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**PART I**



**GOVERNMENT OF KERALA**

**Abstract**

**SAINIK WELFARE DEPARTMENT—KERALA STATE MILITARY BENEVOLENT FUND/DISTRICT MILITARY BENEVOLENT FUND—AMENDMENT TO THE EXISTING RULES FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OF FUND—SANCTIONED—ORDERS ISSUED**

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**GENERAL ADMINISTRATION (SAINIK WELFARE) DEPARTMENT**

G O. (Ms.) No. 64/13/GAD.

*Dated, Thiruvananthapuram, 7th March 2013.*

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- Read:*— 1. G O. (Ms.) No. 350/04/GAD dated 1-12-2004.  
2. G O. (Ms.) No. 258/06/GAD dated 29-9-2006.  
3. G O. (Ms.) No. 366/07/GAD dated 23-7-2007.  
4. G O. (Ms.) No. 01/08/GAD dated 1-1-2008.  
5. G O. (Ms.) No. 389/10/GAD dated 29-11-2010.  
6. G O. (Ms.) No. 223/11/GAD dated 14-7-2011.  
7. G O. (Ms.) No. 23/12/GAD dated 31-1-2012.  
8. Letter No. SW1/339/12/DSW dated 29-12-2012 of Director, Sainik Welfare, Thiruvananthapuram.  
9. Letter No. L. F. 833/MS 2/2013 dated 30-1-2013 of the Director of Local Fund Audit Department.

**ORDER**

The Rajya Sainik Board meeting held on 12-11-2012 has decided to make some amendments to certain provision in the existing Rules for the Administration of State Military Benevolent Fund/District Military Benevolent Fund. Based on the above decision the proposal submitted by the Director of Sainik Welfare has been examined by Government in detail and the following amendments are made to the existing Rules. This amendment will come into force w.e.f. 1st April 2013.

## KERALA STATE MILITARY BENEVOLENT FUND (SMBF)

| <i>Rule No.</i> | <i>Existing Rule</i>  | <i>Amendment/<br/>Addition proposed</i>   |
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| (1)             | (2)   | (3)   |
| 4 (c)           | <p><b>Amendment of G.O. (Ms.) 389/10/ GAD dated 29th November 2010— Definitions</b></p> <p>Dependents of Ex-servicemen means wife, non earning sons below the age of 25 years, unmarried or widowed daughters, non-earning brothers below the age of 25 years, non earning unmarried sisters and non earning parents of the Ex-servicemen, actually dependent on Ex-servicemen and such other relationship of deceased Ex-servicemen who were dependent on him.</p>   | <p><b>Amendment of G.O. (Ms.) 389/10/ GAD dated 29th November 2010— Definitions</b></p> <p>Dependents of Ex-servicemen means wife, non earning sons below the age of 25 years, unmarried or widowed daughters, non-earning brothers below the age of 25 years, non earning unmarried sisters, Legally divorced daughters of ESM till re-marriage and non earning parents of the Ex-servicemen, actually dependent on Ex-servicemen and such other relationship of deceased Ex-servicemen who were dependent on him.</p> |
| 7 (b)           | <p><b>Amendment of G.O. (Ms.) 23/12/ GAD dated 31st January 2012</b></p> <p>In special cases where immediate financial assistance is considered necessary, the President of the Board (Chief Minister) may on the recommendation of the Secretary, Rajya Sainik Board sanction such amounts, but not exceeding ₹ 5,000 as considered necessary. Secretary Rajya Sainik Board shall be competent to sanction immediate grants not exceeding ₹ 4,000. Cases of such special grants will be placed before the next meeting of the Rajya Sainik Board for ratification.</p> | <p><b>Amendment of G.O. (Ms.) 23/12/ GAD dated 31st January 2012</b></p> <p>The figures of ₹ 5,000 and ₹ 4,000 shall be substituted by ₹ 10,000 and ₹ 5,000 respectively.</p>   |

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| 7 (c)<br>(i)  | <b>Amendment of G.O. (Ms.) 389/10/<br/>GAD dated 29th November 2010</b>  | <b>Amendment of G.O. (Ms.) 389/10/<br/>GAD dated 29th November 2010</b>   |
|               | <p>The grants shall ordinarily be in the form of lumpsum payment, ₹ 2,000, ₹ 2,250 and ₹ 2,500. The grants shall be sent to the beneficiaries in the form of money order. The money order commission and incidental expenditure shall be met from the State Military Benevolent Fund. Beneficiaries shall be eligible for subsequent financial assistance only after endorsement of pervious payment made by money order in the Discharge Certificate.</p> | <p>The figures of ₹ 2,000, ₹ 2,250 and ₹ 2,500 shall be substituted by ₹ 3,000, ₹ 3,500 and ₹ 4,000 respectively.</p>   |
| 7 (c)<br>(ii) | <b>Amendment of G.O. (Ms.) 389/10/<br/>GAD dated 29th November 2010</b>  | <b>Amendment of G.O. (Ms.) 389/10/<br/>GAD dated 29th November 2010</b>   |
|               | <p>No person whose annual income exceeds ₹ 30,000 shall be eligible for a grant from this fund.</p>  | <p>No person whose annual income exceeds ₹ 50,000 shall be eligible for a grant from this fund.</p>   |
| 7 (c)<br>(vi) | <b>Amendment of G.O. (Ms) 23/12/<br/>GAD dated 31st January 2012</b>   | <b>Amendment of G.O. (Ms.) 23/12/<br/>GAD dated 31st January 2012</b>   |
|               | <p>The maximum grant payable from both funds (SMBF/DMBF) for a period of the three years shall not exceed ₹ 25,000. The maximum grant shall not include the grant paid under Rule 10 of the State Military Benevolent Fund.</p>  | <p>The maximum grant payable from both funds (SMBF/DMBF) for a period of the three years shall not exceed ₹ 42,000. The maximum grant shall not include the grant paid under Rule 10 of the State Military Benevolent Fund.</p> |



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| 10.(b) | <p><b>Amendment to G.O. (Ms.) No. 223/11/GAD dated 14th July 2011—Financial Assistance to Blind Ex-servicemen/wives/widows/children</b></p> <p>Financial Assistance @ ₹ 1,000 per month shall be given to those Ex-servicemen, widows, wives of Ex-servicemen and dependent children of Ex-servicemen, who are blind in both eyes and are not receiving any pension or similar grant from Kendriya Sainik Board without stipulating income limit. The Grant sanctioned will be forwarded to the beneficiaries quarterly by money order. The money order charges/incidental expenses will be met from SMBF Account.</p> | <p><b>Amendment to G.O. (Ms.) No. 223/11/GAD dated 14th July 2011—Financial Assistance to Blind Ex-servicemen/wives/widows/children</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Add</b></p> <p>In the case of non pensioners the grant shall be increased to ₹ 2,000 per month. The dependent son shall be exempted from the age limit.</p> <p>The exemption of age limit is applicable to existing beneficiaries also w.e.f. 1st April 2012.</p>  |
| 10 (i) | <p><b>Amendment to G.O. (Ms.) No. 23/12/GAD dated 31st January 2012—Financial Assistance to the Physically disabled son/daughter of Ex-servicemen.</b></p> <p>An amount of ₹ 500 per month will be given to the physically disabled son/daughter of Ex-Servicemen/soldiers who died while in service. The annual income of family, parent should be less than ₹ 1,50,000 disability should be 40% and above, certified by Medical Board, the parents of the beneficiaries should be unemployed, the beneficiaries should be unemployed and unmarried.</p>  | <p><b>Amendment to G.O. (Ms.) No. 23/12/GAD dated 31st January 2012—Financial Assistance to the Physically disabled son/daughter of Ex-servicemen.</b></p> <p>An amount of ₹ 700 per month will be given to the physically disabled son/daughter of Ex-Servicemen /soldiers who died while in service. The annual income of family, parent should be less than ₹ 1,50,000 disability should be 40% and above, certified by a Medical Board, the parents of the beneficiaries should be unemployed, the beneficiaries should be unemployed and unmarried without stipulating age limit.</p> <p>The exemption of age limit is applicable to existing beneficiaries also w.e.f. April 2012.</p> |

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| 10 (1) | <p><b>Amendment to G. O. (Ms.) No. 23/12/GAD dated 31st January 2012—Financial Assistance to children of Ex-servicemen who are attending SET, NET, JRF, ICWA, CA, Civil Service exam etc.</b></p> <p>In order to help the children of Ex-servicemen, who are undergoing coaching classes for SET, NET, JRF, ICWA, CA, Civil Service Exam etc., one time grant of ₹ 5,000 (Rupees five thousand only) will be paid. Children of Ex-servicemen, who are undergoing the above coaching and whose annual income is below ₹ 1,50,000 are eligible for the grant. The amount will be paid only after producing required document as proof of coaching and appearance of examination.</p> | <p><b>Amendment to G. O. (Ms.) No. 23/12/GAD dated 31st January 2012—Financial Assistance to children of Ex-servicemen who are attending SET, NET, JRF, ICWA, CA, Civil Service exam etc.*</b></p> <p>The figure of ₹ 5,000 shall be substituted by ₹ 10,000 (Rupees ten thousand only).</p> |
| 12     | <p><b>Amendment of GO (Ms.) 366/07/GAD dated 23rd July 2007—Self Employment Training Programme for unemployed Ex-servicemen</b></p> <p>In order to provide opportunities to start self employment, unemployed Ex-servicemen who are registered with the Zila Sainik Welfare Offices can attend courses of their choice from an institution recognized by the Government of Kerala or Government of India with the prior approval of the Secretary, Rajya Sainik Board. The actual course fee subject to a maximum of ₹ 3,000 will be paid directly to such institutions where the training is imparted.</p>  | <p><b>Amendment of GO. (Ms.) No 366/07/GAD dated 23rd July 2007—Self Employment Training Programme for unemployed Ex-servicemen</b></p> <p>The figure of ₹ 3,000 shall be substituted by ₹ 10,000 (Rupees ten thousand only).</p>  |

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| 13  | <p><b>Amendment of G. O. (Ms.) No. 223/11/GAD dated 14th July 2011—Coaching class to Ex-Servicemen and their dependents for competitive examination and interview.</b></p>   | <p><b>Amendment of G.O. (Ms.) No. 223/11/GAD dated 14th July 2011—Coaching class to Ex-Servicemen and their dependents for competitive examination and interview.</b></p> |
|     | <p>In order to help Ex- Servicemen and dependents in appearing for competitive examination and facing interview board, a sum of ₹ 5,000 (Rupees five thousand only) or actual fees whichever is less shall be provided to Ex-Servicemen and dependents attending coaching classes for appearing competitive examination and facing interview board.</p>  | <p>The figure of ₹ 5,000 shall be substituted by ₹ 10,000 (Rupees ten thousand only) or actual fees is less w.c.f. 1st April 2013.</p>                                    |
| 15  | <p><b>Amendment of G.O. (Ms) No. 366/07/GAD dated 23rd July 2007—Financial Assistance to Inmates of Paraplegic Rehabilitation Centre.</b></p>  | <p><b>Amendment of G.O. (Ms.) No. 366/07/GAD dated 23rd July 2007—Financial Assistance to Inmates of Paraplegic Rehabilitation Centre.</b></p>                            |
|     | <p>Financial assistance @ ₹ 6,000 per annum to the inmates of Paraplegic Rehabilitation Centre, Pune, who belong to the State of Kerala as well as rail fare for 2nd class sleeper to the next of kin or one of the near relatives who visit the inmates once in a year shall be provided under the scheme. The Director, paraplegic Rehabilitation Centre, Pune will forward nominal roll alongwith</p> | <p>The figure of ₹ 6,000 shall be substituted by ₹ 12,000 (Rupees twelve thousand only).</p>  |



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the details of inmates who belongs to the State of Kerala, at the beginning of each financial year. A certificate as per specimen given as annexure (C) will also to be forwarded with regards to the journey of near relatives for sanctioning the rail fare.

- 16 **Amendment to G.O. (Ms.) No. 223/11/GAD dated 14th July 2011—Festival Allowance to the Ex-servicemen/widows of Ex-servicemen inmates in TB/Leprosy Sanatoriums**

A sum of ₹ 1,000 shall be paid to every ex-servicemen TB/Leprosy and Cancer inpatient as festival allowances on the occasion of ONAM every year.

- 17 **Amendment of G.O. (Ms.) No. 23/12/GAD dated 31-1-2012—Grant for Dialysis to Kidney patients- Ex-servicemen/Widows of Ex- Servicemen.**

The grant of ₹ 1,000 (Rupees one thousand only) per dialysis and upto a maximum of ₹ 10,000 (Rupees ten thousand only) shall be sanctioned to Ex-Servicemen/widows of ex-servicemen who are undergoing Dialysis regularly. The applicant should produce a medical certificate from the hospital where he/she is undergoing treatment and also produce a certificate to this effect that such grant is not received from any other sources including ECHS.

- Amendment to G.O. (Ms.) No. 223/11/GAD dated 14th July 2011— Festival Allowance to the Ex-servicemen/widows of Ex-servicemen inmates in TB/Leprosy Sanatoriums**

The figure ₹ 1,000 shall be substituted by ₹ 2,000 (Rupees Two thousand only)

- Amendment of G.O. (Ms.) No. 23/12/GAD dated 31-1-2012—Grant for Dialysis to Kidney patients- Ex-servicemen/widows and dependents of Ex-Servicemen**

The grant of ₹ 1,000 (Rupees one thousand only) per dialysis and upto a maximum of ₹ 20,000 (Rupees twenty thousand only) shall be sanctioned to Ex-Servicemen/dependents/widows of Ex-servicemen who are undergoing Dialysis regularly without stipulating any conditions. The applicant should produce a medical certificate from the hospital where he/she is undergoing treatment.

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| 19  | New Scheme  | <b>Medical Relief Grant to Ex-Servicemen and Widows of Ex-Servicemen</b><br><br>A one time grant of ₹ 10,000 as Medical relief grant shall be paid to Ex-Servicemen and Widows of Ex-Servicemen who are non pensioners and suffering from degenerative or incurable diseases and above 60 years of age. The relief shall be given to the beneficiary based on medical certificate issued by the competent medical authority showing that the patient is suffering degenerative or incurable diseases from last five years preceding to the date of medical certificate. The relief shall be paid subject to the availability of fund under the budget provision. This will be restricted only to those who are not covered under the ECHS and not drawing any pensionary benefit from any source and whose annual income is below ₹ 75,000. |
| 20  | New Schemes | <b>After care Grant to ESM/Widows undergone Organ Transplantation</b><br><br>After care grant of ₹ 1,000 per month shall be sanctioned to Ex-Servicemen/widows of Ex-servicemen undergone Organ Transplantation (Heart, Kidney, Liver, Hip and Knee etc.) for one year without stipulating any other conditions.  |



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| 21  | New Scheme | <b>Financial assistance for self employment to the wives/widows of Ex-Servicemen.</b><br><br>A one time Financial assistance for self employment shall be paid to the wives/widows of Ex-servicemen. ₹ 25,000 to a team of three or more unemployed wives/widows of ESM, or ₹ 10,000 to individual unemployed wife/widow of ESM for self employment project like all types of Agriculture, Farming & Food Processing Ventures, Garments production/Stitching units, Confectionery production units, Hospitality Management, Catering and other service sector units, Computer training institutes etc. The grant will be paid to a running project established at least six month earlier to the date of sanctioning of the grant and have revenue yields subject to following<br><br><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>a. Age of the beneficiary should be below 50 years and unemployed</li><li>b. Annual income should be below ₹ 75,000</li><li>c. The wife of re-employed Ex-servicemen are not eligible</li><li>d. Spot verification by the Zila Sainik Welfare officer is mandatory to sanction the grant.</li></ul> |

## DISTRICT MILITARY BENEVOLENT FUND (DMBF)

| <i>Rule No.</i> | <i>Existing Rule</i>  | <i>Amendment/<br/>Addition proposed</i>   |
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| 8 (a)           | <p><b>Amendment of G.O. (Ms) 389/10/ GAD dated 29th November 2010—Grant and Payment (a)</b></p> <p>Grants to individual shall ordinarily be lumpsum varying from ₹ 1,500 to ₹ 1,750. Applications for grants exceeding ₹ 1,750 shall be referred to Raja Sainik Board for sanction from the fund at their disposal. The grants shall be sent to the beneficiaries in the form of money order. The money order commission and incidental expenditure shall be met from the State Military Benevolent Fund.</p> | <p><b>Amendment of G.O. (Ms) 389/10/ GAD dated 29th November 2010—Grant and Payment (a)</b></p> <p>The figures of ₹ 1,500 and ₹ 1,750 shall be substituted by ₹ 2,000 and ₹ 2,500 respectively.</p> |
| 8 (i)           | <p><b>Amendment of G.O. (Ms) 389/10/ GAD dated 29th November 2010</b></p> <p>No person whose annual income exceeds ₹ 30,000 shall be eligible for a grant from this fund even though he/she may obtain minimum marks qualifying for a grant under other items given in annexure A to these rules. However, this will not be applied in the case of disabled persons/ war widows.</p>  | <p><b>Amendment of G.O. (Ms) 389/10/ GAD dated 29th November 2010</b></p> <p>The figures of ₹ 30,000 shall be substituted by ₹ 50,000</p>   |

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| 8 (g)  | <b>Amendment of G.O. (Ms) 23/12/ GAD dated 31st January 2012</b><br><br>The maximum grant payable from both funds (State Military Benevolent Fund and District Military Benevolent Fund) for a period of three years shall not exceed ₹ 20,000. The maximum grant shall not include grant paid under Rule 10 of the State Military Benevolent Fund Rule.  | <b>Amendment of G.O. (Ms) 23/12/ GAD dated 31st January 2012</b><br><br>The maximum grant payable from both funds (State Military Benevolent Fund and District Military Benevolent Fund) for a period of three years shall not exceed ₹ 30,000. The maximum grant shall not include grant paid under Rule 10 of the State Military Benevolent Fund Rule.  |
| 12 (b) | <b>Amendment of G.O. (Ms) 223/11/ GAD dated 14th July 2011— Pocket Expenses</b><br><br>The quantum of relief shall be @ ₹ 1,000 per month to inpatients undergoing treatment in TB/Leprosy sanatorium.  | <b>Amendment of G.O. (Ms) 223/11/ GAD dated 14th July 2011— Pocket Expenses</b><br><br>The figure ₹ 1,000 shall be substituted by ₹ 2,000 (Rupees two thousand only).   |
| 13     | <b>Amendment of G.O. (Ms.) 23/12/ GAD dated 31st January 2012— Financial Assistance to Mentally Retarded Children of Ex-Servicemen.</b><br><br>(a) The amount of relief will be ₹ 500 per month.<br><br>(b) Annual income limit of the family should be less than ₹ 1,50,000<br><br>(c) The beneficiaries should be unmarried/unemployed.<br><br>(d) The parents of the beneficiary should be unemployed. | <b>Amendment of G.O. (Ms) 23/12/ GAD dated 31st January 2012—Financial Assistance to Mentally Retarded Children of Ex-Servicemen</b><br><br>a. The amount of relief will be ₹ 700 per month.<br><br>b. Annual income limit of the family should be less than ₹ 1,50,000<br><br>c. The beneficiaries should be unmarried/Unemployed without stipulating age limit.<br><br>d. The parents of the beneficiary should be unemployed |

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| (e) Medical certificate should contain the percentage of disability and IQ should be below 40 (severe retardation.) | The above conditions will be applicable to existing beneficiaries also. | e. Medical certificate should contain the percentage of disability and IQ should be below 40 (severe retardation).<br><br>The exemption of age limit is applicable to existing beneficiaries also w.e.f. April 2012. |

By order of the Governor,

K. R. JYOTHILAL,  
*Secretary to Government.*

To

The Director of Sainik Welfare, Thiruvananthapuram.

The Principal Accountant General (Audit), Kerala, Thiruvananthapuram.

The Accountant General (A & E), Kerala, Thiruvananthapuram.

The Director of Local Fund Audit, Thiruvananthapuram.

All District Collectors.

All Zila Sainik Welfare Officers (Through Director of Sainik Welfare).

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