

BOMBAY SAPPERS ASSOCIATION
MINUTES OF THE 74th MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD ON 21st JAN 2025

1. The 74th Management Committee meeting of the Bombay Sappers Association was held on 21st Jan 2025 at 1100 hrs. in the Hall of Generals at HQ BEG & Centre. The meeting was chaired by Brig PS Jyoti, VSM, Vice Chairman BSA.

2. Following were present : -

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| (a) | Brig PS Jyoti, VSM | - Vice Chairman |
| (b) | Maj Gen SG Pitre (Retd) | - Hony Gen Secy |
| (c) | Lt Gen SS Hasabnis PVSM VSM ADC (Retd) | - Member |
| (d) | Brig SR Mazagaonkar (Retd) | - Director BSA |
| (e) | Col JS Dhadwal, VSM | - Secy-cum-Treasurer |
| (f) | Col Vishal Pathak | - Member |
| (h) | Lt Col SR Chaudhary | - Member |
| (j) | Sub Maj (Hoy Capt) RS Misal (Retd) | - Member |
| (k) | Sub Maj Pardeep Kumar | - Asst Secy |

3. Director, after taking the permission of the chair proceeded and gave out the agenda points to be discussed in the 74th MCM : -

- (a) Welcoming of new members of MC by the Hony Gen Secy
- (b) Approval of Minutes of 73rd MCM.
- (c) Details of activities and boards held for various schemes in Yr. 2024-25.
- (d) Details of Income & Expdr till date in Fin Yr. 2024-25.
- (e) Latest status of Investment of BSA in FDs, NBFCs & MFs.
- (f) Misc. pts from Director.
- (g) Misc. points from members of MC.

4. He then requested Maj Gen SG Pitre (Retd), Hony Gen Secy, to welcome the new members of MC who were attending the MCM for the first time, namely.

- (a) Brig Paramjit Singh Jyoti, VSM, Vice Chairman BSA, Commandant BEG & Centre
- (b) Col Jitender Singh Dhadwal, VSM, Secy cum Treasurer BSA, Dy Comdt BEG & Centre
- (c) Sub Maj Pardeep Kumar, Asst Secy BSA, Gp Sub Maj BEG & Centre

5. Maj Gen Pitre formally welcomed the new members joining the MC of BSA and wished them a productive tenure as office holders of BSA.

6. Director then proceeded with the next points on the agenda.

Approval of Minutes of 73 MCM

7. Director proposed that minutes of 73rd MCM (Last MCM held on 13 Aug 2024), be approved. The Director informed that the minutes have been circulated to all units and also uploaded on the BSA website and the What's App group of ESMs and what's App group of BSA, MC. ***The approval of minutes was proposed by Lt Gen SS Hasabnis, PVSM, VSM, ADC (Retd) and seconded by Col Vishal Pathak.***

BSA Activities till date in fin yr. 2024-25

8. **Present state of BSA members.** Director informed that these figures incl the names of 18 YO's who have recently joined the Bombay Sappers and have been made members of BSA. The present state as on 21st Jan 2025 is as under: -

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| (a) | Officers: | 1,913 |
| (b) | PBOR: | <u>52,604</u> |
| | Total : | <u>54,517</u> |

9. **BSA Newsletters.** Director informed that Newsletters of 2024-25 have been issued as under: -
- (a) 1st Newsletter issued on 31 Jul 2024.
 - (b) 2nd Newsletter issued on 25 Oct 2024.
 - (c) 3rd Newsletter ready for issue
10. **Management Committee Meetings.** Two quarterly MCM was held on 13th April 2024 and 13th Aug 2024 and minutes of both these meetings were promulgated to the environment
11. **Distress Boards.** Three Distress boards were held and Rs 75000/- were spent. (Rs 50,000/- was spent from the BSA Distress Grant Scheme and Rs 25000/- was spent from the Lt Col AS Dave Distress scheme). These grants were given to two ESMs & one serving person.
12. **Expenditure on Welfare Activities.** Director informed that till date we have spent Rs 23,81,800/-. Summary of expenditure on various welfare schemes and activities incurred in the Fin year 2024-25 was displayed by the director which is as under: -

SUMMARY OF EXPDR ON WELFARE ACTIVITIES /SCHEMES

Ser	Grants/ Schemes	Amount Spent (Rs)
1	Edn Scholarship (64 JCOs & 188 OR)	3,14,800.00
2	Edn Grant to Children of widows (EGCW) (83 Widows & 140 Children)	7,36,000.00
3	Distress Grant (02 ESMs) (01 Serving)	50,000.00
4	Lt Col AS Dave Distress Grant (01 ESM) (01 Serving)	25,000.00
5	Imdt Grant (17 x Widows / NOK)	2,55,000.00
6	Grant to widows for daughter's marriage (05 x Widows)	1,25,000.00
7	Grant for Professional Courses (Incl awardees of previous yrs.)	3,10,000.00
8	Madhuri Gupta Scholarship (Including awardees of previous yrs.)	1,50,000.00
9	Col Kumar Scholarship (Including awardees of previous yrs.)	96,000.00
10	Aid to GBA	3,00,000.00
11	Indira Dasannacharya Scholarship	0.00
12	Felicitation of NDA Cadet	15,000.00
13	Grant to Sapper Sarai's	0.00
14	Subsidy for FORCE course participants	5,000.00
	TOTAL	23,81,800.00

13. Director informed that all the boards for scholarship schemes and schemes for educational grants have been completed for the year 2024-25. He informed that we did not disburse the prizes under the Indira Dassannacharya scheme to students of BSA this year as the GBA management felt that the performance of children was not up to the mark. Hence, it has been decided to roll over the amount to the next year.

14. Vice Chairman queried about the system of receiving applications for various schemes, especially from the widows.

15. Director informed that we promulgate details of our schemes through persons proceeding on pension and the what's app group of our ESMs. Also, a DO letter is sent to all unit commanders, every year in May-June informing them of our educational scholarship schemes and last dates of receipt of applications. When Immediate grant is sent to widows of deceased JCO /OR, a letter giving the details of our schemes along with blank application forms are also sent. These freshly widowed ladies are proactively contacted on tele in May-June and advised to send in applications to our office.

16. Vice Chairman said that there is a definite need to proactively reach out to our widows and ESM. He said that he will make it a point to give details of our BSA schemes during his visits to the units.

17. **FORCE Course.** Col Vishal Pathak informed that there has been a good response for the FORCE course starting in Feb 2025. Thirty Bombay Sappers have enrolled for this course, hence Rs 1.5 lacs will be required towards the subsidy to be paid to the participants. Director informed that funds will be made available for the same.

18. **Sapper Sarais.** Director informed that letters have been sent to units running Sapper Sarais at Delhi Cantt, Amritsar and Pune to project their requirement of funds for maintenance /upgrading of Sapper Sarais. Funds will be disbursed soon.

Details of Income & Expenditure in Fin Year 2024-25.

19. The Director displayed the details of income which are as tabulated below: -

INCOME FIN YR 2024-25 (till Date)

Ser	Head of Income	Anticipated Income FY 2024-25 (Amt in Rs) As approved 24 th AGM	Actual Income as on Date (Amt in Rs)
(i)	Interest from FDs	35,76,800.00	26,68,707.00
(ii)	Interest from Sweep & Savings Account	1,00,000.00	18,689.00
(iii)	Income from Duplicate Cards	30,000.00	15,000.00
(iv)	Donations	8,00,000.00	7,56,174.00
	Total	45,06,800.00 Say 45 Lacs	34,58,570.00

Note: In addition to the above a donation of Rs 25 lacs has been received on 01 Aug 2024 from Shri Raj Kumar Bhargava which has been added to the corpus. Director displayed the list of Donors for info of MC.

20. Director then displayed the details of Expdr, in a tabulated form which is as given below: -

DETAILS OF EXPENDITURE FIN YR 2024-25(Till Date)

Ser	Head of Expdr	Expdr Budget for Fin Yr. 2024-25(Rs)	Expdr till Date FinYr 2024-25(Rs)
1	Edn Scholarship	315000.00	314800.00
2	Edn Grant (Children of widows) (EGCW)	650000.00	736000.00
3	Distress Grant	200000.00	50000.00
4	Lt Col AS Dave Distress Grant	70000.00	25000.00
5	Imdt Relief	700000.00	225000.00

6	Grant for Marriage of Daughters of widows	150000.00	100000.00
7	Grant for Professional Courses	440000.00	310000.00
8	Madhuri Gupta Scholarship	225000.00	175000.00
9	Col Kumar Scholarship	96000.00	96000.00
10	Aid to GBA	300000.00	300000.00
11	Indira Dasannacharya Scholarship	15000.00	0.00
12	Subsidy of FORCE Course participants	80000.00	5000.00
13	Felicitation of NDA/IMA cdts	20000.00	15000.00
14	Grant to Sapper Sarai's	200000.00	0.00
15	Salary	776000.00	508288.00
16	Maint of Cmptr (incl maint & hosting Ch)	40000.00	2100.00
17	Tele Bill/Internet	20000.00	14338.00
18	Office Expdr	30000.00	9628.00
19	Audit Fees	35000.00	0.00
20	Misc	100000.00	20980.00
	Total	44,62,000.00 Say 45 Lacs	29,07,134.00

21. Director said that we expdr on EGCW is slightly more than the budgeted amount but there is substantial savings in other heads and the same will be taken care of.

22. There was a query from some members whether scheme of felicitation of NDA/IMA cadets is applicable to Air Force /Navy/OTA etc. Director informed that this scheme is applicable to cadets of all institutes wherein cadets are being trained to get commission in the Indian Army, Navy & Airforce. This is clearly spelt out in our SOP.

23. Director said overall our expdr is under control and we will be in a posn to take on additional amount reqd for FORCE course without any problem.

Latest status of Investment of BSA in FDs, NBFCs & MFs.

24. Director informed that the total value of our investments in FDs, Non-Banking Finance Companies (NBFCs) and MFs stands at Rs 6,16,97,000/-. He displayed the detail list of these investments. The same is enclosed as Appx A.

25. He drew the attention to ser 15 & 16 of the list of investments and said that we have Rs 50 Lacs in fixed deposit scheme of PNB Hsg Fin Ltd (which is a NBFC) and Rs 32 Lacs in MFs. He then displayed the present status of these investments

STATUS OF BSA INVESTMENTS IN FIXED DEPOSITS NBFCs AND MFS
(JAN 2025)

Ser	Type of Investment	Name of Fund	Folio No	Amount Invested (Lac Rs)
1	Fixed Deposit @ 7.36% int PA	PNB Housing Finance Fund (NBFC)	4911082	50 .0
			Invested in FDs	50.0
			Present Value	50.0
2	Mutual Funds	Aditya Birla Sun Life (ABSL)Equity Advantage Fund Reg (G)	1044495819	7.0
3	Mutual Funds	Nippon India Vision Fund(G)	407282102567	7.0
4	Mutual Funds	SBI Consumption Opportunities Fund(G)	33247405	6.0
5	Mutual Funds	SBI Large & Midcap Fund Reg(G)	33247405	7.0
6	Mutual Funds	SBI Technology Opportunities Fund Reg(G)	33247405	5.0
			Total Invested in MFs	32.0
			Present Value	48.05 lacs

These amounts were invested in April 2023 after taking approval from the Charity Commissioner. Present value of our MFs is Rs 48.05 lacs i.e. a healthy growth of 16 lacs on investment of 32 lacs in this short period of less than 2 yrs.

Misc. Points from Director

26. **Increase in investment** Director informed that after having reviewed the posn of our cash in bank and our Income/Expdr in the next three months we are in the process of investing an additional amount of Rs 10 Lacs in a FD in SBI @ 7%interest.

27. **Functioning of Office of Director (NR) at Zirakpur.** Director informed that Col Sushil Sharma who was to join as Dir (NR) has now expressed is inability to take on the responsibility due to some pressing personal problems. He recommended that as a Bombay Sapper Engr Regt was moving to Zirakpur shortly we should

- (a) Relocate our Dir (NR) office from the Engr Bde to the Engr Regt Loc
- (b) Regt Second-In-Command be made Dir (NR) and the unit be made responsible to run this regional office of BSA.

28. The point was discussed and considering that now onwards one Bombay Sapper unit will be permanently located in Zirakpur, it was agreed that the office of Dir (NR) be located and made functional in the Regt loc. However, the decision of appointing an officer to function as Dir (NR) be left to the Commanding Officer.

29. **Relook at BSA Schemes.** Ref 23rd AGM a point was raised by Col Ashwin Baidur (Retd) regarding having a relook at our present welfare schemes. Col Baidur has been spoken to and he is working on it. Director asked whether a formal subcommittee be constituted for this purpose, as was discussed in the AGM. Hony Gen Secy said that Col Ashwin Baidur is competent to work on the issue and once he has finalized his recommendations the same should be put up to the management committee for a detailed discussion. The decision to implement the recommendations can be taken only at that time.

Points from Members

30 **Army Day Parade.** Maj Gen SG Pitre (Retd), Hony Gen Secy, wished to place on record, on behalf of all members of the Bombay Sappers Association, his appreciation and compliments to Brig Paramjit Singh Jyoti, VSM and his team, for the excellent conduct of the parade and all the arrangements made by BEG & Centre to make a success of this historical event. He congratulated Brig PS Jyoti, VSM for his personal role in the parade as the parade 2ic and his role in the Bombay Sappers Contingent bagging the Best Marching Contingent trophy, on this historic occasion. It was also for the first time that the Trophy was presented by the Raksha Mantri on the same day in the evening during the Gaurav Gatha event. He said this was indeed a proud moment for all Bombay Sappers.

31. There being no other point the meeting was declared as closed.



[Brig SR Mazgaonkar, (Retd)]
Director
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28 Jan 2025

Distribution: -

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Website of BSA &Whats App Group of Bombay Sappers ESMs

Group Adjutant email group of Veteran Officers

DETAILS OF INVESTMENTS

Sl. No	SBI BEG Khadki TDR A/C No	Amount (Amt in Rs)	Rate of Interest	Date of Deposit	Duration	Date of Maturity	Annual Interest Fin Yr 24-25 (Amt in Rs)
1.	37641978205	1000000	6.75%	10-Apr-18	10 Year	10-Apr-28	69,228.00
2.	37660488093	2100000	6.75%	20-Apr-18	10 Year	20-Apr-28	1,45,378.00
3.	37820739998	2550000	6.75%	18-Jul-18	10 year	18-Jul-28	1,73,578.00
4.	37820740347	2600000	6.75%	18-Jul-18	10 year	18-Jul-28	1,76,980.00
5.	37832343802	8600000	6.75%	24-Jul-18	10 year	24-Jul-28	5,85,398.00
6.	37901598650	4375000	6.85%	27-Aug-18	10 Year	27-Aug-28	3,02,254.00
7.	37994570690	16500000	6.85%	05-Oct-18	10 Year	05-Oct-28	11,39,928.00
8.	38121211301	1077000	6.85%	11-Dec-18	10 Year	11-Dec-28	74,406.00
9.	38164968235	1800000	6.85%	03-Jan-19	10 Year	31-Jan-28	1,24,356.00
10.	38196067822	3500000	6.85%	18-Jan-19	10 Year	15-Jan-29	2,41,802.00
11.	38257762964	3200000	6.85%	13-Feb-19	10 Year	10-Feb-29	2,21,076.00
12.	38367039177	20000	6.85%	28-Mar-19	10 Year	25-Mar-29	1,382.00
13.	38382193776	225000	6.85%	08-Apr-19	10 Year	05-Apr-29	15,544.00
14.	39036596025	150000	6.50%	04-May-23	6 Yr 9M	04-Feb-30	4,979.00
15.	3093001210600015 PNB HSG FIN LTD	5000000	7.36%	19-Apr-23	5 Year	19-Apr-28	1,84,000.00
16.	Mutual Fund	3200000	NA	Apr-2023	NA		
17.	42020805001	800000	7.00%	22-Jun-23	2 Yr 11M	20-Jun-26	28,245.00
18.	42825379317	2500000	7.00%	26-Mar-24	2 Yr 11 M	25-Mar-27	88,266.00
						Total	35,76,800.00
19	43315362910	2500000	7.00%	04-Sep-24	2 Yr 11 M	03-Sep-27	88,266.00
	Total	6,16,97,000.00				Total	36,65,066.00