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## **NOMINATED / SELECTED BSA MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

Chairman	-	Lt Gen N Thamburaj, SM Col Comdt Bombay Sappers
Vice-Chairman (In-Chair).	-	Brig V K Bhatt, SM, VSM
Honorary Gen Secretary	-	Maj Gen SCN Jatar, (Retd)
Secretary-Cum-Treasurer	-	Col Ashun Bahl
Asst Secretary.	-	Gp Sub Maj(H'Lt) Avrar Ahmed
Member.	-	Maj Gen SD Sohoni (Retd)
Member.	-	Col MM Bhushan, (Retd)
Member.	-	Col Pankaj Mital
Member.	-	Sub Maj/H'Capt Lavate Vasant Maruti (Retd)
Member/OIC BSA	-	Col C P Ramchandani

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3. Nk (ACP) /DTMN Nahar Singh	-	Office Coordinator
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## **BOMBAY SAPPERS ASSOCIATION (BSA)**

### **EDITORIAL**

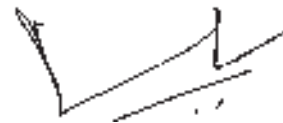
It gives me a great pleasure to initiate the Eighth issue of the annual BSA News letter. In this issue focus is being retained on informing the members about important activities of the BSA and the budget outlay, grants and assistance being given to the members.

An effort has been made to give other useful information to enable the members to take maximum benefit of the various provisions of the Association as well as other govt bodies from where assistance can be obtained through the BSA.

The Management Committee solicits your views on the newsletter and invites suggestions for improvement.

Station : Kirkee, Pune - 411003

Dated : 30 Jan 2007



(C P Ramchandani)

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**BOMBAY SAPPERS ASSOCIATION (BSA)**  
**HIGHLIGHTS OF EIGHTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**  
**HELD ON 07 JUL 2006 AT BEG & CENTRE**

**GENERAL**

The Eighth Annual General Meeting (AGM) of BSA was held on 07 Jul 2006 at 1600 hrs at Gymnastic Hall, BEG & Centre, Kirkee. A total of 410 members, consisting of 60 officers, 70 JCOs and 280 Other Ranks, including retired Bombay Sappers attended the meeting. The meeting lasted till 1800hrs.

**OPENING REMARKS OF THE CHAIRMAN**

On calling the meeting to order, the Chairman, Lt Gen SP Raman, PVSM, AVSM, SM, VSM,ADC, VCOAS & Col Comdt in his opening remarks welcomed all the BSA members to the Eighth Annual General Meeting. The Chairman said that he was indeed honoured to be addressing this BSA Annual General Meeting for the third time after taking over as Colonel Commandant, in Mar 2004.

He informed the house that the AGM had been convened to consider and approve the Income & Expdr statement and Statement of accounts duly audited by Chartered Accountant for the year 2005 – 2006, which is been circulated to all members and also to approve the proposed budget for year 2006 – 2007.

He informed that the membership state of BSA has improved but there was a scope to increase further. All Commanding Officers should ensure that all serving personnel become members of the organization, Efforts should be made to include Bombay Sappers posted on ERE to become members too.

The Chairman said that he was happy to inform the house that the membership had reached a figure of 32,493 and funds had increased to Rs. 2.04 Crore. This corpus would grow every year, which would enable us to give maximum benefits to larger number of members.

Thank you

**Jai Hind**

## **VICE CHAIRMAN'S INTRODUCTORY REMARKS**

The Vice Chairman, Brig V K Bhatt, PVSM, SM, Comdt BEG & Centre, in his introductory remarks welcomed the Chairman Lt Gen SP Raman, PVSM, AVSM, SM, VSM, the Management Committee members and the serving and retired BSA members to the Eighth Annual General Meeting of the Association.

He then expressed his gratitude that he was addressing the Eighth BSA AGM in the capacity of Vice-chairman and assured the members that he will do his best to shoulder the responsibility entrusted upon him.

### **FINANCIAL STATE OF BSA**

Financial state of BSA has improved, but there is a scope for further improvement. As on 01 Jul 2006 the corpus of BSA was Rs. 1.96. Rs 2 Crore has been invested into RBI Bonds.

### **AGENDA POINTS**

The proceedings were then conducted by Col Sanjeev Kumar, SM, Secretary-Cum-Treasurer. The agenda points listed for the meeting were :-

- (a) Confirmation of Minutes of Seventh AGM.
- (b) Passing of Balance sheet FY 2005-06.

- (c) Membership state of 30 Nov 2006.
- (d) Budget for FY 2006-07.
- (e) Discussion Points.
- (f) Election of Management Committee.

### **POINT NO – 1 CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF SEVENTH AGM**

The Secretary confirmed from the members that they had received the copy of the Minutes of Seventh AGM held on 15 Jul 05 through newsletter and BSA Website. The minutes were then confirmed and proposed by Col RK Jha and seconded by Col Anurag Bhasin.

### **POINT NO – 2 PASSING OF BALANCE SHEET FOR THE YEAR 2005-06**

Balance sheet as on 31 Mar 2006 duly audited was placed in the house for consideration by the members. The Income & expenditure Statement for the period 01 Apr 05 to 31 Mar 06 and Receipt & Payment Account for the period 01 Apr 05 to 31 Mar 06 was also put up to the house for consideration and discussion. There was no observation by any member. The budget was then proposed by Col Bains and Seconded by LT Col YS Bhadoria

### **Distress Grant –**

Under Distress grant scheme for financial year 2005– 06 Rs. 1,00,000/- lakh was budgeted but

due to large no of applications a sum of Rs. 1,28,400/- was allotted to 32 allottees. Vice Chairman, requested the members and the Commanding Officers to fwd only such cases for distress grant where no help is rendered from Government or any other agencies. Vice Chairman stressed on this point emphasizing that distress grant was meant for only was those who have been affected by natural calamities.

### **Sports Scholarship –**

Under sports scholarship for financial year 2005 – 2006 a sum of Rs. 20,000/-was budgeted. Rs 5,000/- each to following three children were granted.

- (a) Sub S N Sharma            Trg BN-II
- (b) Hav Avtar Singh            267 Engr Regt
- (c) Lt Col A K Majumdar      OC 1401 Pnr Coy

The Sports scholarship will be given to only those wards who win medals at state or national level competitions. The Scholarship will be given for maximum twice for the same ward of BSA member.

### **POINT NO – 3 - MEMBERSHIP STATE AS ON 31 DEC 2006**

Membership state as on 30 Nov 2006 stood at 1015 Offrs, 1902 JCOs and 30060 ORs, total 32977.

### **POINT NO – 4 - REVIEW OF THE WELFARE SCHEMES OF 2006-07**

The Secretary informed the house that the welfare schemes for FY 2006 – 07 were as under :-

- (a) **Education Scholarship :-** During this year, we have planned to give Education Scholarship to 264 member's children (192 ORs, 48 JCOs and 24 Offrs) totaling Rs. 1,80,400/-. Students with minimum 80% marks for offrs children and 70% marks for JCO/OR children can apply.

## **EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP 2006-07**

Sl	Class	No & Amount	Total Amount	No of Awards		
				OR	JCO	OFFR
(i)	V	44X500	22,000.00	32	08	04
(ii)	VI	44X500	22,000.00	32	08	04
(iii)	VII	44X500	22,000.00	32	08	04
(iv)	VIII	44X700	30,800.00	32	08	04
(v)	IX	22X800	17,600.00	16	04	02
(vi)	X	22X1000	22,000.00	16	04	02
(vii)	XI	22X1000	22,000.00	16	04	02
(viii)	XII	22X1000	22,000.00	16	04	02

**Total Seats - 264**

**(108)**

**192 48 24**

**Total Amount - Rs. 1,80,400.00**

## LIST OF EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP 2006-2007

**Education Scholarship -** During year 2006-07 Rs 1,64,700/-was distributed as education scholarship to 244 children of The Bombay Sappers.

### SUMMARY

#### OR's

Class	Application received	Vacancy Allotted	Recommended by board	Scholarship per head	Amt allotted	Amt to be disbursed	Cut of %
5	43	32	32	500	16000	16000	78.40%
6	65	32	32	500	16000	16000	82.80%
7	65	32	32	500	16000	16000	81.97%
8	58	32	32	700	22400	22400	80.00%
9	39	16	16	800	12800	12800	83.40%
10	44	16	17	1000	16000	17000	80.26%
11	08	16	08	1000	16000	8000	65.33%
12	12	16	12	1000	16000	12000	67.20%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>334</b>	<b>192</b>	<b>181</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,31,200</b>	<b>120200</b>	

#### JCO's

5	04	08	04	500	4000	2000	90.00%
6	27	08	08	500	4000	4000	87.70%
7	24	08	08	500	4000	4000	92.15%
8	30	08	08	700	5600	5600	89.70%
9	21	04	04	800	3200	3200	88.40%
10	27	04	04	1000	4000	4000	87.46%
11	10	04	04	1000	4000	4000	77.00%
12	18	04	04	1000	4000	4000	86.00%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>161</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>32800</b>	<b>30800</b>	



<b>OFFRS</b>							
5	02	04	02	500	2000	1000	90.60%
6	02	04	02	500	2000	1000	74.00%
7	04	04	04	500	2000	2000	81.90%
8	03	04	03	700	2800	2100	74.20%
9	03	02	02	800	1600	1600	84.00%
10	02	02	02	1000	2000	2000	82.00%
11	02	02	02	1000	2000	2000	79.80%
12	03	02	02	1000	2000	2000	74.40%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>16400</b>	<b>13700</b>	
<b>G.Total</b>	<b>516</b>	<b>264</b>	<b>244</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,80,400</b>	<b>1,64,700</b>	

### **Recommendations of the board**

- (a) Recommendation for scholarship is as shown in recommendation column.
- (b) In certain categories where less applications have been recd the amount be utilized for any distress grant/sports scholarship for children.

### **Eligibility**

Children of BSA members between the ages 10 yrs and 20 yrs are eligible for the scholarship with following criteria :

Overall Marks	Above 65% - for Offr Children
Overall marks	Above 65% - for JCO Children
Overall marks	Above 65% - for OR Children

The qualifying date for this purpose will be the date the child passes the yearly examination or the termination of the academic year. The scholarship will be awarded based on the result of the class the student is studying.

(b) **Distress Grant :-** The total grant earmarked during the year is Rs 1,50,000/-. We have received 54 applications till 30 Nov 2006. Total 27 applicants were allotted distress grant a sum of Rs. 1,10,000 for year 2006 – 2007.

(c) **Sports Scholarship :-** During the year 2006-07, the BSA awarded four Scholarship of Rs. 5000/- each to the following Children of BSA members :-

No.	Name of Child	Parent Rank & Name	Unit
1	AK Shriwastav	NB/SUB Shriastav	116 ER
2	Reena Yadav	Sub Maes Chandra	TB - I
3	Sumeer Bahl	Col Ashun Bahl	GP HQ
4	AK Thap	NB / SUB Tuk Bahadur	TB - I

(d) **Assistance to Gurnam Boys Hostel /APS :-** The total grant allocated during the year is Rs 1,00,000/-. For Gurnam Boys Hostel. The students taking admission in APS Beas will be given 20% of total fees paid in these schools for wards of Offrs, JCO & Ors. The qualifying parameter for the incentive is based on merit but the percentage of marks student should not be less than 75%. No of student to be awarded

scholarship in each class will be restricted as given below :-

category	No of Student per Class	Class I to 12	Total Student
Offrs	1	12	12
JCO's	2	12	24
ORs	12	12	144
		<b>Total</b>	<b>180</b>

#### **POINT NO – 5 - BUDGET FOR YEAR 2006-07**

Due to the decreasing interest rates the income recd by BSA had not increased much despite the increase in corpus. The Secretary – cum – Treasurer gave estimated income for FY 2006 – 07 as Rs 16.10 lacs. The proposed budget for FY 2006 – 07 was intimated to the house and is given balance.

#### **PROPOSED BUDGET : 2006-2007**

Expected Income For  
FY 2004-05 - 16.10 Lacs

#### **EXPENDITURE**

<b><u>WELFARE SCHEMES</u></b>	Proposed (Rs. in Lakhs)
(a) Edn Scholarship	1.80
(b) Sports Scholarship	0.20
(c) Gurnam Boys Hostel/APS	1.00
(d) Distress Grant	1.50



(e) Grant to NOK of Martyr on VC Day	0.75
(f) News Letter	1.10
(g) Comradeship (Memento)	1.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>7.35</b>

**OTHER EXPENSES**

(j) Salary (Supervisor Rs 5000 pm) /Dvr-2000/-	0.59
(k) Maint of Computer	0.50
(l) Audit Fees	0.12
(m) Telephone bill	0.06
(n) Office functioning (Sty, printing, postage other than news letter etc)	0.12
(o) Membership Cards	0.20
(p) Misc/Reserve	0.25
(q) Improvement of web site	0.16
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2.00</b>
<b>G Total</b>	<b>9.35</b>

Balance Amt. of Rs. 6 lacs will be used for other welfare activities or addition to corpus.

The house was requested to scrutinize the proposed budget and raise their views/suggestions on the budget. No points was raised by members. Since there were no other point / suggestion from member. The budget was proposed to be approved by Col N Rafat and and Seconded by Maj S Mandolia.

**DISCUSSION POINT**

1 **Est of HPCL (Petrol pump) outlets by BSA.**

To establish petrol outlet HPCL had been identified and plot at svy No 230 on Bombay – Poona Highway and taken its long lease from MOD. The lease documents have been forwarded to DGDE (Dir General of Defence Estate) New Delhi for their recommendations and will be fwd to MOD for sanction.

The major features of scheme are as under:

- (a) Total cost – Rs 100 Lacs (to be shared by HPCL)
- (b) Employment to Ex – Bombay Sappers.
- (c) To be operated on BOT(Build-Operat-Transfer) between army and HPCL basis.
- (d) Revenues to be shared in the ratio of 60% : 40%

2 **Placement Cell :-** The database of all retiring personnel is being updated regularly and suitable job opportunities are being provided. All personnel who have not yet registered but are desirous of finding jobs are requested to intimate the o/c placent cell.

3 **Trg Capsule :-** As of now, a week long training capsule has been included in the pre retirement drill period (presently of one month). This would be enhanced once the attachment of per due for retirement is increased upto three months. A case for various trg capsules is being taken up accordingly. The CRO is working out the modalities to explore

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if the attachment period of PBOR coming for pre release drill is increased upto three months.

- 4 **Placement Cell Office** : - These are a plan to gave an upliftment to the office and provide suitable infrastructure with manpower to increase efficiency in placement.

Interaction with Resettlement Dte is being carried out regularly. Presentations by them for every batch of PBOR attached for pre-retirement drill are scheduled during the second week of every month. Various schemes have been discussed with the DG Resettlement and his support has been assured.

The Vice Chairman intimated that he had personally spoken to the Dir Gen Resettlement and based on their talk directions have been given for the following: -

- (a) Pension drill to be of three months instead of one-month duration as is being done presently, The DG Resettlement had intimated that this was already being done by some training centers.
- (b) A DO has been written to all COs to ensure that PBOR due for retirement get their passports made while in the unit. This would facilitate applying for jobs abroad.
- (c) Liason has been carried out for the following points, which would be perused once a formal

sanction is given by the DG Resettlement.

A Pilot projects on farming/rural self-employment scheme trg by BAIF at the group farm will be started. This will incl organic farming, sericulture, beekeeping floriculture, vermiculture, etc. This would also be funded wholly or partially by the DG Resettlement. An SOC has been forwarded accordingly. Loan upto Rs 5 lacs will be taken from BSA, if required.

**A Short Management course for JCOs/OR to be conducted by Pune University during discharge drill.**

Personality Development Capsules will be run conjunction with the corporate sect. For this purpose services of Maj Sonalkar (Retd) of Goodwill ex-servicemen Society would be taken and honorarium paid either full or partially by the Resettlement Dte.

**STATE OF BSA MEMBERSHIP AS ON 31 DEC 2006**

<i>Unit</i>	<i>Members</i>			<i>Total</i>
	<i>Officer</i>	<i>JCO</i>	<i>OR</i>	
101 ENGR REGT	26	36	814	876
102 ENGR REGT	32	40	967	1,038
103 ENGR REGT	26	22	819	867
104 ENGR REGT	23	41	851	915
105 ENGR REGT	21	23	862	906
106 ENGR REGT	22	24	809	855
107 ENGR REGT	28	32	886	946
108 ENGR REGT	22	23	783	828
109 RAPID(S) ENGR REGT	23	14	782	819
110 ENGR REGT	31	35	825	891
111 ENGR REGT	20	26	790	836
112 ENGR REGT	31	27	941	999
113 ENGR REGT	20	22	789	831
114 ARMED ENGR REGT	29	24	1,062	1,115
115 ENGR REGT	18	23	865	906
116 ENGR REGT	25	27	751	803
117 ENGR REGT	29	27	834	890
118 ENGR REGT	25	31	965	1,021
119 ASLT ENGR REGT	25	26	865	916
120 ENGR REGT	13	22	757	792
201 BD COY	2	4	89	95
202 BD COY	3	6	100	109
203 BD COY	4	7	85	96

<i>Unit</i>	<i>Members</i>			<i>Total</i>
	<i>Officer</i>	<i>JCO</i>	<i>OR</i>	
235 IWT	2	8	284	294
236 IWT	3	12	207	222
267 ENGR REGT	24	24	943	991
268 ENGR REGT	20	25	710	755
269 ENGR REGT	31	29	905	965
270 ENGR REGT	9	20	792	821
411 (I) PARA FD COY	5	2	222	229
414 ( I ) ENGR SQN	4	2	205	211
652 ENGR Plant Unit	3	4	113	120
656 ENGR BR UNIT	2	2	100	104
702 ENGR PLANT UNIT	0	9	131	140
71 TASK FORCE	2	1	178	181
72 TASK FORCE	3	0	55	58
969 RLY ENGR REGT (TA)	1	0	0	1
970 Rly.ENGR REGT(TA)	1	0	2	3
BEG & CENTRE	70	273	3,638	3,981
MISC	97	47	109	253
RETIRED	241	882	4,241	5,364
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,016</b>	<b>1,902</b>	<b>30,126</b>	<b>33,044</b>

## **GOVERNMENT ORDERS RELATING TO WELFARE AND RESETTLEMENT OF EX-SERVICEMEN AND THEIR DEPENDENTS**

### **Result Oriented Legal Aid Cell for Ex-Servicemen / War Widows / 100 % Disabled Persons of Armed forces and their Dependents (Minor)**

Lt Col RS Panwar (Retd), Advocate vide their letter No. 15760 / Legal Services / RSP / 97 dated 28 Oct 05 has intimated that FREE Legal Advice / Help on the following aspects will be rendered to above categories of personnel as a welfare measure :-

- (a) On Court Martial cases and related petitions.
- (b) On pension cases, loan facilities from Banks and Financial Institutions under Self Employment Schemes, Insurance Claims, benefits / entitlement to medically boarded out persons and disability pension.
- (c) On Landlord / Tenant disputes and allotment.
- (d) Motor Accident claims and compensation etc.
- (e) On right of consumers under consumer protection act.
- (f) Renewal of Arms Licenses.
- (g) Drafting and typing Affidavits.
- (h) All other information and advice on matters related to other welfare matters.

Note : Arrangements for lodging in 'Sainik Rest House' and meals for outsiders only will be made available on payment basis, if information received well in advance on telephone or otherwise.

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### **Assistance to State Sainik Board Organisations**

Ministry of Defence, Govt of India pays 50% cost of pay, allowances and establishment charges of all the States and Distt Sainik Welfare Offices from Defence Estimates under the head 'Central Share'.

An amount of Rs. 17.70 crore has been provided to the States / UTs as 50% share of Central Govt for maintenance of their Sainik Board Organisations from the Defence Services Estimates.

### **Assistance for serious diseases**

All ex-Servicemen suffering from serious diseases are being given financial assistance for treatment in civil hospitals in case they cannot be treated in Military Hospitals and have not availed similar assistance from any other source. For serious ailments financial assistance of up to 90% for PBOR and 75% for officers is still being provided by KSB. Rs. 75,000/- per year is being provided for dialysis and cancer.

Now, ECHS has come in existence and it will cater for the health care of Defence pensioners who as per estimates are 60% of the ex-servicemen and widows registered with the Zila Sainik Welfare Offices.

## VALUE INFORMATION

**Monetary allowance for Bar to Sena Medal :-** The monthly monetary allowance for Gallantry Award winners was admitted vide MOD letter No. 3(8)/98/D (Ceremonials) dated 18 Mar 1999. However, admissibility of Monetary Allowance for Bar to Sena/Nao/Vayu Sena medal was left out. A case was taken up by CW Dte/AG's Branch with Ministry of Defence for admissibility of the above allowance to Bar to Sena/Nao Sena/Vayu Sena Medal. Ministry of Defence has now issued an addendum stating 'Each bar to the Sena Medal. Ministry of Defence has now issued an addendum stating 'Each bar to the Sena/Nao Sena/Vayu Sena medal awarded for gallantry will carry the same amount of monetary allowance as admissible to the original award.'

**Amenity Grant :-** A case was taken up with Ministry of Defence by CW Dte to enhance the rates of amenity grant for troops as the present rate was found to be inadequate. The proposal has been accepted and an increase of 100% has been made vide MoD letter No. 15(93)/D/83/D(Res)I&C/2005 dated 23 Aug 2005.

Strength	Old Rate	New Rate
Str upto 100	Rs 37.50/- per capita	Rs. 75/- per capita
Str from 101-200	Rs. 30/- per capita, subject to minimum of Rs. 3,750/-	Rs. 60/- per capita Subject to minimum of Rs. 7,000/-
Str from 201-800	Rs. 22.50/- per capita, subject to minimum of Rs. 5,250/-	Rs. 45/- per capita, subject to minimum of Rs. 10,500
Str from 801 and above	Rs. 15/- per capita, subject to minimum of Rs. 15,000/-	Rs. 30/- per capita, subject to minimum of Rs. 30,000/-
Hospital Grant	Rs. 1.50/- per bed	Rs. 3/- per bed

### **Extension of field service concession :-**

**OP Rhino.** Field Services Concessions initially granted for a period of six months with effect from 15 Sep 91 vide MOD letter No8(3)/91/D(Pay/Services) dated 10 Jun 92 have been extended from time to time on half yearly basis. These concessions were extended upto 14 Dec 2006 or till termination of operation which ever is earlier vide MOD letter no. (3)/91/D(Pay/Services) dated 23 Aug 2006.

**Op Hifazat.** Field Services Concessions initially granted for a period of six months with effect from 15 Feb 97 vide MOD letter No8(1)/97/D/(Pay/Services) dated 03 Jun 97 and extended from time to time have been extended upto 31 Dec 2006 or till termination of operation which ever is earlier vide MOD letter No.8(1)/97/D/(Pay/Services) dated 23 Aug 2006.



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**Improvement in the pension of personnel below officer rank (PBOR)**

As per GOI letter No. 14(3)/2004-D(Pen/Sers)/Vol - III dated 01 Feb 06, the pension of -1996 retired PBOR will be revised with reference to the maximum of the post 01 Jan 96 scale of the rank in which they retired instead of the existing provision of minimum of the scale. This provision will benefit all the PBORs across the board as the existing provision was not beneficial to them. This was because of the reason that consolidated pension of some of the pre-1996 retired PBORs was more than the amount to which they got entitled to as a result of Modified Parity at the minimum of the pay scale of the rank held. Therefore, a case was taken up with MOD for grant of Modified Parity to PBORs at the maximum of pay scale in which they retired. This has been accepted. In addition, the weightage of Sepoy, Naik and Havildar ranks for the past as well as future retirees has been increased to 10, 8 and 6 years respectively subject to a maximum qualifying service of 30 years. Till now the PBORs were being granted uniform weightage of 5 years. The benefit would be given only in respect of service pension and will take effect from 01 Jan 06. These provisions will benefit the retired as well as retiring PBORs.

**Payment of pension through authorised Banks-Credit of pension to joint bank account operated by a pensioner with his/her spouse.**

Instructions had been issued by Ministry of Finance Department of Expenditure to permit credit of pension into a joint account operated by a pensioner with his/her spouse in whose favour an authorisation for family pension exists in the PPO. The joint account will be operated by the pensioner with his/her spouse subject to certain terms and conditions. These instructions have now been mutatis-mutandis made applicable to the Defence Personnel vide GOI MOD letter No. 1527/B/05/D(Pen/Sers) dated 08 Feb 06. Existing pensioners can also avail of this facility on application to the bank branch in the prescribed format.

**Pensionary Benefits to NK and Hav Granted Assured career progression (ACP)**

Govt orders have been issued vide letter No.B/39022/AG/PS-5(Policy)/29/A/D(Pen/Sers)/06 dated 10 Jan 06 stating that pension in respect of PBOR granted ACP upgradation will be calculated based on the maximum of pay scale granted using 50% of the highest classification allowance, if any, of the rank held and group in which paid, subject to the condition that the upgraded pay scale should be held continuously for 10 months preceding their discharge from service.

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## **NEWS YOU CAN USE**

**Insurance Advisors** - Max New York Life Insurance Co Ltd has approached DGR for providing ex-Defence officers for insurance Advisors for Max New York. Seminars will be conducted to select officers for Insurance Advisors. Initial training is organised by Max New York, thereafter the Insurance Advisors is required to work on commission basis. Earning under this Scheme linked to number of policies sold by the Insurance Advisor. Support, training and infrastructure are provided by Max New York. Interested Ex-Servicemen, officers, widows/dependants can obtain further details from the given address :-

**Max New York Life Insurance Ltd.**

**Corporate Office**

DLF Square Building, 11th Floor, Jacaranda Marg,

DLF City Phase - II, Gurgaon (Haryana)

Tele : 0124-2561717

## **KIDZEE EDUCATION CENTRES**

KIDZEE aims to provide ground to help young minds grow and learn in an amicable environment resulting in all round development Kidzee is the venture of Zee Interactive Learning Systems Ltd. which is an education arm of Zee Telefilms Limited, a part of Essel Group.

Scope for Defence personnel : Zee Interactive Learning Systems offers a Franchise of KIDZEE in Self Employment. The various policies are as follow :-

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|------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------|
| (a) Widow of Gallantry Award Personnel   | - 11% of the applicable franchise fee to be charged.           |
| (b) Widow of Defence Personnel           | - 25% of the applicable franchise fee to be charged.           |
| (c) Gallantry Award Winner Defence Alive | - 50% of the applicable franchise Personnel fee to be charged. |
| (d) Ex-Servicemen                        | - 80% of the applicable franchise fee to be charged.           |
| (e) Spouse of serving Defence personnel  | - 85% of the applicable franchise fee to be charged.           |

**Criteria :-**

- Educationally qualified and competent to manage and run a Kidzee center.
- The proposed center should not interfere or fall within the territory of any existing kidzee center or any proposed site of kidzee center.
- To provide all relevant documents notifying the status of the category.

Infrastructure : Will have 2 to 4 classrooms, all which can be used for the playschool and Nursery in the morning and for the activity center in the evening. Play group and Nursery caters for children in the age group of 2-3 years and 3-4 years respectively. The Activity center targets children in the age group of 4-12.

### **10% Price subsidy granted to ex-servicemen manufacturers**

One of the scheme of Self-Employment relates to grant of Price subsidy under which Ex-Servicemen (ESM) are granted 10% price subsidy of the value of the goods supplied to Defend Establishment or Rs. 50,000/- whichever is less, in a financial year. This price subsidy is granted to Ex-Servicemen manufacturer for a period of five years. Of late, it has been observed that no Ex-

servicemen is claiming benefit under this scheme. The reason for this is perhaps lack of awarness amongst till ESM manufacturers.

In view of the above attention of all ESM is invited to Ministry of Defence letter No.3331/POL/II/DGR/SE.11/175/US-D(Res) dated 29 May 1992. For further detail ESM may contact nearest RSB/ZSB or Director (Self Employment), Dte General Resettlement, Ministry of Defence, We Block 4, R. K. Puram, New Delhi - 110066.

## **ADMISSION ALERT**

Army Industrial Training Institute (Army IT) imparts resettlement training in six different trades to retiring and retired JCO's/OR in their last three years of service so as to enable them to start a second career after retirement. The details of courses being run by this Institute and other required information is given below.

	<b>Course</b>	<b>Duration (Years)</b>	<b>Education Qualification</b>	<b>No. of seats</b>
(a)	Computer Operator & Programming Assistance	01	10 + 2	20
(b)	Welder (Gas & Electric)	01	10th	14
(c)	Electrician	02	10th with Science	19
(d)	Electronics Mechanic	02	10th with Science & Maths	19
(e)	Refrigeration & Air Conditioning Mechanic	02	10th with Science & Maths	10
(f)	Mechanic (Motor Vehicle)	02	10th with Science & Maths	10

The courses start on 01 Aug every year. It is a joint venture of the Army and Govt of Haryana, which is functioning on the guidelines set by Directorate General of Employment & Training, Ministry of Labour, Govt of India, New Delhi. On completion of training, National Trade Certificates are issued by national Council for Vocational Training, Ministry of Labour, Govt of India, which are recognised throughout India at par with other Industrial Training Institutes in India. Application for admission may be obtained and forwarded directly to the following address.

Dean  
Army ITI  
Allenby Lines, Ambala Cantt - 133 001 (Haryana)  
**Ph : 0171-2611217 (Civil) 3425 (Army)**

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### **DGR Initiative for training of PBOR**

On an average 60,000 Armed Forces Personnel retire from service every year out of which only two to three thousand are officers. Such a vast trained and disciplined human resource falling in the age group of 35-45 years cannot be allowed to go waste in national interest. On release from service the majority of the PBOR go back to their native places. Once the financial package received by them from the services is on the brink of finishing they realize the reality of life and look for some jobs in closer vicinity of their villages/towns. Finally, they settle for petty jobs on pay packages between two to three thousand per month.

Considering such a waste of talent in ex-servicemen and their exploitation by the environment, the DGR has initiated a career transition capsules of 2-5 days at the Regimental/Corps Centres where the PBOR under going discharge drills are reoriented by teams of selected ESM officers, regimental experts and prospective employers. The objective is to direct retiring PBOR to suitable rewarding vocation in the civil even before they have a long break and go out of circulation.

Recently, such teams of officers have visited 14 GTC Subathu, BEG Centre, Roorkee, BEG Centre, Pune Raj Rif Centre, MIRC Ahmedabad, ACC & S, Arty Centre, Nasik.

These visits are planned to be made every month in each Centre so that all PBOR who come for their pension/discharge drill avail of this facility.

### **Important Policy Letters**

Grant of family pension for life to Handicapped children of armed forces personnel : The Armed Forces personnels were facing difficulties in getting the family pension for life for their handicapped children dut to the cumbersome procedure / documentation. A case was taken up by Army HQ for simplification of procedure. Govt order vide letter No. PC MF-Air HQ/24229/283/FPHC/PP&R-8(i)/582/A/D(Pen/Sers)dated 29-11-2005 has since been issued catering for the following provisions :

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- (a) Medical officers of rank of Brig/above shall be competent to render the certificate required.
- (b) Guardian shall be nominated by the pensioner instead of a court of law. In case no such nomination has been made by pensioner in his life time the nomination shall be made by spouse of the deceased personnel.
- (c) The name of handicapped child shall be indicated in the PPO to be issued for grant of Service Pension / Family Pension.

Note : Detailed instructions for implementation of above will be issued by CGDA separately.

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**Prime Minister's Scholarship Scheme for children of ESM (PBOR) and widows**

The Hon'ble Prime Minister has approved a total number of 5000 scholarships in a financial year, out of which 4000 cases will be exclusively for ex-servicemen under Kendriya Sainik Board and the remaining 1000 cases will be divided among the other forces such as RPF, BSF, ITBP etc. A scholarship of Rs. 1000/- pm would be given for each case for 3 to 5 years, depending upon the course from all recognised Institutes / Colleges. This grant will be released from the National Defence Fund. The scheme will be effective from the next financial year. BSA will assist in getting the applications approved for children doing higher education beyond school level.

**BSA website and electronic copy of news magazine / other forms**

The BSA website is being updated regularly. All members are requested to visit the site and offer their valuable suggestion for improvement. New email address database is being made. All are requested to send their e-mail address also with their Name and registration no. so that copies of all important letters can be sent in their email Address.

**Database of Ex-Serviceman doing well in civil :-**

We are making a database of servicemen who are gainfully employed and / or are doing well in their own enterprise so that they can offer job opportunities to their brethren retiring from service now. All such ESP who wish to employ the retiring personnel may forward their details to the Secretary BSA by means of letter / email.



Appendix 'A' to BSA Education Scholarship Scheme

**BOMBAY SAPPERS ASSOCIATION (BSA)**

**EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP**

1. I request that my under mentioned child whose particulars are given below may kindly be considered for the grant of above scholarship :-

Name of the Child	Age & Date of Birth	Male or Female	Class		School in which studying
			Passed	Studying	
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)
Percentage of (average) marks obtained in the final exam of the Class passed (Attach mark sheet duly CTC attested by the OC Unit or Photostat copy				Remarks	
(g)			(h)		

1. No, Rank & name of the BSA members.
2. Membership No.
3. Unit/ Address.
4. Full particulars of my bankers are as under :-  
 Name of Bank :  
 Full Postal Address including branch name,  
 Street town and so on :  
 Nature of account :  
 Account Number :

Station :

Yours faithfully

Dated :

Appendix 'B' to BSA Education Scholarship Scheme

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Name of School)

1. This is to certify that Master/Miss \_\_\_\_\_  
 Son/Daughter\_\_\_\_\_ (here mention No, Rank,  
 Name of the Offrs/JCOs/ORs) has been bonafide student of this School during  
 the academic year\_\_\_\_\_ which started on  
 \_\_\_\_\_ and ended on\_\_\_\_\_
2. He/She is still studying or left the institution on\_\_\_\_\_
3. His or her date of birth as per record is\_\_\_\_\_
4. His or her conduct during the above period was\_\_\_\_\_

Place :

Signature\_\_\_\_\_  
(Headmaster or Principal)

Date :

(Rubber Stamp)

