

**Minutes of the Virtual/ Physical Meeting of the TSEWA National Executive Committee**  
**held at 1000 Hrs. on 09 September 2023**

**Attendance**

The meeting was attended by the following: -

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| 1.  | Brig CS Vidyasagar          | President                               |
| 2.  | Brig D S C Varma,VSM        | Vice President                          |
| 3.  | Cmde Sudheer Parakala       | Chief Mentor & Immediate Past President |
| 4.  | Cmde Kuldip Singh Sandhu    | President West Zone                     |
| 5.  | Cmde Ashok Kota             | President South Zone                    |
| 6.  | Col Srikantha Seshadri      | President Karnataka                     |
| 7.  | Col KKS Dadwal              | President Himachal Pradesh              |
| 8.  | Brig AK Srivastava,VSM      | Advocate (AFT Delhi)                    |
| 9.  | Col Venkatesh Mahadevan     | Treasurer                               |
| 10. | Cdr Chandra Shekhar         | Joint Secretary                         |
| 11. | Hony Capt M N Reddy         | Joint Secretary                         |
| 12. | Hony Capt B Joseph          | Charity Member                          |
| 13. | Col Vinay Sharma            | Vice President, North Zone              |
| 14. | Col CM Unnithan             | President Chennai Metro                 |
| 15. | Lt Col Dr. K Bhaskara Reddy | NEC Member                              |
| 16. | Smt Indu Bala Mishra        | NEC Member                              |

The President Brig CS Vidyasagar welcomed all to the meeting, Mrs. Indu Bala Mishra joined the NEC as a member and was welcomed to the group. He also welcomed Brig AK Srivastava, VSM our Legal Advocate at AFT Delhi, for attending the NEC Meeting.

1. The Vice President Brig DSC Varma gave an update on the minutes of the last meeting held on 26 August 2023.
2. The President thereafter gave a brief on his visit to PCDA (Prayagraj) on 30 & 31 August 2023. He informed that his visit was very fruitful and the cases that he had taken with him were resolved. He however emphasised the following: -
  - a) Only those cases wherein the ladies not receiving Family Pension will be taken on priority.

- b) PCDA will admit only these cases which have been confirmed and endorsed by respective Record Office, MP5 AHQ, NAVPEN and DAV(AF). In view of this only such cases must be forwarded to HQ TSEWA.
  - c) He further reiterated that inspite of repeated reminders, the cases are not forwarded in time, but sent just a day prior to leaving for PCDA. Since folders of each case needs to be prepared for discussing and handing over to the concerned authority in PCDA. It is not feasible to take any cases submitted late.
  - d) The next visit by President Brig CS Vidyasagar to PCDA (Prayagraj) is scheduled on 28<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup> December 2023. Adequate time is available. Hence all cases must be forwarded before 15 Dec 2023 which is the cut-off date for accepting cases for referral to PCDA.
  - e) The President thereafter informed that he is visiting Bangalore on the 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> Sep 2023 to carry out a similar programme along with Col Srikantha Seshadri President Karnataka for the Ladies as it was done in Delhi & NCR.
3. **Brief By Legal Advocate:** - Brig AK Srivastava, VSM our Legal Advocate from Delhi gave the following points: -
- a) **Pension Fixation of OROP-1 and OROP-2:** - There are two methods of pension fixation of Ex-Servicemen in OROP of those who did not retire in base year of 2013 for OROP-1 from July 2014 and base year of 2018 for OROP-2 from July 2019.
    - Method-1:** Fix pension of the soldier retired in base year same as that of another soldier with longer length of service. For example, pension of Majs with Qualifying Service (QS) of 22 to 33 years who did not retire in base year same as pension of Maj retired with QS of 21.5 years of service.
    - Method-2:** Fix pension of soldier not retired in base year by reducing pension of soldier retired in base year by 3% reduction in pension, which is grossly wrong. Hence it is recommended that we file a case in the High Court.
  - b) **Hony Nb Sub Pre-2006:** - Various benches have given different verdicts. Hence the case has been referred to a larger bench. The hearing has completed and the judgment is awaited.
  - c) **Reservist Pension:** - The case is still under examination, and he will give his recommendation soon.

- d) **Progress of TSEWA Cases:** - He informed that the delay accrued due to non-functioning of AFT's for 2 ½ Years on account of COVID. In addition, 4 of our cases were denotified since the sitting judge hearing the case had reclused due to personal reasons. These cases will have to be filed again. He also confirmed that he is sending a regular progress report by Email to TSEWA on all the cases presently with him.
- e) **Notional MSP for Maj Gen:** - He confirmed that based on the judgment of P&H High Court to raise the notional MSP which was deliberately omitted. This will have to be implemented within three months of the verdict otherwise 6% penal interest will be levied. Hence filing the case in a High Court at this stage is not recommended. However, after further deliberations it was decided to file a case in the High Court.
4. The Vice President thanked Brig AK Srivastava, VSM for giving a comprehensive brief and update on the Legal Cases.
5. **Points from Members:** -
- a) **Cmde K S Sandhu President West Zone:** Informed that the case of Ms. Neelam Ahuja for dependent pension was discussed with Mrs Sham Dev, IDAS. The President Brig CS Vidyasagar also informed that Cdr Dhruv Tiwari in PCDA was also briefed and Ms Neelam Ahuja will get her dependent pension soon.
- b) Cmde KS Sandhu also informed that he has appointed Hony Lt Gurunath Tanavade as Vice President Maharashtra State to represent TSEWA.
- c) **Cmde Sudheer Parakala Chief Mentor:** There is a need to review pending cases with our Legal Advocate Brig AK Srivastava, VSM and explore the feasibility of transferring these cases to other AFT's. The point was deliberated and it was felt that it would be more appropriate to discuss the same as a fresh agenda point in the next NEC Meeting.

There being no more points the meeting was declared closed. The next NEC Meeting is scheduled on 23<sup>rd</sup> Sep 2023.

Brig CS Vidyasagar (Retd)

President, TSEWA