

HON'BLE GOVERNOR OF TAMIL NADU THIRU R.N.RAVI, CHAIRMAN
"STATE MANAGING COMMITTEE OF AMALGAMATED FUND" CHAIRED
THE MEETING AT RAJ BHAVAN, CHENNAI, TODAY (23.09.2022)

Hon'ble Governor of Tamil Nadu Thiru R.N.Ravi, Chairman, "State Managing Committee of Amalgamated Fund" Chaired the meeting at Raj Bhavan, Chennai, today (23.09.2022).

With initiative and personal interests shown towards Ex-servicemen welfare by the Hon'ble Governor, the meeting was held at Raj Bhavan to discuss about ensuring welfare of Ex-Servicemen and the agenda points of the previous meeting.

During the meeting, the notes on follow up action on recommendations and report on activities of the Amalgamated Fund from the financial year 2014-15 to 2021-22 were discussed. Further, various issues of Ex-Servicemen such as improving Ex-Servicemen Contributory Health Scheme (ECHS) delivery, enhancement of education scholarship grant and other monetary benefits to their wards, setting-up of Jawans' Bhavan at district level were discussed.

There have been many welfare measures meant for Ex-Servicemen that approved in the meeting such as:-

1. Enhancement of Ex-Gratia to Next of Kin (NOK) of Battle Casualty from Rs 1 lakh to Rs 2 Lakh and from Rs 50,000/- to Rs 1,00,000/- to the war disabled persons.

2. Enhancement of Ex-Servicemen Children Literacy Improvement Grant (ECLIG) to school going wards of Ex-Servicemen/widows :-

Std	Existing Grant in Rs	Enhanced Grant in Rs
1 st to 5 th Std	500/-	2,000/-
6 th to 8 th Std	800/-	4,000/-
9 th & 10 th Std	1,000/-	5,000/-
11 th & 12 th Std	1,500/-	6,000/-

3. Incentive of Rs 50,000/- per student per annum in addition to other grants, to the wards of Ex-Servicemen studying in IITs/IIMs and National Law Schools.

4. Incentive of Rs 25,000/- per student per annum to the wards of Ex-Servicemen / Widows whose children are studying in Sainik Schools.

In the meeting, it was emphasised on creation of more awareness of welfare schemes to improve its outreach among Ex-Servicemen, war widows and their dependents to derive more benefits.

In the conclusion, Hon'ble Governor asked committee members and officials to look into aspect of resettlement of Ex-servicemen and explore the potential areas apart from Security Guard, Drivers etc where their experiences and services can be utilised optimally. He underscored that more innovative approach of imparting Skill Upgradation and Skill Development courses to Ex-Servicemen. Hon'ble Governor emphasis on the welfare of Ex-Servicemen and their resettlement with appropriate skilling and proper health facilities to them.

The meeting was attended by Thiru.V.Irai Anbu, I.A.S, Chief Secretary to Government and Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Thiru. D.Jaganathan,I.A.S, Secretary to Government, Public Department, Major General, S.S. Dahiya, SM, VSM, Chief of Staff, Head Quarters, Dakshin Bharat Area, Thiru.Anandrao V.Patil, I.A.S., Principal Secretary to Governor, high profiled officials from Army, Navy and Air Force, Dignitaries, State officials and officials of Tamil Nadu Ex-servicemen Welfare Board.

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