

29th September, 2017

Chairperson's Message

Welfare and the Rehabilitation Board (WARB) was constituted by the Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India in the year 2007 for the benefit of the retired personnel of the Central Armed Police Forces & Assam Rifles, including those medically boarded out and also the widows/dependents of those who die in harness.

WARB is placed under the administrative control of a Central Armed Police Force on rotational basis for a period of 3 years by the MHA and the Director General of the CAPF concerned is nominated to act as the Chairman of WARB. At present, WARB is functioning under the administrative control of the SSB (Sashastra Seema Bal) and therefore, I have taken over the charge of the Chairperson, WARB with effect from 22.11.2016 in pursuance to the MHA Order No. 27011/37/2013-R&W dated 17.11.2016. (Earlier Director General, Central Industrial Security Force was the Chairman of the WARB).

Consequent upon assuming the responsibilities of the WARB, I along with my team have taken several measures to further improve and consolidate the functioning of this board. As I demit office on superannuation on 30th September, 2017, it is my pleasant duty to share the brief details of the work done in last ten months.

- To start with, WARB Website, which was designed long ago in the year 2009-10, has been revamped, keeping in view the requirements of the retired personnel and their families.

- Our data base on retired CAPFs and AR personnel was incomplete as this showed an unrealistically low number of 54,443 only. I took up the matter with the Directors General of CAPFs & AR and requested them to provide complete data in respect of all retirees to the WARB. Based on their replies, the details of as many as 1,52,966 retired personnel of all CAPFs & Assam Rifles are now available with WARB. This exercise would be continued in future also.
- WARB has been prompt in carrying out its duties relating to payment of scholarships under the Prime Minister Scholarship Scheme to the selected wards of serving and retired CAPFs & AR personnel who are pursuing various professional and technical courses. During the academic year 2015-16, [1504 girls and 1841 boys were given this scholarship](#) including the renewal cases, followed by a letter signed by the Hon'ble Prime Minister of India to each of these girls and boys. For the academic year 2016-17, the process of payment of scholarship amount to the eligible 1512 girls and 2055 boys including renewal cases is at an advanced stage.
- Apart from conducting the [Apex meeting](#) with the stakeholders after of gap of two years, I also had meetings with the Directors General of all CAPFs & Assam Rifles and other senior officials to discuss various issues of the retired CAPFs & AR. Thus, WARB has succeeded in establishing a much better co-ordination with all the concerned Forces.
- In response to the request of the WARB to allot quota for admission of wards of other CAPFs and Assam Rifles also in their respective schools, the DGs BSF and ITBP have issued orders for [reservation of 5% seats](#) in each class in their schools for the wards of CAPFs & AR personnel. Other DGs have also been requested to

emulate this welfare gesture and share locations of their institutions in which seats may be reserved for the wards of CAPFs & Assam Rifles

- WARB is also engaged with the initiatives to provide affordable housing facility to the retired personnel.
- To provide a platform to our retired personnel and their families to acquire various skills to improve their employment potential in various fields, WARB has signed a [Memorandum of Understanding \(MoU\)](#) with the National Skill Development Corporation under the Ministry of Skill Development, Government of India in an impressive function held at the on 10.3.2017.
- On account of our sustained follow-up, a few State Governments have issued notifications to extend benefits to our retired personnel on par with those extended to ex-servicemen. The matter is being pursued with other states also.
- It was indeed a moment of immense pride for WARB when Shri Rajnath Singh, Hon'ble Union Home Minister launched a [Mobile App](#) named as **WARB** at an impressive function held at Vigyan Bhavan, New Delhi on 18th September, 2017. This App aims at facilitating the retired CAPFs and Assam Rifles personnel to sort out their genuine grievances, seek re-employment in various firms/ companies and access the status of their cases etc. All retired personnel of CAPFs & Assam Rifles and their families are requested to download this Mobile App and test its usefulness. Suggestions are most welcome.

On this occasion, I also thank all retired personnel of CAPFs & AR and their families for their excellent support and co-operation.
