(Ex CPFs personnel) MHA (WARBS) WELFARE AND REHABILITATION BOARD

MHA has constituted Welfare And Rehabilitation Board (WARB) to fullfill the needs of Ex CPFs personnel, NOKs and separated families.

Department of Ex-servicemen Welfare

Ministry of Defence

Department of Ex-servicemen Welfare(Poorva Senani Kalyan Vibhag) is a department, in Ministry of Defence, India. It was set up in 2004. The head of Department of Ex-servicemen Welfare since its inception has been a bureaucrat from the IAS. Let Veteran have for long demanded that DEWS be headed by a serving officers or a retired officer, like in other countries, including the United States, in which the Department of Veterans, is invariably headed by veteran with active duty military experience, with a cabinet rank. For instance the current head of the department is graduate of West Point, and has served in the army.

I. OBJECTIVES OF WARB:

1) WELFARE ACTIVITIES AND GRIEVANCE

REDRESSAL:-

- a) Redressal of Grievances of retired CPFs personnel and NOKs of deceased received from various sources.
- b) Compilation of data of retirement benefit in respect of all retirees.
- c) Compilation of data of all terminal dues in respect of deceased force personnel.
- d) To work as principal advisory body to Home Ministry in the matters of welfare of NOKs & retired personnel.
- e) To work in collaboration with NGOs for benefits of retired force personnel & NOKs.

2) RE-SETTLEMENT AND EMPLOYMENT:-

- a) Arrangement of jobs in Private Sector for retired force personnel.
- b) Employment to widows/NOKs in CPFs and Private Sector.
- c) Arrangement of vocational trainings for:
- (i) Retired force personnel including invalidated out.
- (ii) NOKs of deceased force personnel.
- d) Arrangement of in-house and professional counselling in selfemployment and alternate employment.

II. <u>COMPOSITION OF WELFARE AND REHABILITATION</u> <u>BOARD</u>

1) Apex Body of WARB : MHA Level

2) Central Welfare Officer: At each CAPF Hqr. For 3

vears On rotational basis

3) State Welfare Officer : At State Capital in each State.

4) District Welfare Officer: At one District Hqr. And also

Functions and Organization

The functions of DESW according to the official website are: "Matters relating to Armed Forces Veterans (Ex- Servicemen) including pensioners; Armed Forces Veterans (Ex Servicemen); Contributory Health Scheme; Matters relating to Directorate General of Resettlement and Kendriya Sainik Board: Administration of (a) the Pension Regulations for the Army, 1961 (Parts I and II); (b)the Pension Regulations for the Air Force, 1961 (Parts I and II);(c)the Navy (Pension) Regulations, 1964; and(d) The Entitlement Rules to Casualty Pensionary Awards to the Armed Forces Personnel, 1982".

The Department has two Divisions, the Resettlement Division and the Pension Division and 3 attached offices namely (a) Secretariat of Kendriya Sainik Board (KSB), (b) Directorate General (Resettlement) (DGR) and (c) Ex-servicemen Contributory Health Scheme (ECHS) Organisation.^[1]

1. Apex body DESW - (Deputy of Ex-servicemen Welfare) further has three branches which are KSB (Kendriya Sainik Board), ECHS (Ex-servicemen Contributory Health Scheme) and DGR (Director General Resettlement. Headed by Raksha Mantri, with 04 MoS, 5MPs, All CMs & LGs, 5 Secretaries, three Chiefs and Retd Generals as members. Further, there are Rajya Sainik Welfare Boards. Budget allocation for DGR-14Cr, ECHS - 3600 Cr, KSB-135 Cr, DESW-30738 Cr. Then there is Armed forces flag day fund. 2. In case of CPMF it is WARB headed on rotation basis by one of the DG of CPMF. Not even a secretary level officer is member. No CPMF retired officer is member. No separate staff and budget. Only state to include welfare of CPMF in the Rajya board is Haryana. No state or UT has assigned the task of welfare of CPMF to any board separately. 3. Contribution to ECHS and CGHS on retirement is

3. Contribution to ECHS and CGHS on retirement is same but actual facility is not at par.

covers adjacent Districts.

1) APEX BODY OF WARB

a) Chairmanb) Vice Chairmanc) Member Secretaryd) G, SSBd) ADG, SSBe) IG(Admn),SSB

d) Members (Six) : IsGP (Adm) of CRPF, BSF, CISF,

ITBP, SSB, Assam Rifles.

2) WARB CENTRAL OFFICE

a) Secretary : 01 Dy. Comdt. CISF

b) Office incharge: 01 Insp (M)

c) Dealing Asstt. : 03 SI(M) 03 ASI(M)d) Supporting Staff : 03 HC/CT (GD)

3) FUNCTION OF WARB (APEX BODY)

- a) To work as a bridge between the MHA and the CPFs and as advisory Body to MHA for welfare of NOKs/Retired personnel.
- b) Redressal of grievances received from VVIPs/VIPs/MHA and directly by the petitioners.
- c) Monitoring of grievances received in DWO, SWO, CWO, WARB office, MHA.
- d) Re-settlement of retired and invalidated out personnel:
 - i. Arrangement of vocational Training courses.
- ii. To have liaison with Public/private Sector companies for reemployment of retired Force personnel / NOKs of deceased.
- iii. To liaise with MHA and state govts./PSU & Private Sector Companies for Employment to widows/NOKs.
- iv. Arranging in House and professional Counselling and Training for self employment for NOKs and retired CPF personnel.
 e) To have complete error free compilation and current updation of Data of retired force personnel and NOKs with respect to pensionary benefits, Terminal dues, grievances and resettlement / Employment
- f) Creation of web site and timely updation.
- g) Negotiation with Financial institution and insurance Companies for fund management and Insurance cover/pension plans in respect of retired force personnel and NOKs
- h) To work in collaboration with various NGO working in the field of welfare for benefits of retired force personnel and NOKs with respect to Fund management, Re-employment, Counselling, Training etc
- i) Arrangement of funds for welfare of retired Force personnel and NOKs.
- j) To work for image enhancement of CPFs among the general public

Veterans in India

There are about 2.6 million ex-servicemen, and 60,000 widows, including war widows, i.e., a combined total of 3.2 million, of whom about 86 percent are widows, Junior Commissioned Officers, Non Commissioned Officers, and other ranks, and about 14 percent are officers. [4] Approximately 60,000 armed forces personnel retire or are released from active service every year. Most are in age bracket of 35 to 45 years. Directorate General Resettlement (DGR) is responsible for preparing retiring/ retired service personnel for a second career. [5] Veterans in India in the last decade have resorted to public protest under the OROP banner to highlight that they are uncared for and treated far worse than civilian counterparts. [6]

DEWS and Veterans

DEWS Response to Veteran Issues

The Ministry of Defence (MOD), including the DEWS, which is a component of the ministry, is considered by most ex-servicemen, including former head of the Armed Forces, as permanent impediment for the welfare of Ex Serviceman (ESM). Four former heads of the Armed Forces in August 2015, in an open letter addressed to the <u>President of India</u> flagged "The hostile approach of MoD bureaucracy" and its "antagonistic handling of problems related to pensions and allowances of aging veterans, war widows and battle-casualties'.[7]

DEWS opposes One Rank One Pension (OROP)

The Department of Ex-servicemen Welfare has opposed One Rank One Pension OROP. In 2011, Neelam Nath, Secretary of Department of Ex-Servicemen Welfare from June 1, 2009 to September 30, 2011, in her deposition in front of the Parliamentary Panel that examined the grant of OROP to the Armed Forces, opposed the grant and implementation of OROP for the Armed Forces. [6]:para 4, and 4.1

On February 17, 2014, despite protest of DESW, the Government announced in the interim budget acceptance of the principle of 'One Rank One Pension (OROP), and Ministry of Defence Report 2013-14, noted that "Government has taken steps to implement the OROP from the financial year 2014-15" and that the implementation will improve pensions of past pensioners . [5]:p 158 para 11.35 Despite the announcement in the MOD Report, OROP was not implemented. The failure to implement OROP by the BJP Government which had in its election manifesto pledged to do so provoked nationwide protest by ex servicemen.

Failure of the BJP Government to implement OROP after several promises provoked Ex-servicemen to undertake unprecedented nationwide protests, and

- k) To liaise with Ex-CAPFs associations for betterment of retired force personnel and NOKs of the deceased
- l) To formulate policies for welfare of retired force personnel and NOKs of deceased.
- m) To work for betterment of living condition of retired force personnel and NOKs with respect to Housing, medical facilities, educational facilities allotment of petroleum products and STD Booth/PCOs etc.

Processing of Prime Ministers Scholarship cases.

hunger strikes from 15 June 2015. [8][9][10] Veteran protest have had the support of former heads of armed Forces. Four former chiefs of the Armed Forces of India, namely General S F Rodrigues, former COAS, and Admirals L Ramdas, Arun Prakash and Sureesh Mehta, former Chiefs of Naval Staff, in an open letter to PresidentPranab Mukherjee, Supreme Commander of the Armed Forces, on 13 August 2015, warned that the denigration and humiliation of veterans, and the Government handling of veterans and armed Forces issues, pose grave "implication for national security" [7]

National Commission for Ex-Servicemen

Following persistent demand by Ex servicemen, the Government on 9 June 2014 announces that it will set up a National Commission for Ex-Servicemen. However, no funds are earmarked for setting up of the Commission during the year 2014-15.[11]

Welfare Office & Functions of Officer

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CENTRAL WELFARE OFFICE

In Central Welfare Office, IsG (Adm) of all CAPFs are designated as Central Welfare Officer

1. FUNCTIONS OF CENTRAL WELFARE OFFICE

- a) Central Welfare Office shall work as bridge between WARB,
 State Welfare Office and District Welfare Office.
- b) Maintenance of upto date district wise data of NOKs & retired force personnel and its timed updation.
- c) Monitoring and processing of Prime Minister Scholarship cases.
- d) Redressal of grievances and submission of final reports to WARB, State Welfare Office, District Welfare Office and individual concern.
- e) Arrangement of in-service vocational training, courses and counselling for disabled & retiring force personnel.
- f) Submission of information with respect to all welfare activities and its updation in WARB, State Welfare Office and District Welfare Office.
- g) Timely submission of report return to WARB.

STATE WELFARE OFFICER

State Welfare Officer: DIG

Staff: Staff to be detailed from his own office.

2. FUNCTIONS OF STATE WELFARE OFFICER

- a) To work as bridge between Central Welfare Officer (CWO) and District Welfare Officer (DWO).
 - To have liaison with State Govt. for implementation of various
 Welfare activities for retired CPF personnel and NOKs.
 - To have liaison with State authority, Public and private Sector for re-employment of retired force personnel and employment of NOKs.
 - d) To have liaison with NGOs working in the State in the field of welfare for welfare of retired personnel and NOK of deceased

"All India Federation of Ex Servicemen's organizations"

Indian Ex Servicemen Movement

(IESM)

Indian Ex Servicemen Movement

Abbreviation IESM

Formation August 2008

Founder Lt Colonel Inderjit Singh, former

Commanding Officer 14

Grenadiers

Type Military veterans organization

Headquarters Gurgaon, Haryana, India

Region <u>India</u>

Membership 20455 (Veterans of the Army,

Airforce, Navy, and civilians

supporters of veteran causes)

Chairman Major General Satbir Singh,

(Retired), Indian army

Vice Maj Gen PK Renjen, AVSM,

Chairman

- with respect to financial assistance, Vocational Trg. Counselling etc.
- To keep up-to-date data and its regular updation with respect to retired force personnel and NOKs of deceased residing in the State.
- g) To implement the scheme issued by WARB.
- h) Timely submission of reports and returns to CWO and WARB.

DISTRICT WELFARE OFFICER

Composition of District Welfare Office/Officer as proposed by WARB, MHA are as under :-

District Welfare Officer: DIG/Commandant

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SI. No	STATE	PLACE	RANK	OFFICE ADDRESS PHONE	O
01	Assam	Guwahati	DIG	BSF, Guwahati PO: Azara,Distt: Kamrup Guwahati- 17(Assam)	2840307 (O) 0361- 2840308 ®
02	Jammu & Kashmir	Jammu	IG	slou nmu) 124	2580842 (O) 0191- 1582843 ® 0291- 2570060 –
03	Rajasthan	Jodhpur	IG	BSF Tripura BSF Jodhpur PO- Mandore Ro Salbagan, ad, Jodhpur Aggsrtala (Raj)Pin-Distt: 342026 Tripura(W) Pin-799012	2570252 (O) 02391- 2571255 ® 9413329177 (Mob)
04	Tripura	Tripura	IG		2379602 (O) 0381- 2397606 ®
05	Meghalaya	Shillong	IG	BSF Shillong PO -Umpling, Distr:Khasi Hills (East) Shillong(Meg halaya)	2535891 (O) 0364- 2534790 ®
90	Andhra Pradesh	Hyderabad	IG	CRPF South ern Sector HQRs, Keshogiri,Ch anrayanGutta , Hyderabad	24443189 (O) 040- 24443352 ® 040- 24443041
07	Chhatisgar h	Raipur	DIG	Range HQrs, ern Sector Golden HQRs, HQRs, Homes, Keshogiri,Ch Khamaroh, anrayanGutta Shankar , Nagar, Hyderabad	2283901 (O) 0771- 2283902 ® 0771- 2283077
80	Gujrat, Daman &	Gandhi Nagar	DIG	vWS CRPF, Hallomajra, ChandigarhCRPF DIG Range HQrs, Gandhi NagarRange HQrs, Golden Homes, Khamaroh, Shankar Nagar,0172-079-0771-	23261724 (O) 079- 23260209 ® 079- 233261765
60	Haryana & Punjab	Chandigar h	IG	NWS CRPF, CRPF DIG Hallomajra, Range HQrs. Chandigarh Gandhi Nagar 0172- 079-	2654853 (O) 0172- 2654489 ® 0172- 2652992

Staff	Executive Committee
Stair	Executive Committee

Website http://www.iesm.org/

Indian Ex Servicemen Movement (IESM) is a "All India Federation of Ex Servicemen's organizations" and individual veterans of the Indian Army, Navy and Air Force. 41 IESM was established in August 2008, in the wake of the UPA Government decision to implement Sixth Central Pay Commission, which depressed military pays and pensions, and ranks, relative to civilian Government employees, especially in the Ministry of Defence(MOD) and Police led security services.[2] It has been at forefront in identifying, and advocating veteran principally issues affecting veteran honor and izzat, and the implementation of One Rank One pension for the armed Forces of India. 11 Its founder member is Lt Colonel Inderjit Singh, former Commanding Officer 14 Grenadiers, who retired from the army in 1978.[3][4][5]

Goals[edit]

The stated aims of the IESM are: to serve as an umbrella organization for all Ex Servicemen of India; provide a unified veteran voice on issues of national interest; serve as forum for raising and discussing challenges faced by veterans; play 'constructive role in nation building activities'; promote and support IESM causes, including those affecting ESM Widows, war wounded, and injured; and render assistance and advice to veterans on matters of pension, health coverage and benefits, and legal issues.^[1]

Organisation[edit]

Governing Body (GB)[edit]

IESM has a federal structure with units at National, State and District levels. The highest decision making body is called the governing body, for which elections are held every three years. The last election were held on 16 November 2014 in Pune, Maharashtra. The Election were conducted by election unit headed by Brig HSN Sastri. Soon after the election of the Governing body, it elected an Executive Committee for the day-to-day running of the organisation. The current composition of the GB is as follows:

Name and designati on	District, City	State	Remarks
Maj Gen Satbir Singh	Gurgaon	Haryana	
Gp Capt VK Gandhi	Noida	UP	
Commander SS Ahuja, IN	Noida	UP	

21	20	19	18	17	16	15	14	13	12	11	10
Uttranchal	Sikkim	Himachal Pradesh	Chandigar h	Arunachal Pradesh	Delhi	West Bengal,	Orissa	Madhya Pradesh	Kerla & Lakshd-	Jharkhand	Jammu & Kashmir
Dehradun	Gangtok	Shimla	Chandigar h	Itanagar	Delhi	Kolkata	Bhubnesh war	Bhopal	Trivandru m	Ranchi	Srinagar
DIG	DIG	DIG	DIG	DIG	IG	IG	DIG	DIG	DIG	DIG	IG
SHQ(GW L) ITBP,PO- Seemadwa r Distt- 0135- 2767698 (O) 0135- 2760369 ®	SHQ(NE- II), ITBP,PO- Samdur Distt- Gantok (East 0359- 2271217 (O)	SHQ(HP)I TBP, PO- Tara Devi Shimla (H.P) 0177- 2830601 (O) 0177- 2831010 ®	SHO(L & C)ITBP, PO-Air port Behalana Chandigar h (UTI) 0172- 2640620 (O) 0172-	SHQ (NE- I) ITB Police, Khating Hill, Itanagar (Arunachal 9436251198 0360- 2100044 (O)	IGP, North ern Sector, CRPF, West Block-8, R.K. Puram , 1011-26103506 (O) 23386298 ®	IGP Eastern Sector, CRPF, Salt Lake, Kolkata (WB) 033- 23345229 (O) 033- 25734848 ®	DIG Range HQrs, CRPF Bhubnesh war (Orissa) 0674- 2553289 (O) 0674- 2555185 ®	DIG Range HQrs, Bangrasia m Chilkod Road, Bhopal 07480- 262217 (O) 07480- 262231 ® 07480-	DIG Range HQrs CRPF Pallipuram , Trivendru 0471- 2750555 (O) 0471- 2750979 ®	Sindri, Sindri, Ranchi (Jharkhand). 0651- 2601001 (O) 0651- 2601002 ®	IGP (Adm) Srinagar Sector, CRPF, Rambagh, (J&K) 0194- 2461279 (O) 0194- 2455174 ®
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Ghaziaba d	UP
	Bihar
	Gujarat
Jhajjhar	Haryana
Ghazipur	UP
Varanasi	UP
Noida	UP
Nagpur	Maharashr a
Kanpur	UP
Mohali	Punjab
Kolhapur	Maharasht ra
	Pune Pune Gurgaon Gurgaon Secunder abad Ghaziaba d Jhajjhar Ghazipur Varanasi Noida Nagpur Kanpur Mohali

Executive Committee[edit]

No	Rank and name	Appointment	remarks
1	Maj Gen Satbir Singh, SM	Offg Chairman	
2	Maj Gen PK Renjen,AVSM	Vice Chairman	

29	28	27	26	25	24	23	22
Nagaland	Mizoram	Manipur	Karnatka	Maharasht ra, Goa	Tamil Nadhu, Dondicherr	Bihar	Uttar Pradesh
Kohima	Aizawal	Mantripuk hri	Bangalore	Mumbai	Chennai	Patna	Lucknow
Brig,	Brig,	IG	DIG	IG	DI	IG	IG
HQ 5 Sector AR	HQ 3 Sector AR	HQ IGAR (S)	CISF DIG (DOS) HOR s	CISF, RCFL,	CISF, SZ HQRs, D- Wing	IG,SSB FTR HQrs Rukummura	FTR SSB, Lucknow, Kendriva
c/o 99 APO	C/O 99 APO	c/o 99 APO	Bangalore Anthriksha Bhawan New Bel	Chembur, Mumbai Pin-74.	Rajali, Bhawan Basant Nagar,	, New Bailey Road, Patna	Bhawan IIth Floor Sector-H Puraniya
0370- 2242902	0389- 233555	0385- 2427762	080- 22172243 (O)	022- 25522384 (O)	044- 24915878 (O)	0612- 2590744	0522- 2324510 (O)
		0385- 2575002	080- 23568559 (R)	022- 23638487 ®	044- 28203738 ®	0612- 2590452 (Fax)	0522- 2324290- _{Fax}

Staff: Staff to be detailed from his own office. FUNCTION OF DISTRICT WELFARE OFFICER:-

- Maintenance of upto date data and its updation with respect to retired force personnel residing in the respective district.
- 2. Maintenance of details of terminals dues and pensionary benefits in respect of retired force personnel and NOKs.
- Receiving of representations from retired force personnel &
 NOKs for the grievances and gets then redressed through
 State Welfare Officer, District Welfare Officer and
 WARB as the case may be.
- 4. To have liaison with district authorities for redressal of grievances at district level.
- 5. Submission of report and return to State Welfare Officer

3	Wg Cdr CK Sharma	Treasurer	
4	Gp Capt VK Gandhi VSM	General Secretary	Flat no 801, Tower N5 Narmad a Apartm ents Pocket D6 Vasant Kunj Nelson Mandel a Marg New Delhi. vk_gand hi@yah oo.com
5	Brig CS Vidyasagar	Joint General Secretary	

Divisions[edit]

Indian Ex Servicemen Movement to render assistance to veterans, and its members, is organised into three units. These are the Pension Division, Ex servicemen Contributory Health scheme (ECHS), and Legal Division, which includes Veterans Anil Bakhshi, Col Ramath, and Maj Navdeep Singh

Membership[edit]

IESM has a full-time member ship of 20455, including army 15820, airforce 3032, navy 1527, and civilians 52. Its active members belong to all Indian states including Delhi, Haryana, Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh, Karnataka, Punjab,

<u>Himachal Pradesh, Maharashtra, Jammu and Kashmir, Kerala, Chandigarh, Mizoram, Chennai, Tamil Nadu, Odisa.</u>

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Funding[edit]

IESM runs on small budget. Members of the governing body works on pro bono basis. For its operating expenses it is dependent on membership fees, and donations. The year after it was formed, for the period 1 April-30 Nov,

and Central Welfare Officer.

- 6. Implementation of schemes of WARB and co-ordination in execution of these schemes.
- 7. To have liaison with potential employers in Public/Private Sectors with respect to re-employment of retired and employment to NOKs.
- 8. To provide all necessary assistance to retired force personnel & NOKs with respect to their grievances.
- 9. Forwarding of Prime Minister Scholarship cases for wards of Ex. CPFs personnel & NOKs.
- 10. To work for general image building of CAPFs and to promote and maintain a feeling of goodwill between general public and CPFs personnel.
- 11. To have close liaison with NGOs working in the district for benefits of retired force personnel & NOKs.
- 12. To provide necessary assistance to separated families of serving force personnel.

2009, its total Receipts from Membership Fee (5,72,100.00) and Donations (Rs 4,23,869.00) was Rs 9,95,969.00. In addition it had Fixed Deposits of Rs 19,00,000.00.^[10]

Advocacy of OROP[edit]

In June 2015, IESM, as major component of the umbrella organization United Front of Ex-Servicemen (UFESM), participated in nationwide protests, spread over 80 towns and cities of India, demanding implementation of OROP. On 5 September 2015, after 84 days of protest, which included relay hunger strikes and 24 days fast to death, by the IESM members and their supporters, the government announced unilaterally, a scheme which it called OROP,[12][13] which IESM dismissed, saying it was not OROP, but "One Rank, Five Pensions".[14][15][16]

IESM advocacy of OROP and other ESM causes has wide popular support. 14 Former Chief of Indian Defence Forces have endorsed its stand on OROP. [17][18] Shekhar Gupta, editor Indian Express, in September 2015, criticized IESM for resorting to public protest and dharnas. He called the ex servicemen protest an unedifying spectacle. [19]