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INTEGRATED HQ OF MOD (ARMY)
ADJUTANT GENERAL BRANCH/PS-5

PROPOSAL FOR GRANT OF ONE TIME PAYMENT OF ₹15 LAKH
UNDER YUDH SAMMAN YOJANA - REG.

1. Refer your ID Note No. 1(1)/2020/D(Pen/Pol)/Vol-II dt 29 May 2024.
2. It is once again reiterated that the proposal of Yudh Samman Yojana was intended only for EC/SSC officers who meet the under mentioned criteria: -
 - (a) They should not be in receipt of any form of Govt pension.
 - (b) They should have participated in 1965/1971 Wars.
 - (c) They should have been awarded Samar Sewa Star and/or Poorvi Star/Paschmi Star Medals.
3. This proposal is for a financial support for well being of War veterans who are not in receipt of Govt pension, Regular Commissioned officers and other categories (who were eligible for pensionary benefits) have not been included in this proposal. Even those SSC/EC officers who would have participated in the Wars but are receiving Govt pension from subsequent employment have not been included in the proposal.
4. Regular Commissioned officers and JCO/OR are eligible for pension on completion of requisite Qualifying Service. Any JCO/OR who is not in receipt of pension is eligible for Penury Grant through Kendriya Sainik Board. The same has been confirmed to MoD vide this office Note No B/41002/Yudh Samman Yojana/Option/AG/PS-5/2021 dated 16 Dec 2022. Since these are the only personnel who are not in receipt of Govt pension, this proposal acts as financial support for well being of War veterans who are not in receipt of pension and this would be legally tenable. Compiling data of thousands of retired Armed Forces Personnel/Civilian who had participated in the Wars to include details regarding Area of Land possessed (including Agriculture land, Plot, residential Flat/Plot), Income Tax details of last 5 years, present occupation and present annual income, who may be in receipt of pension that too after 45-50 years will be extremely difficult and not in accordance with the intent of the proposal.
5. In view of the above, you are requested to process the case in respect of 125 veterans, whose details have already been verified and furnished vide our letter No. B/41002/YSY/AG/PS-2021 dt 07 Mar 2023 for your necessary action. Any further delay in progress of the subject issue only dilutes the purpose of the proposal as most of these veterans are in advanced stages of their lives.
6. For your consideration please.

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23 Jul 2024

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PROPOSAL OF GRANT OF ONE TIME PAYMENT OF ₹ 15 LAKHS
UNDER YUDH SAMMAN YOJANA - REG

1. PI ref:-
 - (a) YSY proposal: This office Note No. B/41002/Yudh Samman Yojana/ Option/AG/PS-5/2021 dt 25 Feb 2022. (copy att as Appx 'A')
 - (b) MP-5(b) Note No. 12681/Gen/T-1/MP 5(b) dt 20 Feb 2023.
 - (c) MoD ID Note No.1(1)/2020/D(Pen/Pol)/Vol-II dt 29 May 2024 (copy att as Appx 'B')
2. A case was taken up with MoD vide Para 1(a) above for grant of ₹15 Lakhs for EC/SSCOs, who have fought in 1965/71 Wars, were in receipt of Samar Seva and/or Poorvi/Paschimi Star Medals and not in receipt of any Govt pension.
3. However, MoD vide letter at para 1(a) above has conveyed the fwg: -
 - (a) Other participants (Reg Commissioned Offrs/PBOR/Civs) will demand similar benefits.
 - (b) There would be no legal ground to deny them the benefits.
 - (c) Data in r/o SSCOs, EC, Reg Commissioned Offrs, PBOR & Civs who have actively participated in 1965/71 Wars has been sought (incl Agricultural Land, Plot, Flat, IT details of last 5 yrs, present annual income).
4. In view of the above it is requested to furnish data as sought by MoD as per para 5 of their letter under ref at para 1(c) above.
5. An early action is requested pl.


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(AG/PS-5)

YUDH SAMMAN YOJANA: ALTERNATE OPTION FOR
ONE TIME CONTRIBUTION OF RS. 15 LAKHS

1. Ref Virtual Conference held on 24 Feb 2022.
2. A revised proposal for one time contribution of Rs. 15 Lakhs under Yudh Samman Yojana in r/o EC/SSC Offrs, who actively participated in 1965 and/ or 1971 wars is enclosed.
3. As per the data presently available, a total of 403 Ex-Officers are eligible for the proposal. Details of such officers is also enclosed. There is a likelihood of increase in No. of beneficiaries on inclusion of veterans of other services i.e. Navy and IAF. Based on the discussions during the two VCs on 04 Feb and 24 Feb 2022, the expected number of beneficiaries is not likely to exceed 500 and therefore the total financial implication is likely to be under ₹75 Crs.
4. The details regarding Govt Service Pension in r/o above mentioned officers (403 Nos) is not available with this office.
5. The revised proposal is submitted for consideration please.


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PROPOSAL FOR YUDH SAMMAN YOJANA: ALTERNATE OPTION FOR
ONE TIME LUMP SUM GRANT OF RS. 15 LAKHS

Background

1. After the war of 1962, a No of volunteers opted for joining Indian Army as Emergency Commission (EC) Officers. Subsequently, EC scheme was replaced by Short Service Commission (SSC) scheme. Many officers who joined Indian Army as EC/ SSC Officers participated in 1965 and 1971 wars and subsequently, as per existing rules, they were released from the service without Retiring Pension.
2. The above-mentioned Ex-Officers, who donned the uniform due to sheer passion for the service towards the nation, are presently in the age bracket of 70-80 years. These Ex-Officers are facing medical as well as financial challenges due to absence of any regular income as they were not granted any pension.
3. This case relates to one time lump sum grant of Rs. 15 lakhs to those EC/ SSC Officers, who actively participated in the 1965 and/ or 1971 wars and were awarded with Samar Seva Star 1965 and/ or Poorvi/ Paschimi Star Medals and are not in receipt of any pension in r/o any Govt Service. The Financial Benefit scheme be hereinafter called "Yudh Samman Yojana".

Proposal

4. It is proposed that one time lump sum grant of Rs. 15 Lakhs be given to all living ECOs/ SSCOs covered under the proposal.

Financial Implications.

5. In May 2020, Army HQ had sought details from the affected veterans and so far a total of 403 such veterans have been found eligible.
6. As per the details available (Appx A) a total of 403 Nos Ex-Officers are expected to be covered under the proposal. Even if this number is taken at a higher level to 500, to cater for the other two Services, the total financial implication is expected to be Rs. 75 Crores at the most.

Recommendations

7. In order to acknowledge the contribution of ECOs/ SSCOs, who actively participated in 1965/1971 wars and also to provide some much needed financial support to these veterans, the proposal of one time lump sum grant of Rs. 15 Lakhs to those ECOs/ SSCOs who participated during the 1965 and/ or 1971 wars awarded with Samar Seva Star 1965 and/or Poorvi/ Paschimi Star Medals and not in receipt of any pension in r/o any Govt Service is recommended.

8. In addition to the above, following may be considered :-

(a) The proposal, once approved, may be executed through a **ceremony**, wherein the Ex-Offrs are felicitated by the Hon'ble Prime Minister or any high ranking dignitary.

(b) Award of a certificate of honour/medallion may also be considered.

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रक्षा मंत्रालय/ Ministry of Defence
पूर्व सैनिक कल्याण विभाग/Department of Ex-Servicemen Welfare
रक्षा (पेंशन/नीति)

Subject : Proposal for grant of one time payment of Rs. 15 lakh under Yudh Samman Yojana – reg.

Reference this Ministry's ID Note of even number dated 03.08.2022 on the above mentioned Subject vide which it was requested to provide data of ECOs/SSCOs, Regular Commissioned Officers/PBORs/Civilians personnel who actively participated in 1965 and/or 1971 wars and awarded with Samar Seva Star and/or Poorvi Star/Paschimi Star Medals. Further, this Ministry vide MoD ID of even number dated 18.08.2022 forwarded some representations received from Regular Commissioned Officers/PBORs/Associations for providing comments. In response, Army Hqrs, vide their letter No. B/41002/Yudh Samman Yojana/Option/AG/PS-5/2021 dated 26.09.2022 stated that the data of PBORs/Regular Commissioned Officers/Civilians personnel (or their Spouse), who actively participated in 1965 and/or 1971 wars is not available as the entire Army was mobilized during the 1965 and 1971 wars.

2. In this regard it is intimated that this Department is in receipt of many representations from PBORs and Regular Commissioned Officer demanding the benefits of "Yudh Samman Yojana". Hence, such PBORs and Regular Commissioned Officer do exist.

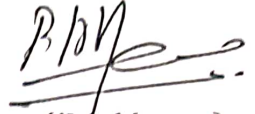
3. This Department is of the view that once proposal for grant of one time payment of Rs. 15 lakh under "Yudh Samman Yojana" to ECOs/SSCOs who actively participated in 1965 and/or 1971 wars and awarded with Samar Seva Star and/or Poorvi Star/Paschimi Star medals is approved, other participants of these wars and awardees of these medals (PBORs/Regular Commissioned Officers both pensioners and non-pensioners as well) will demand the similar benefits. This Department will be flooded with litigation and there would be no legal ground to deny the benefits to them.

4. Further, JAG branch has also advised to include even the personnel in receipt of pension from Govt. organization in the proposal.

5. In view of the above, Army Hqrs. is requested to provide the detailed data of all the personnel (or their spouses) (SSCOs/ECOs, Regular Commissioned Officers, PBORs and Civilians) who actively participated in 1965 and/or 1971 wars and awarded with Samar Seva Star and/or Poorvi Star/Paschimi Star medals. The data may be provided in respect of every individual in the prescribed proforma

enclosed herewith as annexure-1. Without the data, as being sought, this Department would not be in position to process the case further.

6. This issued with the approval of Competent Authority.



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MoD ID Note No. 1(1)/2020/D(Pen/Pol)/Vol-II

dated 27.05.2024

Copy to :

1. COP, Naval Hqrs.

2. AOP, Air Force Hqrs.

With request to provide data of such participants of 1965 and/or 1971 wars and awardees of Samar Seva Star and/or Poorvi Star/Paschimi Star medals in Indian Navy and Indian Air Force respectively.

ANNEXURE-I

Rank and Name	
Age	
Address and Contact No.	
Area of Land possessed (including Agriculture land, plot, residential flat/plot)	
Income Tax Details of last 5 years (for ascertaining financial condition)	
Present Occupation	
Present Annual Income	