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MINUTES OF FIRST MEETING OF WARB (Welfare and Rehabilitation Board) of
HQ TRIPURA FRONTIER BSE, SALBAGAN, COCHIN

The first meeting of Welfare and Rehabilitation Board (WARB) of Paramilitary Force personnel of Tripura State was held on 21st November 2019 under the Chairmanship of Shri S K Mishra, IPS, Inspector General, Tripura BSE, State Welfare Officer, Tripura State. The following officers attended the meeting.

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| 1. | Shri Sanjai Singh | DIG/PSO | HQ TRA Fr BSE |
| 2. | Shri Dinesh Kumar | DIG(Range) | CRPF Gp Centre, Salbagan |
| 3. | Shri Anil Kamboj | DIG | Udaipur Sector BSE |
| 4. | Shri Naresh Kumar | Comdt | Pansagar Sector BSE |
| | | Offg DIG | |
| 5. | Shri J P Rana | Offg 2IC | 35 Assam Rifles |
| 6. | Maj Rishi Raj Charan | Offg 2IC | 14 Assam Rifles |
| 7. | Shri T S Muthu | Asstt Comdt | HQ TRA Fr BSE |
| 8. | Shri B B Lodh | President, Ex-Para Military Association, Tripura | |
| 9. | Shri G C Sarkar | Secretary, Ex-Para Military Association, Tripura | |

2. At the outset, the SWO welcomed the delegates attending the meeting and stated that this is the first meeting of WARB of Tripura State. It is a very good initiative on the part of the Govt established under MHA to look after the welfare and rehabilitation matters of Ex-CPF personnel, particularly, those who are medically boarded out and widows/dependents of those who died in harness. The SWO further stated that to go into all the details, we should have a data bank regarding distribution of information of retired persons without which we cannot do anything. A website is required to be opened by each PMI exclusively for correspondence related to them. The SWO desired that DIG (Comm) HQ Tripura Fr BSE to open a web site for Salbagan location. A proforma for preparing of data bank is attached as Appendix 1.

3. The objectives of WARB are :-

I. Welfare activities and Grievance redressal

- (a) Redressal of grievances of Retired and NOKs of Deceased.
- (b) Work as principal advisory body to MHA
- (c) Work in collaboration with NGOs

- (xi) Keep up-to-date welfare measures of all CPFs for guidelines
- (xii) Monitoring and forwarding of Prime Minister Scholarship cases of wards of ex-CPF personnel.
- (xiii) Field level coordination for programmes and projects implementation
- (xiv) Settlement of financial problems such as pension and other retirement/release benefits/dues to widows/ex-personnel and grants and assistance in kind to ex-personnel beneficiaries and dependents from the Central/State Govt or other Organisations.
- (xv) Specific initiative in area like monitoring of pension disbursement, receipt of retirement benefits to the NOKs, availability of medical facilities, setting up of alternative employment schemes, vocational training for retired personnel/NOKs.
- (xvi) Provide information to the general public regarding the Central Police Forces in the country and constantly endeavoring to promote and maintain a feeling of goodwill between civilians and service personnel and ex-personnel of CPFs.
- (xvii) Ensure timely submission of reports and returns to CWO/SWO/WARB CPFs, if any.
- (xviii) Assist widows/dependents of CPF personnel and retired personnel of CPFs in planning and funding of self-employment ventures.
- (xix) Create additional welfare measures for widows/disabled and retired personnel of CPFs with the consent of WARB/CWO
- (xx) Recommending cases of widows/disabled personnel of CPFs and their families for financial assistance from forces concerned and from Civil charitable funds if any.
- (xxi) Maintaining close liaison with the (PAQ) Pension Distributing Authorities/Agencies to ensure prompt and correct payment of pension and reliefs to widows/dependents and pensioners of CPFs.
- (xxii) Providing assistance for settlement of land and other disputes to ex-CPF personnel and their dependents.
- (xxiii) Assist families of serving personnel staying separately during their absence away on duty.

- (xxiv) Promote and maintain welfare measures in the District for ex-personnel such as old age pensioners' homes, vocational and other training facilities, etc.
- (xxv) Mobilise assistance for medical treatment in Govt. Hospital/CPF Composite Hospitals and Unit Hospitals.
- (xxvi) Maintain liaison with other welfare organizations such as the Indian Red Cross Society, etc to enhance additional resources of welfare and concessions for widows and ex-personnel and their families/dependents in the Districts.
- (xxvii) To represent WARB/Ministry of Home Affairs (Govt of India) in court cases under their jurisdiction in which these organizations have been made respondent.
- (xxviii) Maintain close and effective liaison for the purpose of resettlement of widows of CPF personnel who killed in action through employment with local Central/State/Private Industrial Organisation.
- (xxix) Provide all resettlement assistance to widows of personnel killed in action, dependents and disabled as well as to those who died/disabled while in service due to attributable reasons.

4. Describing the duties of DWOs, the SWO stated that the primary task before us to start with the welfare works to the retired persons is to collect Para-Military Force wise data of retired personnel of the concerned district and maintain a register as per the format. The register should be maintained dividing the format as retired/dead/disabled/medically boarded out, etc. Data available with BSF be circulated to each DWO to get a systematic list. A quarterly report to be given to SWO and CWO in the format of reporting decided by WARB CPFs. Henceforth, whenever a person retires, a copy of his complete details should be dispatched to concerned DWO of the State where the person belongs to. All Comdts to issue a circular in this respect.

5. Shri Dinesh Kumar, DIG CRPF stated that he will approach the Secretary WARB at CRPF HQ New Delhi and collect this data within 2-3 days. The DWOs can contact with Secretary WARB on telephone No.011-24367000, Mobile No.09899114582 & 09871507813.

For Tripura State

State Welfare Officer	IG BSF Tripura
Distt Welfare Officer	i) Distt Dhalai - Comdt 15 AR ii) Distt West TRA - Comdt 35 AR iii) Distt Tripura (N) - DIG BSF Panisagar iv) Distt Tripura (S) - DIG BSF Udaipur

V. Duties of District Welfare Officer (DWO)

- (i) Maintain up-to-date status of killed/disabled personnel and widows/dependents of CPFs in the district with the support of CWO
- (ii) Timely registration of cases received and initiation of welfare action
- (iii) Periodic reporting to SWO and CWO in the format of reporting decided by R&W Directorate of MHA
- (iv) Field level coordination for programmes and projects implementation
- (v) Liaison with District authorities with regard to assistance required for retired CPF personnel/NOK
- (vi) Specific initiative in areas like monitoring of pension disbursement, receipt of retirement benefits to the NOK, availability of medical facilities, setting up of alternative employment
- (vii) Organizing welfare activities in the district and its reporting to CWO
- (viii) Monitoring the welfare of the families of ex-personnel of CPFs and assisting them in representing their cases with the local administration or the department authorities/WARB CPFs
- (ix) Maintain up-to-date register of widows of personnel killed in action, dependents and those disabled in action with a view to ensure their welfare. Also maintain an up-to-date record of personnel retired from the CPFs with the CWO
- (x) Assistance provided to ex-personnel of CPF (AR, BSF, CRPF, CISF, ITBP, SSB) after retirement from these forces

6. With regard to providing assistance to retired CPF personnel, the SWO desired that we have to get a list of NGOs who are ready to help the retired personnel in the way of providing security to banks, hospitals, giving vocational training, Safal and similar NGO who give venter ship in it. For this, concerned Commissioners/Secretary under whom NGOs are dealing will be contacted. After getting the list of NGOs then a meeting will be arranged. Those retirees who intend to run shop inside PMF campus may be provided such opportunity. We may also ask our departments to allot some quota for recruitment of wards of retired PMF personnel. The SWO also desired to arrange a 'Mela' involving all retired personnel/NOKs and NGOs who are desirous to help them to get a general awareness of existence of WARB for welfare of retired personnel. For this purpose, if need be, help of Doordarshan may also be sought.

7. For specific initiative in areas like monitoring of pension disbursement, receipt of retirement benefits to the NOK, availability of medical facilities, setting up of alternative employment etc., the President, Ex-Para Military Association, Agartala requested that recommendation from Board's side will be more beneficial as their efforts yield less result. The SWO desired that whenever any welfare action is initiated for welfare of retired persons, concerned office to keep proper track on it till the action is completed. The retired persons/NOKs should be apprised with the amount of dues they are entitled to receive and ensure receipt of their dues. As regards medical facilities, concerned para-military force to issue health card as well as I/Card to the retired persons. Proper documentation should be kept for whatever welfare measures are doing.

8. Shri B B Lodh, President Ex-Para Military Association, Agartala projected the following points on behalf of the retired personnel.

S.No.	Points	Decision taken
1.	Issue of Identity Cards:-The personnel who have voluntarily retired/superannuated prior to 2001 who have not been issued with identity cards may be issued now from HQ Tripura Frontier BSF.	Action for printing tamper proof I/Cards to serving as well as retiring/retired pers is in progress. Concerned Unit/HQ from where the pers retired will issue I/Card to him.
2.	Providing of land for Ex-PMA office purpose:- Ex-Para Military Association of Tripura has no land at his own. The Association is running its office in a rented bldg.	The office of the Ex-PMF Assn should be separate and away from the force campus. State Govt is to be requested to allocate suitable

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	Neither this Assn has sufficient money to purchase land by its own capacity nor it would be possible in the near future. Some financial help may be provided in this respect from FTR/FHQ welfare fund.	accommodation for the purpose.
3.	Providing Ration/Canteen/Medical facilities Ration, canteen & medical facilities may be provided to Ex-CPMF personnel from the nearest available Unit/HQ. In this case, Association's identity card holder may be given priority.	Ration and canteen facilities are being provided to retired pers. For providing medical cover, issue of CGHS card to retirees is in vogue where this facility available. In other case, a prescribed allowance is included in the monthly pension. However, this point may be taken up with concerned PMF HQrs.
4.	Re-employment of ex-PMF personnel:- Proposal for 1% reserve quota during employment in any category may be taken up with State Govt. for the sake of welfare of Ex-PMF personnel.	The point may be taken up with State Govt.
5.	Railway reservation quota for Ex-PMF pers Proposal may be taken up with Central Railway Authority for keeping reservation quota in Ex-PMF pers or Ex-PMF senior citizen.	This point may be taken up with WARB HQ for further taking up with Railway HQrs.
6.	Exemption of Central Service Tax of Ex-PMF security guard personnel:- Proposal for exemption of paying central service tax with central taxation department New Delhi may be taken up in respect of Security guard personnel serving in Tripura State. Security Guard pers serving in Tripura under Tripura State Govt are getting very low salary (i.e. @ Rs.2400/- pm) out of that 12.36% CST is supposed to pay as Central Service Tax. Hence a Security Guard is getting only 1,953/- pm only in hand.	Factual position may be obtained from Income Tax Office for further taking up the case with Central Taxation Department at New Delhi.

9. There being no more points the meeting declared closed at 1320 hrs.

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