

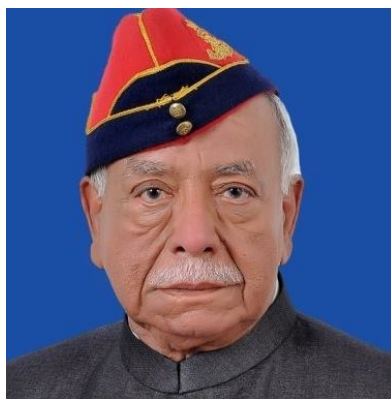
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# MONTHLY NEWS LETTER



**DISABLED WAR VETERAN (INDIA) REGD**

# **FROM PRESIDENT DESK**



**Capt NK Mahajan (Retd)**

Dear **DIWAVE** Family members. As Diwave continues to serve those who have selflessly given their all for the Nation, we are reminded of the unwavering commitment and strength of our Disabled War Veterans.

**Disabled War Veterans India (DIWAVE)** stands as the only NGO officially recognized by the Ministry of Defence and we are honored to work towards ensuring that our brave soldiers receive the recognition, support, dignity, and justice they deserve.

Our mission is clear: to fight for the legitimate legal rights, welfare and rehabilitation of those who have sustained injuries and became disabled while fighting enemy on the borders, terrorist and while helping the civil authorities in Natural calamities. Every step we take together strengthens the cause of our War Disabled Veterans and reminds us of the true meaning of sacrifice.

## **APPEAL TO ALL OF YOU**

"To all the War Disabled Soldiers of **DIWAVE**, your dedication and compassion are the backbone of our movement. Together, we are not just advocating for rights; we are standing up for Justice and Recognition of the sacrifices made by us & our War Disabled Soldiers brothers. Let us continue to work tirelessly, united by our MISSION, to ensure that our voices are heard we are recognised and our rights are upheld. The journey is long, but with every effort we make, we get closer to the justice we deserve. With your continued support, we will keep fighting, keep advocating and keep making a difference.

**Contact us :- 011-41315492 & [www.diwave.org](http://www.diwave.org)**

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## **MEETING WITH DGAFMS (ARMY)**

The President of Diwave Capt N K Mahajan along with Executive President Col S K Garg had a meeting with DG AFMS Surgeon Vice Admiral Arti Sarin AVSM, VSM at DG AFMS office on 10 Jan 2025. The points submitted / discussed and decisions of DG are as under:-

1. DG assured that steps will be taken to ensure the proper implementation of Priority for the treatment of War Disabled and their spouses and placement of sign boards at prominent places in military hospitals. In addition, she requested that any violations at MHs be brought to the notice of Comdts/COs and DGMS as well.
2. Case for transfer of war disabled patients from one hospital to another at Govt expense, Diwave should take up with QMG and intimate her, she will also pursue it.
3. Detailed discussion was held on problems faced by War Disabled Veterans on issues related to prosthesis. She assured that all recommendations of our's would be favorably examined and acted upon.
4. Availability of medicines with specific salt from standard company at Hospital dispensaries is being actioned by hospitals. However, specific cases may be brought to the notice of dependent hospitals for their remedial action.
5. Case for enhancement of permissible limit of Rs 3000/- on specific lab tests from empanelled labs has already been decided favorably after Diwave took up with DGMS.
6. Instructions for separate parking for War Disabled Veterans have been issued.
7. DGMS (Army) has already appointed Col Anurag Khera , mob No , as Nodal Officer for War Disabled Veterans & sign boards with his phone number will be placed. Veterans may contact him for any pressing problems with regards to treatment in case same not attended to by concerned mil hospitals.
8. UDID Cards. She assured us that she will seek appointment with the minister and shall try to sort out the matter Outcome will be intimated to us.
9. Points on problems faced by paraplegic and paralyzed War Disabled/ Battle Casualties were discussed and she assured us on necessary action as these were genuine issues and merited priority attention.
10. Members will be updated on the official Minutes of Meeting from DG AFMS office once same is received by us.

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## **POINTS AND ISSUES TAKEN UP AND TO BE TAKEN UP**

### **1. DIWAVE HAS AGAIN WRITTEN REMINDER FOR ALL MATTER GIVEN BELOW:-**

#### **1. ISSUE OF FREE FASTAG.**

**DIWAVE** requests the under secretary DESW that the issue be taken up with the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways to frame the rule if doesn't exist and issue of free FasTag (only four to five thousand in Pan India) respecting honouring and recognising the sacrifice of the War Disabled Soldiers / Battle Casualties.

#### **2. GRANT OF ENHANCED PENSION OF 20% ON COMPLETION OF 79 YEARS OF AGE.**

The various AFTs & High courts have issued orders that 20% enhanced pension should be granted on completion of 79 yrs of age instead 80 yrs of age. The Gauhati High Court on 15/03/2018 gave judgment to grant the same was challenged by Govt of India by filling SLP in Hon'ble Supreme Court and SLP was dismissed on 08/10/2019.

**DIWAVE** approaches Secretary Defence Finance with a request to issue order to enhanced 20% pension of all soldiers on completion on 79 yrs at earliest.

#### **3. TRANSFER OF ONE HOSPITAL TO OTHER AND ISSUE OF RAILWAY WARRANT UNDER TR 211:**

**DIWAVE** request for the arrangements for transfer of War Disabled Soldiers from one Hospitals to other as were being done earlier should now also be done by the Hospital admitted in, since it is very difficult for the War Disabled for the War Disabled Soldiers / Battle Casualties to run from pillar to post with all his problems to make the arrangements.

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4. **UPGRADING THE WARD FOR DISABLED SOLDIERS / BATTLE CASUALTIS AND THEIR SPOUSES.**

Refer to the ECHS letter No B/49709-League/AG/ECHS/2024 dated 28 Nov 2024, shown in para 2 of the letter, War Disabled Soldiers / Battle Casualties are not required to pay contribution towards ECHS membership.

Though, the ECHS has not been vested with authority to amend the policies issues by the Govt yet Centre Organisation ECHS is not debarred to take up the issue for the welfare of the War Disabled Soldiers / Battle Casualties. Upgradation wards for the War Disabled Soldiers keeping in mind their sacrifice and sufferings, is requested by DIWAVE.

## **LEGAL ACTION AND STATUS**

1. Cases in AFT No. **248/13 & 431/14**, next date of hearing ie. 65<sup>th</sup> hearing has been final in April 2025.
2. Case for **“PRIORITY FOR ADMISSION IN PROFESSIONAL COURSES & MEDICAL COLLEGES FOR WARDS OF WAR DISABLED RETAINED IN SERVICE’** filed in High Court case has been listed for next hearing on 24 July 2025.
3. **Enhanced / Liberalized pension for the Widows of War Disabled Soldiers / Battle Casualties**WP(c) 14747/2023. The case was listed for hearing in Delhi High Court. Matter didn’t reach. 05 May 2025 has been fixed for hearing. This bench is fixing dates with 6 Months gap. The advocate is filling request to Chief Justice for the change of bench.
4. **“Exemption of Income Tax for War Disabled Soldiers / Battle Casualties retained in Service”** The matter fixed for hearing on 18/12/2024 but the matter has not been listed as final hearing matters haven’t been listed. Next date of hearing awaited.

## **LATEST NEWS**

1. **GRANT OF STATE GOVERNMENT CONCESSIONS TO WAR DISABLED SOLDIER NO. 1392738 EX MOHAMMAD FIROZ KHAN.**

DIWAVE have received a the copy of letter from EX NK Mohammad Firoz Khan a Battle Casualty with 60% permanent Disability. However, authorities are not responding inspite of many letters written to Director Sainik Kalyan Vibhag Jaipur. In view of above **DIWAVE** wrote letters and requests concerned authorities for necessary action and approved the concessions / benefits.

2. **GRANT OF WAR INJURY PENSION INSTEAD OF DISABILITY PENSION IN R/O NO. 2889483 RFN JAIPAL SINGH BHADOURIYA.**

DIWAVE has received an application from 2889483 Rfn Jaipal Singh Bhadouriya of RAJ Rif regarding grant of War Injury Pension instead of Disability pension. DIWAVE wrote letter to concerned authorities to accord priority being a War Disabled Soldier and avoid financial hardship.

3. **REQUEST FOR CORRECTION IN WAR INJURY PENSION IN R/O No. 4568027X SEP JAIDEV PAL.**

No. 4568027X Sep Jaidev Pal was discharged from service after completion of his terms of engagement and was granted War Injury Element wef 01 Nov 2013 for life. DIWAVE wrote letter to PCDA (P) and concerned authorities for correction in war injury element in r/o No. 4568027X Sep Jaidev Pal.

4. **WAR DISABLED / BATTLE CASUALTIES OF ALL THREE FORCES BE TREATED AT PAR.**

CPL Dhananjay Sharma was part of technical team to prepare fighter aircraft MIG-29 Squadron and to load live missile R-73 at Adampur Airfield near Western border. He got badly injured due to an Aircraft blast on 03 Oct 2006. His both hands were amputated with left eye and left leg got permanently damaged resulting into 100% disability. He has been denied one time grant from Armed Forces Battle Casualties Welfare Fund (AGBCWF). DIWAVE request again to Brig DIAV to take up the case. The previous DG D C&W had assured to look into this case for payment in the meeting held with DIWAVE held on 28 Oct 2024.