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## FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK



Dear Members,

1. My apologies for the delay in this edition of our Magazine. A lot has happened the past few months which I will cover in brief.
2. Firstly Haryana Ex-Services League (HESL). Its for second time that HESL has been placed under an Administrator from Nov 2025. Earlier it was from 2017 to 2019. Its all because of money which those in power want to control. Its anywhere between Rs 30 to 40 crores per year. Cases are going on between two groups. Its sad for the image of Ex-Servicemen (ESM) and specially of Haryana.
3. The second major development has been the biggest financial loss inflicted upon ESM of J&K. It was a small complaint about a year back which would have gone unnoticed. It was not taken seriously by me too but knowing the financial implication I went into the details. Sad to say but this is a biggest loss to ESM by leadership of J&K ESL.

When I went into details it turns out to be a case of over Rs 100 crore of ESM money used unauthorizedly by the leadership of J&K League. They have indulged in large scale commercial activities and have now large holding of land running into over 200 acres with money collected ESM since 1998. Investigations are on by J&K Govt and we are awaiting the outcome.

4. I wouldn't hesitate in stating that these two States who have indulged in raising illegal issues but with support from majority of States and UTs these have been defeated thoroughly. Its a lesson for all for future.
5. We have communicated to the 8th Army Pay Commission Cell about our views. The same are being published in the Magazine for your information. In case some of you feel additional issues be raised please intimate us.
6. For the first time in the history of IESL we will be following the laid down rules of welfare. To this end States will get about 30 lakhs before end of this year. It is easy to spend money but I would request that there are many States which don't have offices. I suggest that from this year we can help two to three States every year in creating offices. Without a face no organisation can grow and is respected.
7. I will seek support of States to undertake this. The Govts decision to levy income tax on disability pension is a retrograde step. We will see how to take it on.

Jaihind

Brigadier Inder Mohan Singh (Retd)

President

## अध्यक्ष की कलम से

प्रिय सदस्यों,

1. हमारी पत्रिका के इस अंक के प्रकाशन में देरी के लिए क्षमा चाहता हूँ। पिछले कुछ महीनों में कई घटनाएँ घटी हैं, जिनका संक्षिप्त विवरण मैं प्रस्तुत करूँगा।
2. सबसे पहले, हरियाणा पूर्व सैनिक लीग (HESL)। यह दूसरी बार है जब HESL को नवंबर 2025 से प्रशासक के अधीन रखा गया है। इससे पहले यह 2017 से 2019 तक था। यह सब सत्ता में बैठे लोगों द्वारा नियंत्रित धन के कारण हुआ है। यह राशि प्रति वर्ष 30 से 40 करोड़ रुपये के बीच है। दो गुटों के बीच मामले चल रहे हैं। यह पूर्व सैनिकों (ESM) और विशेष रूप से हरियाणा की छवि के लिए दुःखद है।
3. दूसरा प्रमुख घटनाक्रम जम्मू-कश्मीर के पूर्व सैनिकों को पहुँचाया गया सबसे बड़ा वित्तीय नुकसान है। लगभग एक साल पहले एक छोटी सी शिकायत थी जिस पर शायद ध्यान नहीं दिया गया होता। मैंने भी इसे गंभीरता से नहीं लिया था, लेकिन वित्तीय प्रभावों को देखते हुए मैंने इसकी विस्तृत जाँच की। दुःख की बात है, लेकिन जम्मू-कश्मीर पूर्व सैनिक लीग के नेतृत्व द्वारा ईएसएम के 100 करोड़ रुपये से अधिक के धन का अनाधिकृत उपयोग किया गया है। उन्होंने बड़े पैमाने पर व्यावसायिक गतिविधियों में लिप्त होकर 1998 से ईएसएम के रूप में एकत्रित धन से 200 एकड़ से अधिक भूमि पर कब्जा कर लिया है। जम्मू-कश्मीर सरकार द्वारा जांच जारी है और हम परिणाम की प्रतीक्षा कर रहे हैं।
4. मैं यह कहने में संकोच नहीं करूँगा कि इन दो राज्यों ने अवैध मुद्दे उठाए, लेकिन अधिकांश राज्यों और केंद्र शासित प्रदेशों के समर्थन से उन्हें करारी हार मिली है। यह सभी के लिए भविष्य के लिए एक सबक है।
5. हमने 8वें सेना वेतन आयोग प्रकोष्ठ को अपने विचार बता दिए हैं। आपकी जानकारी के लिए इन्हें पत्रिका में प्रकाशित किया जा रहा है। यदि आप में से किसी को कोई अतिरिक्त मुद्दा उठाना आवश्यक लगे, तो कृपया हमें सूचित करें।
6. आईईएसएल के इतिहास में पहली बार हम कल्याणकारी नियमों का पालन करेंगे। इसके लिए राज्यों को इस वर्ष के अंत से पहले लगभग 30 लाख रुपये मिलेंगे। पैसा खर्च करना आसान है, लेकिन मेरा निवेदन है कि कई राज्यों में कार्यालय नहीं हैं। मेरा सुझाव है कि इस वर्ष से हम हर साल दो-तीन राज्यों को कार्यालय स्थापित करने में सहायता कर सकते हैं। बिना किसी प्रतिनिधि के कोई भी संगठन विकसित नहीं हो सकता और न ही उसे सम्मान मिलता है।
7. मैं इस कार्य को करने के लिए राज्यों का सहयोग प्राप्त करूँगा। विकलांगता पेंशन पर आयकर लगाने का सरकार का निर्णय एक प्रतिगामी कदम है। हम देखेंगे कि इसका सामना कैसे किया जाए।

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Dear Veterans /Veer Naris

You may seek common life membership of Indian Ex-Services League through online mode also. Procedure for seeking online membership – you may visit to IESL website – [Indianexservicesleague.in](http://Indianexservicesleague.in) – click to join us – Membership Form –Fill Columns of form, remit membership fee through on-line mode/NEFT/RTGS/QR Code separately and II amount of fee, transaction No and Date of payment etc. in the form, upload PPO Copy and self-photograph- click submit, Veer naris may II her name , date of birth at name and date of birth columns and upload her photo and PPO along with other particulars such as service No Regt/ Corps etc of her husband at prescribed columns. Your Membership card will be dispatched at your address within in 15 days.

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12 Nov 2025

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### **ISSUES PERTAINING TO EX-SERVICEMEN : FINANCIAL HELP TO VETERANS OF WORLD WAR-2**

Sir,

1. At the outset a brief about Indian Ex-Services League (IESL) :-

"IESL is the Apex Body to espouse the cause of Ex-Servicemen (ESM) of the three services (Army, Navy and Air Force). It is the oldest organization of ESM in the country and declared as the Apex Organisation of Ex-Servicemen by an Act of Parliament in 1982. The League was raised by the first Chief of Army Staff Field Marshal KM Cariappa, OBE and the fourth COAS, General KS Thimayya, DSO in 1964 with the aim to render necessary assistance to the ESM and their dependents in matters relating to pension, allowances, grants, war gratuity, resettlement and rehabilitation as also to avoid disunity among Ex-Servicemen. The League works in close cooperation with the Central and State Govts and other official / non-official organizations / agencies. The membership of Ex-Servicemen and their widows is approx 4 lakhs in all the States / UTs of the Country. We have our affiliated Leagues in nearly all the States / UTs, who in turn have affiliated Leagues at District and lower levels. Thus IESL has established an extensive network to reach the ESM in the remotest part of the Country".

2. As you are aware, India was the biggest contributor to the British Army as part of British Indian Army in both World War -1 and 2. There are 31 countries which are part of the Commonwealth and participated in WW-2.



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3. The British Govt, through Royal Commonwealth Ex-Services League (RCEL) was paying a pension to these Veterans of WW-2 of all the countries and their widows as also India whose services were terminated by the Govt of India at the time of India's independence for reasons of reducing the strength of the Army. Indian Ex-Services League (IESL) was given this payment for distribution of pension to Indian soldiers who were part of the British Indian Army.

4. In 2019, your govt removed IESL from the FCRA and thus our grant was stopped by RCEL. A number of letters on this issue were sent to MoD and Service HQ but not one has been acknowledged in the past over six years leave aside acting upon.

5. In 2019 when our FCRA sanction was taken away the RCEL was giving a pension of Rs 3500/- to WW-2 Veterans and the widows. Pakistan and Bangladesh then part of India had just about 1/3 of the strength of present India in the British Indian Army. They continue to get about Rs 5.00 crore every year which is the highest amount amongst all 31 countries. Indian veterans don't figure in this list and are also excluded from the visuals as we have nothing to show.

6. In this regard I'm enclosing two articles which appeared in the newspapers some time back. One is by Sh Manish Tiwari, MP. We are aware of your visit to Israel and France to honour the contribution of the Indian Army in the two World Wars. We feel proud that our past generations are being honoured. But why stop this small contribution to those who served the country even though under British rule and from funds from UK. They were Indian soldiers and the present generation cannot forget the sacrifice of their forefathers.

7. May I request you to have this grant restored.

8. Further I have no hesitation in stating that your govt is not helpful to the country's Veterans in many areas. No action is being taken by the MoD though its Dept of Ex-Servicemen Welfare or the Service HQ on any issue. I will write to you in this regard separately.

*With Regards,  
Yours sincerely,  
Inder Mohan Singh*

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B/49770/AG/ECHS/2025 dated 22 Aug 2025

All Regional Centre ECHS

**STANDARD SANCTION OF MD ECHS FOR ANY LISTED/UNLISTED INVESTIGATION  
DONE FROM CIVIL HOSPITAL/DIAGNOSTIC CENTRE**

1. Please refer to CO ECHS letter No. B/49770/AG/ECHS/sTreat/Policy/2021 dt 26 Oct 2021.

2. It is observed that beneficiaries getting inpatient treatment at service/ govt hosp are facing issues in getting approval for investigations which are required immediately to be done from civil hosp/diagnostics centres causing avoidable delay in definitive treatment and prolonged agony to ailing beneficiaries. The matter has been discussed with the competent authority and guidelines are laid down in succeeding para.

3. Standing sanction of MD ECHS is hereby accorded to get any listed/unlisted investigation done by any civil hospital/diagnostic centre on referral from service/govt Spl while still admitted in service/govt hospital for treatment. There is no requirement of separate approval other than referral by service/govt Spl. Expenditure will be reimbursed as per CGHS rate or AIIMS rate in case CGHS rate is not available or as per actual whichever is lower.

4. This is for your info and necessary action please.

Sd/-

(Sri Kant Kumar)

Lt Col

Jt Dir (Med)

for MD ECHS

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Department of Pension & Pensioners' Welfare

3rd floor. Lok Nayak Bhawan, Khan Market  
 New Delhi , Dated the 24th October, 2025

**OFFICE MEMORANDUM**

**Subject: Guidelines for referring the cases to Department of Pension & Pensioners' Welfare (DoPPW) for advice / clarification/ consultation.**

Department of Pension & Pensioners' welfare (DoPPW) is the Nodal Department for pension and pension related policy matters for Central Government employees. DoPPW has formulated and issued many rules like CCS (Pension) Rules 2021, regulations /OMs/ guidelines etc. The implementation of these rules is the responsibility of the concerned Ministry/ Department/ Office. Whenever any difficulty in interpretation / Implementation in respect of any particular rule is found, they can seek advice/ clarification from DoPPW. It implies that the concerned office should first examine the case with reference to the relevant rules/ regulations and shall come to a tentative conclusion. Even thereafter, if any advice/ clarification/ consultation with reference to any specific rule(s) / point(s) is required, the case may be referred to DoPPW.

- 2 The rules notified by DoPPW are self-explanatory and have provisions/ clarifications for varied situations. It has, however, been observed that some Ministries/ Departments/ Offices refer certain cases involving above rules to this Department in routine manner without the cases being examined thoroughly at the first level in the respective Ministry/ Department. Some offices refer such cases directly. This Practice has resulted in situations where this Department is required to examine such cases ab-initio on behalf of the concerned Ministry/ Department even those cases that could ideally be resolved at their level or Ministry/ Department without any need to refer to this Department if examined properly by them initially.
- 3 As stated above, this Department has already circulated detailed rules / regulations/ guidelines, the authority for their implementation. Decision making in most of the cases rests with the concerned Ministries/ Departments/ Offices. This Department vide OM of even number dated 12.12.2024 had circulated general guidelines regarding referring the cases to DoPPW for advice. However, it has been observed that still few offices do not follow these guidelines resulting delay in furnishing advice by DoPPW.
- 4 In view of the above and to avoid delays in decision making, the following fresh guidelines for referring the matter to DoPPW henceforth for advice/ clarification/ consultation are prescribed as under:
  - i) The employees of railways, statutory bodies, Defence personnel, autonomous bodies, PSU/Banks etc. are not covered under the rules notified by DoPPW. Hence, only the cases covered under the rules of DoPPW should be referred for advice.
  - ii) The cases should initially be examined at the level of concerned Ministry/ Department/ Office thoroughly with reference to the provisions of the concerned rules/ regulations.
  - iii) If, after such examination, a department still encounters difficulties, ambiguities or need otherwise, it may refer the matter to this Department incorporating the following:
    - a. A comprehensive proposal detailing the background, examination carried out by the department and its tentative conclusion.
    - b. Specific references to the rules/ provisions on which advice/ clarification/ consultation is required.
    - c. Detail of case if not specifically covered by the prevalent rules/ regulations. The justification of the exemption, if any required.
    - d. While sending the proposal, the name, designation (telephone numbers and e-mail ids) of the concerned officers may also be indicated.
    - e. The proposal well in advance along with all relevant record preferably through e-mail (where e-file system is functional) should be referred through the administrative Ministry/ Department/ along with their comments with the approval of Secretary concerned. This is equally essential for the Ministries/ Department for maintaining uniform stand in all the similar cases concerning offices under their control.
5. The contents of this Office Memorandum may please be given wide publicity and brought to the notice of all concerned.

Sd/-

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**No. 42/02/2024-P & PW(D)**  
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**Department of Pension & Pensioners' Welfare**

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 Dated 08<sup>th</sup> October, 2025

**OFFICE MEMORANDUM**

**Subject: Release of an additional installment of Dearness Relief (DR) to Central Govt. Pensioners/ Family Pensioners revised rate with effective from 01.07.2025-reg.**

The undersigned is directed to refer to this Department OM No.42/02/2024-P&PW(D) dated 11.04.2025 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 55% to 58% of the basic pension/ family pension (including additional pension/ family pension) w.e.f 01st July, 2025.

- 2 These rates of DR will be applicable to the following categories:
  - i) Civilian Central Government Pensioners/ Family Pensioners including Central Govt. absorb 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 communication period of 15 years.
  - ii) The Armed Forces Pensioners/ Family Pensioners and Civilian Pensioners/ Family Pensioners paid out of the Defence Services Estimates.
  - iii) All India 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 function of a rupee shall be rounded off to the next higher rupee.
- 4 Other provisions governing grant of DR in respect of employed family pensioners and re-employed Central Government Pensioners will be regulated in accordance with 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.
- 5 In the case retired judges of the Supreme Court and High Court, necessary orders will be issued by the Department of Justice separately.
- 6 It will be responsibility of the pension disbursing authorities, including the nationalized bank, etc. to calculate the quantum of DR payable in each individual case.
- 7 The offices of Accountant General and authorized 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 21<sup>st</sup> May, 1981 addressed to State Bank of India and its subsidiaries and all Nationalised Banks.
- 8 In so far as the pensions 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.
- 9 This issues in accordance with Ministry of Finance, Department of Expenditure's OM No. 1/4(i)2025-EII(B) dated 06.10.2025.  
 Hindi version will follow.

**Sd/-**  
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Government of India  
Ministry of Defence  
Kendriya Sainik Board,  
West Blok-IV, Wing-VII,  
R.K.Puram, New Delhi- 66  
13 Oct. 2025

No. 195/welfare/Misc/2025-26

**The Director Department of Sainik Welfare/  
Secretaries Raja Sainik Board/UTs**

**CUT OFF DATE FOR RMEWF ONLINE APPLICATIONS ON KSB WEB SITE WWW.KSB.GOV.IN**

- 1 All RSBs are requested to intimate ZSBs in their area of jurisdiction to inform all ESMs to adhere to timelines for submission of online applications as per under-mentioned schedule. The ZSB and RSB officers and staff responsible for processing online applications must follow the dates accordingly. Details are as under:-

S No		Financial Year 2025-26	
S No	Grant	AppIn FY/ Applicable Date of Scheme/ Academic Year/ Condition/Terms of Reference	Last date of uploading of Applications/ Certificate by ESM for FY 2025-26
(a)	Penury (Initial)	FY 2025-26	01 <sup>st</sup> Apr 2025 to 31 <sup>st</sup> Mar 2026
(b)	Renewal of Penury	FY 2025-26	(i) Eligible applicants, whose applications were initially sanctioned in FY 2023-24 or earlier and who failed to submit their renewal applications within the specified period due to upgradation of website, may apply for renewal until 30 November 2025 for 2024-25. (ii) Applicants whose applications were initially sanctioned in FY 2024-25 or earlier must submit their renewal applications between 1 <sup>st</sup> Dec 25 to 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2026 for FY 2025-26
(c)	Marriage	Date of Marriage	(i) Eligible applicants whose last date for submission falls between 25 March 2025 and 20 October 2025 due to upgradation of website may submit their applications during the extended period from 21 October to 31 <sup>st</sup> Mar 2026. (ii) Applications will not be accepted beyond 180 days from the date of solemnization of marriage for marriages solemnized after 31 <sup>st</sup> Mar 2026.
(d)	Education	AY 2024-25 (From Class 1 <sup>st</sup> to Graduation (BA, B.Com & BSc.))	Eligible applications can submit their applications for education grant till 31 <sup>st</sup> Mar 2026 for AY 2024-25 in FY 2025-26
(e)	Medical	Date of discharge from Hospital or date of last prescription.	(i) See Para 1(c){i} (ii) Applications will not be accepted beyond 180 days from the date of discharge from the hospital or the date of the last prescription, for cases occurring after 31 <sup>st</sup> Mar 2026.
(f)	100% Disabled Child(Initial)		No time limit for current FY(1 <sup>st</sup> Apr to 31 <sup>st</sup> Mar)
(g)	Renewal of 100% Disabled Child	FY 2025 - 26	(i) See Para 1(b){i} or {ii}
(h)	Orphan(initial)	Date of death of last alive parent	No time limit for current FY(1 <sup>st</sup> Apr to 31 <sup>st</sup> Mar)
(i)	Renewal of Orphan	FY 2025- 26	(i) See Para 1(b){i} or {ii}
(k)	Vocational Trg	Date of completion of vocational course.	(i) See Para 1(c){i} (ii) Applications will not be accepted beyond 180 days from the date of completion of the courses completed after 31 <sup>st</sup> Mar 2026
(l)	Mobility Equipment		No time limit
(m)	Serious Diseases (One Time)	Date of discharge from Hospital or date of last prescription	(i) See Para 1(c){i} (ii) Applications will not be accepted beyond 180 days from the date of discharge from the hospital or the date of the last prescription, for cases occurring after 31 <sup>st</sup> Mar 2026.
(n)	Subsidy on Home Loan (one time)	Date of sanction of loan by bank	(i) See Para 1(c){i} (ii) Applications will not be accepted beyond 180 days from the date of discharge from loan sanction date for initial sanction, for cases occurring after 31 <sup>st</sup> Mar 2026.

2. **Endorsement of Recommended Amount.** ZSB/RSB staff processing online applications of ESM will mention the specific amount recommended to be paid to the ESM applicant as per rules in vogue in the comment box provided at the bottom of online form for the following schemes:-
- Medical Treatment
  - Vocational Training of Widows.
  - Serious Diseases
  - Mobility Equipment
  - Interest subsidy on home loan
3. **Processing of Time Barred Applications.** All ZSB Users and ZSB Admin & RSB users and RSB Admin may please be instructed to process only those applications that are not time barred as per above mentioned dates. Time barred applications are to be rejected by ZSBs and RSBs.
4. **Restoration of Application.** Restoration of online application will only be done on extreme compassionate grounds and the request for restoration will be received by this sectt from concerned ZSB.
5. **Common Mistakes Noticed in F.Y. 2024-25.** It has been noticed during F Y 2024-25 that number of ZSB User and Admin and RSB Users & Admin were not placing online applications under observation or rejection to weed out fraudulent and incorrectly claimed applications not supported by supporting documents enumerated in subsequently paras. The following are some of the observations which need to be checked:-
- Service Number and Name of ESM not matching with discharge book.
  - Name of widow applicant not matching with discharge book.
  - Name of ward not matching with either discharge book or marksheet or other scheme specific supported documents uploaded.
  - Spellings of Name not matching in online form from discharge book, bank account and Aadhar card.
  - Time line as specified for each scheme to claim before cut off date not adhered to by ESM while uploading and same approved by ZSB/RSB.
- (f) **Education Grant.** Marksheet in Education Grant uploaded had under-mentioned inconsistencies.
- Not signed by school authorities and not bearing their round stamps or seal.
  - Name of ward not matching.
  - Marksheet does not categorically mention child having passed.
- (g) **Education and Marriage Grant.** Claimed for one child and names of two children entered or vice versa in case of Education Grant and Marriage Grant.
- (h) **Penury Grant (Initial).**
- Already sanctioned cases applying again.
  - Applicant ESM not above 65 years on 01<sup>st</sup> Apr of FY in which applying.
  - Widow applicant not filling date of death of her husband in the relevant box.
  - Widow applying as ESM with date of death filled in relevant Box.
  - Penury Grant applicant in current F.Y. also applying for Penury Renewal in the same F.Y.
- (i) **Penury Renewal/ Orphan Renewal / 100% Disable Child Renewal.**
- Life Certificates being forward to KSB through Dak after uploading the same online.
  - Life Certificates being forwarded to KSB instead of uploading the same online.
  - Life Certificate not uploaded online within prescribed period i.e. 01 Dec to 31st March of current F.Y.
  - Life Certificates to be signed between 01<sup>st</sup> Dec to 31<sup>st</sup> Mar of current F.Y.
  - Proper format not used for life certificates. Format is available on KSB website and at respective ZSBs.
6. **All schemes where bills are uploaded:-**
- Original bills to be retained by ZSBs and receipt to be given to ESM & while recommending applications. Record of all receipts and return of supporting documents with ESM to be maintained by all ZSBs. After payments are made by KSB, bills to be returned to applicant duly endorsed by drawing lines as under:-  
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 PAID BY KSB  
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  - Amount claimed and recommended to be endorsed by User and Admin at all levels.
7. **Reluctance on Part of ZSBs to Resolve Queries of ESM Pertaining to Welfare Schemes.** ESM are approaching KSB on telephone to know the status of their application/ Pendency of their applications. Instead they must approach through ZSBs for such queries. KSB can not handle individual enquires at all India level. ZSBs must first endeavor to reply/ respond to queries on their own. Subsequently such queries can be forwarded in batches to KSB to reply in a streamlined manner.

8. Applications pending at various levels is ZSBs/ RSBs should be processed at the earliest. System rejected applications due to non-rectification of observation by applicant will not be restored.
9. It is intimated that the eligible applicants are permitted to upload their applications on the KSB website as per the instructions provided above in Para 1(a) to (n). Thereafter, the standard stipulations for submitting applications will apply, and no representations will be accepted beyond that point.

Sd/-  
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Jt Dir (Welfare)

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IESL/353/8CPC/2025

28 Dec 2025

To

Adjutant General (AG)  
Room No 234, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
South Block  
Ministry of Defence, New Delhi- 110011

**8<sup>th</sup> ARMY CENTRAL PAY COMMISSION CELL**

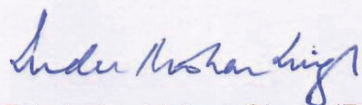
Sir,

1. It is understood that the 8<sup>th</sup> Army Pay Commission Cell (8 APCC) has been established at Army HQ. It is requested that our members who have good knowledge of previous Pay Commissions, anomalies of OROP etc be allowed to interact with the 8<sup>th</sup> APCC. Since our members have to come from distant places we need adequate warning time.

2. You are requested to inform the 8 APCC to intimate suitable dates on our email [ieslhq@gmail.com](mailto:ieslhq@gmail.com) or on my mobile No 9216919004.

Thanking you,

Yours Sincerely,



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### MANAGEMENT OF 64 KB ECHS FAULTY CARDS

1. The ECHS Beneficiaries in few cases after collecting new 64 KB ECHS Card have reported that these cards have either printing error or do not function at the polyclinic. To resolve such faulty cards, a software solution has been implemented. Detailed procedure to manage faulty 64 KB ECHS Card is given at succeeding paragraphs.

#### Type of Fault

1.1 **Visual Fault.** Once a ESM/ Primary Beneficiary collects a card from Stn HQ / Parent Polyclinic, he/she must check whether data printed on card is same as filled in software application and approved by record office or printing is not legible.

1.2 **Chip Faulty.** After collection of ECHS Card, ECHS beneficiary is required to go to polyclinic and change PIN to activate card. If PIN cannot be changed or during subsequently use cannot be detected by KIOSK / I CAT card will be attributable to faulty chip.

#### Action at Parent Polyclinic

2. **Visual Faulty.** In case of visual fault only, OIC PC to take following actions:-

2.1 Compare data as per online application of individual and in case anomaly, proceed to mark the card under visual fault in the module.

2.2 Upload photo of the front and back side of the card.

2.3 Submit by clicking on the tab marked as faulty card.

3. **Chip Fault**. In case of faulty chip then OIC PC will take following actions:-

3.1 Click on chip fault in the faulty card module.

3.2 Enter card number without prefix.

3.3 Re-enter card number and click on search.

3.4 System will load the details of card number entered. Compare details detected by system and as mentioned on card.

3.5 Enter suitable remarks and click on "mark faulty card then send to Regional Centre" tab.

4. Once card is marked faulty, it will be blocked in the system and temporary slip of individual will get activated. Beneficiary can download temporary slip and use it, until card received at PC after rectification. Furthermore, faulty ECHS Card is required to be dispatched to Regional Centre for rectification both physically and online by OIC PC.

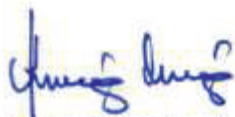
#### **Action at Regional Centre**

5. Concerned RC on receipt of physical card from PC will mark the card as received and dispatched it to Source Dot Com Pvt Ltd (SDCPL) in the module.

#### **Action at M/s SDCPL, RC & PC**

6. On receipt of card physically, rectify the fault and dispatch it respective RC and suitably mark as dispatched to RC in the module. On same lines RC will be mark card as received and dispatched to respective PC in the module. The OIC Parent PC on receipt of card will hand over the card to ESM/ Beneficiary as done for routine cards.

7. This letter supersedes all letters issued earlier by Central Organisation ECHS regarding management of 64 KB ECHS faulty cards. This information is to be disseminated to all Polyclinics and displayed at prominent places for information of ECHS Beneficiaries.



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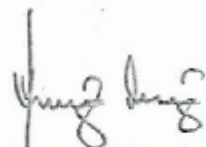
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All Regional Centres ECHS

**ADVISORY : PREVENTING INADVERTENT DISCLOSURE OF PERSONALLY IDENTIFIABLE INFORMATION (PII) AND OTHER SENSITIVE DATA – ECHS BENEFICIARIES**

- 1. Background.** It has come to light in the recent times that many websites offering free online services are asking the users to upload any random document from their personal **Computers/ Laptops, Smart Phones** etc, to avail for services in return from these websites. As a general tendency and lack of knowledge on misuse of their PII data, the Ex-servicemen/ ECHS beneficiaries uploads their medical documents vis. Referral Forms, Blood Test reports, ECHS application, ECHS card etc. in digital form on these websites.
- 2. Threat to ECHS Beneficiaries.** Sharing medical documents online poses significant risks, including misuse of personal data, identity theft and unauthorized use of health information by third parties. Cybercriminals or unauthorized entities may collect such data for fraudulent activities, including the creation of fake profiles, targeted scams or manipulation of medical information.
- 3. Conclusion.** The protection of PII and other sensitive data is crucial for the security and operational effectiveness of the CO ECHS/ Beneficiaries. All ECHS Beneficiaries are advised **not to share** their medical records, laboratory reports or any personal documents on social media or public platforms.
- 4.** For information and further dissemination please.



(Anurag Bhardwaj)  
Col  
Dir (S&A)  
For MD ECHS

237<sup>th</sup> Executive Committee Meeting was held on 10 Dec 2025 at HQ IESL, Chanakyapuri, New Delhi -110021



Orisha Ex-Services League (OSEL) team at Narsinghpur did an excellent job in organising and co-ordinating with ESM associations at Athagard, Tigiria, Babki and Badamba. All these areas are spread across 140-150 kms. We organised medical camp also by Brig Panda, AMC and Col Sahu, AMC. We appreciate and thank for their medical services. Digital life certification was also done through Jeevan praman mobile app. Thanks for the participation of Col PK Singh, Sub Maj PK Das, Sub Maj Swain and Hony Lt Padna and all other ESM. ESM attended in large numbers and all agreed to stay together under one umbrella i.e. under recognized association OSEL. Thanks once again to the President and Secretary of Narsinghpur ESM association.



RMX3990  
Narsinghpur 15 November 2025 at 11:45 am



43 Raising Day of Dehradun Ex-Services League (DESL) celebrated, Col US Thakur Retd was re-elected President of DESL which was organised under the aegis of Lt Gen GS Negi Retd Chief Patron DESL and Chief Guest of the function where Vice Admiral AG Thapliyal, Maj Gen ML Aswal President UESL and Col RS Chettri President AIGWEA were special guest. More than 350 veterans participated during the AGM of DESL





No. 22(31)/2025-D(Res-II)  
Government of India  
Ministry of Defence  
D/o Ex-Servicemen Welfare

Room No. 237, 'B' Wing  
Sena Bhawan, New Delhi – 110011  
Dated: 15 Oct, 2025

**Subject: Revision of Financial assistance amount of Penury Grant, Marriage Grant and Education Grant under Armed Forces Flag Day Fund.**

It has been decided with the approval of the competent authority to enhance the rate of Financial Assistance amount of Penury Grant, Marriage Grant and Education Grant (funded out from Armed Forces Flag Day Fund) as under:

- (i) Penury Grant: From Rs. 4,000/- (Rs Four Thousand only) per month to Rs. 8,000/- (Rs Eight Thousand Only) per month
- (ii) Marriage Grant: From Rs. 50,000/- (Rs Fifty Thousand only) to Rs. 1,00,000/- (Rs One Lakh Only)
- (iii) Education Grant: From Rs. 1,000/- (Rs One Thousand only) per month per child to Rs. 2,000/- (Rs Two Thousands only) per month per child.

2. The revised rate will come into force for applications submitted from 01<sup>st</sup> Nov 2025 onwards.



(Kishore Kumar)  
Deputy Secretary (Res-II)

Secretary, Armed Forces Flag Day Fund,  
West Block-IV, R.K. Puram,  
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**All Directors, Rajya Sainik Board of all States/UTs**

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101: Army Officers  
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 201 to 250: Army JCO & OR  
 301: Navy Officers  
 401: Navy JCO & OR/Equivalent  
 501: Air Force Officers  
 601: Air Force JCO & OR/Equivalent  
 701: IDAS (Indian Defence Accounts Service) Officers  
 801: Defence Civilian PBOR

**Record Office Code** : The next two digits in the set of first three (in this case, "62") refer to pensioner's record office code, identifying the regional office responsible for managing their service records.

**Year of Retirement** : The following four digits ("2015") indicate the year in which the pensioner retired. This helps in tracking batches of retirees and determining the applicable pension rules.

**Running Serial Number** : The last five digits ("00203") serve as a unique serial number that distinguishes individual pensioners within the same group.

By understanding these components, you can easily interpret your PPO number and obtain information about your service and pension status.

## ESM-CORNER-PENSION-PAYMENT-ORDER-SPARS H-PPO

### Pensioner ID and SPARSH Login Details

Your 12-digit PPO number also works as your Pensioner ID within the SPARSH system. To log into the SPARSH portal, you will need to append "01 or 02 or 03" to your PPO number, creating a 15-digit login ID. For example, if your PPO number is "236201500203," your SPARSH login ID will be "23620150020301." This code varies too for service, family and dependent pensioners. For Service Pensioner it is 01, for Family Pensioner it is 02 and for dependent pensioner it is 03.

Upon receiving your login credentials via email or SMS from SPARSH, it is critical to change the default system-generated password for security reasons. Pensioners should create a strong password to protect their account from unauthorized access. Failing to update your login information may leave your account vulnerable to cyber threats.

**Corrigendum PPO: Handling Updates and Corrections**

It is important for pensioners to keep track of these corrigendum PPOs and ensure that any changes are accurately reflected in their pension records.

### The Importance of Keeping Your SPARSH Profile Updated

A critical aspect of managing your pension under SPARSH is keeping your profile up to date. Any discrepancies in your personal information—such as Aadhaar, PAN, or bank account details—could lead to delays in pension disbursement or even stoppage of payments. Pensioners should regularly verify their details during Pensioner Data Verification (POV) and update any changes through the SPARSH portal.

Maintaining an updated profile ensures that your pension is processed correctly and that there are no interruptions in receiving your payments. This is particularly important during the ongoing migration process from the legacy system to SPARSH.

### The Migration to SPARSH: A Phased Approach

The migration of pensioners from the legacy system to SPARSH began in phases, starting on November 17, 2021. In the first phase, approximately 5 lakh post-2016 defence pensioners (from January 2016 to August 2021) were migrated by April 2022. The second phase, which began on August 23, 2022, focuses on migrating pre-2016 defence pensioners, a process that is still ongoing. Many pensioners have already received notifications about their SPARSH accounts, including their Pensioner ID, Username, and Password.

As the transition to SPARSH continues, it is crucial for pensioners to familiarize themselves with the new system and ensure their profiles are updated to avoid disruptions in pension payments.

### Conclusion

Understanding your SPARSH PPO number is essential for managing your defence pension efficiently. The structured 12-digit number reveals important details about your service and retirement status, while the appended digits facilitate easy login to the SPARSH portal. Staying on top of your profile updates and tracking any corrigendum PPOs will ensure smooth pension management, safeguarding your financial security in retirement.

**MUST READ:** [How to download PPO and corrigendum PPO from SPARSH](#)

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237, B- wing  
 Sena Bhawan, New Delhi  
 Dated: 2<sup>nd</sup> April, 2025

To  
 The Chief of Defence Staff  
 The Chief of Army Staff  
 The Chief of Naval Staff  
 The Chief of Air Staff

**GUIDELINES REGARDING REIMBURSEMENT OF CONTINUOUS  
 SUBCUTANEOUS INSULIN INFUSION (CSII) PUMP THERAPY**

Sir,

1. Please refer Min of Health & Family Welfare, EHS Section O.M. No. S.11030/120/2022-EHS dated 16 May 2023 (copy att).
2. As per the existing provisions Insulin pump etc which are issued to ECHS beneficiaries for which no ECHS ceiling rates exist and are recommended for domiciliary use for ECHS beneficiaries by Service Specialist/Govt Hospital Specialist will require prior sanction of the High Power Committee. ECHS has framed following guidelines for use/reimbursement of cost of Insulin Pump as laid down in the letter under ref at Para 1:-

(a) **Eligible Patients.** The fwg criteria must be met :-

- (i) Patients with Type - I Diabetes
- (ii) Duration of diabetes greater than 2 years
- (iii) The child and family have received adequate diabetes education at a centre experienced in taking care children with Type-I, Diabetes Mellitus.
- (iv) Despite multiple daily dose of Insulin proper adherence to diet in last 6 months, HbA1C level is not below 8.50%.
- (v) Recurrent and unexplained hypoglycemia on multiple doses of insulin despite proper adherence to diet in last 6 months.

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(b) **Prerequisites.** Should be on multiple daily doses of Insulin (basal bonus) therapy for a minimum of 6 months. During the period there should be.

- (i) At least 2 HBA1C readings over these 6 months.
- (ii) Strict Self-Monitoring Blood Glucose (SMBG) with minimum 4 readings or be on Continuous Glucose Monitoring System (CGS).
- (iii) Should have a concept of carbo-counting (Counting number of grams of Carbohydrate in a meal) and its application in diabetes management, as certified by the treating pediatric endocrinologist / endocrinologist / diabetes clinic specialist.
- (iv) The family can understand pump usage, to calculate bolus and nasal insulin doses as required, and has demonstrated motivation to follow guidelines related to SMBG monitoring and diet.
- (v) Regular follow-up with a pediatric endocrinologist/ endocrinologist / diabetes clinic specialist.
- (vi) No history of psychiatric illness in patient.

(c) **Approval.** As per CO ECHS letter No B/49761/AG/ECHS/Medicine Policy/2023 dated 30 Nov 2023.

(d) **Validity.**

- (i) Initial approval shall be for one year. Both basic as well as sensor augmented Insulin Pumps may be considered as prescribed by treating endocrinologist.
- (ii) Re-Approval will be done only if the following criteria are met :-
  - (aa) regular follow-up (at 3 months intervals at least) during the past one year.
  - (ab) Regular self monitoring of blood glucose (SMBG)
  - (ac) HbA1c test every 3 months over past one year with at least two HbA1c values below 8.5%.
- (iii) If re-approval is not granted as above, the patients can re-apply after 6 months, if he/she meets these criteria – HbA1c less than 8.5% at least one in last 6 months.

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(c) **Ceiling rate for Continuous Subcutaneous Insulin Infusion (CSII) Pump Therapy.**

- (i) Ceiling rte for basic version of Insulin Pump are fixed at 2 lakhs.
- (ii) Ceiling rate for a sensor-augmented Insulin Pump are fixed at Rs 3 lakhs.
- (iii) In addition, the monthly cost for the consumables is fixed at Rs 5,000/- (reservoir, infusion set and Insulin).

9. The instructions will be implemented from the date of issue of this letter.

10. It is also advised that the Committee should be headed by a Medical Doctor with a Specialist member as proposed under:-

- i. OSD as Medical Head
- ii. Doctor of R&R as Specialist
- iii. Rep of CO, ECHS

11. This has the concurrence of MoD (Fin) vide their ID Note No. 33(22)/2024/Fin/Pen dated 05.03.2025.

Yours faithfully



(Dr. P.P. Sharma)  
OSD, D(WE/ I&C)  
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Ref No. IESL/105/2025 (i)

12 Nov 2025

Shri Rajnath Singh Ji  
Hon'ble Raksha Mantri  
Room No 104, South Block,  
New Delhi-110011

### VETERANS IN LITIGATION : CASE OF OLD MAJORS

Sir,

1. I am writing to you because I feel you are not kept informed of the litigation which our Veterans are going through. Its not only the litigation but the favourable decision after years of struggle in the Courts is not only not implemented but the govt resorts to appeals and further delay in justice. Many Veterans have passed away without getting justice.

2. I am bringing to your notice one of the gravest injustice inflicted upon Majors and Major Equivalent (ME) of other two services for a long period for over two decades. The details of the case and the judgement of AFT are given in succeeding paras.

3. The Majors and MEs who retired prior to 16.12.2004 with 13 or more years of reckonable Commissioned Service have won their cases for the pension of next higher Ranks and are to be treated as de-facto Lt Colonels after a struggle of nine years in the AFT Chandigarh. After the implementation of the Officers Cadre Restructuring w.e.f 16.12.2004, there are no Majors with 13 or more years of Commissioned Service and Part D passed retirees in the Rank of Major. Hence the pre 16.12.2004 retired Majors and MEs are getting a pension equivalent to 6 years of Captains of renamed as Majors. Post 16.12.2004 these serving Majors became Lt Colonels in 13 years after passing Part D Promotion exam. After 16.12.2004 there are no serving Majors with 13 or more years of Commissioned Service to revise their pension in the 6th CPC and consequently these Majors are not getting the OROP as per their rendered length of Commissioned Service and Qualifying Service because there are no parallel serving Majors to provide the live data for the revision of their pension in OROP-1, 2 & 3 and there won't be any retired Majors equivalent to them ever. Their Rank is phased out from the Rank hierarchy for ever, hence they are not getting their pension as per their Rank and rendered length of Commissioned Service.

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4. Their terms and Conditions of service were revised prospectively vide this Officers Cadre Restructuring w.e.f 16.12.2004 which have deprived them of their already earned status and pension. These Majors and MEs are downgraded to the level of 6 years of Captains of their times for their status and pension.

5. These pre 16.12.2004 retired Majors and MEs have to be treated distinctly for their status and pensionary entitlements. They can't be merged and treated equally with the post 16.12.2004 serving Majors. Their rendered length of Commissioned Service and higher duties performed can't be nullified for their already earned pension.

6. .A perennial great injustice have been caused to the Rank of Majors. The entry level length of service to earn the Rank of Majors till 31 Dec 1985 was 13 years, it was reduced to 11 years w.e.f 01 Jan 86, it was further reduced to 10 years w.e.f 01 Jan 96 and the final blow was dealt w.e.f 01Jan 2006 when it was brought down to 6 years. It's pertinent to mention here that most of these Majors are of old vintage and retired in the 80s and 90s. With effect from 4th CPC onwards their earned pension was reduced in every CPC, because whenever the entry level length of service was reduced, the entry level fixation of the basic pay was also reduced. This reduction in the entry level length of service always resulted in lower fixation of pension of the past retirees in the Rank of Majors. Prior to 16.12.2004, the Majors Rank was the highest Non-Select and Time Bound Rank to serve upto the age of Superannuation & now it's Lt Colonels / Colonels and not Majors.

7. The Judgements delivered by the AFT Chandigarh are historical in nature and finally justice has been delivered to the neglected and forgotten rank of Majors and MEs. It's requested that these judgements may please be implemented at the earliest and the MoD be requested not to go for the appeals because most of these Majors and MEs are in their late 70's and 80's. Some have passed away.

8. Copy of this AFT Judgement No OA 939 of 2016 delivered on 31 Oct 2025 which runs into 53 pages can be obtained from the MoD or JAG Branch.

9. Once again may I request you to not go into appeal against the long and hard fought legal battle and much deserved justice. The Veterans are suffering at the hands of our Govt through prolonged litigation.

With regards

Brigadier Inder Mohan Singh (Retd)  
President

File No 22D(21)/2024/(WE)/D(Res-I)  
 Government of India  
 Ministry of Defence  
 Department of Ex-Servicemen Welfare  
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Sena Bhawan, New Delhi  
 Dated 24<sup>th</sup> July, 2025

To  
 The Managing Director  
 Central Organisation, ECHS  
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**Subject: Revision Of Rates For Permission/ Reimbursement Of Cost Of Neuro-Implants Under ECHS**

1. Ref MoHFW, GoI letter No Z15025/44/2023/DIR/CGHS/EHS (Comp No. 8253711) I/3705505/2024 dt 09 Sep 2024 (copy att).

2. In continuation to letter mention vide Para 1 above regarding the permission/ approval for reimbursement of the cost of Neuro-implants, including Deep Brain Stimulation (DBS) Implants, Intra-the cal Pump, and Spinal Cord Stimulators for ECHS beneficiaries and those covered under CS(MA) Rules, 1944, it has now been decided to revise the rates of Neuro-implants. The terms and conditions for permission/ reimbursement are:-

(a) **Prescribing Authority.**

(i)	DBS Implant	Neurologist of a Service Hospital/ Govt Hospitals.
(ii)	Intra-Thecal Pump	Any two service specialists of concerned specialty/ Head of Department of Neurology/
(iii)	Spinal Cord Stimulator	Neuro Surgery of Service Hospital/ Govt Hospital.

(b) **Approving Authority** - CO ECHS – MD ECHS.

(c) **Approval Process.** The permission for approval for DBS and other NeuroImplants shall be accorded only after the request has been approved and recommended by the respective Standing Technical Committee as given below :-

(i)	MD ECHS	Chairperson
(ii)	HoD Neurology AH R&R	Member
(iii)	Sr Advisor/ CISpl Neurology AH R&R	Member
(iv)	HoD Neuro Surgery AH R&R	Member
(v)	Sr Advisor/ CISpl Neuro Surgery AH R&R	Member
(vi)	Director Medical, CO ECHS	Member/ Secretary
(vii)	AD (R&H) CGHS Delhi (in case of CGHS Beneficiaries) or Addl DDG (MG-II) (in case of CS(MA) Rules, 1944 beneficiaries).	Member/ Secretary

**Instructions for Committee.**

- Recommendation of Minimum of 3 subject field experts (Neurology/ Neurosurgery Specialist) shall be required for justification of the case.
- The committee shall contain at least One Neurologist and One Neuro Surgeon.
- All rejections to be recorded carefully with well justified reasons.
- The technical committee shall consider cases in respect of beneficiaries under CGHS/ CS (MA) Rules, 1944.

(d) **Submission of Application.** The beneficiaries under ECHS will submit a request for permission for DBS or other neuro implants to the Standing Technical Committee from their parent polyclinic through the RC to CO ECHS.

(e) **Reimbursement Criteria.** The DBS and other neuro implants are planned surgery and therefore, prior permission has to be obtained before the surgery is undertaken. The financial approving authority shall be as per extant rules of Delegation of Financial Powers.

(f) **Ceiling Rate.**

Device Type	Revised Cost (INR) Inclusive of GST
DBS-Non-Rechargeable Device with Non-Directional Leads (Battery Life 5-8 years)	<b>Rs 8,37,497/-</b>
DBS-Non-Rechargeable Device with Directional Leads (Battery Life 5-8 years)	<b>Rs 10,32,586/-</b>
DBS-Non-Rechargeable Device with Non-Directional Leads (Minimum Battery Life 15 years)	<b>Rs 11,24,049/-</b>
DBS-Rechargeable Device with Directional Leads (Minimum Battery Life 15 years)	<b>Rs 13,89,936/-</b>
New Battery (Implantable Pulse Generator) Battery Life 5-8 years)	<b>Rs 5,49,450/-</b>
Intra-theal Pump (Minimum Battery Life 7 years)	<b>Rs 5,29,898/-</b>
Spinal Cord Stimulator (Minimum Battery Life 10 years)	<b>Rs 13,90,243/-</b>

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The above mentioned ceiling rate does not include the cost of surgery.

(g) **Guidelines/ Indication.** Same as the conditions given under the section of 'intended use' (Annexure-I,II and III) contained in the licence granted (Form MD-15) by the Central Drugs Standard Control Organisation, under Rule 36 of Medical Devices Rule 2017.

(h) **Warranty.** The company shall offer a limited warranty for one year from the date of implantation, providing free replacement in the case of battery failure or device malfunction, as reported by the concerned physician.

(i) **Validity of Rates.** The revised rates shall remain in force for a period of two years from the date of issuance of this Office Memorandum.

2. This issues with the concurrence of MoD (Finance /Pension) vide their ID Note No. 33(22)/2024/Fin./Pen. dated 15.07.2025.

Yours faithfully

  
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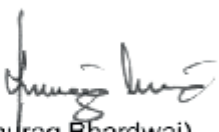
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5.1 If payment for reprint of card due to loss has been made.

5.2 If change in data has been initiated by ESM.

5.3 If Card is blocked under the category death of member, it is mandatory for ESM to send an application duly recommended by RC, to CO ECHS for unblocking the card.

6. This letter supersedes all letters issued earlier by Central Organisation ECHS regarding blocking and unblocking of ECHS card. This information is to be disseminated to all Polyclinics and displayed at prominent places for information of ECHS Beneficiaries.

  
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### BLOCKING AND UNBLOCKING OF ECHS CARDS

1. It is pertinent to note that a large number of ESM / Primary Beneficiary block the ECHS card under wrong category inadvertently. Number of queries have been received where ESM / Primary beneficiary block ECHS Card in wrong category and thereafter face difficulties while availing ECHS facilities. ECHS card can be blocked by selecting following reasons:-

- 1.1 Due to Change in Data
- 1.2 Due to Loss of 64 KB Card
- 1.3 Due to Death of member
- 1.4 No More Eligibility
- 1.5 Due to Divorce

2. ECHS card may be blocked by ESM / Beneficiary in the above mentioned sub categories by taking following action:

2.1 **Using ECHS web portal.** Primary beneficiary / ESM shall login to ECHS website ([echs.sourceinfosys.com](http://echs.sourceinfosys.com)) using valid login credentials. After login, click on the "More Option" tab then click on "Block Cards" tab and select the beneficiary whose ECHS card is required to be blocked. Furthermore, select the suitable reason from drop down menu, add remarks and click on **Submit** tab.

2.2 **Using ECHS Beneficiary Mob App.** The ECHS beneficiary shall login to ECHS Mob App using his / her ECHS Card number and 4 Digit mobile pin. After login, click on "Block Card" option under **Services** where details of all beneficiary will be shown. Click on Block Card icon, choose ECHS card is to

be blocked and then choose suitable reason from drop down, add remarks and submit.

3. It is also intimated that blocking of ECHS cards in wrong category may cause unnecessary issue while availing ECHS facilities. ESM / Primary Beneficiary should take extra precaution while blocking of any ECHS Card. A detailed explanation of each sub categories in which ECHS card can be blocked is mentioned below:

3.1 **Due to Change in Data.** It is requested to refer to this office letter No B/49711-NSC/AG/ECHS/Gen Corrs dated 16 Sep 25.

3.2 **Due to Loss of Card.** If an ECHS card is lost, it must be blocked immediately. The beneficiary must then apply for reprint of ECHS card by clicking on **More Option** tab > **Reprint of loss of 64 KB Card** tab and make the necessary payment. Furthermore, take a print out of temporary slip and get it countersigned by OIC PC to avail ECHS facilities till the card is handed over.

3.3 **Due to Death of Member.** In the event of a Beneficiary's demise, the card must be blocked by uploading Death Certificate. In the case of death of ESM, spouse of ESM will automatically become primary beneficiary. The deceased member's card must subsequently be destroyed by ESM / beneficiary.

3.4 **No More Eligibility.** ECHS card should be blocked by ESM/Primary Beneficiary/OIC PC/RC in this category if any of the following conditions are met:

3.4.1 Income exceeds ₹ 9000/- per month (excluding DA or amount revised by MoD).

3.4.2 Marriage

3.4.3 No more dependent

3.4.4 Others

3.5 **Due to Divorce.** In case of divorce, the spouse's card must be blocked under this category.

4. It is also to be noted that in case ESM is remarried after divorce or demise of first spouse, the software application does not permit to add second spouse. ECHS card for second spouse can be applied after prior approval is obtained from CO ECHS. Approval will be granted by this office upon submission of following documents through email at [echs-card@echs.gov.in](mailto:echs-card@echs.gov.in) :

4.1 Death Certificate / Divorce Decree (Which is applicable).

4.2 Remarriage Certificate.

4.3 Part – II Order / POR / Service Certificate for Death / Divorce and Remarriage.

4.4 Updated PPO in which name of second spouse has been endorsed.

5. Furthermore, if due to lack of awareness, ESM / Primary Beneficiary has blocked a ECHS card in wrong category inadvertently. Then request for unblocking of card should be forwarded to [echs-card@echs.gov.in](mailto:echs-card@echs.gov.in). In the following cases unblocking of card is not feasible:-

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 All Regional Centres ECHS

**EXEMPTION FOR PRE – 1996 PENSIONERS FROM PAYMENT OF ECHS SUBSCRIPTION**

1. It is hereby reiterated for information of all concerned that Defence Pensioners who retired prior to 01 Jan 1996 exempted from payment of the one time ECHS contribution.
2. The Dir of Regional Centres are requested to widely circulate the same

(Arun Sharma)  
 Col  
 Dir (Ops & Coord)  
 For MD ECHS

**No. 1/1(90)/2024-P & PW(E)-Part-I/10344**

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 New Delhi , Dated the 27<sup>th</sup> October, 2025

**OFFICE MEMORANDUM**

**Subject: Clarification regarding Enhanced Rate of Family Pension: Death after Retirement cases- reg.**

Department of Pension & Pensioners' Welfare (DoPPW) has been receiving few references/ RTI applications etc. seeking information / clarification regarding Enhanced Rate of Family Pension after death of government employee after retirement.

2. In this connection, it may be stated that as per Rule 50(2)(a)(iii) of CCS (Pension) Rules 2021, the family pension after the death of Government employee is granted to the to the eligible family members of the employee at enhanced rate as under:  
*“(2)(a)(iii): In the event of death of a Government servant after retirement, the family pension shall be payable for a period of seven years, or for a period up to the date on which the retired deceased Government servant would have attained the age of sixty-seven years had he survived, whichever is less.*
3. There are some references seeking clarification on the calculation of this period where the age of retirement is more than 60 years like the age of retirement of Central Health Service (CHS) doctors is 65 years and the officer retires at the age of 65 and dies unfortunately before 67. It is clarified that the provisions of Rule 50(2)(a)(iii) is applicable in all cases i.e. whether the retirement age is 60 or 65 years. In all such cases, the enhanced family pension is payable for a period of seven years, or for a period up to the date on which the retired deceased Government servant would have attained the age of sixty-Seven years had he survived, whichever is less.
4. This issues with the approval of competent authority.

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## MESSAGE FROM FIELD MARSHAL KM CARIAPPA, OBE



### **FIRST PERSONAL LETTER ADDRESSED TO ALL OFFICERS OF ARMY BY THE FIRST INDIAN ARMY COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF, GENERAL KM CARIAPPA, OBE**

Firstly please deal sympathetically with all cases of ESM, which come to your knowledge. If an ESM comes to you with a request for help, do not send him away by saying "NO", this is not my job. Tell him if it is not your job and you cannot help him, where he can go and whom he should see for help. Remember these ex-servicemen have done their stuff for their country. It is because of their grand work in the past coupled with our humble efforts since we have been free, that our Army today is enjoying the respect, the confidence, and affection of our people.

**We can not neglect interest and welfare of our ex-servicemen, go out of way whenever possible to help them if you can.**

Sd/- x x x  
General KM Cariappa, OBE  
Commander-in-Chief  
20 Feb 1953

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