

**Government of Punjab**  
**Department of Defence Services Welfare**  
**(Defence Welfare Branch)**  
Notification

June 26, 1999

No 2/21/99-7DW/WH Fund/1381.

RULES FOR THE ADMINISTRATION/MANAGEMENT  
OF PUNJAB WAR HEROES FAMILIES RELIEF FUND

1. Short title Extent and Commencement. These rules may be called Rules for the administration of Punjab War Heroes Families Relief Fund.

2. Definitions.

(a) Committee - The Word 'Committee' used in these rules shall mean the Punjab War Heroes Families Relief Fund Committee constituted under Punjab Govt Notification No 2/21/99-7DW/WH Fund/1364 dated June 25, 1999 and as amended from time to time.

(b) Family - The expression 'Family' used in these rules includes wife, husband, children and parents, brothers and sisters, deceased's widowed daughter-in-law and her children and where no parent of the beneficiary is alive paternal grand parents, who were wholly dependent on such personnel.

(c) ~~\*Specified area of operations~~ :- Any area ~~\*specified/notified~~ within the geographical limits of the Country where hostilities have broken out/war has been declared or war like situation has arised and where troops have been called for/engaged in operations. It also includes area affected by counter insurgency and low intensity operations.

(d) Death - Death occurring on or after 1.1.1999 in the area of ~~\*specified area of operational~~ responsibilities due to enemy action. It also includes death in harness in the performance of duties due to accident, act of violence by terrorist or anti social elements, border skirmishes, action against militants etc.

3. Objective of the Fund

The funds will be utilized for the following purposes:-

(a) For giving ex-gratia grant to next of kin of defence/Para Military Personnel from Punjab irrespective of the rank held by the War Heroes who may lose their lives or suffer disability of different magnitude in the specified area of operational responsibility within the country in the following order :-

- (i) 50% to the widowed spouse and children and 50% to the dependent parents.
  - (ii) In case none of those in (i) above is alive then in equal share to brothers, sisters and deceased's widowed daughter-in-law or her children.
  - (iii) The above order can be altered and other kin can be given the ex-gratia grant in special cases by the Committee.
- (b) For paying Rs 5 lac on the reserve price of one plot in any estate of the Punjab Urban Authority or Improvement Trust, the remainder of the reserve price to be paid by beneficiary for Rs 5 lac in lieu of the plot of reserve price.

The entitlement for this relief will be in the following order of priority :-

1. Widowed spouse.
  2. Children.
  3. Dependent parents.
  4. Brothers, sisters, widowed daughter-in-law or her children in equal shares.
- (c) Medical treatment of personnel disabled ~~\*in the specified area of operation~~ or of the widowed Spouse, children and dependent parents of personnel who died in the specified area of operation.
  - (d) Provision of financial and or material support to the widowed spouse/children of personnel who died ~~\*in the specified are of operation~~ for their education from basic to post graduate level in vocational, technical, managerial, professional or agricultural training at recognized institutions within the country subject to the satisfactory performance in such courses/studies by the spouse/children of the deceased heroes/personnel up to the age of 35/25 years respectively.

Loan can be sanctioned at a nominal rate of interest to the widowed spouse & wards of personnel who died ~~\*in the specified area of operation~~ for an income-generating venture.

- (f) This financial assistance to those killed/wounded in the course of performance of their duties will be over and above the financial help given by the State and Central Govt and Army Authorities.
- (g) To provide a monthly allowance where Army pensionary benefit does not go to the needy dependent parents.

#### 4. Sources of the Fund

- (a) Grants-in-aid from State/Central Govt.
- (b) Donations from religious/charitable institutions, individuals, Boards & Corporations.
- (c) Donations from Red Cross Societies.
- (d) Donations from Defence Welfare Societies and Army Authorities.

- (e) Donations from N.R.Is, World Bank & other Institutions.
- (f) Interest received from deposits.

#### 5. Management

The fund will be managed by the Committee specially constituted as below :-

- (i) Hon'ble Chief Minister Punjab - Chairman
- (ii) Hon'ble Minister, Defence Services Welfare Punjab - Vice Chairman
- (iii) Chief Secretary to Govt of Punjab - Ex-Officio Member
- (iv) Principal Secretary to Govt of Punjab Deptt of Finance - Ex-Officio Member
- (v) Two MLAs to be nominated by Chief Minister Punjab - Non-Official Member
- (vi) Two retired Army Officers to be nominated by the Chief Minister Punjab - Non-Official Member
- (vii) Director, Sainik Welfare - Special Invitee
- (viii) Principal Secretary to Govt of Punjab Deptt of Defence Services Welfare. - Member Secretary

#### 6. Tenure

- (a) The term of the non official members of the Committee shall be three years.
- (b) During the term if any member dies or is desirous of being discharged from or refuses or becomes unfit or personally incapable to act in the Committee, then in every such cases, the Committee may nominate, for the remaining term, any person to be member in place of member so dying or desiring to be discharged or refusing or becoming unfit or personally incapable to act as aforesaid.

#### 7. Conduct of Business

- (a) The Committee shall meet at least once in a six months but the Chairman shall have the power to convene the meeting at a short notice whenever he considers it to be necessary.
- (b) In the work to be transacted by the said Committee the opinion of the majority shall prevail, but in case there is any equality of votes, the Chairman shall have the 2<sup>nd</sup> or casting vote.

(c) Every meeting of the Committee shall be prescribed over by the Chairman and in his absence by any member chosen from amongst themselves by the members present in the meeting.

(d) In exceptional cases the Chairman will have the power to approve required relief to the eligible beneficiary subject to subsequent ratification by the Committee.

(e) The Chairman not being members of the Committee, to attend any meeting of the Committee, but all such special invitee/invitees shall not be entitled to vote at the meeting.

(f) A member of the Committee shall cease to be such member if he/she (a) dies, (b) resigns his/her membership, (c) becomes of unsound mind, (d) becomes insolvent (e) is convicted of criminal offence involving morale turpitude (f) fails to attend three consecutive meetings of the Committee without leave from the Chairman.

(g) A member of the Committee, other than an ex-officio member may resign office by a letter addressed to the Chairman and such resignation shall take effect from the date it is accepted by the Chairman.

#### 8. Quorum

At a meeting four members including the Chairman shall form the quorum.

#### 9. Financial Powers

(a) The entitlement to relief in the case of death and disability will be as under:-

(i) Death or 75% to 100% disability will be entitled to ex-gratia grant of Rs 2 lac, a plot at reserve price less Rs 5 lac or Rs. 5 lac and a job.

(ii) 50% to 75% disability - ex-gratia grant of Rs 2 lac and a job.

(iii) 25% to 50% disability- ex-gratia grant of Rs .50 thousand.

(b) The fund will be utilized for the Welfare of the families of Defence and Para Military Personal who die in harness in the performance of their bonafide official duties who are resident of Punjab or have some link with Punjab or suffer disability as indicated in rule 10 (a) in action while engaged in the defence of the country on or after 1-1-1999.

(c) The fund can be utilized for any war memorial to be set up in the memory of deceased covered under the rules.

(d) The grant under these rules will be admissible in addition to any other help which the beneficiaries may be entitled to in respect of Free ship, Scholarship or other financial assistance specially sanctioned by any Govt or any other Institution.

(e) Out of this fund, the Secretary is authorised to incur expenditure of contingent nature up to Rs.10 thousand per case.

10. Operation of Accounts

- (a) The fund will be operated by the Member Secretary of the Committee or any other officer specially authorised in this behalf.
- (b) All contributions to the fund will be received by the Member Secretary, or any other officer specially authorised in this behalf. A formal receipt in respect of each individual contribution will be issued.
- (c) The Member Secretary of the Committee or any other officer specially authorized under rule 10 (a) & (b) shall maintain complete accounts of receipts, investments expenditure on behalf of the Committee. This amount shall be duly audited with all necessary vouchers once in a year by **Examiner, Local Fund Accounts, Punjab.**
- (d) A major portion of contribution received towards this fund will be invested in the fixed deposits and interests accruing from the fund will be utilized for the beneficiaries.

11. Application Form

- (a) Application for the grant of assistance from this fund will be made in the prescribed form. The printed forms will be obtainable from the offices of the District Sainik Welfare Offices in the State and Directorate of Sainik Welfare Punjab, Chandigarh.
- (b) The District Sainik Welfare Officer on receipt of the application will examine each application in regard to the genuineness of the demand for grant and forward the same to the Director Sainik Welfare, Punjab who will put it up on single file to the Secretary Defence Services Welfare after making his own recommendations and indicating specially that the beneficiaries needs further assistance in addition to that already sanctioned by Army Authorities or the State Govt or Private Institutions.
- (c) The member Secretary of the Committee on receipt of the applications duly verified by the District Sainik Welfare Officer/Director, Sainik Welfare and duly approved by Secretary Defence Services Welfare will place them before the Committee for final decision.

12. Enabling Clause

Depending on the funds available, the Committee may decide which of the objectives of the fund it proposes to pursue. It may add other specific measures for direct benefit to the persons covered under these rules.

(Satwant Reddy)  
Principal Secretary to Govt of Punjab  
Deptt of Defence Services Welfare

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GOVERNEMENT OF PUNJAB  
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE SERVICES WELFARE  
(DEFENCE WELFARE BRANCH)

ORDER

The Governor of Punjab is pleased to accord sanction to the revision of payment of ex-gratia grant to the families of Defence and Para Military Forces personnel who die or are disabled during the performance of their bonafide official duties on or after 1-1-1999, while engaged in any action in the defence of the country, as under :-

<b>(a) <u>Death/% age of disability</u></b>	<b><u>Rate of Ex-gratia</u></b>	*Added vide Govt Corr. No. 2/21/99/7DW/ WHRF/Kargil/3278 dated 6.8.2003
(i) Death or * <u>Above</u> 75% to 100% disability.	Rs.2.00 lacs	
(ii) * <u>Above</u> 50% to 75% disability	Rs.1.00 lac	
(iii) 25% to 50% disability	Rs. 50.00 thousands.	
(b) In the case of death, the said Ex-gratia grant will be given in the following order :-		
(i) 50% to the widowed spouse and children and 50% to the dependent parents.		
(ii) In case none of those in (i) above is alive, then in equal share to brothers, sisters and deceased's widowed daughter-in-law or her children.		
(c) The Ex-gratia grant will be admissible to those Defence Forces Personnel/Para Military Forces personnel who are domicile of Punjab State.		
(d) The revised rates of ex-gratia grant shall be effective from 1-1-99.		

2. The expenditure on the payment of this Ex-gratia will be debited to the Head "2235-Social Security and Welfare-60-Other Social Security and Welfare Programme-200-Other Schemes-10-District Soldiers, Sailors and Airmen Welfare Board (iii) Welfare of Defence Services Personnel Grant-in-aid (Non Plan).

3. The references made in the Punjab War Heroes Families Relief Fund Rules notified vide No.2/21/99-7DW/WH Fund/1381, dated 26-6-99, as modified vide notification dated: 10-8-99, regarding ex-gratia grant may be deemed to have been deleted.

4. Before the issuance of this order, any payment of Ex-gratia grant made in the order of priority laid down in the rules for the Punjab War Heroes Families Relief fund notified vide No.2/21/99-7DW/WH Fund/1381, dated 26-6-99, as amended vide Notification No.2/21/99-7DW/WH Fund/1745 dated : 10-8-99, shall be deemed to have been made there-under.

Dated: Chandigarh,  
the 4 Oct. 1999.

GURBINDER CHAHAL  
Principal Secretary to Govt. of Punjab,  
Department of Defence Services Welfare.

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Endst.No. 2/21/99-7DW/WHR Fund-Kargil/ Dated:

- A copy is forwarded to the following for information and necessary action :-
1. Accountant General (A&E) Punjab, Sect.17, Chandigarh.
  2. Accountant General (Audit) Punjab, Sect. 17, Chandigarh.

Principal Secretary to Govt. of Punjab,  
Department of Defence Services Welfare.

A copy is forwarded to the Principal Secretary to Government of Punjab Department of Finance, for information.

Sd/- XXX  
Superintendent

To

The Principal Secretary to Govt. of Punjab  
Department of Finance.

I.D.No.2/21/99-7DW/WHRF-Kargil/2217 Dated:13-10-99

A copy is forwarded to the Director, Sainik Welfare, Punjab, Sainik Bhawan, Sector-21, Chandigarh, for information and necessary action.

Sd/-XXX  
Superintendent

Government of Punjab  
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ORDER

The orders of the Governor of Punjab dated 04<sup>th</sup> Oct 1999 (Endst. No 2/21/99-7DW/WH-Kargil dated 11<sup>th</sup> Oct 1999 are modified to the extent that the ex-gratia grant to the families of Defence and Para Military Forces Personnel who die while on duty, attributable to the defence of India. This shall include deaths due to cross-firing, accidental deaths (for instance, accidental blowing up of the mines etc.) and in cases of some colleagues going berserk. These shall be applicable with effect from 1.1.1999.

Dated : Chandigarh,  
4<sup>th</sup> Sept, 2002

K.B.S Sidhu  
Secretary, Government of Punjab  
Department of Defence Services Welfare

Endst No 2/21/99-7DW/WH Fund/3077      Dated : 9.09.2002

A copy is forwarded to the following for information and necessary action :-

1. Director, Sainik Welfare, Punjab, Chandigarh.
2. All Deputy Commissioner in the State of Punjab.
3. The Accountant General (A&E), Punjab, Chandigarh.
4. The Accountant General (Audit), Punjab, Chandigarh.
5. All the District Sainik Welfare Officers in the State of Punjab.

Sd/- Superintendent