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Government of India  
Ministry of Defence

New Delhi, the 22nd August, 2017

To,  
The Chief of Army Staff  
The Chief of Naval Staff  
The Chief of Air Staff

**Subject : Modification of Procedure for procurement of Drugs and consumables for Ex-servicemen Contributory Health Scheme (ECHS)**

Sir,

There have representations from the veterans regarding supply of medicines. DGAFMS has undertaken a series of modifications to procedures of procurement of medicines for ECHS beneficiaries. Meetings have been held with all the stakeholders and with due deliberations it has been decided to adopt a procedure in line with Authorised Local Chemist model of CGHS for procurement of medicines through the Empanelled local chemists.

2. With reference to Govt of India, Ministry of Defence letter No 24(10)/ 03/US(WE)/ D(Res) dated 25th November, 2003, I am directed to convey the sanction of the Government on the Modification of Paras 17 to 25 and addition of Para 26 regarding Local Purchase of Emergent, Life saving and Essential and Not Available drugs for ECHS as under :-

**For**

Para 17 to 25: Existing

**Read**

17. In all stations with ECHS polyclinics, local medical stores/ chemists will be empanelled for supply of Not Available, emergent, life saving and essential drugs on as required basis.

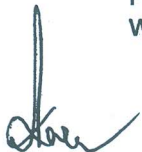
18. The empanelment of local medical stores/chemists will be done by a Board of Officers constituted by the Station Commander which will comprise:-

Chairman – SO ECHS/ Col Rank officer detailed by Station Commander.

Members – Lt Col (Non Medical) detailed by Station Commander

- Jt Dir Hospital Services of Regional Centre concerned/ Medical Officer detailed by Station Commander
- Rep of IFA / PCDA / CDA

19. The Board of Officers will invite Tenders through advertisement in the local press and e-procurement portal from local medical stores/chemists for empanelment with ECHS Polyclinic. The Board will check the Technical parameters as per Tender



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