

**BOMBAY SAPPERS ASSOCIATION**  
**MINUTES OF THE 70<sup>th</sup> MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**HELD ON 27<sup>th</sup> DEC 2023**

1. The 70<sup>th</sup> Management Committee meeting of the Bombay Sappers Association was held on 27<sup>th</sup> Dec 2023 at 1100 hrs. 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: -

(a)	Brig DG Patwardhan	-	Vice Chairman
(b)	Maj Gen SG Pitre (Retd)	-	Hony Gen Secy
(c)	Brig SR Mazagaonkar (Retd)	-	Director, BSA
(d)	Brig Sukhvir Sharma (Retd)	-	Member
(d)	Col Nidhi Roshyan	-	Secy-cum-Treasurer
(e)	Col Vishal Pathak	-	Member
(f)	Sub Maj (Hony Capt) RS Misal (Retd)	-	Member
(g)	Sub Maj Jodha Singh	-	Asst Secy

3. Director after seeking permission of the chair proceeded with the MCM. He gave out the agenda points to be discussed in the 70<sup>th</sup>MCM: -

- (a) Approval of Minutes of 69<sup>th</sup>MCM.
- (b) Details of activities and expdr on various welfare various schemes in Fin Yr. 2023-24 till date.
- (c) Details of Income & Expdr till date in Fin Yr. 2023-24.
- (d) Approval of Budget for Fin Yr.2023-24 to be presented in AGM on 03 Jan 2024
- (e) Latest status of Investment of BSA in NBFCs & MFs
- (f) Misc.info points from Director
- (g) Run through PPT prepared for AGM
- (h) Points from members of MC.

**Approval of Minutes of 69<sup>th</sup> MCM**

4. Director proposed that minutes of 69<sup>th</sup> MCM (Last MCM held on 11 Oct 2023May 23), 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 Brig Sukhvir Sharma (Retd) and seconded by Col Nidhi Roshyan.***

**Details of BSA activities and Expdr on various welfare schemes in fin yr. 2023-24 till date**

5 **Present state of BSA members.** Director informed that there is hardly any increase in new membership except for fresh batch of YO's who have been added. Agniveers were offered temp membership but none have taken membership of BSA. Present state of members as on 25 Dec 23 is as given below: -

(a)	Officers:	1854
(b)	PBOR:	<u>52471</u>
(c)	Total:	<u>54325</u>

6. **BSA Newsletters.** Director informed that three quarterly News letters were issued as per schedule on dates mentioned below: -

- (a) 18 July 2023
- (b) 10 Oct 2023
- (c) 26 Dec 2023

7. **Management Committee Meetings.** Two Quarterly MCMs were held on 20 May 2023 and 11 Oct 2023

8. **Expenditure on welfare activities till Fin Yr. 2023-24.** A total of Rs 21,22,000/- have been spent on various welfare schemes and activities to-date in this Fin Yr. Director informed that boards for all our yearly Scholarships have been completed and expenditures are under control. He then displayed the details of expenditures in a tabulated form as given below: -

**EXPENDITURE OF VARIOUS WELFARE MEASURES IN FIN YR 2023-24 TILL DATE**

<b>Ser</b>	<b>GRANTS</b>	<b>AMOUNT(Rs)</b>
(i)	Edn Scholarship (Children of 61JCOs &224 ORs)	<b>2,81,400.00</b>
(ii)	Edn Grant to Children of widows (EGCW) (112 children of 63 widows)	<b>4,03,600.00</b>
(iii)	Distress Grant (02 ESMs, 04 Serving, 02 Widow) @ Rs 20,000/- each	<b>1,60,000.00</b>
(iv)	Lt Col AS Dave Distress Grant (03 serving Pers)	<b>40,000.00</b>
(v)	Immediate Grant (32x Widows / NOK)	<b>3,20,000.00</b>
(vi)	Grant to widows for daughter's marriage (01 x Widows)	<b>50,000.00</b>
(vii)	Grant for Professional Courses (awardees of previous yrs.)	<b>2,10,000.00</b>
(viii)	Madhuri Gupta Scholarship (awardees of previous yrs.)	<b>2,00,000.00</b>
(ix)	Col Kumar Scholarship (incl awardees of previous yr)	<b>72,000.00</b>
(x)	Aid to GBA	<b>0.00</b>
(xi)	Indira Dasannacharya Scholarship (05 x Children)	<b>15,000.00</b>
(xii)	Felicitations of NDA Cadet	<b>0.00</b>
(xiii)	Grant to Sapper Sarais	<b>2,90,000.00</b>
(xiv)	Subsidy for FORCE course participants (18 ESMs)	<b>90,000.00</b>
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>21,32,000.00</b>

**Details of Income & Expenditure in Fin Year 2023-24 to date.**

9. The Director informed that so far, we have had an Income of Rs 34,40,936 /- and we have had an expenditure of Rs 27,79,700/-. He displayed the details of income which are as tabulated below: -

**INCOME FIN YR 2023-24 till date**

<b>Ser</b>	<b>Head of Income</b>	<b>Anticipated Income (Rs)</b>	<b>Actual Income (Rs)</b>
(i)	Interest from FDs	<b>35,30,413.00</b>	<b>25,69,251.00</b>
(ii)	Interest from Sweep & Savings Account	<b>80,000.00</b>	<b>85,985.00</b>
(iii)	Income from Duplicate Cards	<b>25,000.00</b>	<b>15,100.00</b>
(iv)	Donations	<b>5,70,000.00</b>	<b>7,70,600.00</b>
	Total	<b>42,05,413.00</b> Say 42 lacs	<b>34,40,936.00</b>

10. Director informed that our income target can be enhanced as we have received more donations than anticipated and still some are being recd. This is due to the appeal for donations made to members through a letter sent last month. He said that we can revise our expenditure in our budget this year which he will explain later.,

11. Director displayed the details of Expdr till date, in a tabulated form which is as given below: -

**EXPENDITURE FIN YR 2023-24 till date**

<b>Ser</b>	<b>Head of Expdr</b>	<b>Budget (Rs)</b>	<b>Total Expdr (Rs)</b>
(i)	Edn Scholarship (48 JCOs and 147 ORs Children)	<b>2,00,000.00</b>	<b>2,81,400.00</b>
(ii)	Edn Grant to Children of widows 112 Children of 63 widows	<b>6,00,000.00</b>	<b>4,03,600.00</b>
(iii)	Distress Grant (1 ESM ,3 serving, 2widows)	<b>1,40,000.00</b>	<b>1,60,000.00</b>

(iv)	Lt Col AS Dave Distress Grant ( 3 serving )	65,000.00	40,000.00
(v)	Imdt Relief (32Widows / NOK)	4,00,000.00	3,20,000.0
(vi)	Grant for Marriage of Daughters of widows (2 widows)	3,00,000.00	50,000.00
(vii)	Grant for Professional Courses (incl previous years awardees)	4,00,000.00	2,10,000.00
(viii)	Madhuri Gupta Scholarship (Incl previous years awardees)	2,25,000.00	2,00,000.00
(ix)	Col Kumar Scholarship (incl previous yrs awardees)	72,000.00	72,000.00
(x)	Aid to GBA	3,00,000.00	0.00
(xi)	Indira Dasannacharya Scholarship ( 5 Children)	15,000.00	15,000.00
(xii)	Subsidy for FORCE course participants (18 ESMs @ Rs 5000/-each)	3,00,000.00	90,000.00
(xiii)	Felicitation of NDA/IMA cadets	20,000.00	0.00
(xiv)	Grant for Sapper Sarais	2,00,000.00	2,90,000.00
(xv)	Salary	8,88,000.00	5,90,000.00
(xvi)	Maint of Computers (incl website maint and hosting charges)	35,000.00	0.00
(xvii)	Tele & Internet Bills	20,000.00	12,728.00
(xviii)	Office Expenditure	35,000.00	17,842.00
(xix)	Audit Fees	35,000.00	0.00
(xx)	Misc Expdr	1,00,000.00	27,130.00
	Total	42,00,000.00 42 Lacs	27,79,700.00

### **Approval of Budget for Fin Yr 2023-24 to be presented and ratified in the AGM**

12. Director brought out that the MC had approved a tentative budget for expenditure for fin yr. 2023-24 based on last year's expenditure pattern. However, considering actual expenditures in some welfare schemes this needs to be modified by making some corrections based on actual incomes received & expenditures incurred. Also, total expenditure of Rs 42 lacs can be enhanced to 44 lacs as we can easily get an income of 44 lacs this year as we have received good donations this year. Director displayed the figures of Anticipated Income and proposed Budget for Expenditure based on last year's income/expenditures till date. He first displayed the figures for anticipated income as follows: -

**ANTICIPATED INCOME FIN YR 2023-24**

Ser	Head of Income	Actual Income in FY 2022-23	Income as on Date	Anticipated Income FY 2023-24
1	Interest from FDs	36,65,142.00	25,69,251.00	35,30,413.00
2	Interest from Sweep	73,633.00	85,985.00	86,000.00
3	Income from duplicate card charges and Interest from saving A/c	23,301.00	15,100.00	18,000.00
4	Donations	5,70,101.00	7,70,600.00	<b>7,71,000.00</b>
	<b>Total</b>	<b>43,32,177.00</b>	<b>34,40,936.00</b>	<b>44,05,413.00</b> <b>Say 44 Lacs</b>

13. He then displayed the Budget for Expdr as follows: -

**PROPOSED BUDGET FOR FINANCIAL YEAR 2023-24**

Ser	Head Of Budget	Expdr in Fin Yr 2022-23	Tentative Budget approved by MC	Expdr till date Fin Yr 2023-24	Proposed Budget for Fin Yr 2023-24
1	Children Edn Scholarship	1,91,600.00	2,00,000.00	2,81,400.00	2,81,400.00
2	Edn Grant (Children of widows)	6,21,000.00	6,00,000.00	4,03,600.00	4,03,600.00
3	Distress Grant	60,000.00	1,40,000.00	1,60,000.00	2,00,000.00
4	Lt Col AS Dave Distress Grant	0	65,000.00	40,000.00	65,000.00
5	Imdt Relief	3,60,000.00	4,00,000.00	3,20,000.00	4,00,000.00
6	Grant for Marriage of Daughters of widows	75,000.00	1,50,000.00	50,000.00	1,00,000.00
7	Grant for Professional Courses	3,40,000.00	4,00,000.00	2,10,000.00	4,00,000.00
8	Madhuri Gupta Scholarship	1,75,000.00	2,25,000.00	2,00,000.00	2,25,000.00
9	Col Kumar Scholarship	48,000.00	72,000.00	72,000.00	72,000.00
10	Aid to GBA	6,00,000.00	3,00,000.00	0.00	3,00,000.00
11	Indira Dasannacharya Scholarship	15,000.00	15,000.00	15,000.00	15,000.00
12	Subsidy for FORCE Course participants	0	3,00,000.00	90,000.00	2,40,000.00
13	Felicitation of NDA/IMA cdts	20,000.00	20,000.00	0.00	20,000.00
14	Grant to Sapper Sarais	3,00,000.00	2,00,000.00	2,90,000.00	2,90,000.00
15	Salary	8,54,000.00	8,88,000.00	5,90,000.00	8,88,000.00
16	Maint of Cmptr (incl website maint & hosting charges)	30,857.00	35,000.00	0.00	35,000.00
17	Tele Bill/Internet	19,096.00	20,000.00	12,728.00	20,000.00
18	Office Expdr	36,264.00	35,000.00	17,842.00	35,000.00
19	Audit Fees	35,000.00	35,000.00	0.00	35,000.00
20	Misc Incl Rs 3 lacs for Memorial	4,71,430.00	1,00,000.00	27,130.00	4,00,000.00
	<b>Total</b>	<b>42,52,247.00</b>	<b>42,00,000.00</b> <b>Say 42 Lacs</b>	<b>27,79,700.00</b>	<b>43,99,900.00</b> <b>Say 44Lacs</b>

14. Director after displaying the table gave the following explanations for suggested changes in expdr,

(a) **Edn Scholarship (Ser 1.)** The increase of budget to Rs 2.814 lacs is based on actual expdr incurred on this scheme this year.

(b) **EGCW (Ser 2.)** It is suggested that budget be decreased to Rs 4.03 Lacs. The change is based on actual Expdr incurred this year.

(c) **Distress Grant (Ser 3)** There is a need to increase the budget to Rs 2 Lacs for this scheme as firstly, we have increased the amount to be paid to each applicant from Rs 10,000/-

to Rs 20,000/- from this year and secondly, we have already expended Rs 1.6 Lacs till now and we have still three more months to go wherein we may receive some applications

(d) **Grant for Marriage of Daughters of Widows (Ser 6.)** We have expended only Rs 50,000/- till now and we may get a couple of applications in the next three months. Hence, we can reduce this budget amount to Rs 1 lac from Rs 1.5 Lacs.

(e) **Aid to GBA (Ser 10)** As discussed earlier, though occupancy in GBA is low the cost of maintaining the infrastructure remains. Also, we have recd donation of 1.5 lacs from an NGO specifically for children of GBA. Hence we can safely keep Rs 3 lacs for this purpose.

(f) **Grant for Sapper Sarais (Ser 14)** The Sapper Sarai in Pune had to be refurbished for the reunion to be held in Jan 2024. Also, CO CEDU at Delhi had requested for some funds to upgrade one room to accommodate Officers. Keeping this in view, we have already disbursed Rs 2.3 Lacs to Pune Sapper Sarai and Rs 60,000/- to for Delhi Sapper Sarai.

(g) **Misc. Head (Ser 20)** The budget has been increased to Rs 4 lacs to cater for expdr on felicitation of Veer Naris / Special Children during the reunion in Jan 24. We have also kept Rs 3 Lacs to be contributed for the Extension and Renovation of the Bombay Sappers War Memorial.

15. Director after explaining the above, requested all members to approve the suggested changes in the above heads so that the same can be presented in the AGM for final approval. **After some discussion and clarifications all members approved the suggested changes in the tentative Budget for Fin Yr. 2023-24.**

**Latest status of Investment of BSA in NBFCs & MFs.**

16. Director informed that the value of our investments in MFs has increased. The overall status of our investments is as under: -

**DETAILS OF BSA INVESTMENTS IN FIXED DEPOSITS NBFCs AND MUTUAL FUNDS**

Ser	Type of Investment	Name of Fund	Folio No	Amount Invested (Lac Rs)
1	Fixed Deposit	PNB Housing Finance Fund	4911082	50.0
			<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>50.0</b>
1	Mutual Funds	Aditya Birla Sun Life (ABSL)Equity Advantage Fund Reg (G)	1044495819	7.0
2	Mutual Funds	Nippon India Vision Fund(G)	407282102567	7.0
3	Mutual Funds	SBI Consumption Opportunities Fund(G)	33247405	6.0
4	Mutual Funds	SBI Large & Midcap Fund Reg(G)	33247405	7.0
5	Mutual Funds	SBI Technology Opportunities Fund Reg(G)	33247405	5.0
			<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>32.0</b>
			<b>Grand total</b>	<b>82 Lacs</b>

**Note: Current Value of MF Investments as on 29 Sept 23 is Rs 39,81,749/-**

**Growth in last five months is Rs 7.81 lacs.**

**Misc. Info points from Director**

17. Director gave the following info points

(a) **Additional Fin Assistance from Veteran Second Innings Foundation.** Director informed that the NGO has granted an additional fin asst of Rs 10,000/- each to three of our members who had applied for and got Fin asst of 20,000/- each from our distress scheme taking the amount recd by all the three applicants to Rs 30000/- each It is expected that they will continue to give this additional assistance in future also.

(b) **Facility for submission of Life Certificate for ESMs.** Director informed that\_a facility was opened in the placement cell of Adm Bn which got one of their computers and a Biometric instrument registered for this purpose. 10 veteran officers and 60 ESMs used this facility. There were cases where some of the ESMs failed to register their finger prints by the

Biometric method, they were assisted in submitting their certificates using the Face Recognition App. There are a large number of ESMs who are being assisted in getting their documents properly on the SPARSH portal. Record Office is assisting about 50 to 60 ESMs every day. Some veteran officers were helped out in the Director BSA office also.

(i) Following options were obtained :-

(aa) Closing down of BSA Office at Chandigarh & shifting it to the Enge Regt at Amritsar.

(ab) Request Brig Kohli for voluntary retires from BSA due to old age & health issues.

(ii) After the declamations, fwg were recommended :-

(aa) Confirmations of BSA Office at HQ 474 Engr Bde loc of Chandigarh will be astrix stn for Bombay Sappers.

(ab) Selection of younger age profile of Brig Kohli with same terms & conditions.

(c) **Points to be highlighted by Vice Chairman in his Opening address** Director suggested that following points may be highlighted in the Vice Chairman's Opening

(i) Institution of a new Lt Col AS Dave Distress Scheme

(ii) Sapper Sarai located in Jalandhar Cantt handed over to the Bengal Sappers CEDU but Bombay Sappers will continue to get facilities as before

(iii) GBA may be opened to college going children of Bombay Sappers if occupancy of GBA continues to be low.

(iv) Status of BSA membership to Agniveers.

(iv) Details of the Renovation and Extension of the Bombay Sappers War Memorial.

### **Points from Members**

18. **BSA Funds for the Bombay Sappers War Memorial** Vice Chairman brought out that ongoing renovation and extension of the War Memorial is going to cost us about Rs 70 Lacs. We had expected to get about Rs 50 Lacs in donation from SBI, through their CSR funds. However, now that is not forthcoming. One donation of Rs 3 lacs has been received through BSA from a civilian Mr Singhee. However, this is not enough and huge amount will have to be spent from the **CRF** (Commandants Regt Fund). He felt that BSA could help in this by giving a handsome contribution from its funds.

19. The point was deliberated upon and Hony Gen Secy said considering that we have a healthy corpus, giving a contribution of about Rs 25 Lacs from the Corpus of BSA will not be out of place. He said that this one-time contribution for Renovation of the War Memorial, where it is planned have names of all our post-independence Bombay Sappers martyrs, etched on the extension walls, will be a great honour towards our Martyred brothers. The memorial, as it is will remain forever for our future generations of Bombay Sappers to see and revere.

20. All members of MC agreed that Rs 25 Lacs could be contributed towards the War Memorial. However, it was decided that a presentation giving details of the renovation and extension works on the War Memorial will be given by Col Vishal Pathak during the AGM and a proposal of contributing Rs 25 Lacs from the BSA Corpus will be given to the house and a resolution to that effect will be got passed from the all members present in the AGM.

**PPT prepared for AGM**

21. Director thereafter ran through the PPT prepared for the AGM and made minor changes as suggested by members.

There being no other point the meeting was declared closed



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04 Jan 2024

**Distribution: -**

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All Bombay Sappers Units

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Group Adjutant email group of Veteran Officers