Government of India
Ministry of Defence
Department of Ex-Servicemen Welfare

Subject: **Enhancement of rates of Marriage Grant.**

The Standing Committee on Defence (16th Lok Sabha) directed vide para 56 to 58 of its 2nd Report that rate of marriage grant to needy ESM (upto the rank of Hav/equivalent) and their widows be enhanced from Rs 16,000/- to Rs 50,000/- per daughter (for 2 daughters). The Standing Committee also desired that an additional allocation of Rs 10.30 crores may be provided to DESW to meet the requirement of enhanced Marriage Grant.

2. Accordingly Army, Navy & Air Force has agreed to provide the additional funds on pro-rata basis i.e. 85:5:10, annually w.e.f. 2016-17.

3. Approval of competent authority is conveyed to the enhancement of the rates of marriage grant from Rs 16,000/- to Rs 50,000/- per daughter (for 2 daughters) to ESM (upto the rank of Hav/equivalent) and their widows w.e.f. 1.4.2016.

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