

**Minutes of the Virtual/ Physical Meeting of the TSEWA National Executive
Committee held at 1000 Hrs. on 14 Mar 2026**

Attendance

The meeting was attended by the following members:

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| 1. | Brig D. S. C. Varma, VSM | – | <i>President</i> |
| 2. | Lt Col G. Parvathesam | – | <i>Vice President</i> |
| 3. | Smt Madhumita Das | – | <i>Vice President</i> |
| 4. | Col Satyanarayana Naresh | – | <i>General Secretary</i> |
| 5. | Cdr Chandra Shekhar | – | <i>Joint Secretary</i> |
| 6. | Smt Shalini Gupta | – | <i>Joint Secretary</i> |
| 7. | Brig C S Vidyasagar | – | <i>Chief Mentor</i> |
| 8. | Cmde Sudheer Parakala | – | <i>Mentor</i> |
| 9. | Maj Gen Shibnath Mukherjee | – | <i>President, East Zone</i> |
| 10. | Col Ajit Singh Rana | – | <i>President, North Zone</i> |
| 11. | Cmde Kuldip Singh Sandhu | – | <i>President, West Zone</i> |
| 12. | Col Srikantha Seshadhri | – | <i>President, Karnataka</i> |
| 13. | Col Vinay Sharma | – | <i>President, North Zone</i> |
| 14. | Col C A J Swamy | – | <i>President, AP</i> |
| 15. | Col C. M. Unnithan | – | <i>President, Chennai Metro</i> |
| 16. | Maj B Bikshapathy | – | <i>NEC Member</i> |
| 17. | Hav Harish Asthana | – | <i>President, Uttar Pradesh</i> |
| 18. | Hony Capt B Joseph | – | <i>NEC Member</i> |
| 19. | Hony Capt M. N. Reddy | – | <i>NEC Member</i> |
| 20. | Brig A K Srivastava | – | <i>Legal Advisor</i> |

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- The President** welcomed all to the meeting and thereafter commenced with the Proceedings.
 - He informed that there is a need to undertake a review of **Miss Mahima Sagar Fund**, which was collected through crowdfunding in the year 2022 for the treatment of Miss Mahima Sagar, who is suffering from **Spinal Muscular Atrophy (SMA)**,

since a letter has been received from Miss Mahima Sagar, granddaughter of **Brig C S Vidyasagar** for partial remittance.

Based on her request, the auditors of TSEWA were asked to advise on the modalities of transferring money for her treatment.

The Auditors clarified that money can be transferred to the beneficiary as per the conditions below:

- a) Only the principal amount is to be transferred to the beneficiary
- b) Possible avenues could be treatment, therapy, medication, special education, etc., as deemed fit by NEC.
- c) Expenditures incurred should follow established principles of accounting.

The President thereafter sought the views of the members.

Views of Members:

- a) **Cmde Sudheer Parakala (Mentor):** The then-President stated that donations routed to another platform, IMPACT GURU for the same purpose, levied charges for its services. It was also agreed upon that the interest accrued would be segregated for use by TSEWA. **Maj Gen Shibnath Mukherjee** also voiced that he was privy to the general discussion and the decision arrived at.
- b) **Brig C. S. Vidyasagar (Chief Mentor):** Brig Vidyasagar concurred with **Cmde Sudheer Parakala** but opined that the interest component should also be at the disposal of the Beneficiary.
- c) **Lt Col G Parvathesam (Vice President):** The Vice President conveyed that since our Chartered Accountant has given a clear ruling that the interest accrued from this fund cannot be transferred to the beneficiary but can be used by TSEWA.
- d) **Col Ajit Singh Rana (President, North Zone):** Col Ajit Singh Rana suggested that the minutes be recorded now for posterity. **Mrs Madhumita Das** also concurred and suggested that the Management Committee of the day should now formulate a procedure for utilisation of the fund.
- e) The President then put forward a resolution to vet proposals received by Miss Mahima Sagar through **Brig C. S. Vidyasagar** for scrutiny of accounts and audit, and remittances to the beneficiary may take place for those found in order, including bills of previous years as a one-time measure, out of the Principal Amount **only**. The interest accrued will be utilised by TSEWA. The voice vote obtained in favour was recorded.

Thereafter, the President handed over to the General Secretary to resume proceedings.

3. The Gen Secretary, **Col Satyanarayana Naresh**, resumed the proceedings with a quick review of the previous meeting held on 21 Feb 2026, along with updates as applicable:

- The membership drive by **Col Srikantha Seshadri accompanied by Maj Bhikshapathy** and **Col C. M. Unnithan** brought an increase in membership from 22,797 to 22,951. **Col C. M. Unnithan** also handed over a cheque of Rs 2,000 by Sergeant P. Balakrishnan, which received good applause from all.
- Follow-up of OA 664/2016 of the remaining 33 cases was held up for the signature of the Principal Litigant and may take another week.
- Case of Hav Mangal Kumar, who remains in distress after release from jail, as his case was turned down by Signal Records. The NCO has to approach AFT for redressal as he was pensionable at the time of sentence by a Criminal Court, which debarred redress from AG's Branch, as provisions apply only for a sentence under the Army Act.
- All updates on legal cases will now be in a new format with a clear indication of changes from the previous ones. Individual cases will also be updated on occurrence. Updates generally take 24 to 48 hours for feedback from advocates.

Points by Members

4. **Smt Shalini Gupta (Joint Secretary):** Mrs Shalini Gupta gave feedback on cases discussed in ORO:

- Point by **Smt Neera Sirohi (Admin, SSLOG)** on a case of spouse deserting/untraceable. The ORO confirmed that since the officer was forcibly retired, the spouse will be denied pension, but the case for a penury grant can be processed through ZSWO. The case may be analysed for legal recourse.
- Disruption in the pension due to the non-submission of the Life Certificate by the unstable daughter. Since the daughter was in Australia, the NOK were advised to route the Life Certificate through the consulate. PPO was retrieved from ORO and sent via mail.
- Further Mrs Shalini Gupta clarified that the date of birth as registered in the Matriculation Certificate/notarised affidavit is generally accepted for spouses and dependents. The necessary documents should be uploaded to the SPARSH LTA Module.

5. **Hav Harish Asthana (President, Uttar Pradesh):** Hav Asthana confirmed remittance of Rs 5,42,630 arrears to Mrs Girija Naidu. He inquired about the visit schedule of **Brig C. S. Vidyasagar** to Prayagraj. Brig Vidyasagar conveyed that he would plan a visit to PCDA (Prayagraj) after he recovers completely.
6. **Mrs Madhumita Das (Vice President):** Mrs Madhumita Das sought clarity on the heir of succession on the expiry of the litigant amidst the ongoing case. **Col Ajit Singh Rana** advised following the modalities for ruling by the Court. Generally, it takes 6–12 months with NOC from all members in favour of one, and only then nominee can pursue the case in lieu. In some cases, the endorsement in WILL decides the nominee.
7. **Col Ajit Singh Rana (President, North Zone):** Col Rana highlighted a few cases in which large refunds were initiated by SPARSH due to incorrect Qualifying Service mentioned in the PPO. Representation to AG's Branch by spouse/dependent parents is a time-consuming and cumbersome procedure.
8. **Maj Gen Shibnath Mukherjee (President, East Zone):** Gen Mukherjee once again thanked everyone for the successful conduct of awareness camps in Durgapur & Kolkata. Further, he stated that the increment in pension accorded to pensioners over 80 years is specific to the pensioner, and in case of demise, the increment depends on the age of the spouse/nominee. While the gallantry award allowance continues to the spouse, the IT exemption on family pension is removed.
9. **Cmde Sudheer Parakala (Mentor):** Cmde Parakala drew attention to the newly introduced felicitation to deserving ESM by the Army Chief during his station visits. Advance nomination is processed through Sub Area. The case of VSM to **Brig C. S. Vidyasagar** should be revived. Further, he requested **Col Ajit Singh Rana** to monitor progress with DESW. Col Rana conveyed that due to FY closure, the atmosphere may not be conducive for a meeting with Secy DESW, and he would make an effort soon.

Updates by Lead Advocate

10. **Brig Srivastava (Lead Advocate)** joined the meeting for quick updates and progress on certain issues. The members also had a good interaction:
 - a) Recent ruling by SC to remove the stipulation of a 3-year limit for remittances of arrears necessitated approaching AFT for all current and past cases. **Col Ajit Singh Rana** shared the grant of arrears by Lucknow HC, citing the SC ruling. The advocate reiterated that cases will be routed through TSEWA for the reopening of past cases.
 - b) Substituting a legal representative midway entails a separate mini case; hence, in the interest of expediency, it is advisable to delink by obtaining NOC to ensure

that other litigants can progress the main case. The replacement gets complicated and cumbersome when there is more than one claimant. To substitute the demised Litigant, a Death Certificate and Aadhaar of fresh nominee is required.

- c) The widow of Cdr Narayanan is in direct contact, and the case is being monitored closely.
 - d) Judgement of Maj Viru is being linked with Maj Radhakrishnan's case as per the directions of the Court.
 - e) AFT judgement of grant of pension of Lt Cols to SL/RCO officers having more than 13 years' service is being pursued. Maj Bhikshapathy may file a case separately based on the success of the case.
 - f) MSP Case (6PC) in respect of 72 Maj Gen is being strongly contested in HC.
 - g) The Vice President, **Lt Col G. Parvathesam**, brought to the notice of the advocate that 3 of the 135 presumed dead cases were found alive. The advocate stated that the Court will be apprised of the omission. Also requested Brig Srivastava to expedite cases like OA 34/2016 & OA 664/2016, as most of the litigants are above 75 years and 135 have already expired. **Brig AK Srivastava assured** that he will apprise the Judge in the next hearing.
 - h) **Col C. M. Unnithan** raised an issue that one of the litigants had expired when the case was being concluded in SC. The advocate stated that the spouse will get arrears.
11. The Gen Secretary, **Col Satyanarayana Naresh**, conveyed that 5 cases were pending with TSEWA linked to the verdict by SC on the removal of the 3-year limit. The advocate directed that particulars may be referred separately to him.

The President thanked everyone for a fruitful discussion and for arriving at certain crucial decisions. There being no other points, the meeting was declared closed, with the next date of the NEC Meeting on **18 April 2026**.

Brig D. S. C. Varma, VSM (Retd)

President, TSEWA