



RAJYA SAINIK BOARD GOVT OF NCT OF DELHI

MINUTES

OF

XIV RAJYA SAINIK BOARD MEETING

**Held on 04th Feb, 2021 at 1030 hours
Through Video Conferencing**

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THURSDAY, 04 FEB 2021 AT 1030 HOURS

1. 14th Meeting of the Rajya Sainik Board was held through video conferencing at 1030 hours on 04 Feb 2021 under the Chairmanship of Hon'ble Lt. Governor, Delhi. The meeting was attended by the Hon'ble Chief Minister, Hon'ble Revenue Minister, Chief Secretary, General Officer Commanding Delhi Area and other Senior Officers from the Armed Forces and Govt. of NCT of Delhi.
2. At the outset, the Chairman extended a warm welcome to all present and emphasised that the issues need to be followed up expeditiously so that the benefits can reach the targeted population comprising the war-widows, ex-servicemen, widows and dependents of the ex-servicemen. He then directed the Secretary RSB to proceed with the agenda points.
3. **Brief by Secretary RSB.** The Secretary, Rajya Sainik Board made a brief presentation wherein he apprised the members on the role and responsibilities of the RSB as also the organisational set up. He emphasised that RSB, Delhi is the only body that, on behalf of GNCTD, is responsible to coordinate and address issues concerning the veterans and their dependents who are settled in Delhi. Critical aspects of joint funding by the MoD/GoI and through the State budget were highlighted. It was also brought out that the Armed Forces Flag Day Fund is being audited every year by an independent Chartered Accountant firm (M/s Kana & Associates) and details of the last audit undertaken by the firm were highlighted. The Secretary, RSB also informed the gathering that the books and accounts of RSB have been recently audited separately by the Central (Pr. Accountant General (Audit), Delhi) and State (Directorate of Audit, GNCTD) agencies. An update on the status of the Sainik Sadan flats at Naraina Vihar was also presented. In conclusion, the Secretary assured the Board that despite the growing numbers of ex-servicemen and the widows (60,424 ESMs and 12,983 widows as on 31 Dec 2020) RSB is committed to address the interests of the veterans and facilitate them in every way possible.
4. Hon'ble Lt. Governor directed that efforts be undertaken to disseminate facilities and welfare measures put in place by the Government for the veterans and their families.
5. The Agenda Items were then taken up.

**ITEM No. 1 - CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF THE XIII RSB
MEETING HELD ON 30 DEC 2019**

6. It was clarified by Secretary RSB that Minutes of the 13th Meeting of the RSB was forwarded to all members and consequently no comments or observations have been received from any member. Since there are no observations, the President RSB accorded his approval to the Minutes of the 13th RSB Meeting.

**ITEM No. 2 - STATUS OF ISSUES DISCUSSED DURING THE 13TH
RSB MEETING**

7. An update on the issues discussed during the 13th RSB Meeting was provided to the members. The points raised in the XIII meeting and the actions taken thereon were discussed. These are detailed below.

8. **Issue 1 - Reservation of Parking Lots for ESM.** The Chairman was informed that the proposal regarding reservation in the allotment and management of Parking Lots by ex-servicemen has been forwarded by RSB to the Civic authorities of Delhi. The Chairman whilst drawing from the inputs available to him emphasised that permitting the ex-servicemen in the management of parking lots would not only afford an opportunity for them to be re-employment as they retire very early, but would also help in streamlining the system. The views were also seconded by the Chief Secretary.

9. The Chairman directed that the matter needs to be taken up expeditiously by each of the Civic bodies in their Executive Committee meeting.

**Action : South, North, East Municipal
Corporation/NDMC/Cantonment Board**

10. **Issue No 2 - Admission to Wards of ESM and Serving
Soldiers in Engg/Medical/Delhi University Colleges.** The feedback received from Delhi University regarding admissions under the CW category (Defence personnel) was informed to all.

<u>Category</u>	<u>Admissions Offered</u>	
	<u>2018-19</u>	<u>2019-20</u>
Priority I	18	21
Priority II	2	3
Priority III	34	37

Priority IV	26	26
Priority V	52	72
Priority VI	413	864
Priority VIII	301	755
Total	846	1778

11. The Hon'ble Lt. Governor whilst appreciating the efforts put in to ensure the implementation of new guidelines also directed that the same needs to be monitored to ensure its efficacy and continuance.

Action : Secretary, RSB

12. **Issue No 3 - Enhancement of existing rates of Cash Grant to Gallantry/Distinguished Service Award winners.** The Secretary briefed all present that the Cabinet Note has been prepared and is being forwarded for approval of Council of Ministers. Efforts are in hand to obtain early approval of the Council of Ministers and to promulgate the enhanced rates at the earliest.

13. The Chairman directed that the point be monitored till its fructification.

Action : Secretary, RSB

Info : Pr Secretary (Revenue)-cum-Divisional Commissioner

14. **Issue No 4 - Reservation for ESMs in all posts under GNCTD.** It was brought out the issue was taken up by Services Department with MHA and the same was steered by DoPT and after consultation with various Ministries/Departments they have intimated that "... a proposal was received from DESW/MoD to increase reservations for Ex-servicemen from the existing 10% to 20% in Group C and creation of fresh 10% reservations in direct recruitment in Group B (non Gazetted) posts. However, after careful consideration of the proposal by DoPT, in consultation with other Ministries/ Departments, including MHA, it was decided that the proposal if agreed to will not serve the desired purpose, as the already prescribed percentage of reservation for ESM has not yet got filled up."

15. The Chairman directed that the issue could be revisited at a later date should there be any change in the reservation norms for ex-servicemen.

Action : Secretary, RSB

16. **Issue No 5 - Establish more ECHS Polyclinics in Delhi.** The Central organisation ECHS, has informed that in addition to the existing 06 polyclinics, 04 more polyclinics at RK Puram/Som Vihar,

Dwarka, Najafgarh and Mehrauli are proposed to be opened in Delhi. Since the setting up of the new polyclinics would be implemented in due course of time by the Services Headquarters, the point was accepted to be closed.

Action : Secretary, RSB

17. Issue No 6 - Expanding the ESM Network in Delhi Akin to Other States. The proposal to establish 4 Zila Sainik Boards in Delhi has been taken up on file along with the Draft Cabinet Note for consideration by the Council of Ministers to accord their approval. The case has been examined by the Revenue Department and would be put up for observation/ comments of concerned Departments before the Cabinet Note is finally put up for consideration of the Council of Ministers.

18. The Hon'ble Lt Governor requested that concerned authorities to expedite early processing of the case.

Action : Secretary, RSB

Info : Secretary (Revenue)-cum-Div Commissioner

19. Issue No 7 - Waiver of House Tax and Property Tax for Armed Forces Personnel. The Hon'ble Lt Governor was informed that the detailed proposal listing the district wise strength of ex-servicemen settled in NCT along with norms followed by other States and recommendation of MoD has been forwarded to the Civic authorities for their consideration. Strength of 73,407 ESMs and widows registered with the RSB constitutes 0.25% of Delhi's population and hence the financial outgo on providing this concession is also not likely to be very high. It was also opined that Delhi has always been supportive in matters concerning the welfare and rehabilitation of ex-servicemen and therefore the proposal needs to be looked in the same light.

20. The Hon'ble Lt Governor directed that the matter be examined expeditiously by the Executive bodies of each of the Civic authorities.

Action - South, North, East Delhi Municipal Corporation/NDMC/Delhi Cantonment Board

21. Issue No 8 - Permanent Location of RSB Delhi. As was directed by the Hon'ble Lt Governor in the last meeting, the requirements of office space were forwarded to DDA for allotment of suitable land to create a permanent office space of RSB at Delhi. This was followed up by a meeting with the Vice Chairman DDA. It was highlighted that a firm proposal from DDA is awaited.

22. The Hon'ble Lt Governor having heard the views directed that the matter be expedited.

Action : Vice Chairman, DDA;
Secretary, RSB

23. **Issue No 9 - Concessions to ESM by GNCTD.** It was proposed that a Committee be constituted to review the concessions that have been announced by the Delhi Government from time-to-time for the ESM/widows of martyrs from the Armed Forces. It was observed that these concessions have not been reviewed since their inception and as a result have either lost their very purpose of providing the requisite assistance to the category of people for whom it was meant or have been discontinued view subsequent organisational changes. The proposed Committee should have adequate representation and its Terms of Reference would need to be firmed up. The Chief Secretary also emphasised that Delhi State has always been the front runner in keeping the interest of the veterans at the top and hence the issue would be monitored expeditiously.

24. Hon'ble Lt Governor stated that the Principal Secretary (Revenue) – cum- Divisional Commissioner should formulate the composition of the Committee with the Terms of Reference that enables it to take a holistic view regarding all the demands/requirements of the ESMs/widows of ex-servicemen.

Action : Secretary, RSB;
Info : Pr Secretary (Revenue)-cum- Divisional Commissioner

25. **Issue No 10 - Employing Security Guards in Offices of Delhi Government through DGR.** It was brought out that the various agencies under GNCTD who deploy security guards have been sensitized that future hiring of the guards be undertaken from security agencies that have been recommended by DGR. The fact that there has been an increase in the number of guards being employed by Government bodies in Delhi was acknowledged by DGR. He also highlighted that the number needs to increase further as the number of ex-servicemen available is much more and that many more institutions need to employ them in their organizations for security duties. It was also reiterated that trained manpower (ESM) as well as quality services can be provided by DGR and hence greater number of requisitions from Delhi Government be encouraged.

26. Hon'ble Lt Governor observed that it was a valid demand as not only will the retired ex-servicemen get an employment opportunity but the organization utilizing their services would also benefit by the quality of training that they would bring with them. He directed that the feasibility of the proposal for its implementation be examined.

Action : Secretary GAD/GNCTD

27. **Issue No 11 - Opening of Additional Canteen Facilities.** The Secretary RSB briefed the proposal was examined by HQs Delhi Area who have submitted a report stating that...“opening another canteen by the Army in an area where one canteen is already functional would be sub-optimal utilisation of resources”. Furthermore, HQs Delhi Area has requested Army Headquarters/ DIAV to take up case with Air Headquarters to upgrade the existing canteen being operated by 12 BRD Unit in the area to address the concerns of the veterans residing in the vicinity. **Point to be closed.**

ITEM NO. 3 - NEW AGENDA POINTS FOR 14th RSB MEETING

28. **Issue No 12 - Advertisement of Job Vacancy/Seats Availability.**

It was proposed that the vacancies/jobs/seat availability be shared by RSB with the Veteran Directorates of each Service for better awareness and utilisation. It was brought out that DSSSB is the nodal agency that undertakes recruitment to various posts/seats in the GNCTD. Details of vacant posts being filled up by DSSSB is adequately advertised through leading newspaper and other digital modes. Only the vacancies that are proposed to be filled up on a contractual basis are intimated to RSB Delhi. This information is disseminated to the veterans through various platforms. Whenever the vacancies proposed to be filled up by ex-servicemen are large, the same is intimated to the Placement Cells of the three Services. A case in point is the recent drive by DTC to hire personnel for Marshal Duties, wherein assistance of DGR and the three Service Headquarters was solicited to get maximum volunteers. However, Chairman, DSSSB informed that vacancies for the ex-servicemen in the reserved category are not getting filled up due inadequate number of applications being received. He also suggested that in addition to the existing procedure of advertising for the vacant posts the details would also be shared with RSB Delhi for further dissemination of information by them. DGR also informed the Chairman that a well oiled mechanism already exists with his organisation where such information is disseminated to the ex-servicemen pan-India. Based on inputs received, a panel of ex-servicemen is prepared and given to the

prospective employers for recruiting ex-servicemen. It was therefore decided that, in future, DSSSB would, in addition to the normal steps for dissemination of vacancies for various posts, would also inform RSB Delhi which in turn would share the information with the Placement Cells of the three Services and DGR. Secretary RSB assured that the proposed steps would be put in place to ensure that all vacancies arising for ex-servicemen are filled up in the future.

ITEM NO. 4 - DISCUSSION POINTS

29. The Hon'ble Lt Governor gave an opportunity to the members to raise any point for discussion even if it could not be forwarded for inclusion in the agenda earlier.

30. **Issue No 13 - Monitoring Implementation of Job Reservation**

Policy. Maj General MK Sagoch, Director General Resettlement brought out that DGR is the nodal authority to monitor implementation of job reservation policies laid down by the Central Government, pan-India (10% for Group C and 20% for Group D posts). He further highlighted that information to this affect has recently been sent by Secretary, Department of Ex-servicemen Welfare (DESW)/MoD to all State Governments to share the data with DGR who after consolidating the data puts it up for consideration of the Parliamentarians to arrive at the policy guidelines to ensure better implementation of the reservation norms for ex-servicemen. The Hon'ble Chairman directed that regular feedback be provided to DGR in respect of National Capital Territory of Delhi regarding filling up of reserved vacancies for ex-servicemen in all Government bodies/agencies of Delhi.

Action : Secretary, Services Department/GNCTD

31. **Closing Remarks.** In his closing remarks the Hon'ble Lt Governor thanked the Hon'ble Chief Minister, Hon'ble Revenue Minister, Chief Secretary, senior officers from the Armed Forces and all officials of the Delhi Government for contributing in the discussions on the various points raised. He emphasised that the issues discussed be given priority and carried forward with due diligence. He also stated that the State should endeavour to give what is due to this target population for their selfless contribution to the nation.

32. There being no other points, the meeting was adjourned.

33. The minutes are being issued with the approval of Chairman.

**Secretary
Rajya Sainik Board, Delhi**

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Details of Participants

Following officers attended the 14th Rajya Sainik Board meeting that was held on 04th Feb 2021 at 1030 hours through video conferencing under the chairmanship of Hon'able Lt. Governor, Delhi:-

Sh Anil Baijal, Hon'ble Lt. Governor of Delhi - President

Sh. Arvind Kejriwal, Hon'ble Chief Minister - Sr. Vice-President

Sh Kailash Gahlot, Hon'ble Revenue Minister - Sr. Vice-President

Vice President

Sh. Vijay Kumar Dev - Chief Secretary, GNCTD

Lt Gen Vijay Kumar Mishra, AVSM - GOC, Delhi Area

Air Vice Mshl PS Karkare - SASO, Western-Air-Command

Ex-Officio Members

Sh. Satya Gopal

- Addl Chief Secy & Spl. Secy (Services), GNCTD

Sh. Ravi Dadhich

- Spl Secy, (Finance), GNCTD

Sh. Sanjeev Khirwar

- Pr. Secy (Rev.)-cum-Divisional Commissioner

Sh. Santosh D Vaidya

- Commissioner (VAT/GST) & Chairman DSSSB, GNCTD

Sh. Vivek Pandey

- Secy (Industries), GNCTD

Sh. Vikas Ahlawat

- OSD to VC, DDA

Sh. Manish Gupta

- Pr. Commissioner (LD, LM, Land Pooling, Systems & Coordination) DDA

Sh. A.K. Agarwal

- CE, DDA

Sh. Dharmendra Kumar

- New Delhi Municipal Council

Sh. Gyanesh Bharti

- South Delhi Municipal Corporation

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- North Delhi Municipal Corporation

Sh. Dilraj Kaur

- East Delhi Municipal Corporation

Cmde Amarjeet Saluja

- Addl Pr. Dir, DESA

Secretary

Cmde Ajay Saxena, VSM (Retd)

- Director, Dept of Sainik Welfare-cum Secy, RSB, Delhi

Special Invitees

Maj Gen M.K. Sagoch
Col K.S. Uppal

- Director General Resettlement (DGR)
- Rep of KSB (in lieu of Secretary, KSB)