



RAJYA SAINIK BOARD GOVT OF NCT OF DELHI

MINUTES

OF

XIII RAJYA SAINIK BOARD MEETING

**Held on 30th Dec, 2019 at 1200 hours at,
Conference Hall Raj Niwas, Delhi**

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**MINUTES OF THE XIII RAJYA SAINIK BOARD MEETING HELD AT
RAJ NIWAS ON MONDAY, 30 DEC 2019 AT 1200 HOURS**

1. 13th Meeting of the Rajya Sainik Board was held at the Raj Niwas on 30 Dec 2019 at 1200 hours under the Chairmanship of Hon'ble Lt. Governor, Delhi. The meeting was attended by Hon'ble Revenue Ministry, General Officer Commanding Delhi Area and other Senior Officers from the Armed Forces and Govt. of NCT of Delhi. Details of the participants are placed at Enclosure 1.
2. At the outset, the Chairman extended a warm welcome to all present and noted that the last meeting of the Rajya Sainik Board was held in May 2017. He emphasized that the meeting of the RSB should be held regularly every year.
3. **Brief by Secretary RSB.** The meeting commenced with a brief presentation by Secretary, Rajya Sainik Board. Whilst providing the background to the genesis of RSB he elaborated on aspects of organisation and funding that are specific to the office. The fact that 60% of the expenditure incurred annually by RSB is reimbursed by the Central Government was highlighted. He also informed all present that 14 services being provided to the veterans have been ported online through the E-district portal of the Govt of Delhi with effect from 31 Oct 2019. This forecloses the necessity to visit the RSB office for the same. In conclusion, the Secretary assured the Board that 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 to the veterans and their families. He also reiterated that the meeting be planned regularly in the future.
5. The Agenda Items were then taken up.

**ITEM No. 1 - CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF THE XII RSB
MEETING HELD ON 19 MAY 2017**

6. It was clarified by Secretary RSB that consequent to incorporating the observations of DESW/MoD and promulgation of the Minutes of the 12th RSB Meeting, no other comments/observations were received from any member. Permission of the Chair was sought

to approve the Minutes. The Hon'ble Lt Governor approved the Minutes of the 12th RSB Meeting.

ITEM NO. 2 - STATUS OF ISSUES DISCUSSED DURING THE 12TH RSB MEETING

7. An update on the issues discussed during the 12th RSB Meeting was provided to the members. The points raised in the XII meeting and the actions taken thereon were discussed.

8. **Issue 1 - Reservation of Parking Lots for ESM.** The regulation titled "Delhi Maintenance and Management of Parking Places Rules 2019" has been recently promulgated. This is a broad based policy guideline giving details on constitution of the Apex Committee, Area parking plan, Conditions of Parking Contract and such other details regarding utilisation of the space and considerations towards physically handicapped personnel etc. Issue regarding ESM would be referred to the local bodies while formulating their Area Parking Plan. The issue would be monitored till its fructification.

Action : **South, North, East Municipal Corporation/NDMC**
: **Secretary, RSB (to coordinate)**

9. **Issue No 2 - Admission to Wards of ESM and Serving Soldiers in Engg/Medical/Delhi University Colleges.** The norms for reservation to wards of ESM in various colleges were revised recently and promulgated by DESW/MOD. As per the new policy guidelines, different priorities have been laid down to cover the various categories of ESM. Admission to DU colleges is now being undertaken in compliance with the current policy which is benefitting the ESM. The Board members were also apprised of the fact that a member of RSB Delhi is involved in the Admission process of DU/Medical/Engineering Colleges.

10. The Hon'ble Lt. Governor directed that the admission process put in place needs to be monitored to ensure its efficacy and permanence. A brief may be provided in the next meeting.

Action : **Secretary, RSB**

11. **Issue No 3 - Grant in Aid from Delhi Government.** The Members were informed that consequent to the guidelines received

from Kendriya Sainik Board to review the various welfare scheme primarily to avoid duplication and with strict implementation of the stipulated norms for the various schemes, the collection of funds versus expenditure being incurred annually on various schemes was balancing out after the last meeting held in 2017, Hence no specific case for grant-in-aid from the Delhi Government was taken up.

Point to be closed.

12. **Issue No 4 - Holding of ESM Rally.** It was brought that consequent to declaring 14 January as the Armed Forces Veterans' Day, a rally for ESM is held in Delhi and few other places pan-India. The annual rally at Delhi in addition to providing interaction with senior officers including, Defence Minister or Minister of State for Defence, also encompasses issues pertaining to Medical care, Job placement, Educational facilities for children of veterans, Resettlement and Pension related matters. The rally is also attended by a team from RSB Delhi wherein a stall is manned and interaction with veterans from Delhi area is undertaken. In 2019, more than 5000 veterans from Delhi NCR had attended. Towards this end Maj Gen MK Sagoch, Director General Resettlement/MoD informed all present that a mega ESM rally is planned at Delhi on 14 Jan 2022 to mark 75 years of our independence.

Point to be closed.

13. **Issue No 5 - Enhancement of existing rates of Destitute Grant/ Old Age Grant.** Members were informed that the case for enhancement of Destitute Grant/Old Age Grant from the existing rate of Rs 3000.00 per month to Rs 9000.00 per month, as approved during the last RSB Meeting was taken up on file with the concerned Departments of the Govt. of NCT of Delhi. The same was approved on 18 Nov 17 and the enhanced rates became effective retrospectively from 01 Jan 2017.

Point to be closed.

14. **Issue No 6 - Training Grant to NDA Cadets from Delhi.** The Members were informed that the Gazette notification dated 27 Sep 2018 promulgating has been issued. Disbursement of grant to NDA Cadets from Delhi has already commenced from the current Financial Year.

Point to be closed.

15. **Issue No 7 - Enhancement of existing rates of Cash Grant to Gallantry/Distinguished Service Award Winners.** The Secretary briefed all present that the Managing Committee that was constituted with approval of the Hon'ble Lt. Governor to examine and make recommendations regarding enhancement of existing rates of Cash

Grant for various Gallantry and Distinguished Service Awards for the Armed Forces had met on 25 Oct 2017. The Finance Department after analysing the recommendations brought out certain issues. To liquidate these observations the Managing Committee was reconvened on 27 Apr 2018. Final proposals arrived at by the Committee are enclosed. The Finance Dept thereafter advised to take up case through the Council of Ministers. Draft Cabinet Note has been finalised and forwarded for approval before being put up to the Council of Ministers. The Chairman directed that the Point be monitored till its fructification.

Action : Secretary, RSB

16. **Issue No 8 - Exemption to Widows of Gallantry Awardees from Payment of House Tax.** Exemption from payment of House/Property Tax which till now was being given to the Gallantry awardees only has now been extended to the widows of the Gallantry awardees after their death. Based on a query by the Chairman, the representatives of the three Municipal Corporations who were present confirmed that the same has been implemented by each of them.

Point to be closed.

17. **Issue No 9 - Reservation for ESMs in all posts under GNCTD.** It was brought out that with the abolition of Group D posts and upgrading of few group C posts to Group B (non-gazetted) posts, the revised policy guidelines on the subject of reservations needs to be promulgated by the Central Govt/DoPT. The Delhi Government would accordingly implement the guidelines.

18. The Hon'ble Lt. Governor directed that the matter be coordinated with Pr. Secretary (Revenue)-cum-Divisional Commissioner and pursue the same with the concerned authorities. The matter should be monitored regularly.

Action : Secretary, RSB

19. **Issue No 10 - Establish more ECHS Polyclinics in Delhi.** It was brought out that MoD/ECHS is the nodal agency responsible for establishing, operating, equipping and staffing aspects of running of ECHS polyclinics pan-India. Furthermore, the issue was taken up by Secretary (Revenue)-cum-Divisional Commissioner with MD ECHS to prioritise early opening up of the ECHS polyclinics in Delhi. MD, ECHS in turn intimated that the case for opening additional 126 polyclinics pan-India is being processed at the highest levels. Of these 126 polyclinics pan-India, 04 polyclinics are proposed to be opened in

Delhi in addition to the already existing 06 ECHS polyclinics. During the discussions it emerged that in arriving at the venue for opening of the new polyclinics, the factor of strength of the veterans residing in the area should be the over-riding factor. Towards this end, opinion of the ESM would also be solicited.

20. The Hon'ble Lt. Governor directed that the issue be monitored and the polyclinics need to be opened where it would be in best interest of the ESM and the widows.

Action : Secretary, RSB

21. **Issue No 11 - Public Notice for RSB Meeting in Advance.**

Since the "Rajya Sainik Board" is a structured body with its composition promulgated through a Gazette notification, attendance is therefore limited to the approved members. However, there is a provision for the Chairman to call special invitees, should he so desire, depending on the merit of the case. An open invite in this respect is therefore not recommended. To ensure that ESM interest are addressed, information regarding holding of the next RSB Meeting would be disseminated to the veterans residing in Delhi with assistance of the three Service HQs and the Station Headquarters, Delhi. It was also suggested that for wider dissemination to the veterans to enable them to forward points for the RSB Meeting, information on finalisation of the next meeting should also be shared with the Government approved Ex-servicemen Societies in Delhi. The Hon'ble Lt. Governor, directed that proposed methodology be followed in future.

Point to be closed.

ITEM NO. III - NEW AGENDA POINTS FOR 13th RSB MEETING

22. **Issue No 1 - Expanding the ESM Network in Delhi Akin to Other States.** It was brought out that the ESM strength in Delhi has grown steadily over the years. This coupled with the fact that the three Service Headquarters are co-located in Delhi, has also resulted in an increase in the issues pertaining to both - ESMs and serving personnel. On the other hand, the organisation of the RSB, has largely remained unchanged. It was, therefore proposed to revitalise RSB Delhi and expand the network by establishing ZSBs at the District level, as is existing in other States. Member were further informed that MoD has provided guidelines on creating ZSBs based on strength of ESMs in the District(s) as also on recommendations regarding organisational structure etc. It was suggested that establishing four

ZSBs in Delhi – one each at SW Delhi, East Delhi/Shahdara, North/NW Delhi and Central/New Delhi would be considered. Towards this end inputs from ESMs at Delhi would also be solicited. There was general agreement for revitalising the RSB and establishing of new ZSBs.

23. The Hon'ble Lt Governor while accepting the necessity to expand the ESM network organisation in Delhi further directed that cognisance of the strength of ESM existing in the area be taken into consideration in arriving at the final decision.

Action : Secretary, RSB

24. **Item 2 - Waiver of House Tax and Property Tax for Armed Forces Personnel.** It was highlighted that the concessions of waiver of House/Property Tax to ESM have been provided by other States. The concession varies from 25% by West Bengal to 100% by 10 States including neighbouring States of Haryana and Punjab. Secretary RSB also brought out that the Central Government has written letters to State Governments to favourably consider granting this concession to ESM. It is, therefore, proposed that similar concession could also be considered by GNCTD.

25. The Hon'ble Lt Governor while accepting the point in-principle, directed that the matter be taken up with the Civic authorities (i.e. South, North, East Delhi Municipal Corporation, NDMC and Delhi Cantonment Board) for their analysis and incorporation. Secretary RSB Delhi to initiate the proposal with the concerned authorities.

Action : Secretary, RSB

South, North, East Delhi Municipal Corporation, NDMC and Delhi Cantonment Board

26. **Item 3 - Permanent Location of RSB Delhi.** The office of RSB Delhi is presently operating from a rented premise since 01 Oct 2019. This was the fourth such shifting in as many decades. This shifting was undertaken as no alternative office space was provided by PWD. Suggestions to allot 33 Sham Nath Marg or a space in Vikas Bhawan – II yielded no results. Having witnessed this process, it is nothing short of traumatic for the veterans most of whom are octogenarians. It is therefore proposed that a permanent office space or a suitable size plot of land (around 450 sq yard) be allotted to RSB Delhi for building a permanent space that would meet the future requirements.

27. The Hon'ble Lt Governor accepted the necessity of allotting land to RSB and directed the letter be made to Vice Chairman DDA through the Office of Chief Secretary GNCTD elaborating the requirements of RSB Delhi.

Action : Secretary, RSB

28. **Concessions to ESM by Govt. NCT of Delhi.** It was proposed that a Committee be constituted to review the concessions for the ESM/widows of martyrs from the Armed Forces, have been announced by the Delhi Government from time-to-time. It is 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.

29. The proposal was accepted in principle by the Hon'ble Lt Governor and stated that the Principal Secretary (Revenue) – cum-Divisional Commissioner to formulate the composition of the Committee and the Terms of Reference to review the aspect of concessions to War Widows, Disabled Soldiers, Ex-Servicemen and Widow of Ex-Servicemen by the Govt of NCT of Delhi.

Action : RSB Delhi

**Pr Secretary (Revenue) cum
Divisional Commissioner**

DISCUSSION POINTS

30. On completion of the Agenda Points, the Chairman permitted members to raise issues, if any. Following points were raised:-

(a) **Issue regarding Sainik Sadan Flats - by Secretary, RSB.** Secretary RSB provided a brief on the present status of the petition filed by the illegal occupants of the Sainik Sadan Flats, Naraina Vihar. He summarised by stating that the petitioners have exhausted all legal avenues and are now approaching any and every authority to draw sympathy and change the very terms of allotment to become permanent owners of the flat. This should be resisted for the benefit of the larger veteran community of Delhi. While acknowledging the efforts of the RSB, the Hon'ble Chairman brought out that a model for operating such facilities

needs to be worked out with DDA as they are geared to deal with such cases including legal aspects.

Action : Secretary, RSB

(b) **Employing Security Guards in Offices of Delhi Government through DGR.** Maj General MK Sagoch, Director General Resettlement/MoD brought out that GNCTD being a huge organisation has many independent bodies as also various service-providing agencies, however, very few of them have requisitioned security guards for their organisation/departments through DGR. He brought out that DGR is presently having 130 operational Security Agencies in NCT of Delhi and many are in the wait-list. Of these only 05 Departments of Delhi Government and 07 (of the 38) hospitals in NCT have requisitioned security guards from DGR. It was 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. This would also enable providing rehabilitation opportunities to the armed forces personnel after their retirement. The Hon'ble Lt Governor acknowledged the facts provided and directed that the feasibility of the proposal be examined. Secretary RSB to take up issue with Services Department.

**Action : Secretary (Services)/GNCTD
Secretary, RSB**

(c) **Monitoring Implementation of Job Reservation Policy of the Central Government in Govt of NCT of Delhi.** Maj General MK Sagoch, Director General Resettlement brought out that the Cabinet Secretary has appointed DGR as the nodal authority to monitor implementation of job reservation policies laid down by the Central Government, pan-India. He highlighted that to enable effective monitoring all State Governments are to forward their feedback giving details of ex-servicemen employed in the various Department/Organisations of the State Government. The Hon'ble Chairman directed that Principal Secretary (Revenue) cum Divisional Commissioner should take up matter with the Chief Secretary for its implementation within the Govt of NCT of Delhi.

**Action : Secretary, RSB
Pr Secretary (Revenue) cum
Divisional Commissioner**

(d) Community Centre for JCOs/ORs in Palam - Najafgarh Area.

Sh. Virender Singh Kadian, the non-officio member of RSB brought out the difficulties faced by the JCO and other ranks of the Armed Forces settled in Delhi regarding lack of facilities in booking marriage halls to meet their requirements vis a vis the cost factor. The Hon'ble Lt Governor highlighted that many such infrastructure has been created by DDA at reasonable rates. He however directed that the issue be examined in coordination with DDA.

Action : Secretary, RSB

Vice Chairman, DDA

(e) Covering of Drainage. Sh. Virender Singh Kadian, the non-officio member of RSB brought out that residents of Kargil Veer Awas Apartment, Dwarka have highlighted the health and hygiene problems emanating because of an open drain running along their apartments and emphasised that the same needs to be covered. The Chairman apprised that the concerned civic authority may look into the matter and resolve the problem.

Action : Secretary, RSB to coordinate

(f) Management of Community Centre Constructed inside the Kargil Veer Awas Apartment, Dwarka. It was brought out that presently the management of the Community Centre is with the DDA and availing this facility is presently difficult. Hence it was proposed that the management of the Community Centre be transferred to the residents of the Society. The Hon'ble Lt Governor apprised that the DDA/MCD are presently engaged in working out various models involving the RWA and other such bodies towards effective management and utilisation of facilities created for the citizens of Delhi. The Hon'ble Lt Governor stated that the proposal may be examined.

Action : Secretary, RSB

(g) Utilisation of the Infrastructure of Jat Fauji Dharamshala near Kashmere Gate. Sh. Virender Singh Kadian, the non-officio member of RSB brought out that the infrastructure of Jat Fauji Dharamshala is presently lying under utilised and faces the risk of encroachment. The same should be taken over by the Delhi Government and make it available for the ESM community at large. The Hon'ble Lt Governor stated the proposal may be examined.

Action : Secretary, RSB

(h) **Opening of Additional Canteen Facilities.** Sh. Virender Singh Kadian, the non-officio member of RSB brought out that more CSD outlets need to be opened in Delhi to facilitate the veterans and the widows residing in Delhi. GOC Delhi Area responded that the specific issues may be highlighted and forwarded to HQ Delhi Area, which would be analysed and implemented should the need exist.

31. The meeting ended with a Vote of Thanks to the Chair.
32. The minutes issue with the approval of the Chairman.

Secretary
Rajya Sainik Board, Delhi

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Enclosure – 1
 (Refers to para 1 of the Minutes)

Details of Participants

Following officers attended the 13th Rajya Sainik Board meeting that was held on 30.12.2019 at 1200 hours at the Raj Niwas Conference Hall:-

Sh Anil Baijal, Hon'ble Lt. Governor of Delhi - President
Sh Kailash Gahlot, Hon'ble Revenue Minister - Sr. Vice-President

Ex-Officio Members

Lt Gen AB Mistry, AVSM, SM, VSM - GOC, Delhi Area	- SASO, Western-Air- Command
Air Mshl RJ Duskworth	- Spl. Secretary (Services), GNCTD
Sh. C Udaya Kumar	- Dy. Commissioner –III (HQ)
Sh Mohammed A Abid	- Spl. Commissioner, Delhi Police
Sh. S Nithianandam	- Addl Commissioner South Delhi Municipal Corporation
Sh. R Garg	- Addl Commissioner East Delhi Municipal Corporation
Sh (Dr.) Brejesh Singh	- Chairperson, NDMC
Sh. Dharmendra	

Sh. S. S. Gill

- Director Higher & Technical Education, GNCTD

Secretary

Cmde Ajay Saxena, VSM (Retd)

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

Non-Officio Members

Sh. Virender Singh Kadian

Special Invitees

Maj Gen M.K. Sagoch
Col R.S. Deswal

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

Also present in the meeting:-

Ms Chanchal Yadav
Sh Ajay Kumar
Sh Anoop Thakur

- Spl Secretary to LG
- Addl Secretary to LG
- Private Secretary to LG

**EXISTING, REVISTED AND FINAL PROPOSED RATES OF CASH
AWARD FOR GALLANTRY AND DISTINGUISHED SERVICES
AWARDS TO DEFENCE FORCES PERSONNEL**

SNo	Name of Award in order of Precedence and Category	Existing Rate	Revised Rates	Final Proposed Rates
Gallantry Awards During Wartime				
(a)	Param Vir Chakra (PVC) – Wartime Gallantry Award	25 Lakh	1.0 crore	1.0 crore
(b)	Maha Vir Chakra (MVC) – Wartime Gallantry Award	15 Lakh	50 lakh	60 Lakh
(c)	Vir Chakra (VrC) – Wartime Gallantry Award	10 Lakh	25 lakh	35 Lakh
Gallantry Awards During Peacetime				
(d)	Ashok Chakra (AC) – Peacetime Gallantry Award	25 Lakh	1.0 crore	75 Lakh
(e)	Kirti Chakra (KC) – Peacetime Gallantry Award	15 Lakh	50 lakh	45 Lakh
(f)	Shaurya Chakra (SC) – Peacetime Gallantry Award	10 Lakh	25 lakh	26 Lakh
(g)	Sena Medal (SM), Nao Sena Medal (NM) Vayu Sena Medal(VM) – Peacetime Gallantry Award	5 Lakh	10 Lakh	10 Lakh
(h)	Mention-in-Despatch (MID) Gallantry	12,000/-	3,00,000	3,00,000
Distinguished Service Award during Wartime				
(j)	Sarvottam Yudh Seva Medal (SYSM) – Wartime Distinguished Service Award	1,27,000/-	2,50,000/-	3,00,000/-
(k)	Uttam Yudh Seva Medal (UYSM) – Wartime Distinguished Service Award	75,000/-	1,50,000/-	1,60,000/-
(l)	Yudh Seva Medal (YSM) – Wartime Distinguished Service Award	34,000/-	75,000/-	1,20,000/-
Distinguished Service Award during Peacetime				
(m)	Param Vishisht Seva Medal (PVSM)	1,15,000/-	2,50,000/-	2,50,000/-
(n)	Ati Vishisht Seva Medal (AVSM)	57,000/-	1,25,000/-	1,25,000/-
(o)	Sena Medal (SM)/Nao Sena Medal (NM)/ Vayu Sena Medal (VM)	45,000/-	1,00,000/-	1,00,000/-
(p)	Vishisht Seva Medal (VSM)	23,000/-	75,000/-	50,000/-