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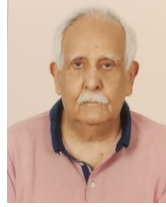


DISABLED WAR VETERAN (INDIA) REGD

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COL HN HANDA (RETD)
PATRON, DIWAVE

DIWAVE has continued its efforts to update you on latest policy/Decisions taken by MoD affecting directly or indirectly War Disabled Soldiers. Many War Disabled Soldiers including our members living in villages/remote places are finding it difficult to connect to 'SPARSH' portal to register their quarries. DIWAVE is receiving many phone calls/messages and we are actively helping them to resolve their problems. DIWAVE has continued its fight against latest Govt policy on taxation of disability pension.

Once again I appeal to all members to participate more in WhatsApp group and also visit DIWAVE office as per their convenience to interact and resolve their queries.

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Jai Hind!

Col HN Handa (Retd)
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War Disabled Soldiers / Battle Casualties have sacrificed while doing their duty

Now it is your turn to look after them



1. On behalf of DIWAVE family, President DIWAVE welcomes following new members who joined during the period from 01 Jan to 31 Mar 2026:-

- (a) Brig Dibendu Mukerjee, MARATHA LI
DOC-14 Aug 1985, DOR-31 Jan 2020, GSW (Lt Thigh) in Op Orchid
- (b) Col M Ravindran, ASC
DOC-25 Aug 1990, DOR-31 Jan 2019, GSW (Face) in CI Ops
- (c) Lt Col Harmindra Singh Gill (Retd), AOC
DOC-17 Dec 1988, DOR-06 Nov 2011, GSW Left Leg in CI Ops
- (d) Ex-Hav Sukhbir Singh, 8 SIKH
DOE-22 Feb 1986, DOR-27 Jan 2001, GSW (Lt) Thigh Fracture in Op Vijay
- (e) Ex-Hav Rupnar Babasaheb Janaku, 15 MARATHA LI
DOE-18 Jan 2003, DOR-31 Jul 2023, Splinter Injury (Lt) Leg and (Rt) Arm in
Op Rakshak
- (f) Ex-Hav Jai Prakash, RAJ RIF
DOE-11 Sep 1976, DOR-31 Aug 1992, GSW (Rt Thigh) in OP Rakshak
- (g) Ex-L/Hav Rakesh Kumar, 65 Med Regt
DOE-15 Oct 1995, DOR-31 Mar 2016, Severe Blast Injury Left Hand
Amputation through wrist in op
orientated trg at Pokharan FFR.
- (h) Ex-Nk Londhe Vikram Shrimant, 7 MARATHA LI
DOE-02 Jul 1993, DOR-02 Aug 2015, GSW Rt Arm in Op Rakshak
- (j) Ex-Nk Shanmuga Sundaram, 3 MADRAS
DOE-06 Mar 1987, DOR-01 Jun 2003, Amputated for both toes in Op
Meghdoot
- (k) Ex-Nk Bala Gopal K, MEG
DOE-02 Aug 1984, DOR-31 Aug 2001, GSW Lt Arm in CI Ops
- (l) Ex-Nk Mahal Singh, 2 SIKH
DOE-17 Apr 1984, DOR-30 Apr 2001, Amputation below Knee Lt in CI Ops
- (m) Ex-Nk Sudhakar Sitaram Suralkar, 6 MARATHA LI
DOE-25 Jun 1990, DOR-30 Jun 2002, GSW Lt Arms in CI Ops.
- (n) Ex-L/Nk R Ramakrishnan, ASC (AT)
DOE-17 May 1977, DOR-01 Oct 1984, Replanted of Disc L4, L5, S1 & S2
due to injuries in CI Ops.
- (o) Ex-Sep Annaso Laxman Khot, 8 MARTATHA LI
DOE- 29 Mar 1976, DOR - 29 Feb 1992 -Sustained Knee Injury in Op
Pawan.

Points and Issues taken up with DIAV during Meeting on 09 Feb 2026.

2. (a) Implementation of order No **200847 /Pen-C/1971 dated 24 Feb 1972.**
- (b) Sparsh: the problems being faced by war disabled soldiers / battle casualties.
- (c) Constant Attendant Allowance be enhanced by 100% in 8th CPC.
- (d) Liberalized pension for the widows of the war disabled soldiers.
- (e) Upgradation of wards for the war disabled soldiers / battle casualties in armed forces hospitals & empanelled hospitals to Semi Private.
- (f) IT exemption for war disabled battle casualties and withdrawal of CBDT Circular No 13/2019 dt 24 Jun 2019.
- (g) Priority in employment for wards for war disabled soldiers in ECHS.
- (h) Education Reservation & Concessions.
 - (i) Priority for reservation / preference to the wards of armed forces personnel by States/UT's for admission to medical/professional/non-professional courses. MoD should issue instruction to Rajya Sainik Boards of states.
 - (ii) Reversing the priority for wards of war disabled / battle casualty retained in service. Wards of those BCs superannuated should also be under PRIORITY-II

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- (j) Recognition of the sacrifice of war disabled / battle casualties. conspicuous looking badge and instead of war disabled they should be called as "**Veer Youdha**" for their recognition.
 - (k) Awareness of the war disabled / battle casualties, invite and separate enclosures for war disabled / battle casualties in armed forces and for national functions like Independence Day, Republic Day, Vijay Diwas etc at MH/CH/ECHS polyclinics/URCs.
 - (l) Special Parking for vehicles of war disabled veterans .
 - (m) Homage at National War Memorial India Gate by war disabled veterans twice a year.
3. Minutes of the Meeting with DIAV are still awaited. DIAV has shown very lukewarm response on issues enumerated above.

Issues taken up with MD ECHS

4. (a) Priority in employment for wards for war disabled soldiers in ECHS.
 - (b) Home for the war disabled soldiers / battle casualties with specialized care by specially trained staff at Military Stations preferably within MH/CH campus.
 - (c) Construction of ramps for use of wheel chair. Availability of wheel chairs with assistance at designated placed at hospitals/ECHS polyclinic/URCs etc.
 - (d) Display of boards: priority for the war disabled veterans / battle casualties and their spouses in all armed forces hospitals ECHS clinics. Order exist but implementation is lacking. The computer program should be designed for such priority/wait listing.
 - (e) **More Artificial Limb Centres.** Time taken for prosthesis should be reduced for war disabled / battle casualties; increase empanelment of hospitals for endolite.
 - (f) **Appointment of Nodal officer in Military Hospitals.** For immediate resolution of issues faced by war disabled soldiers / battle casualties. Separate Queue for War Disabled at Reception of Army Hosp (R&R) and Base hospital and all Commanded Hospitals.
5. **DG AFMS and DGMS (Army) assured DIWAVE that our issues would be redressed and care of war disabled is their utmost concern.**

Issues taken up with QMG

6. (a) Issue of smart CSD card with orange strip to war disabled soldiers / battle casualties URC Centers designated for war widows/war disabled soldiers.
 - (b) Transfer from one hospital to the other hospital: all arrangements should be done by the hospital as being done earlier. Case needs to be taken up with MoD through ECHS/AFMS.
 - (c) Guest room charges in Armed Forces Institutions, formations/units be 50% for war disabled solders.
7. **There has been no response from QMG Branch till date despite repeated letters on subject.**

Participation in Various Activities.

8. **Veterans Day 2026.** President, Secretary General, officials and DIWAVE members, who are residing in Delhi NCR attended Veterans Day on 14 Jan 2026 at Manekshaw Centre, Delhi Cantt.



9. **DIWAVE Contact Program.** DIWAVE has launch a contact program through letters with its life members who are not part of WhatsApp Gps and whose contact numbers are not available. We have sent letters 714 upto 30 Mar 2026 to our war disabled members of 1965, 1971 and military/CI operations upto 1990. A numbers of family members responded and it was disheartening to know that some of our old war veterans have passed away. Our heartfelt condolences to the bereaved families.

10. **DoPPW Meeting.** Officials of DIWAVE attended online meeting on 12 Mar 2026 conducted by Dept of Pension & Pensioners Welfare (DoPPW).

Protest against IT Finance Bill 2026

11. DIWAVE has been putting best efforts for ensuring exemption of Income Tax on war injury pension for superannuated veterans by writing DO letters to Service Chiefs, Hon'ble RM, Hon'ble FM and letters/emails to 750 Hon'ble MPs, Union Ministers and State CMs. Meetings with several MPs at their residences were also undertaken by our members. The issue was raised by several MPs in the Budget Session of Parliament with the efforts of DIWAVE. Govt, in its Finance Bill 2026 has maintained status quo on taxation of Disability Pension till adjudication of ongoing case in the Hon'ble Supreme Court.

11A. Letters of thanks were sent to all Hon'ble MPs, retired Senior Veterans who had shared our concern at various forums/Social Media.

11B Six major media houses were also approached for publishing our cause/case in their newspapers. Efforts of our senior members at NOIDA, Bangaluru and Chennai are laudable for media publicity.

12. DIWAVE has taken up issue regarding '**Serious Breach of Parliament Privilege and Misrepresentation of facts by CBDT**' in respect of Statutory Income-Tax Exemption of War Disabled Veterans to the Hon'ble Finance Minister, Hon'ble Defence Minister, Parliament Select Committee on IT Bills 2025 and Parliament Committee on Defence.

13. **Meeting with LoP at Parliament House**. A delegation of 10 war disabled veterans visited Parliament on 09 Feb 2026 and met Leader of Opposition regarding exemption of Income Tax on War Injury Pension for superannuated cases. Sh. Rahul Gandhi. LoP wrote a letter to Hon'ble Finance Minister regarding ECHS funding and maintain status quo on income tax exemption for all disability pension cases.

Ongoing Court Cases Status

14. Cases in AFT No. **248/13 & 431/14**, for implementation of Govt letter dated 24 Feb 1972. **Next date of hearing is 06 Jul 2026.**

15. Case for "**Priority For Admission In Professional Courses & Medical Colleges For Wards Of War Disabled Retained In Service**" filed in Hon'ble High Court Delhi in **WP No 3973/2022** dated 07 Mar 2022. Next date of hearing is awaited.

16. **Enhanced / Liberalized pension for the Widows of War Disabled Soldiers / Battle Casualties** WP(C) **14747/2023**. The case was listed for hearing at Delhi High Court on 30 Oct 2025. This Hon'ble Bench is fixing dates with six Months gap. DIWAVE has requested our advocate to seek placing our case with different bench for early hearing.

17. **WP No 953/2019** dated **26 Jul 2019** on "**Exemption of Income Tax for War Disabled Soldiers / Battle Casualties retained in Service**". The matter was last listed for hearing on 10/10/2025. Next date of hearing awaited. This case has assumed importance due to legislation of Amendment to Schedule III Clause 108, Serial No 38A wherein Govt has allowed exemption for invalidated out cases only.

Meeting with Chairman 8th APCC.

18. DIWAVE meeting with Army Pay Cell 8th CPC scheduled on 25 Mar 2025 was called off and fresh date is awaited. DIWAVE has forwarded the following points for their consideration:-

- (a) MACP after completion of 5,10 and 15 years of service.
- (b) Enhanced Rate of Family Pension be 67 years for family pensioners.
- (c) Pension for Hony Naik, Hony Hav and Hony Nb Sub be considered Re 1 less than rank of Naik, Hav and Nb Sub Respectively.
- (d) Monetary benefits to JCOs awarded Hony Commission/Rank after retirement should be at par with those granted Hony ranks prior to retirement.
- (e) Pay Matrix Index for Groups X & Y tables be reviewed/enhanced..
- (f) Enhancement of MSP for all ranks.

- (g) Continued of Disability Element/War Injury Element for retirees post 2023.
- (h) Recovery of commutation of portion of Pension period be reduced to 12 years.
- (j) CAA should be fixed at Nerrick Rates in semi skilled category with period increase in proportion with DR.
- (k) Fixation of Pension of regular Capt should be higher than Hony Capt.
- (l) Implementation Govt of Inda, MoD letter No200847/Pen-C/1971 dt 24 Feb 1972 in letter and spirit for grant of War Injury Pension for the war disabled invalided out veterans and LFP to Veer Naris.
- (m) War Injury Pension (Service Element & War Injury Element) for superannuated veterans should be tax exempt as notified vide Para 28 of Notification No 878F dt 21 Mar 1922 given under Para 60 of IT Act 1922.
- (l) Implementation of NFU.

Follow up Issues of Veterans.

19. DIWAVE had taken up case with PCDA(P) Allahabad and respective Record Offices regarding correct War Injury Pension/ Entitled Disability Pension and stoppage of recovery in respect of the followings veterans:-

War Injury Pension

- (a) No 4181725 Ex-Sep Shyam Sunder Singh, KUMAON. Non receipt of War Injury Pension and its arrear wef 04 May 1991. **Case resolved.**
- (b) No 12467315W Ex-Nk Patil Rajendra Vishnu, SIGNALS. Non receipt of War Injury Pension and arrear wef Jul 2025. **WIP restored.**
- (c) No 2653031Ex-Sep Hadish Khan, GRENADIERS. Deduction in Pension (Service Element & WIP) from Jul 2025. **Deduction topped and amount refunded.**
- (d) No 3387601A Ex-Hav Sahib Singh, SIKH- Stoppage of WIP. **WIP Restored.**
- (e) No 1031585K Ex-Sep Joginder Singh, SIKH. Correct rate of WIP. **Case resolved.**

Massive Recovery

- (f) No13693696P Ex-Hav Jagannath Padhiary, The BRIGADE of GUARDS. Irregular recovery of ₹ 7,93,205/- and stoppage of WIP. **Recovery stopped and recovered amount refunded.**
- (g) No 2660440F Ex-Sep Baney Khan of GRENADIERS. Irregular recovery of ₹ 4,72,866/- stoppage of WIP. **Recovery stopped and recovered amount refunded.**

20. **Non Receipt of Entitled Pension/Massive Recovery/Stoppage of War Injury/ Disability Pension.** DIWAVE has taken up case with PCDA (P) Allahabad and concerned Record offices for non receipt of entitled pension/massive recovery/Stoppage of War Injury/Disability Pension in respect of following war disabled veterans:-

- (a) Smt Sushma Sharma Widow of EC-55776 Late Capt Vijay Shankar Sharma for Ordinary Family Pension
- (b) No 13660306 Ex-Gdsm Gour Chandra Gain, The BRIGADE of GUARDS-War Injury Element stopped after migration of DATA in SPARSH (Amendment of Date of Discharge and Clause of Discharge in SPARSH) and Re-Start of War Injury Pension.
- (c) No 2687985 Ex-Hav Ramraj Meena, GRENADIER- Irregular recovery of ₹ 2,85,059/- from Oct 2025
- (d) No 15313717L Ex-Hav Perumal Samy P, MEG - Non receipt of War Injury Pension.
- (e) No 3188636Y Ex-Sep Kuldeep Kumar Sirohi, JAT.- Non receipt of RSMB and other medical documents from Records JAT Regt.
- (f) No 2792078 Ex-Nk kakade Sanjay Vasant, MARATHA LI- Refund of ECHS Amount ₹15000/-
- (g) No 1292647 Ex-Sep R Tahnakappa Panicker, AAD- Anomaly in War Injury Pension

21. **Non Receipt of Education Claim.** Diwave has taken up case with Adjutant General's Branch/CW3 regarding non receipt of Education Claim for the academic year 2024-25 in r/o of following war disabled veterans:-

- (a) JC-581429 Ex-Sub Ramesh Kumar Thakur – Amount Received.
- (b) 14653937A Ex-Hav Neeraj Ranjan
- (c) 2804446A Ex-Nk Subhan Seikh
- (d) Ex-Sep Dilip Rao Mohite

22. DIWAVE has raised the issue of delay in disbursement of Educational Claims by AG's Branch/CW-3 for Academic Year 2024-25. DIWAVE would continue to pursue and expedite disbursement of claims of war disabled veterans.

23. Letter to AG on payment of Arrears Restricted by 3 years clause. DIWAVE has raised the issue of payment of arrear of disability pension to the effected petitioners as per Hon'ble Supreme Court Order dated 12 Mar 2026.