

NEWS LETTER 02/2016-17

1. Last News Letter 01/2016-17 was issued on 13 Apr 2016.
2. Strength of members who have paid membership fees, as on 31 Jul 2016 is: Offrs - 1,552, JCOs – 2482 and ORs – 41,982. Total members: 46,016. Increase in str from last newsletter 132.
3. **47th MCM** 47th MCM Meeting was held on 02 Jul 2016. Minutes have been circulated to all units and uploaded on BSA website (www.bsakirkee.org).
4. **18th AGM** 18th AGM was held on 15 Jul 2016. It was chaired by the **Chairman of BSA, Lt Gen MMS Rai PVSM, AVSM, VSM, ADC, VCOAS, Col Comdt 'The Bombay Sappers' and Hony Col of the 'Sikh Light Infantry'**. Minutes have been circulated to all units and uploaded on BSA website (www.bsakirkee.org).

BSA WELFARE ACTIVITIES

5. **Grants given during FY 2015-16.** Summary of Grants given during FY 2015-16 is as given below:

<u>S.NO</u>	<u>GRANTS</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
01.	Edn Scholarship	4,40,800/-
02.	Edn Grant to Children of widows (EGCW)	8,28,000/-
03.	Grant Against Higher Edn Loan (GALHE)	3,01,600/-
04.	Distress Grant	1,20,000/-
05.	Imdt Grant	3,00,000/-
06.	Grant to widows for daughter's marriage	4,75,000/-
07.	Financial Grant to ESMs selected for Master Trainers Programme in UK	75,000/-
08.	Aid to GBA	4,98,763/-
TOTAL		30,39,163/-

- (a) **Edn Scholarships.** These were given to **439 children** of 88 JCO and 351 OR. The total amount given was **Rs 4, 40,800/-**.
- (b) **Edn Grant to Children of Widows (EGCW).** This was given to **258 children** of 168 widows. The total amount given was **Rs. 8,28,000/-**.
- (c) **Grant Against Loan for Higher Edn (GALHE).** Total **Twelve children** were give an amount of **Rs 3, 01,600/-**. Two children out of above were given a scholarship of Rs. 50,000/- each (Rs. 10,000/- per year) from the 108 Engr Regt scholarship instituted by Maj Gen AL Suri, AVSM (Retd) who donates Rs. 1 lac each year for this purpose. The Director informed that the norms of this grant have been changed and in future it will be called "**Grant for Professional Courses**".

(d) **Distress grant**. Rs 1,20,000/- was given to 12 persons, which included 06 ESMs, 01 widow, 01 orphan (30 years unmarried girl child whose entitled pension is yet to start) and four disabled children of ESM/widow.

(e) **Immediate Grant** . Rs 3,00,000/- was given to 30 widows/NOKs.

(f) **Grant to widows for daughter's marriage**. Rs 4,75,000/- was given to 19 widows @ rate of Rs 25,000/- each.

(g) **Financial Grant to ESMs selected for Master Trainers Programme in UK**. Six ESMs were selected for the train the trainer programme in UK. It was a matter of pride that out of 10 ESMs selected for this course from the Army, six were from The Bombay Sappers. A financial grant of Rs. 75,000/- (Rs. 12,500/- each) was given, as they were leaving for UK within a week.

(h) **Aid to GBA**. A financial aid of Rs. 4,98,763/- was given to GBA students. This amount was given to subsidize the total expenditure (fees, uniform, books and etc) of 08 children of ESM @ 20% and 12 children of widow @ 70% respectively, of their annual expenditure.

6. Total Grants disbursed in Fin Yr 2015-16 were Rs **30.39** Lacs.

Donation of Rs. 2.5 lacs from Capt Raghesh Dasannacharya (Retd).

7. A donation was received by BSA in Apr 2016 from this officer, with the following request:

(a) A scholarship to be instituted as "**Indira Dasannacharya Scholarship**" in his mother's name.

(b) Rs. 25,000/- be spent by BSA to purchase books for GBA library.

(c) Rs. 2.25 lacs should be kept in BSA account as fixed deposit and interest earned every year to be given as scholarship to one or more students of GBA.

8. "**Indira Dasannacharya Scholarship**" SOP has been instituted and uploaded on the BSA website.

Rotation of the Management Committee.

9. The following changes in Management Committee, were approved by the house in the AGM held on 15 Jul 2016.

(a) Maj Gen SD Sohoni (Retd) was made Hony Gen Secy in place of Maj Gen SCN Jatar (Retd), who stepped down on his own accord.

(b) Col TG Shankar (Retd) was inducted as a member of the MC.

10. The following criteria for rotation of Management Committee were approved in the AGM.

(a) One Veteran Officer out of 4 to be replaced every two years. This is to ensure to Hony Gen Secy gets minimum tenure of 2 years.

(b) Veteran JCO member to be changed after every six years.

(c) A management committee member could be considered for re-nomination after a break of one year (AGM to AGM).

Grants given to date during FY 2016-17

11. **Distress grant.** Rs 50,000/- (@ rate of Rs 10,000/- each) was given to 5 persons, which included 04 ESMs and 01 widow.
12. **Immediate Grant .** Rs 1,20,000/- was given to 12 widows/NOKs.
13. **Grant to widows for daughter's marriage.** Rs 1,00,000/- was given to 04 widows @ rate of Rs 25,000/- each.

Commendable Achievements of Bombay Sappers

14. **Selection of Bombay Sappers ESM for train the trainer course in UK** It was a matter of pride that out of 10 ESMs selected for the above course, from Indian Army, six were from the Bombay Sappers. They are as follows :

- (a) Sub Mustague Ahmed Khan
- (b) Hav Vishnu Prabat Rekhe (Retd)
- (c) Hav Khetale Santosh Sitaram (Retd)
- (d) Hav Mane Ram Abasaheb (Retd)
- (e) Hav Sunil Anantrao Bhosale (Retd)
- (f) LNK Chandrakant Vasant Ingale (Retd)

15. **Bombay Sapper at Rio Olympics.** Two Sports men from the Bombay Sappers have been selected and have proceeded to Rio-Brazil to participate in the Olympic games. They are:

- (a) Sub Gurpreet Singh - Shooting
- (b) Hav Dattu Bhokanal - Rowing

16. We are all proud of all these Bombay Sappers and we wish them all the very best in their endeavors.

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