

## **Minutes of the Virtual/ Physical Meeting of the TSEWA National Executive**

### **Committee held at 1000 Hrs. on 28 Dec 2024**

#### **Attendance**

The meeting was attended by the following: -

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| 1.  | Brig CS Vidyasagar         | President                |
| 2.  | Brig D S C Varma           | Vice President           |
| 3.  | Lt Col G Parvathesam       | General Secretary        |
| 4.  | Col Venkatesh Mahadevan    | Treasurer                |
| 5.  | Cdr Chandra Shekhar        | Joint Secretary          |
| 6.  | Maj Gen Shibnath Mukherjee | President East Zone      |
| 7.  | Cmde Kuldip Singh Sandhu   | President West Zone      |
| 8.  | Col Ajit Singh Rana        | President North Zone     |
| 9.  | Cmde Ashok Kota            | President South Zone     |
| 10. | Col Srikantha Seshadhri    | President Karnataka      |
| 11. | Col CAJ Swamy              | President Andhra Pradesh |
| 12. | Col Unnithan               | President Chennai        |
| 13. | Maj Dr. B Bhikshapathy     | NEC Member               |
| 14. | Capt B Joseph              | NEC Member               |
| 15. | Capt MN Reddy              | NEC Member               |
| 16. | Smt Shalini Gupta          | Joint Secretary          |
| 17. | Col Nagesh Chandra Gupta   | Member                   |

1. At the outset the President welcomed all to the meeting. He specially welcomed Col Nagesh Chandra Gupta, our TSEWA oldest member, 98 yrs. Col N C Gupta is a Philanthropist who has made an immense contribution to TSEWA, under Madhuri Seva Trust Fund (in remembrance of his bellowed wife. Smt Madhuri Gupta), and continues to do so till date. A large number of Students from educational institutions and Home for especially abled children have benefited from his benevolence. Earlier he was residing in the USA, but has since returned to India. We heartly welcome Col NC Gupta to the NEC meeting and truly appreciate his contribution to the organisation.
2. Thereafter the General Secretary Lt Col G Parvathesam gave an update on the points raised in the last meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> Dec 2024.

3. The President then invited the NEC members to present their points:

- a) **Col Srikantha Seshadhri President Karnataka:** The AFT cases filed by TSEWA have not made any progress inspite of all efforts. The President informed that AFT Delhi has started functioning regularly & hopefully there will be considerable improvement in the year 2025.
- b) **Mrs. Shalini Gupta, Joint Secretary:**
- i. Informed that all documents of the litigants of SFP/LFP are ready and will be filed on 5<sup>th</sup>/ 7<sup>th</sup> Jan 2025, when the courts reopen.
  - ii. **Education Allowance:** The Joint Secretary wanted to know if a child is eligible for the education allowance after the father expires. It was confirmed that child is eligible for the Education Allowance and she should contact Zill Sainik Boad in Delhi and have her case certified. The General Secretary advised her to send the details of the case along with documents to HQ TSEWA and to process it through the concerned Records.
- c) **Cmde K S Sandhu:** Informed all regards the case of Ms. Monica Puri and Rohith Puri, children of Late Lt Col Puri. They have not been able to become ECHS members. The President advised that to become ECHS Member they should Physically visit the ECHS in Mumbai with their PPO and enrol for ECHS membership.
- d) **Col Unnithan:** Informed of the case of a Hav from Kerala with a service of 16yrs 7 Months. He was implicated in a murder case and was sentenced to RI for 20yrs in jail, in Jammu. On completion of sentence, he applied for pension, but it was rejected. The NCO is ill and staying with his mother who is suffering from Cancer, can any financial help be extended to him?  
The General Secretary informed that as per Def Pension Regulation he is eligible for pension and the case may be forwarded to HQ TSEWA.

4. There being no more points from the members the President gave the following points:

- i. **Pension One Rank Higher:** The Hon'ble Supreme Court dismissing appeal of Judgment of AFT Chennai in Sep 2024 (Cdr Ilongovan's case) and ruling that benefit be given for those serving and retired on or after 16 Dec 2004 to get higher pension due to reduced commissioned service to get the rank of Capt to Col TS also be given to Pre – 16 Dec 2004 Pensioners. TSEWA has sent legal documents of 125 Officers to get pension of one rank higher to our legal advisor Brig Ak Srivastava to file Legal Case for getting Pension one Rank Higher.

- ii. **Commutation:** Based on Judgment of Hon'ble High Courts, AFT's & CATs we filed OA 3959/2024 of Col Naithani vs Union of India on 4 Nov 2024 with a prayer to restore full pension after 11.50 year. The legal case had 52 Petitioners.
- iii. **OROP-III:** New pension from Jul 2024 was revised and implemented. Only those who got SPARSH PPO are remitted higher pension in OROP-III.
- iv. **Induction of Ladies into Management Committee:** TSEWA had no ladies in the Management committee Since inception in 2015 after TSEWA started DSSLOG group which enabled acquiring a membership of 825 ladies. Their contribution to TSEWA has been phenomenal and today we have two ladies viz. Mrs. Madhumita Das as Vice President, and Mrs. Shalini Gupta as Joint Secretary. they were inducted into the Management Committee in June 2024.
- v. **Pre-2006 HNS to get Pension of Nb Sub:** Due to the continued and persistent efforts of our former President, T SEWA and current Chief Mentor Cmde Sudheer Parakala (Retd) the case for getting Hony Nb Sub Pension for pre-2006 Havildars granted the rank of Hony Nb Subs to get pension of Nb Sub.
- vi. **TSEWA Membership:** Due to the persistent efforts of Col Srikantha Seshadhri, President Karnataka & Hony Capt B Joseph our membership has grown every month. Presently TSEWA has 21200 memberships.
- vii. **Visit to PCDA(P) Prayagraj:** Made visits in May & Aug 2024 & got redressal of grievances. The visit scheduled in Dec 2024 was not undertaken due to the cancellation of trains to Prayagraj. The pending cases have been forwarded to the Service Representatives in PCDA for redressal.
- viii. **SSLOG cases filed in AFT-** TSEWA has filed two case in AFT Delhi The LFP/SFP case in AFT, PB New Delhi. The cases are One Rank Higher Pension & OROP-III for Ladies.
- ix. **Awareness Programs 2025:** Zonal and State Presidents who are willing to host Awareness Programs in their areas may please inform HQ TSEWA to prepare the schedule of Awareness programs for the complete year.
- x. **Main Contributors of TSEWA:** Though all members have contributed in the growth of TSEWA and its efforts in Alleviating the problems being faced by Ex-Servicemen and widows. It is pertinent to mention the names of the following whose contribution has been exceptional
  - a) Col Srikantha Seshadhri
  - b) Cmde Kuldip Singh Sandhu
  - c) Mrs Shalini Gupta
  - d) Col Ajit Singh Rana
  - e) Col Vinay Sharma
  - f) Mrs Nargis Naqvi
- xi. **Reputation of TSEWA:** Mrs. Madhu Goswami case sent by Cdr Ravindra Pathak of IESM to resolve. Problem: Less pension since Aug 1982. More grievances are to be redressed that is the publicity

5. The President on behalf of HQ TSEWA wished all a very Happy and Prosperous New year 2025. He thanked everybody for their overwhelming support and contribution to TSEWA in 2024.

There being no more points the meeting was declared closed. The next meeting will be held on 11<sup>th</sup> Jan 2025.

**Brig CS Vidyasagar (Retd)**

**President, TSEWA**