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GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF DEFENCE
(DEPARTMENT OF EX-SERVICEMEN WELFARE)
B WING, ROOM No.221
SENA BHAVAN, NEW DELHI

Dated 05th February, 2019

To,
The Managing Director
Ex-Servicemen Contributory Health Scheme
Central Organisation
Thimaiya Marg
Gopinath Circle
Delhi Cantt.

Subject: Implementation of Judgement of Hon'ble High Court of Kerala – Order dated 30-1-2015 in WPC No.23422 of 2013 filed by Ex-Subedar Tulsi Nair Vs UOI & Others - Grant of ECHS facilities to Assam Rifles pensioners and their dependants residing in India and Nepal.

Sir,

The undersigned is directed to refer to the judgement dated 30-1-2015 of Hon'ble High Court of Kerala and subsequent judgements of double Bench of Hon'ble High Court of Kerala dated 10th August 2017 in WA No.709 of 2015 and Hon'ble Supreme Court of India Order promulgated on 9-2-2018 in SLP (Civil) No.(s)1044/2018 regarding the grant of ECHS benefits to Assam Rifles (AR) pensioners and their dependants residing in India and Nepal and to state that the matter has been considered in the meeting held on 16-1-2019 of Cabinet Committee on Security and it has been decided to grant ECHS benefits to Assam Rifles pensioners and their dependants residing in India and Nepal subject to the following conditions :

- (i) They must be in receipt of pension
- (ii) They must request for membership of ECHS and accept the Rules of ECHS.
- (iii) They must not be members of CGHS. However, those who have already joined CGHS and wish to switch over to ECHS will have to first give up their membership of CGHS and submit documentary evidence in support thereof at the time of applying for ECHS membership. However, they will not have to pay contribution again for ECHS membership. Such a shift /switch will be allowed only once and no reversion will be permitted thereafter.



