

NEWS LETTER 01/2016-17

1. Last News Letter 03/2015 was issued on 27 Jan 2016.
2. Strength of members who have paid membership fees, as on 31 Mar 2016 is: Offrs - 1,509, JCO – 2,472 and OR – 41,903. Total members: 45,884. Increase in str in yr 2015-16, 734.
3. Brig Dhiraj Mohan has taken over as Vice Chairman of BSA, wef 01 Mar 2016 as and Brig Anurag Bhasin relinquished appt while proceeding on permanent posting.
4. **46th MCM** 46th MCM Meeting was held on 28 Mar 2016. Minutes have been circulated to all units and uploaded on BSA website (www.bsakirkee.org).

BSA WELFARE ACTIVITES

5. Details of Welfare Activities carried out in period Jan – Mar 2016

(a) **AID to GBA Students** : A sum of Rs. 4,98,762.50/- has been granted as a financial assistance to the GBA students, as is given below : -

<u>Sl. No</u>	<u>ward of</u>	<u>No of Children</u>	<u>Total annual expdr (Rs.)</u>	<u>% of subsidy</u>	<u>subsidy amount (Rs.)</u>
(i)	ESM	8 Nos	4,59,693/-	20%	91,938.60/-
(ii)	Widow/ Disturbed families	12 Nos	5,81,177/-	70%	4,06,823.90/-
				Total	4,98,762.50/-

(b) **Education Grant to The Children of Widows (EGCW), Board No-2**

- (i) Beneficiaries : 67 children of 42 widows.
- (ii) Amount disbursed : Rs 2,16,000/-

(c) **Grant for Daughter's Marriage Board No -03**

- (i) Beneficiaries : 06 widows were granted Rs. 1,50,000/- (Rs. 25,000/- each)

(d) **Immediate Grant** : To widows/NOKs of service personnel expiring on duty.

- (i) Beneficiaries : 10 widows were granted Rs. 1,00,000/- (Rs. 10,000/- each)

(e) **Master Trainer Course in United Kingdom** - Six Bombay Sappers personnel have been selected to undergo Master Trainer Course in United Kingdom wef Apr 2016, BSA granted Rs. 12,500/- (per person) as financial assistance. BSA wishes them all the best in their endeavour.

6. **Summary of amount disbursed for various Welfare Scheme in FY 2015-16.**

Amounts disbursed for Welfare Activities in FY 2015-16

<u>Ser No</u>	<u>Welfare Scheme</u>	<u>Beneficiaries</u>	<u>Amount (Rs.)</u>
1.	Edn Scholarship	88 JCOs 356 ORs	4,61,980/-
2.	Edn Grant to the Children of widows (EGCW)	263 Children of 173 Widows	8,56,800/-
3.	Immediate Grant to the Widows/NOKs of service personnel expiring on duty	30 Widows @ Rs.10,000/- each	3,00,000/-
4.	Distress grant	14 ESM 01 Widow	1,50,000/-
5.	Grant for Daughter's Marriage of Widow	19 Widows @ Rs. 25,000/- each	4,75,000/-
6.	Grant Against Loan for Higher Education (GALHE) including 108 Engr Regt Scholarship	12 Children	3,41,600/-
7.	Financial Aid to GBA students	20 Children	4,98,763/-
8.	Financial Aid to Bombay Sappers Selected for Master Trainee Course in UK	5 ESM 1 Serving @ 12,500/- each	75,000/-
9.	Grant to Paraplegic	01 ESM	15,000/-
Total			31,74,143/-

7. **Changes in Grant Against Loan for Higher Education (GALHE), One of the Welfare Scheme of BSA** - The scheme is being revamped and following changes are being made :

- (a) Grant is de-linked from loan.
- (b) GALHE is renamed as **GRANT FOR PROFESSIONAL COURSES**
- (c) Grant amount has been increased of Rs. 10,000/-, per year of course, in following manner.
 - (i) Four Year Course Rs. 40,000/-.
 - (ii) Three Year Course Rs. 30,000/-.
 - (iii) Two Year Course Rs. 20,000/-.
- (d) Grant amounts will paid in installments of Rs. 10,000/-, released only after receipt of results of previous year.
- (e) No changes in methodology of making merit list based on merit cum means matrix.
- (f) New SOP will be issued shortly.

(8) **Increase in Duplicate Card Charges** - It has been decided in 46th MCM that Duplicate life membership card charges will be increased from Rs. 50/- to Rs. 100/-. Duplicate Cards are issued in case of loss of card/change in appearance/change in rank of existing BSA Members.

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