



AIR VETERANS' NEWS LETTER

AIR FORCE ASSOCIATION, ODISHA BRANCH

(A monthly Newsletter of AFA, Odisha Branch, published at Bhubaneswar)

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THINK IT OVER

“OUR DOUBTS ARE TRAITORS AND MAKE US LOSE THE GOOD WE OFT MIGHT WIN BY FEARING TO ATTEMPT.”

MESSAGE TO ALL AIR VETERANS

All veterans should check whether the name of their spouse in PPOs is matching with the name in Aadhar Card, PAN Card and Bank Account. In case of mismatch, Veterans may contact this office to know the procedure for carrying out corrections in service documents. This office has noticed mismatch in the names of spouses of some of our Air Veterans who had passed away. This had lead to avoidable hardships to their widows. This is an avoidable hardship. Veterans, who do not want to leave their family in financial distress on their demise, may please check/re-check that there is no mismatch in the names of their spouse in the PPO and other financial documents.

AFA ODISHA BRANCH WELCOMES INCOMING MEMBERS

AFA Odisha branch welcomes the newly added under mentioned Air Veterans for becoming life member of AFA Odisha Corpus in the month of Jan 25.

SL NO.	RANK	NAME	AFA LM NO.
(a)	SGT	SUVENDU SEKHAR BIJAYSINGH	86377
(b)	WO	SURYA NARAYAN PANDA	98272
(c)	HFO	SIRISH CHANDRA PATTANAIK	42461
(d)	SGT	DEVENDRA NATH DAS	98470
(e)	SGT	ASHOK KUMAR DEY	63959
(f)	SGT	UMAKANTA MISHRA	98085

AFA ODISHA BRANCH WISHES ALL MEMBERS A VERY HAPPY 76TH REPUBLIC DAY



A TRIBUTE TO THE DEPARTED

SGT GODABARISHA MISHRA (RETD) DIED ON 02 JAN 25



SGT AMULYA KUMAR MOHANTY (RETD) DIED ON 17 JAN 25



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76TH REPUBLIC DAY CELEBRATION AT AFA ODISHA DIST CHAPTERS

AFA CUTTACK



AFA BALASORE



AFA PURI



AFA SUNDARGARH



Note: Vice Presidents of District Chapters of AFA Odisha are requested to ensure active participation of Air Veteran in important National days of India with AFA Banner.

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Ministry of Defence
Kendriya Sainik Board
West Block-4, R.K. Puram
New Delhi-110066


No. 470/DSE Budget/Accts/KSB/D

09 Jan 2025

Secretaries/Directors
RSBs/DSWs
All States/UTs

Subject: Establishment of Common Service Centres at RSB/ZSB Directorates

1. I am directed to inform you that the Ministry of Defence, through the Directorate General of Resettlement (DGR), is undertaking an initiative to establish Common Service Centres (CSCs) at all RSB/ZSB directorates across the country. This initiative aims to facilitate ex-servicemen's access to various Government to citizen e-services and schemes including pension-related services through the SPARSH portal. It shall also minimize their need to make multiple visits to different government offices.
2. The CSCs will be operated by ex-servicemen who have received specialized training through DGR, thereby also providing employment opportunity for our veterans. Interested Ex-servicemen may register for the same through the web link provided on DGR website (<https://dgrindia.gov.in/>).
3. To ensure the successful and timely implementation of this initiative, it is requested to provide necessary infrastructure at respective RSB/ZSBs by January 31, 2025 including :-
 - (a) Suitable space for the CSC.
 - (b) IT equipment (computers, printers, scanners, and copiers etc.).
 - (c) Basic furniture and fixtures.
4. Upon completion of the setup, kindly forward photographs of the established facility to KSB at jdaccounts-ksb@desw.gov.in & jdaccksb@gmail.com.
5. The expenditure incurred in provisioning the aforementioned infrastructure would be reimbursed to respective RSBs along with the advance claim/ final claim for maintenance of RSB/ZSBs for the Financial Year 2025-26, upon receipt at KSB Secretariat.
6. Your cooperation and support in this matter is paramount for the success of this welfare initiative for our ex-servicemen community.


(DS Basera)
Brig
Secy, KSB

Copy to :-

Secy, ESW }
DGR } for info please.

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IAF BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION

(A registered Society under Delhi Administration Regn No. S/11816 of 1981)

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Subroto Park
New Delhi- 110010

Air HQ/26076/125/IAFBA/Accts

06 Dec 24

Air Force Association
Tamil Nadu Branch
Air Force Station Tambaram
Chennai - 600046

OBSERVATIONS ON AFO 25 OF 2023

1. Please refer your letter AFA/TNB/3/1/IAFBA dated 18 Oct 24.
2. The observations/points raised by your office are duly noted. The appropriate amendments to AFO 25 of 2023 will be issued after due procedural clearance. However, at present, the eligibility for rehabilitation grant under FAS is as given below. Also, Lumpsum death grant is paid for those who does not meet minimum service criteria.

SCHEME	DEATH IN SERVICE	DEATH AFTER RETIREMENT
FAS - 97	No minimum service required	Minimum 20 years of service required
FAS - 09	No minimum service required	Minimum 10 years of service required
FAS - 20	No minimum service required	Minimum 10 years of service required

3. Further, with respect to the observations concerning Daughter's Marriage Grant, as per the policy in vogue, the ibid grant is authorized only for widow/NoK in receipt of rehabilitation grant under Family Assistance Scheme irrespective of the number of years of service rendered by the deceased air veteran. The AFO 25/2023 will be updated accordingly after due procedural clearance.

4. It is also pertinent to mention that with reference to your letter no. AFA/TNB/31/1/IAFBA dated 29 Nov 24, it is duly intimated that out of 242 cases, the receipt cum declaration form/life certificate for 195 cases has been received and actioned.

5. This is for your information, please.

Copy to:

Air Force Association
AF Stn Race Course
New Delhi - 110003

For info, please.

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- You may like to
inform the other
Branches also about
this.
04.12.25.

[Signature]
(A Sandeep Rao)
Wg Cdr
Secretary

MAIL IN: AFA	
Date	27/12/24
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Government of India
Ministry of Defence (Finance)
O/o THE PRINCIPAL CONTROLLER OF DEFENCE ACCOUNTS (PENSIONS)
DRAUPADI GHAT, PRAYAGRAJ- 211014

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(Timing-9:30 AM to 6:00 PM)

Circular No. 675

Dated: 09.07.2024

To,

1. The Chief Accountant, RBI, Deptt. Of Govt, Bank Accounts, Central Office C-7, Second Floor, Bandre- Kurla Complex, P B No. 8143, Bandre East Mumbai- 400051
2. All CMDs, Public Sector Banks.
3. The Nodal Officers, ICICI/HDFC/AXIS/IDBI Banks
4. All Managers, CPPCs
5. Military and Air Attache, Indian Embassy, Kathmandu, Nepal
6. The PCDA (WC), Chandigarh
7. The CDA (PD), Meerut
8. The CDA Chennai
9. The Director of Treasuries, All States
10. The Pay and Accounts Officer, Delhi Administration, R K Puram and Tis Hazari, New Delhi.
11. The Pay and Accounts Office, Govt of Maharashtra, Mumbai
12. The Post Master Kathua (J&K) and Camp Bell Bay.
13. The Principal Pay and Accounts Officer Andaman and Nicobar Administration Port Blair.

Subject:- Issue of "No Objection Certificate" by PCDA(P) Prayagraj for closure of Pensioner's/family Pensioner's bank account and final withdrawal by the nominees.

Reference:- Circular No. 228 dated 19.07.2023.

Reference is invited to this office Circular No. 228 dated 19.07.2023 regarding issue of NO OBJECTION CERTIFICATE (NOC) to banks from PCDA(P) Prayagraj office for closure of Defence pensioner's/family pensioner's bank account who are drawing pension through SPARSH and final withdrawal by their nominees. In order to further streamline the process, instructions issued vide this office earlier Circular No. 228 is hereby cancelled in toto.

2. Henceforth, following procedure may be adopted for release of amount lying in the account of deceased Defence pensioner/ family pensioner who are drawing their pension through SPARSH to their nominee -

(a) In cases where family pension is being sanctioned/paid through SPARSH, any excess amount disbursed after death of pensioner/family pensioner is being adjusted from arrears/monthly family pension from next of kin. Hence, bank will release amount available into deceased pensioner's/family pensioner's account as per banking nomination rules without waiting any reference from PCDA(P) Prayagraj. Copy of Corrigendum PPO certifying sanction of family pension or monthly family pension payment slip, generated from SPARSH can be, however, verified by the bank for ensuring sanction of family pension while releasing the amount lying in the pensioner's bank account to the nominee..

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(b) In cases where no eligible beneficiary is available for receipt of family pension, settlement of amount lying in the pensioner/family pensioner bank account shall be regulated as under: -

(i) Wherever family pension is not being sanctioned or no eligible family pensioner is available in family hierarchy for claiming family pension, bank will allow to withdraw the amount available in deceased pensioner/family pensioner's account which was credited/available in the account prior to the month of demise of pensioner/family pensioner, to the bank account nominee as per banking nomination rules without waiting for any reference from PCDA(P) Prayagraj. Any amount credited on account of Defence pension during the month of death or thereafter into the account of pensioner/family pensioner, will not be released by bank to the nominee.

(ii) PCDA(P) Prayagraj will convey details of demand to the bank for refund of excess amount remitted to the deceased Defence pensioner/family pensioner post date of death for final settlement of deceased account.

(iii) PCDA(P) Prayagraj will convey the details of refund to bank after two months of approval of demise reported for the pensioner/family pensioner to ensure that no claimant is available for family pension. Remaining amount, if any, left in the account of the deceased pensioner/family pensioner after refund will be released by the bank for final settlement and closure of bank account. In case any request for sanction of family pension is received, such refund letters will not be issued and account residue will be settled as per instructions at 2(a) above.

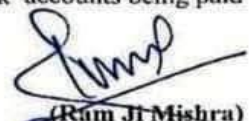
3. After receipt of details for refund from PCDA (P) Prayagraj, bank will remit the amount immediately into the PCDA(P) Prayagraj account maintained with RBI through NEFT-

Name	Principal Controller of Defence Accounts (Pension) Allahabad
Account No.	05525501008
IFSC	RBIS0NDPA01(5 th & 10 th character is zero)
Bank Branch	RBI NEW DELHI

4. Banks are requested to enforce these instructions through all of their bank branches for settlement of Defence pensioner/family pensioner bank accounts being paid through SPARSH.

No. Grants/Tech/0148/LXVII

Dated: 09.07.2024


(Ram Ji Mishra)
ACDA(P)

Copy to:-

1. The Dy. Secretary, Govt. of India, Ministry of PPG & P (Deptt. of P&PW), Lok Nayak Bhawan, Khan Market, New Delhi.

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DIGNIFIED LAST RITES FROM IAF FOR AIR VETERANS

On demise of the Air Veteran, the following action is to be taken by any well-wisher:

1. Dial **1932**, (From anywhere in India) or Dial **0364-2561461** (From Odisha state) HQ EAC IAF Exchange Number you will be connected to the nearest AF exchange at your place. Intimate the exchange about the demise, you will be further connected to Adjutant (if it is working hours) or to the Orderly Officer (if non-working hours or holidays). Just inform them & Give your contact number.
2. Concerned person will contact you immediately and ask for deceased
 - (a) Service details/ particulars and
 - (b) Cremation time and location.
3. Concerned service persons will be present before cremation to do the last rites like flower wreaths (Three wreaths, on behalf of CAS, one for the AOC-in-C and one for the AOC). A Flag (National/ Air force) will be provided to cover the deceased Air veteran's body for the last rites.
5. Please note and help your friends, educate your family members. Every Veteran deserves to get last rites after passing away, from the IAF.
6. **Death Intimation of Air Veteran** must be given in writing to Dte of Air Veteran (Family pension), IAFBA, AFGIS, AFA, AFWWA(C), Pension disbursing bank branch and SPARSH Sewa Kendra for online death intimation.
6. **Garima Grant**- Next of Kin of deceased Air Veteran will get one time grant of Rs 15000/- from nearest AF Unit (reimbursed from IAFBA) for dignified last rites **OR** Grant can be claimed directly from IAFBA.
7. **Ex-Gratia Grant**- Next of Kin of deceased Air Veteran who was AFA member will get one time grant of Rs 7,500/- (Grant revised time to time) from nearest AFA Branch, which is further reimbursed from AFA Central, New Delhi to Branch.
8. **Death Grant from AFA Odisha Branch**- Next of Kin of deceased Air Veteran who was AFA Odisha Corpus Fund member will get one time grant of Rs 4,000/- (Grant revised time to time) from AFA Odisha Branch.

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ETIQUETTES /NORMS FOR POSTINGS IN AFA ODISHA GROUP AND CAPITAL REGION WHATSAPP GROUP

Members are requested to follow the enlisted guidelines before any posting to the above-mentioned group.

1. Only matters related to the welfare of AVs & their families to be posted.
2. Important service matters of general interest only to be posted.
3. Greetings / messages on days of National interest viz Republic Day, Independence Day, Mahatma Gandhi's Birthday, IAF Day, AFA day can be posted.
4. Greetings on New Year, and days of religious importance of all religions may be posted.

NOTE:-

- A. All such greeting messages in para 3 & 4 ARE TO BE POSTED ON BEHALF OF AFA, PREFERABLY BY ONE OF THE GROUP ADMIN ONLY.
 - B. No reciprocator messages from individual members needed.
 - C. However, the Dist Chapters can reciprocate.
 - D. Members may disseminate such messages to their families.
5. Messages relating to death, serious mishap, sickness, extreme distress that calls for help to any AV can definitely be posted by any one so as to initiate suitable action by the AFA(O).
 6. NO PERSONAL MESSAGES such as Good Morning/ Birthday, Marriage anniversary wishes to be posted in this group. This can be conveyed on personal basis only.
 7. We the Air Veterans need no reminder to be disciplined & respectful towards each other in our action and deeds, befitting to the ethics of Air Force as Air Warriors or as Air Veterans.

WITH MUTUAL SUPPORT, LET US WORK TOGETHER FOR BETTER TOMORROW.

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NOTICE

Transit Accommodation facility is available at AFA Odisha Branch Office premises at Leelakunj Plot No. 2612 MAA Santoshi Marg, Patrapada (Bhubaneswar). Needy personnel may contact incharge of the Guest Room **AV HFO B Biswal / AV JWO Subhash Chandra Rout/ HFO BB Pattnaik on 99388 03614 / 82498 71552 / 8015796224 respectively @ Rs. 300/- per day.**



DRAWING ROOM



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KITCHEN



AN APPEAL TO ALL THE AIR VETERANS

Our expenses, involving various organized programs, are increasing every year. Our sources of income are limited to the 50% share of New Membership Fees, interest received from our Fixed Deposits and occasional donations from our generous members.

If over 8500 strong State Members of our Branch come together with their small efforts, we may be able to collect a decent amount which could be used to serve you better. As the saying goes, "**it's the small drops of water that make an ocean**"!

Here are the ways to contribute:-

1. Air Veterans can order AFA, Odisha T-Shirts, Caps, Mugs and other items with logo to share, gift to others.
2. Air Veterans can give their advertisement in this eNewsletter with very nominal charges which will be added to generate more revenue for this organization.

TO ADD CONTENT IN THIS ENEWSLETTER

(i) It is to inform you that the contents received from dist. Official email ID will be added in this eNewsletter and not to send us by any other means.

(ii) It is also intimated you to provide content by **20th** of every month.

For Any Correction

For any correction kindly write to:

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