

Subject: Monthly Summary Report for the month of Feb, 2020 in respect of Department of Ex-Servicemen Welfare, Ministry of Defence.

The following are the significant achievements in the Department of Ex-Servicemen Welfare including Minimum Government Maximum Governance during Feb, 2020 :-

- (i) Vide MoD letter No. 1(13)/2016/D(Pen/Policy) dated 21.2.2020, benefit of MoD letter No. 1(8)/2008-D(Pen/Policy) dated 12.6.2009 (pertaining to revision of pension of Post 1.1.2006 retired Havildars who were granted Honorary rank of Naib Subedars) has been extended to pre-2006 retiree Havildars who were granted Honorary rank of Naib Subedars w.e.f. 1.1.2006. Further fresh pension tables were prepared granting enhanced pension to the pre 2006 retired HNS from 1.7.2009 and 24.9.2012. Approximately, 75,250 pre-2006 retired HNS will be benefited by this decision. This was a long pending demand of pre-2006 retiree HNS. The Department of Ex-Servicemen Welfare made concerted efforts for its implementation and with the issue of this order, a large number of court cases pending/being filed on this issue are expected to come down.
- (ii) Vide MoD, DoESW Order No. 22D(06)/2019/WE/D(Res) dated 3.2.2020, the provisions followed by CGHS in the referral system have been adopted for Ex-servicemen Contributory Health Scheme (ECHS) :- (a) Referral has been simplified by making provisions for consultation with Specialist/listed investigation at private empanelled hospitals to be valid for 30 days upto 3 consultations and for 3 different specialists during a single visit. (b) ESM beneficiaries aged 75 years and above may take direct OPD treatment from specialists in private empanelled hospitals. (c) Critically ill beneficiaries who have undergone Cardiac Surgery, Organ Transplant or are suffering from Cancer/End Stage Renal Disease/Auto Immune Disorders/Neurological Disorders may take follow-up treatment at private empanelled hospital after getting permission for follow-up treatment, but without any need for further validation.
- (iii) Guidelines have been issued on 6.2.2020 for the Directorate General Resettlement (DGR) Scheme to provide ESM manpower for Technical Services to Government Establishments/ Complexes through DGR Empanelled State ESM Corporations. The new scheme will open up new employment avenues for ESM.
- (iv) As per Ex-Servicemen (Re-employment in Central Civil Services and Posts) Rules, 1979 which were last amended by the Department of Personnel & Training vide Notification dated 4.10.2012, Short Service Commissioned Officers (SSCOs) who completed initial period of engagement and sought extension but took release at their own request during extended period of engagement were not regarded as Ex-servicemen. On the basis of representations received and after consulting Service HQs, this Department took up the matter with DOP&T for amendment of Rules to grant Ex-servicemen status to SSCOs after completing initial terms of engagement. The above Rule has now been amended vide Notification dated 13.2.2020 provisioning that SSCOs released from service after completing initial terms of engagement otherwise than by way of dismissal or discharge on account of misconduct or inefficiency and have been given gratuity shall be given the status of Ex-servicemen.
- (v) Two Seminar-cum-Job Fairs for retiring/retired Armed Forces personnel of all three Services were organized on 19.2.2020 and 28.2.2020 at Bengaluru and Jaipur respectively. In Bengaluru, a total of 904 Ex-Servicemen participated in the Job Fair and 1945 vacancies were offered by 49 Corporate Companies. In Jaipur a

total of 2201 Ex-Servicemen took part in the Job Fair where 765 vacancies were offered by 35 Corporate Companies.

- (vi) During the DEFEXPO held from 5th to 9th Feb 2020 at Lucknow, stall were set up by DGR for disseminating information regarding training programmes and welfare schemes for ESM. Besides posters/ pamphlets on Govt flagship schemes like Jal Shakti Abhiyan, Say No to Single Use Plastic were also displayed/ distributed.
- (vii) Every year contributions from the public, corporate, PSUs and various organisations are obtained through a concerted campaign. As a result this year, the contribution towards Armed Forces Flag Day Fund has reached an amount of around Rs. 44 crores by the end of February 2020. This will help in extending welfare schemes to a larger number of ESMs/Dependents.
- (viii) An amount of Rs. 2,49,68,459/- was disbursed under the Defence Service Estimate (DSE) Budget during the month to the States for payment of Central Share and the Kendriya Sainik Board. The Progressive disbursement under DSE Budget during the year so far is Rs. 24,92,13,368/-.
- (ix) Financial assistance of Rs. 29,67,000/- to 84 cases has been released during the month under the Raksha Mantri s Ex-Servicemen Welfare Fund (RMEWF). The Progressive disbursement so far is Rs. 81,23,59,860/-.
- (x) Financial assistance of Rs. 3,64,697/- for 4 cases was released for serious disease cases during the month. The progressive disbursement for the year is Rs. 14,09,172/-.
- (xi) Financial assistance of Rs. 6,68,025/- was released to War Memorial Hostels during the month. The progressive disbursement for the year so far is Rs. 20,32,814/-.
- (xii) Financial assistance of Rs. 7,50,000/- (15 SRH) has been released during the month to the Sainik Rest Houses in the NE States. The progressive disbursement for the year is Rs.12,50,000/- (25 SRHs).
- (xiii) An amount of Rs. 47,49,722/- was disbursed out of the Armed Forces Flag Day Fund for various welfare activities during the month. The progressive disbursement in the year so far is Rs. 83,06,80,226/-.
- (xiv) An amount of Rs. 8,50,39,813/- was disbursed under the Prime Minister s Scholarship Scheme (PMSS) for 2689 cases during the month. In all Rs.33,64,21,834/- for 12295 cases have been disbursed under the Prime Minister Scholarship Scheme in this year so far.
- (xv) A total of 716 Ex-Servicemen have been provided employment under Government, Non-Government and Self-Employment Schemes. 590 JCOs/OR have undergone resettlement training during this month.
- (xvi) The Number of ESM/ dependents registered for Digital Life Certificate up to 31.1.2020 is 5,06,285.
