

**Minutes of the Virtual/ Physical Meeting of the TSEWA National Executive Committee
held at 1000 Hrs. on 26 Aug 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. | Col Venkatesh Mahadevan | - | <i>Treasurer</i> |
| 3. | Lt Col G. Parvathesam | - | <i>Vice President</i> |
| 4. | Smt Madhumita Das | - | <i>Vice President</i> |
| 5. | Smt Shalini Gupta | - | <i>Joint Secretary</i> |
| 6. | Brig C S Vidyasagar | - | <i>Mentor</i> |
| 7. | Col Dr. G B Sethi | - | <i>Mentor</i> |
| 8. | Maj Gen Shibnath Mukherjee | - | <i>President, East Zone</i> |
| 9. | Col Ajit Singh Rana | - | <i>President, North Zone</i> |
| 10. | Cmde Kuldip Singh Sandhu | - | <i>President, West Zone</i> |
| 11. | Col Srikantha Seshadhri | - | <i>President, Karnataka</i> |
| 12. | Col C M Unnithan | - | <i>President, Chennai Metro</i> |
| 13. | Lt Col V R R S Reddy | - | <i>NEC Member</i> |
| 14. | Maj Dr. B Bikshapathy | - | <i>NEC Member</i> |
| 15. | Hav Harish Asthana | - | <i>President, Uttar Pradesh</i> |
| 16. | Hony Capt B Joseph | - | <i>NEC Member</i> |
| 17. | Cdr Swamy | - | <i>Member</i> |
| 18. | Lt Col D Subbaiah | - | <i>Member</i> |
| 19. | Hony Capt M N Reddy | - | <i>NEC Member</i> |

1. **Points from the President:** The President welcomed all to the meeting and thereafter gave the following points: -

a) **Legal Update:** The President informed that, further to receiving the judgment from the Supreme Court regarding the grant of Broad Banding of Disability arrears from the date of retirement, TSEWA has planned to file the remaining 3 similar cases before the AFT (PB), New Delhi. Accordingly, an Email was circulated to all members requesting them to forward the required documents for filing the case. Out of 148 members who have expressed their willingness, 36 sets of documents have been received till date.

b) **Financial Assistance to Ms Kavita Jaiswal:** The President informed that an appeal for financial assistance was received from **Smt Kavita Jaiswal, W/o Col Sanjeev Kumar**

Jaiswal, a serving officer who has been diagnosed with **Pancreatic Cancer, Stage 4**. Since all medical treatment has been done, presently only one medicine, which is not available and is cost-prohibitive, (approximately 7 crores) has to be obtained from abroad. She had requested for financial assistance.

TSEWA circulated this to all members, and many TSEWA members have donated directly to **Mrs Kavita Jaiswal**.

c) **Court Judgments:** The President informed on the recent Judgment received on the following cases:

- i. **Special Family Pension – OA No. 1711/2019:** Of the 18 applicants, 5 were earlier granted SFP. In addition, Mrs Cuckoo Bhatia has also now been granted SFP. The cases of the balance 12 applicants are still under hearing.
- ii. **Grant of Hony Nb Sub Pension – OA No. 1545/2016:** The Court has granted Hony Nb Sub pension to Havildars. A total of 126 applicants in the case filed are beneficiaries.
- iii. **Getting benefit to all pre-2006 Sepoys to Hav under ACP – OA No. 949/2019:** The Court has declined granting the benefit to pre-2006 Sepoys, citing the Government policy that the MACP Scheme is an incentive/financial-upgradation scheme applicable from 01.09.2008, and personnel who were not in service on the date of implementation cannot be granted its benefits retrospectively.

d) **Donations and Educational Outreach:**

- i. **Mrs Dasari Suguna**, a retired class teacher, donated two lakhs to the organisation. She also offered to provide online maths tutoring for children of armed forces personnel, particularly for students in 10th through 12th grades.
- ii. **Future Corporate Donations:** The President also informed that TSEWA is in communication with several industrialists who have expressed interest in donating to TSEWA.
- iii. **Lt Col G Parvathesam, Vice President:** Informed that during his visit to the USA in June/July 2026, he had received a donation of Rs.1,32,185/- from Shri Somdas Prabhudas Patel. This was collected by the family from various donors for TSEWA. Earlier also, Shri Somdas Prabhudas Patel had donated Rs.1,21,000/- in 2025.

e) **Membership Growth:** Col. Srikantha Seshadri was commended for his exceptional contribution in enrolling new members to TSEWA. In July and August, he enrolled 152 new

members, bringing the total membership of TSEWA to 23,143. All NEC members applauded the efforts put in by Col Srikantha Seshadri.

2. Points from Members:

- a) **Liberalised Family Pension:** Hav Harish Chandra Asthana raised a query regarding a deceased soldier who died in active service in 2021 while serving in Siachen Glacier with 24 years of service. The spouse is currently receiving only normal family pension, and they are seeking liberalised family pension. Col. Ajit Singh Rana advised that the PCDA requires documentary evidence of the circumstances of death to approve the conversion and suggested waiting for the official reply from the record office.
- b) **Smt Madhumita Das, Vice President:** Documents of Rita Majumdar have just been received from Lt Col Ujwal, and they will be submitted to Bengal Sub Area Veteran Cell.
- c) **Col CM Unnithan, President, Chennai Metro:** Inquired about taking up legal cases for Honorary Naib Subedars who did not previously participate in OA 1545/2016. The President advised that TSEWA cannot take up individual cases but suggested they could file a case with AFT Chennai.
- d) **Maj Gen Shibnath Mukherjee, President East Zone:**
 - i. **Healthcare Challenges - Hospital Empanelment in West Bengal:** Highlighted a significant issue in Kolkata, Salt Lake, and New Town, where there is a lack of empanelled hospitals and ECHS Polyclinics in rural areas. Many hospitals are unwilling to accept ECHS empanelment due to funding and billing concerns and lack of polyclinics in various districts in West Bengal, resulting in hardship for ESM.

The following points are highlighted: -

- a) **Empanelment of Hospitals:** Regarding the empanelment of hospitals, it was clarified that there is a long-standing policy allowing Regional Centres to empanel government hospitals. Col. Srikantha Seshadri noted that while government hospitals can be empanelled, prior sanction is mandatory for five specific geriatric and complex surgeries: cancer treatment, heart cases, lung cases, organ transplants, and knee transplants, with the approval process typically taking about one month.
- b) **ECHS Regional Responsibility and Polyclinic Requirements:** Col. Srikantha Seshadri clarified that regional centres, rather than higher headquarters like Area or Command Headquarters, are responsible for hospital empanelment. He further explained that the sanctioning of new polyclinics depends on the strength of ex-

servicemen in a specific district, with a minimum requirement of 1,500 registered ex-servicemen needed to qualify for a new facility.

- c) **Awareness Camps:** Shibnath Mukherjee proposed hosting awareness camps in Bankura or Birhu (Santiniketan area) in January or February. TSEWA accepted the proposal.

- e) **Cmde K S Sandhu, President West Zone: AGM Location Confirmation:** TSEWA confirmed that the next Annual General Meeting (AGM) will be held in Pune. Cmde K S Sandhu agreed to lead the coordination efforts.

- f) **Lt Col G Parvathesam, Vice President:** Raised the case of a mentally ill veteran requiring support. Col. Srikantha Seshadri requested documentation to review the specific circumstances and clarified that individuals who retired without a pension are still entitled to apply for ECHS benefits under the August 2018 policy letter.

- g) **Col Ajit Singh Rana, President North Zone: Status of Fresh Legal Filings:** Col. Ajit Singh Rana inquired about the progress of fresh legal cases regarding broadbanding. The association confirmed that these cases are being filed as a combined group rather than individually, as per advice of our advocate Brig A K Srivastava.

3. There being no more points, the meeting was declared closed.

The next NEC meeting will be held on 19 Sep 2026.

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

President, TSEWA