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ASSURED DECENT LAST RITES (ADLR) SCHEME
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1. Army HQ had launched a scheme in 2006 called "ASSURED DECENT LAST RITES (ADLR) SCHEME". This was widely published in the leading newspapers of the country. As per the scheme, CSD canteens managed by Army units, serving the Ex-Servicemen needs, will be responsible for looking after the welfare of the Ex-Servicemen. A field Staff comprising of one JCO (Retd) will function as Welfare Officer and NCO as Field Officer. On intimation of death of Ex-servicemen, the welfare officer in consultation with the relatives of the deceased Ex-Servicemen will make arrangements for decent last rites. An immediate amount of Rs. 2,500/- will be paid as Ex-gratia to the family of the Ex-Servicemen, besides a wreath will also be laid on behalf of the COAS.

2. This HQ has received some representations for implementing the similar scheme for the Ex-Air Force personnel and have been examined. It is intimated that prior to Apr 97, we had a scheme under IAFBA, wherein on death of an serving or retired Air Warrior, NOK was paid Death Grant ranging from RS.2000/- to RS. 10,000/- (depending upon the Rank) to take care of expenses on funereal etc. However wef Apr 1997, FAS scheme under IAFBA was liberalized and now on death of retired Air Warriors who are members of IAFBA, NOK is- paid Rehabilitation Grant of Rs.1,500/- pm for Officers and Rs. 1000/- pm for Airmen/NCs(E) for a period of 8 years, thus in effect Rs. 1,44,000/- is paid in case of officers and Rs.96.000/- in case of Airmen/NCs (E) against a Grant of Rs.2,500/- to under ADLR Scheme launched by Army. Neither Army nor Navy is paying this type of Grant.

3. This matter was also discussed in the Managing Council Meeting of IAFBA held on 22 Sep 06. The CAS had stated that the facility extended by IAFBA and FAS is more beneficial and caters to the welfare of the widows of air warrior to a larger extent. However, all necessary administrative assistance will be provided by the local AF Cdr wherever feasible and if asked for by local AFA. He had also directed the Air Force Association to explore the feasibility of coordinating with the local AF units on behalf of the ex-servicemen in case of unfortunate demise.

4 Recently DGR, MoD has also introduced a scheme wherein funeral allowance is paid to the widows. It has been decided that with effect from 10 May 07 a sum of Rs. 5,000/- as funeral allowance be paid to the widow on death of an Ex-Serviceman. The scheme is administered through Zila Sainik Boards, which are available at each district across the country.

5. In view of the above, it has been decided that since the facility extended by IAFBA through FAS is more beneficial and caters to the better welfare of the widows, there is no need to launch any other scheme in Air Force on the lines of a "ASSURED DECENT LAST RITES SCHEME" for ex- air force personnel as launched by Army HQ.

6. It is requested to disseminate this information to all units under your commands.

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It is requested to include this information in the

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✓ booklet issued by you. Our letter of even number dated 27 Sep 07 also refer.