

BOMBAY SAPPERS ASSOCIATION
MINUTES OF THE 67th MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD ON 20 JAN2023

1. The 67th Management Committee meeting of the Bombay Sappers Association was held on 20 Jan 2023 at 1100hrs in the Hall of Generals at HQ BEG & Centre. The meeting was chaired by Brig DG Patwardhan, Commandant BEG & Centre and Vice Chairman, BSA.
2. Following were present: -
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| (a) Brig DG Patwardhan | - Vice Chairman |
| (b) Maj Gen SG Pitre (Retd) | - Hony Gen Secy |
| (c) Lt Gen SS Hasabnis, PVSM, AVSM, ADC(Retd) | - Member |
| (d) Col MM Bhushan (Retd) | - Member |
| (e) Brig Sukhvir Sharma (Retd) | - Member |
| (e) Brig SR Mazagaonkar (Retd) | - Director, BSA |
| (f) Col Nidhi Roshyan | - Secy-cum-Treasurer |
| (g) Col Akshay Chakravarty | - Member |
| (h) Lt Col Rohit R Patted | - Member |
| (j) Sub Maj (Hony Capt) RS Misal (Retd) | - Member |
| (h) Sub Maj RS Shinde | - Asst Secy |

Agenda for 67th MCM

3. Director after seeking permission of the chair proceeded with the MCM. He gave out the agenda points to be discussed in the 67th MCM: -
- Induction of Brig Sukhvir Sharma in MC of BSA
 - Approval of Minutes of 66th MCM.
 - Details of activities and boards held for various welfare schemes in Fin Yr 2022-23.
 - Details of Income & Expdr till date - Fin Yr 2022-23.
 - Anticipated Income & Expenditure - Fin Yr 2022-23
 - Misc. info points from Director.
 - Points from MC members.

Induction of Brig Sukhvir Sharma in MC of BSA

4. Maj Gen SG Pitre (Retd), Hony Gen Secy BSA, welcomed Brig Sukhvir Sharma as a member of the MC. He thanked him for volunteering to join the MC and said that it is indeed a privilege for BSA to get a member like him who has had such a brilliant all rounded career in the Corps of Engineers. He has been an instructor in IMTRAT(Bhutan), F-Combat at CME and in CIFE. Apart from Combat Engineering, he has had and exposure in Border Roads as Cdr. BRTF and as a CE Zone in Srinagar. After retirement he is an Arbitrator in the Mumbai High Court and also a Director/Partner with a number of firms. General Pitre said, he had no doubts that he will effectively fill in the void which will be created by Col MM Bhushan (Retd), who will be resigning from today. Brig Sukhvir Sharma, in reply, thanked General Pitre for the kind words and assured that he will put in his best and contribute positively in all the activities of BSA.

5. **Farewell to Col MM Bhushan.** Maj Gen SG Pitre (Retd), Hony Gen Secy, then proceeded to bid farewell to Col Man Mohan Bhushan (Retd). He said that Col Bhushan has been a member of the MC right since the inception of BSA and contributed immensely in bringing up BSA, to what it is today. He said he has been the presiding officer of practically all boards held in BSA for our various welfare schemes in all these years. He has been scrutinizing scores of applications diligently and taking judicious decisions while resolving cases or selecting pers for various schemes. He thanked him profusely for his contribution during his long innings with BSA. He then requested Brig DG Patwardhan, Vice Chairman BSA, to present a memento to Col MM Bhushan. Col MM Bhushan in his reply spoke at length about his association with BSA right from 1999. He ran through the journey of BSA from its inception, which started with a small sum of about 5 lakhs, till now, when we have 5 crores in our corpus. He said there has been a

tremendous improvement in technology and today scrutinizing applications and preparation of boards has become simple. He also said that the newly inducted members of MC like Lt Gen SS Hasabnis and Brig Sharma will definitely bring in a fresh approach and lots of positive energy, which will benefit the BSA in the long run. He said that we have not had a single blemish on the name of BSA in so many years of its existence. He urged that we should continue to function in the same transparent manner and should strive to keep BSA clean and blemish free. He also said that as members of MC we should always safeguard our funds and assets as these truly belong to the Bombay Sappers. He said he has always worked for BSA with a Sewa Bhav in mind without any expectations and urged all members to do the same. He assured that he will be always available for any service for BSA in the future also.

Approval of Minutes of 66thMCM

6. Director proposed that minutes of 66th MCM (Last MCM held on 01Oct 2022), be approved. The Director informed that the minutes have been circulated to all units and also uploaded on the BSA website and the WhatsApp group of ESMs. The approval of minutes was proposed by Lt Col Rohit Patted and seconded by Lt Gen SS Hasabnis (Retd)

Details of activities and boards held for various welfare schemes in Fin Yr. 2022-23.

7. **Membership of BSA.** The present state of members, who have paid life membership fees, as on 14 Jan 2023 is: -

(a) Officers	- 1,828
(b) JCOs / ORs	- 52,419
Total	- 54,247

8. Director informed that there is no increase in the membership figures of ORs. There are about 350 new Agniveers who have reported but we will not be making them members of BSA till a firm decision on this is taken. The new batch of YOs have been made members.

9. **BSA Newsletters.** Director informed that three quarterly News letters have been issued in the Fin Yr 2022-23 on dates mentioned below:

(a)	18 July 2022
(b)	31 Oct 2022
(c)	04 Jan 2022

10. **Expenditure on welfare activities till now in Fin Yr 2022-23.** Director displayed the summary of expenditures incurred on various welfare scheme in a tabulated form as given below.

<u>Ser</u>	<u>Grants/Welfare schemes</u>	<u>Amount (Rs)</u>
1	Edn Scholarship (55JCOs & 153 ORs)	1,91,600.00
2	Education Grants Children of Widows (EGCW) (173 Children of 98 Widows)	6,21,000.00
3	Grant for Professional Courses (incl awardees of previous yrs)	2,90,000.00
4	Madhuri Gupta scholarship (incl awardees of previous yrs)	1,75,000.00
5	Col Kumar Scholarship	48,000.00
6	Imdt Grant (30 NOKs)	3,00,000.00
7	Distress Grant (ESM-1 &Widow-1)	20,000.00
8	Grant to widows for daughter's marriage (03 Widows)	75,000.00
9	Aid to GBA	0.00
10	Indira Dassannacharya Scholarship (03 Children)	15,000.00
11	Sapper Sarai	0.00
12	Felicitation of Children who join NDA/IMA/OTA	20,000.00
	Total	17,55,600.00

11. Director informed that grants for almost all our welfare schemes have been disbursed except for grants to be given to GBA and Sapper Sarais. This year it was decided in the earlier MCM, that we will be giving the complete budgeted amount of Rs 3 lacs only to the Delhi Cantt Saper Sarai, as the Pune and Amritsar Sarais do not require funds this year and Sarai at Jalandhar has been handed over to the Bengal Sappers. We have recd a letter from CO CEDU wherein he has requested for a grant of Rs 3 Lacs for additional upgradation. This letter has been circulated to all members of MC through whats app, along with photographs of works already carried out by him. Also, grant of the of Rs 6 lacs will be given to GBA shortly, after receipt and scrutiny of Board Proceedings.

Details of Income & Expenditure so far in FY 2022-23.

12. Director displayed the details of Income **so far** in financial year 2022-23.

Ser	Head of Income	Anticipated Income (Rs)	Actual Income till 20 Jan 23 (Rs)
1	Interest from FDs	36,65,142.00	26,61,596.00
2	Interest from Sweep & Savings Account	80,000.00	69,641.00
3	Income from Duplicate Cards	40,000.00	17,201.00
4	Donations	4,15,000.00	5,48,201.00
	Total	42,00,142.00 Say 42 Lacs	32,96,639.00

13. Director explained that donations recd this year are more than planned. He gave details of total donations recd and details of amounts taken in welfare and corpus. These details are given at Appx 'A'.

14. Details of Expdr **so far** in Fin Yr. 2022-23 were displayed as below: -

EXPENDITURE FIN YR 2022-23

Ser	Head Of Expdr	Budget for 2022-23 Approved in AGM	Expdr till 20 Jan 2023
1	Edn Scholarship (48 JCOs and 147 ORs Children)	2,00,000.00	1,91,600.00
2	Edn Grant (Children of widows)	6,00,000.00	6,21,000.00
3	Distress Grant (1 ESM & 1 serving)	1,50,000.00	20,000.00
4	Imdt Relief (14 Widows / NOK)	4,50,000.00	3,00,000.00
5	Grant for Marriage of Daughters of widows (3 widows)	3,00,000.00	75,000.00
6	Grant for Professional Courses	3,10,000.00	2,90,000.00
7	Col Kumar Scholarship	48,000.00	48,000.00
8	Madhuri Gupta Scholarship	1,50,000.00	1,75,000.00
9	Aid to GBA	5,00,000.00	0.00
10	Indira Dasannacharya Scholarship	15,000.00	15,000.00
11	Felicitation of NDA /IMA cdt	25,000.00	20,000.00
12	Grants for Sapper Sarais	3,00,000.00	0.00
13	Salary	8,70,000.00	6,36,500.00
14	Maint of Cmptr (incl website maint& hosting charges)	32,000.00	0.00

15	Tele Bill/Internet	25,000.00	14,325.00
16	Office Expdr	45,000.00	24,150.00
17	Audit Fees	35,000.00	0.00
18	Misc Incl	1,45,000.00	1,72,918.00
	Total	42,00,000.00	26,03,493.00

15. Director pointed out that though our expenditure till date is Rs 26.03 lacs our total expdr will be more than our budgeted expdr. He said he will explain this shortly when he will give out figs of anticipated income and expdr for the complete Fin Yr 2022-23.

Anticipated Income & Expenditure - Fin Yr 2022-23

16. Director then proceeded to display the figs of the anticipated income for Fin Yr 2022-23 which are as tabulated below:

ANTICIPATED INCOME FOR FIN YEAR 2022-23

Ser No	Head of Income	Anticipated Income in approved Budget FY 2022- 23	Income as on 31 Dec 2022	Anticipated Income till Mar 2023
1	Interest from FDs	36,65,142.00	26,61,596.00	36,65,142.00
2	Interest from Sweep/Saving Acct	80,000.00	69,641.00	80,000.00
3	Income from duplicate card charges	40,000.00	17,201.00	20,000.00
4	Donations	4,15,000.00	5,48,201.00	5,50,000.00
	Total	42,00,142.00 Say 42Lacs	32,96,639.00	43,15,142 Say 43Lacs

17. Director pointed out that this year we have got more donations. Hence our overall income will go up to Rs 43 lacs instead of our anticipated figure of Rs 42 lacs. All donations which will be received now onwards will be taken in our corpus funds. So now we can spend up to 43 lacs this year. He then proceeded to display the figures of the anticipated expdr against our planned and approved budget of Fin Yr 2022-23

BUDGETED EXPDR AND ANTICIPATED EXPDR IN 2022-23

Ser No	Head of Expdr	Budget for FY 2022-23 approved in 22nd AGM	Total Expdr till 20 Jan 23	Anticipated Expenditure Feb & Mar 23	Final Anticipated Expdr Fin Yr 2022-23
1	Edn Scholarship	2,00,000.00	1,91,600.00	0.00	1,91,600.00
2	Edn Grant (Children of widows)	6,00,000.00	6,21,000.00	0.00	6,21,000.00
3	Distress Grant	1,50,000.00	20,000.00	40,000.00	60,000.00
4	Imdt Relief	4,50,000.00	3,00,000.00	60,000.00	3,60,000.00

5	Grant for Marriage of Daughters of widows	3,00,000.00	75,000.00	25,000.00	1,00,000.00
6	Grant for Professional Courses	3,10,000.00	2,90,000.00	20,000.00	3,10,000.00
7	Col Kumar Scholarship	48,000.00	48,000.00	0.00	48,000.00
8	Madhuri Gupta Scholarship	1,50,000.00	1,75,000.00	0.00	1,75,000.00
9	Aid to GBA	5,00,000.00	0.00	6,00,000.00	6,00,000.00
10	Indira Dasannacharya Scholarship	15,000.00	15,000.00	0.00	15,000.00
11	Felicitation of NDA /IMA cdts	25,000.00	20,000.00	0.00	20,000.00
12	Grants for Sapper Sarais	3,00,000.00	0.00	3,00,000.00	3,00,000.00
13	Salary	8,70,000.00	6,36,500.00	2,17,500.00	8,54,000.00
14	Maint of Cmptr (incl website maint& hosting charges)	32,000.00	0.00	32,000.00	32,000.00
15	Tele Bill/Internet	25,000.00	14,325.00	4,800.00	19,125.00
16	Office Expdr	45,000.00	24,150.00	16,000.00	40,150.00
17	Audit Fees	35,000.00	0.00	35,000.00	35,000.00
18	Misc Incl	1,45,000.00	1,72,918.00	3,00,000.00	4,72,918.00
	Total	42,00,000.00	26,03,493.00	16,50,300.00	42,53,793.00 Say 42.5 Lacs

18. Director pointed out that we have spent Rs 26 lacs till now and we have an anticipated expdr of Rs 16.5 lacs in the next two months. Hence the total expdr in 2022-23 will go up to Rs 42.5 lacs. However, there is an increase in our income which will be Rs 43 Lacs instead of Rs 42 lacs.

19. Director pointed out that we will be spending Rs 6 lacs as aid to GBA instead of planned expdr of Rs 5 lacs. One firm Addon Holdings has given a donation of Rs 3 lacs out of which 2 lacs has been taken in Corpus and Rs 1 lac taken in our welfare funds after discussion. Addon holdings had desired that we should spend this amount for GBA. Hence this Rs 1 lac extra to GBA.

20. The BSA office is shifting to the Rane Empowerment complex and expenditure of about Rs 3 lacs on interiors and furniture for the new BSA office is anticipated. This was not catered for in the approved budget.

21. Director proposed that an approval be given for spending Rs 42.5 lacs in the Fin Yr 2022-23 in place of 42 lacs. The approval to spend Rs 42.5 lacs against an anticipated income of 43 lacs was proposed by Col Nidhi Roshyan and seconded by Lt Col Rohit Patted.

Misc. info points from Director.

22. **Status of Investment of BSA funds in NBFCs and MFs Status.** Director informed that we had decided to invest Rs 50 Lacs in FDs with NBFCs and Rs 32 lacs in MFs in July 2022 during 65th MCM. This was to be done after confirming that these investments are in order as far as Income Tax and Charity Commissioner is concerned. Our CA confirmed that investments only with PNB housing is in order as the same is permitted under Sec 11(5) of IT Act. However, income from MFs is subject to taxation. He also advised that we should take written permission from

Charity Commissioner before investing. However, this process is getting delayed inordinately due to the procedure involved. The case has to be submitted to the court of Joint Charity Commissioner who will pass an order under Sec 35 of the Bombay Charity Trust Act of 1950, under which BSA is registered. A detailed date wise status report was given to members of MC and also sent on whats app.to all members.

23. **Brig BK Kohli's letter of resignation.** Director informed that a resignation letter dated 30 Nov 2022 was recd from Brig BK Kohli (Retd), Director BSA (NR) stating that he wants to resign wef 10 Dec 22. He had to urgently proceed to Dubai on 14 Dec 22 to help settle down his daughter, who had relocated there as a result of the Ukraine war. However, he has returned on 11Jan 2023. He spoke on tele and also sent a msg that he will be joining back immediately and his resignation letter may be treated as cancelled and his absence may be treated as lve without pay. The Vice Chairman has accepted this request.

24. **Shifting of BSA Office to the Rane Empowerment Complex.** Director informed that the accommodation where the BSA office is to shift is ready hence we will shift as soon as interior works are done.

25. **Distress Grant Scheme out of Donation of Rs 10 Lacs recd from Maj R Dave (Retd)** Director informed that Rs10 Lacs have been deposited by Maj R Dave (Retd) till now. This is to start a new BSA scheme for persons in dire distress in the name of his late father Lt Col AS Dave. He said that we will be getting an interest of Rs 62,000/-per annum going by the present rate of interest. Maj Dave has said we could give fin assistance of about Rs 30,000/- to two needy persons. This was discussed and points which emerged were as follows:-

- a) Distress boards are held two to four times in a year as an when applications are received and Rs 10,000/- each is disbursed as per our present BSA scheme. Hence it is difficult to define whose case is more serious. One way is to specify that only cases pertaining to personal accident cases / Fire incident etc. be considered in this new scheme.
- b) Only applications of widows be considered for this scheme as they require more help.
- c) We could keep on giving grants from our normal BSA scheme throughout the year and somewhere in the month of Feb/Mar select two cases out of all applications for additional fin assistance of Rs 30,000/- each
- d) One member felt that Maj Dave does not seem to be very clear as exactly on what type of distress cases he wants to help, hence we should hold discussions with him and then only a final SOP be made.

26. **Enhancing of BSA Distress Grant amount to Rs 20,000/- each.** In the course of the discussion it was pointed out by Col Nidhi Roshyan, Secy Cum Treasurer BSA, that the amount of Rs 10,000/- presently being given as one-time distress grant to individuals is very less. He said that considering that our annual income is increasing we should enhance this amount to Rs 20,000/-. After a brief discussion all members agreed with this point and it was decided that the amount of one-time grant being given to Individuals under the BSA Distress Grant Scheme will be enhanced to Rs 20,000/- each from the Fin Yr. 2023-24.

27. The members then felt that we should give an amount of Rs 20,000/- each to the first three applicants under the new scheme proposed by Maj R Dave and all remaining applications will be considered and paid through our BSA Distress Grants scheme. However, it was decided that a detailed discussion be held with Maj R Dave beforean SOP for the scheme prepared.

Points from Members.

28. **BSA Membership to Agniveers.** Maj Gen SG Pitre (Retd) said that all newly recruited Agniveers should be made members of BSA. During the discussions following points emerged :-

- a) The motto of 'Once a Bombay Sapper always a Bombay Sapper' be followed,
- b) Emergency commissioned offrs and SS offrs also are maintaining contact.
- c) Earlier also a person did only 7 yrs color service but maintained contact with his parent unit/Regt
- d) In any case 25% Agniveers will be absorbed.
- e) We could give them Temp membership for a period of 4yrs till they are demobilized and then covert retained 25% to life membership.

29. Vice Chairman pointed out that he will be interacting with the Chairman BSA/Colonel Commandant on 01 Feb 2023 wherein he can brief him about todays discussion and get his final approval on the subject.

30. **Loans to BSA members for Higher Education.** Vice Chairman said that he is receiving a number of requests for educational loans from the environment. He felt that we could consider the same. Maj Gen Pitre (Retd) pointed out that such a scheme was started by BSA but it had to be abandoned as it was very difficult to recover these loans. BSA does not have the wherewithal like banks to collect the dues. It was also explained that BSA then started a scheme called GALHE (Grant Against Loan taken for Higher Education) which was in recent times converted to the present scheme of Grants For Professional Courses (GPC). The point was dropped after this.

31. Vice Chairman before closing the 67th MCM thanked all members for sparing their valuable time and attending the MCM.



[Brig SR Mazagaonkar (Retd)]
Director
BSA

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Bombay Sappers Association,
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27 Jan 2023

Distribution: -

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All members of the Management Committee, Dir BSA Northern Region,

All Bombay Sappers Units

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DONATIONS TAKEN IN CORPUS- FY 2022-23

<u>Sr. No.</u>	<u>NAME OF DONOR</u>	<u>AMOUNT(RS)</u>
1	Lt Gen MS Gosain, PVSM, AVSM, VSM (Retd)	2,00,000.00
2	Maj Rajendra Dave (Retd)	2,00,000.00
3	Addon Holding Pvt Ltd	2,00,000.00
4	Col Gurjar PB (Retd)	1,00,000.00
5	Smt Poonam Gupta Wife of Late Lt Col RK Gupta	50,000.00
6	Brig Awtar Singh Gill (Retd)	30,000.00
	Total	7,80,000.00

DONATIONS- FY 2022-23 (USED FOR WELFARE)

<u>Sr. No.</u>	<u>NAME OF DONOR</u>	<u>AMOUNT(RS)</u>
1	Brig SR Mazagaonkar (Retd)	10,000.00
2	Mr Sona Olikara	7,500.00
3	Shri Subodh Gokhale	7,500.00
4	Brig Dilip R Naidu (Retd)	5,000.00
5	Brig Anil Harnal (Retd)	10,000.00
6	Brig Pradeep Mehta, VSM (Retd)	5,000.00
7	Maj Gen K Babayya, VSM (Retd)	10,000.00
8	Maj Gen SN Bouri, AVSM (Retd)	25,000.00
9	Brig Neeraj Parashar (Retd)	25,000.00
10	Col HK Sood (Retd)	10,000.00
11	Maj Gen Shashi Pitre (Retd)	10,000.00
12	Lt Col Amarnath Sharma (Retd)	20,000.00
13	Lt Gen R Shivdasani, PVSM (Retd)	10,000.00
14	Lt Col Shrikant Joshi (Retd)	5,000.00
15	Col Prem Kumar Mahajan (Retd)	22,000.00
16	Lt Gen S Pattabhiraman, PVSM, AVSM, SM, VSM (Retd)	10,000.00
17	Maj Gen SD Sohoni (Retd)	10,000.00
18	Maj Gen SCN Jatar (Retd)	5,000.00
19	Hav Prashant Vitthal (Retd)	1,000.00
20	Smt Neelam Srivastava Wife of Col AK Srivastava (Retd)	75,001.00
21	Maj Gen SS Sharma, KC, VSM (Retd)	10,000.00
22	Brig Ajit Gandotra (Retd)	10,000.00
23	Addon Holding Pvt Ltd	1,00,000.00
24	Col Prem Kumar Mahajan (Retd)	22,000.00
25	Brig AS Chonkar	10,000.00
26	Col SR Tumati (Retd)	10,100.00

27	Lt Col RC Sharma (Retd)	1,00,000.00
28	Maj Gen RK Mattu, VSM (Retd)	25,000.00
	Total	5,48,201.00

Summary

Donations taken directly into Corpus : Rs. 7, 80,000/-

Donations recd and to be used for welfare schemes : Rs. 5, 48,201/-

Total : Rs.13, 28,201/-