

MEMORANDUM TO DG ITBP

No... DO/ DG – 18/3

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Respected Sir,

The AIEPWA conveys its thanks to DG ITBPF for providing an opportunity to meet personally, discuss and submit a few grievances of the retired personnel of the ITBP Force. We would request you to recall our previous DO letter, dated 5th November '18 (Copy attached for ref), in which certain points were submitted to your goodself, and we are sure would have received due attention from the DG and his Office/ Staff. Reiterating same again, our requests and expectations are as below:

Point Submitted and Discussed	Reply of DG and directions to Staff
1. Recently, the Haryana State govt. has taken a far-reaching decision to enhance the scope of 'Rajya and Zila Sainik Boards' to include the retirees of CAPFs as beneficiaries of various state welfare schemes. You may consider to take up this with MHA to write/ impress upon other States and UTs to encompass a similar policy.	DG appreciated the decision and initiative of Haryana Govt. He expressed that whereas CAPFs at their end will be taking it up with MHA, it will be more productive/ effective if the retired CAPF personnel & their Associations put pressure on other State Govts at their level. He was of the opinion that the States are likely to yield more to the ex-CAPF personnel directly'
2. The Defence Forces are fortunate to have a 'Department of Ex-Servicemen Welfare' in the Ministry of Defence, Government of India, which is an extremely effective body. WARB was created by the Govt to be a body akin to 'Kendriya Sainik Board' of 'Defence Services', which has so far remained a notional entity, without any significant contribution as is evident	DG appreciated the suggestion and said that a popular demand and consensus needs to be evolved to convince the Govt of India.

<p>from its achievements so far. It needs to be energised to achieve the mandated objectives and scope.</p>	
<p>3. During our active service, we have whole heartedly contributed towards various Regimental Funds during the last 56 years, i.e from the inception of the Force. DG must be aware that the corpus of these funds has grown steadily over the years via the wise investments. It will, therefore, be rational that a part of these Funds should be earmarked for the welfare of ex-Himveers by introducing amendments in the existing rules of such Funds during their AGMs, and subsequent formal approval of competent authority for the same. The gamut of welfare activities for ex-Himveers and their families can be also defined while making the amendments in the relevant rules of such Regimental Funds.</p>	<p>DG assured to look into this. He recognised that much needs to be done towards health and financial well-being related welfare schemes for retired personnel.</p>
<p>4. The MHA has recently come out with a revised definition of CPOs (CAPFs), but it has not made much factual difference on the ground to the status of ex-CAPF personnel in various states and UTs. The tag of ex-servicemen in India carries a certain honour and prestige, which we have been unfortunately deprived of. We ask for similar recognition & privileges as are available to the ex-service personnel of defence services of India.</p>	<p>DG expressed that it's a long standing demand, and a fair expectation. However the ex-CAPF Welfare Associations should also keep raising this demand effectively frequently.</p>
<p>5. We seek your indulgence to formalise frequent and regular 'Contact Events' with ex-ITBPF personnel at the level of Dte Gen ITBP, Frontier/ Sector Headquarters and the Units. These 'Contact Events' can be in the form of bi-annual meetings at aforementioned formations to listen to pertinent suggestions and experience based feedback of retired personnel. Presently</p>	<p>DG agreed to the point, and assured to look into it.</p>

<p>there is no such laid down mechanism and can be kick-started by issuance of a Standing Order.</p>	
<p>6. After waiting for long, the Govt had created CPC (Central Police Canteen) about 15 years back, which had just started becoming attractive and usefully comparable to CSD. But with the changes in Tax regime (introduction of GST) in the country, it has again lost its utility and value, mostly on account of failure of CAPFs to engage and prevail effectively upon Govt. of India to make the concessions as are available to the CSDs of Defence Services.</p>	<p>DG said that it is already under consideration, and will take some time.</p>
<p>7. Many of our retired Himveers have not received the revised pension, even after a lapse of two years. A few names have also been sent to your Office by this Association earlier. These are the cases in which the revised PPO could not be issued by CPAO due to some discrepancy and were returned for corrections to PAO ITBP. DG may kindly seek a detailed list of such ex-ITBP personnel for expeditious redressal of their legitimate expectations.</p>	<p>DG asked his Staff to put up details of such cases, and required action be taken expeditiously. He directed that a monthly statement be put up to him henceforth.</p>

These are just some of the salient pointers on which we request you to start the campaign to ameliorate the condition of retired/ boarded-out personnel and their dependants, who served the Nation with pride under arduous conditions during the formative years of the Force. We are confident that ex-Himveers and their dependents shall be provided deserved dignity by the dynamic chief of the Force.

Yours

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