAVI/TAVR Implant	12,84,000	12,84,000
2	1855	Transcatheter Aortic Valve Implantation (TAVI)/ Transcatheter Aortic Valve Replacement (TAVR) Procedure cost	85,000	1,00,000
3	1856	IVL (Coronary Intra Vascular Lithotripsy / Short wave Lithotripsy) - including GST	2,68,000	2,68,000

CGHS Package rate code for revised rates for PET-CT Scan

1	1380	FDG Whole body PET/CT Scan (with or without contrast)	10,000	11,500
2	1381	Brain/Heart FDG PET/CT Scan	10,000	11,500
3	1382	Gallium-68 Peptide PET/CT Imaging for Neuroendocrine tumor	10,000	11,500

2. These rates are in supersession of the hitherto existing ECHS/ CGHS package rates for the above items. The other terms and conditions of empanelment shall remain unchanged.
3. The revised rates shall be applicable from the date of issue of this letter
4. This issues with the concurrence of MoD (Finance/ Pension) vide their ID No 32109/2023/FIN.PEN dt 01.02.2024.

Yours faithfully

(NK Panda)
Dy Director, D(WE)
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Nanda Kishore Panda
Deputy Director (VK)

OBITUARY



With deep grief and sorrow we regret to inform the sad demise of Dfr Animesh Ghosh at 0100 h on 12 Apr 2024 due to prolonged illness. His date of birth 12 Jan 1938 and 86 years old. Dfr Animesh Ghosh joined Indian Army in Armoured Regiment on 20 Nov 1954 and discharged on 20 Nov 1969 on completion of 15 years of service. He was a disciplined and dedicated soldier. Dfr Animesh Ghosh engaged himself in veteran's welfare services with West Bengal ESL for a long time with close liaison with Local Military Authorities and also remained Sr Vice President of IESL during Mar 2018 to Mar 2023 in Brig Kartar Singh team, then President IESL, with great dignity and pride. He was a well behaved and dedicated worker of the League.

We pray to the almighty to give peace to the departed soul in his heavenly abode and strength to his family to bear the irreparable loss. Heartfelt condolences to the braved family from Brig Inder Mohan Singh (V), President Indian Ex-Services League and all members of Indian Ex-Services League. Om Shanti !



**Brig Inder Mohan Singh,
President IESL**



नवरात्रि
की हार्दिक शुभकामनाएं

मां का रूप है कितना मनभावन,
तन, मन और जीवन हो गया पावन,
मां के कदमों की आहट से
गूंज उठा मेरा घर आंगन।

**नाचो-गाओ, खुशी मनाओ,
आई है बैसाखी, चलो जश्न मनाओ।
रखकर सब चिंताओं को एक ओर मिलकर,
गीत खुशी के गाओ और बैसाखी का त्योहार मनाओ।
बैसाखी की शुभकामनाएं**



Many greetings and best wishes on the auspicious occasions of
NAVARATRE AND BAISAKHI PARV 2024.

Brigadier Inder Mohan Singh, President, IESL