



AIR VETERANS' NEWS LETTER

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NEW APPOINTMENTS



**AIR MARSHAL NARMDESHWAR TIWARI PVSM AVSM VM TOOK
OVER AS VICE CHIEF OF THE AIR STAFF IAF ON 02 MAY 25**

THINK IT OVER

**"LIVE AS IF YOU WERE TO DIE TOMORROW. LEARN AS IF YOU
WERE TO LIVE FOREVER."**

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.

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A TRIBUTE TO THE DEPARTED



**WO RAMESH CHANDRA
RATH (RETD) DIED ON
22 MAY 25**



**SGT BIPIN BIHARI
BEHERA (RETD) DIED
ON 24 MAY 25**



**SGT PRASANTA KUMAR
SAHOO (RETD) DIED
ON 27 MAY 25**



**SGT RAJA KISHORE
MALLICK (RETD) DIED
ON 27 MAY 25**



**HFL RAMESH CHANDRA
LENKA (RETD) DIED
ON 30 MAY 25**



**JWO DAMODAR
CHOUDHURY (RETD)
DIED ON 31 MAY 25**

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GLIMPSES OF SOME ACTIVITIES CARRIED DURING MONTH



Farewell given to Gp Capt Rajalakshmi Prithviraj on being posted out to Sainik School Bijapur and welcoming Gp Capt Sanjoy Patnaik who took as new CO 9 Airmen Selection Centre by AFA Odisha Branch.



Air Veterans of AFA Cuttack Chapter participated in the Walkathon Event organised by Sparsh Hospital on the occasion of 'No Tobacco Day'.

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HONOURING THE HANDS THAT BUILD OUR NATION-LABOUR DAY 2025

1. On the occasion of Labour Day, the Air Veterans of Air Force Association Odisha took part in a heartfelt initiative to serve those who serve us every day.
2. At a large-scale celebration held at the Labour Welfare Office, N-5, IRC Village, Bhubaneswar, our team set up a Jal Chhatra stall and distributed Rasna-mixed cold water to daily wage workers as a small token of gratitude and respect.
3. We were humbled by the overwhelming response — with over 3500 attendees present. The smiles, the spirit and the solidarity made it a truly meaningful experience.
4. Saluting every worker for their strength, dignity and contribution to society.



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No. 22D(11)/2024/US(WE)/D(Res)
Government of India
Ministry of Defence
Deptt. of Ex-Servicemen Welfare

New Delhi, Dated 28th April, 2025

To,
The Chief of Defence Staff
The Chief of Army Staff
The Chief of Naval Staff
The Chief of Air Staff

Subject:- **Delivery of Not Available (NA) medicines through Authorised Local Chemist (ALC) to the Home of ECHS Beneficiaries**


Sir,

I am directed to convey the sanction of the Government Delivery of Not Available (NA) medicines through Authorised Local Chemist (ALC) to the Home of ECHS Beneficiaries under ECHS as per **Annexure 'A'** for a maximum value of ₹ 23.58 Cr (Excluding GST) for a period of 3 years.

2. This initiative aims to ensure timely access of essential medicines while reducing the burden of repetitive visits of elderly and ailing veterans especially those who are staying alone. The medicines requiring cold chain have been excluded.

3. This issues with the concurrence of MoD (Fin/Pen) vide their ID No.32 (11)/2024/FIN/Pen, dated 29.11.2024.

Yours faithfully


(Dr. P. P. Sharma)
OSD (WE & IC)
Tel.- 23015772

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2. CGDA, Delhi Cantt.- 10
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7. MD, ECHS

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Annexure 'A'

The detail of Subject with Rate/ Cost along with Remark is as under:-

S.No	Subject	Rate/Cost	Remark
1.	Use of Village level Entrepreneur (VLE) for pre consultancy and post consultancy activities and packaging of medicine for home delivery	Packaging & service cost (CSE) Rs 75 (excluding GST) + 7% additional cost of claims	Rate at (₹ 75 + 7% of ₹ 75) x 6.9 lakhs claims = ₹ 5.5 Cr for one year. Therefore, total cost of three years would be ₹ 5.5 Cr per annum * 3 = ₹ 16.5 Cr approx.
2.	Delivery of NA Medicines by India Post	Max at Rs 30/packet	₹ 30/packet * 6.90 lakhs claims = ₹ 2.08 Cr per annum [Sanction letter issued vide MoD/ DESW letter No. 22D(11)/2024-D(WE/Res-1) dated 12 th Sept 2024]
3.	To provide a Mobile app platform for tracking the parcel	Rs. 4 per transaction (excluding GST)	₹ 4*6.9 Lakh claims = 0.28 Cr approx. (excluding GST) per annum. Therefore, total cost for three years would be ₹ 0.28 Cr * 3 years = ₹ 0.84 Cr
Total			₹ 23.58 Cr (Excluding GST)

Amal
28/4/25

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B/49761/AG/ECHS/Medicine Policy/2025

05 May 2025

IHQ of MoD (Navy)/Dir ECHS (N)
Air HQ (DAV)/Coord
HQ Southern Command (A/ECHS)
HQ Eastern Command (A/ECHS)
HQ Western Command (A/ECHS)
HQ Central Command (A/ECHS)
HQ Northern Command (A/ECHS)
HQ South Western Command (A/ECHS)
HQ Andaman & Nicobar Command (A/ECHS)
All Regional Centres

**DOMICILIARY MEDICAL EQUIPMENT FOR ECHS BENEFICIARY : PROVISION OF
EX-POST FACTO APPROVAL AND REIMBURSEMENT OF THE COST OF LIFE
SAVING DOMICILIARY MEDICAL EQUIPMENT OXYGEN CONCENTRATOR/
CPAP/BIPAP/BILEVEL VENTILATORY SYSTEM OR ANY OTHER LISTED
DOMICILIARY MEDICAL EQUIPMENT REQUIRED URGENTLY**

1. Please refer the following (copies att) :-
 - (a) CO ECHS Policy letter No B/49761/AG/ECHS/Medical Policy/2023 dated 30 Nov 2023.
 - (b) Gol (MoD/DoESW) ID No 18(114)/2017-D(WE/Res-I) dated 07 Mar 2025.
2. As per the existing provisions prior sanction for Individual reimbursement for purchase of Domiciliary Medical Equipment upto the ceiling rates is required. However, there are numerous occasions when **life saving domiciliary medical equipment** such as Oxygen Concentrator / CPAP / BIPAP/ BILEVEL Ventilatory System are required immediately by the patient on discharge based on the advice of the treating doctor. The ECHS beneficiary is left with no option but to procure the equipment from the market under own arrangement and obtaining prior sanction during such conditions is not practically feasible before purchase of the prescribed life saving domiciliary equipment.
3. The issue has been considered by the competent authority. Sanction of MD ECHS is hereby accorded for ex-post-facto sanction of life saving Domiciliary Med Eqpts i.e Oxygen Concentrator, CPAP, BIPAP & Bilevel Ventilatory System or any other listed domiciliary medical equipment required urgently for reimbursement of cost of eqpts upto CGHS ceiling limit which is amended time to time. The veteran will ensure an emergency certificate is taken from the treating physician. The same will be countersigned by the Service Spl/Govt Spl.

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4. **Consumables.** The consumables for the equipments will be procured by SEMO/Comdt/CO Hosp and issued under arrangements of OIC Polyclinic. In case item is NA in medical stores of Polyclinic, consumables will be issued through Authorised Local Chemist (ALC). If the same is not available in ALC/dispensary of ECHS Polylinic then NA on prescription will be given to the beneficiary based on which he/she can purchase from local market and claim reimbursement.

5. Request for replacement of machine after completion of five years will need to be advised and processed in the manner as given in CO ECHS Policy letter dated 30 Nov 2023 or the policy in vogue at that time.

6. Cases where no ceiling has been prescribed or is an unlisted equipment, the same will be referred to the High Power Committee (HPC).

7. The instructions will be implemented from 07 Mar 2025.


(AC Nishil)
Col
Dir (Med)
For MD ECHS

Copy to :-

MoD/DoESW

DGAFMS/DG-3A

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DGMS (Air Force) (Med-7)

DGMS (Navy)/ Dir ECHS (Navy)

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Internal

Ops & Coord

Stats & Automation Sec

Claim Sec

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For info pl.

for uploading this letter on ECHS website.

For info pl.

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Government of India
Ministry of Defence
D/o Ex-Servicemen Welfare
D(WE/Res-I)



Subject:- Domiciliary Medical Equipment for ECHS Beneficiary: Proposal for Provision of Ex- Post Facto Approval and Reimbursement of the Cost of Same Charges for Life Saving Domiciliary Medical Equipment- Oxygen Concentrator/CPCP/BIPAP - reg.

Refer CO, ECHS letter No. B/49762/AG/ECHS dated 16.12.2024 on the subject mentioned above.

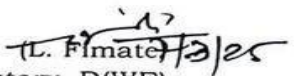
2. It is highlighted that, there seems to be very little justification for granting ex-post facto sanction. Where ceiling rates are available, the current procedure entails them to procure these equipments after taking approval of the concerned Sr. Advisor (Consultant) or the Govt. Hospital specialist. The items are procured by the OIC Polyclinic through special demand.

3. In case the item is urgently required, the same can be purchased by the individual himself and the bill within the ceiling can be claimed like the individual reimbursement claim of NA medicines purchased by the ESM. This possibility if not exists, may be explored by CO, ECHS.

4. Rest all other cases where no ceiling has been prescribed or unlisted equipment in any case are referred to High Powered Committee (HPC)

5. This is for information and necessary action.

Encl.:- As stated above.


Under Secretary, D(WE)
Tel/Fax: 2301 4946

CO, ECHS

MoD/DoESW ID No.18 (114)/2017-D(WE/Res-I), dated 7th March, 2025.

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LIST OF ECHS EMPANELLED HOSPITALS -ODISHA

Ser	Name of Hosp	Empanelled	
		From	To
1	Pradyumna Bal Memorial (KIMS), Bhubaneswar	09 Mar 2025	06 Mar 2027
2	Sum Hospital Bhubaneswar	04 Oct 2023	03 Oct 2025
3	Hi-Tech Medical College & Hospital, Bhubaneswar	12 Sep 2024	11 Sep 2026
4	Dr Agarwal Eye Hospital, Bhubaneswar	01 Apr 2025	31 Mar 2027
5	JPM Rotary Club of Cuttack Eye Hospital & Research Institute, Cuttack	01 Apr 2025	31 Mar 2027
6	Dr Agarwal Eye Hospital, Cuttack	01 Apr 2025	31 Mar 2027
7	Sun Hospital & Diagnostics, Cuttack	01 Apr 2025	31 Mar 2027
8	Jyoti Charitable Hospital, Khurda & Balasore	01 Apr 2025	31 Mar 2027
9	Balaji Diagnostic & Research Centre, Berhampur	01 Apr 2023	31 Mar 2025
10	ECOS Eye Hospital, Bijipur, Berhampur, Ganjam	01 Apr 2023	31 Mar 2025
11	Kalinga Eye Hospital, Denkanal	02 Aug 2023	01 Aug 2025
12	ASG Hospital, Bhubaneswar	14 Jul 2024	13 Jul 2026
13	Jai Prakash Hospital & Research Centre Pvt Ltd, Rourkela	20 Jul 2024	19 Jul 2026
14	Vikash Multi Speciality Hospital, Bargarh	21 Sep 2022	20 Sep 2024
15	Ruby Eye Hospital, Berhampur, Ganjam	16 Sep 2024	15 Sep 2026
16	Kar Vision Eye Hospital, Bhubaneswar	17 Sep 2024	16 Sep 2026
17	HCG Panda Hospital, Cuttack	04 May 2023	03 May 2025
18	Centre for Sight	23 Sep 2023	22 Sep 2025
19	Utkal Institute of Medical Science, Bhubaneswar	06 May 24	05 May 2026
20	Curewell Medical Imaging, Berhampur	02 May 24	01 May 2026
21	Neelachal Hospital, Bhubaneswar	28 May 24	27 May 2026
22	Emergency 24 Hospital Pvt Ltd, Puri	21 Aug 2024	20 Aug 2026
23	Kalinga Hospital, Bhubaneswar	08 Oct 2024	07 Oct 2026
24	Sum Ultimate Medicare Hospital	04 Apr 2025	24 Apr 2027

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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

Fully Furnished Rooms (AC) with Kitchen for Veterans and families visiting Bhubaneswar 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 JWO Subhash Chandra Raut-82498 71552 / HFO BB Pattnaik-8015796224/ AV JWO PN Swain-98187 63166 respectively @ Rs. 400/- per day + Electricity charges (as per prevailing rates).**



DRAWING ROOM



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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.

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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

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