

STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURE : HEADQUARTER CENTRAL COMMAND

VICTORY CUM RELIEF FUND ACCOUNTS

1. Ref :-

- (a) AO 180/74.
- (b) DSR 1987.
- (c) IHQ of MoD (Army) letter No A/570793/AG/PS-3(6) dt 27 May 2012.
- (d) HQ Central Comd, Victory-Cum-Relief Fund SOP No 210118/RVCR/A2(Accts) dt 27 Dec 2012.

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2. Victory-Cum-Relief fund is being maintained by HQ Central Command and is to be utilized for welfare of eligible veterans and their dependants domiciled in UP and Uttarakhand. The origin of the fund is traced back to the following two funds which have been amalgamated :-

(a) Victory Fund. The Victory Fund was instituted during World War II through the funds recd from public subscriptions in the United Provinces (UP). It was known as the 'UP War Purpose Fund'. After the war, securities worth Rs 20 Lac with accrued interest amounting to Rs 58,800/- were transferred from 'Treasurer Charitable Endowments, UP Allahabad' to the Commander UP Area (now GOC UB Area) for the purpose of utilization through the agency of Regt Centres in UP (Now UP and Uttarakhand States).

(b) Relief Fund. The Relief Fund was instituted in March 1947 from a grant of Rs 2 lacs recd from the Governor of UP state. It was initially named the 'Commander, Uttar Pradesh Relief Fund' and subsequently renamed as the 'Uttar Bharat Area Relief Fund'.

3. For ease of functioning, accounting and better utilization of the funds, the above funds were amalgamated by HQ Uttar Bharat Area & renamed 'Uttar Bharat Victory-Cum-Relief Fund'. This fund was being operated as one of the regimental funds of HQ UB Area. This amalgamated fund was transferred to HQ Central Command in May 2012, for maint. & operation.

4. A need is felt to lay down SOP for utilization of this fund so as to ensure its optimum utilisation for welfare of veterans/NOK.

Aim

5. The aim of this fund is to lay down guidelines, eligibility criteria, distribution policy and procedures for operating the 'Victory Cum Relief Fund'.

Layout

6. The SOP is laid out in three parts as under :-

- (a) Part I - Purpose, eligibility and financial powers of CFAs.
- (b) Part II - Methodology of disbursement.
- (c) Part III- Mgt of accts.

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**PART - I : PURPOSE, ELIGIBILITY & FINANCIAL
POWERS OF CFA**

7. **Purpose.** Financial assistance from this grant may be provided for the following :-
- (a) **Distress Grant.** To veterans/NOK to tide over immediate financial crisis and to assist old/infirm veterans living in penury.
 - (b) **Medical Grant.** One time grant for purchase of med eqpt/prosthetic/assistive devices that are not available from service sources/ECHS including their repair and maint.
 - (c) **Educational Grant.** For pursuing higher professional education of wards of veterans on a case to case basis.
 - (d) **Natural Calamities/Disaster Assistance.** On a case to case basis.
 - (e) **Vocational Training/Skill Development.** Grant to Veer Naris in a recognised vocational centre/skill dept centre of repute.
 - (f) **Misc Assistance.** On a case to case basis not included in the above.
8. **Eligibility.** The following are eligible for the grant :-
- (a) **Ex-Serviceman and their Widows.** Ex-Servicemen for the purpose of this fund means a person, who has served in the Regular Army of India in any rank, who has superannuated, been released or proceeded on premature discharge at his own request or was war disabled/boarded out. For the purpose of this fund, it does not incl a person who has served in the Assam Rifles, GREF, TA, Air Force or Navy.
 - (b) Prior to award of the grant, following should also be considered :-
 - (i) Whether the applicant has recd any fin assistance from any other source for the same distress.
 - (ii) Amount of pension being drawn.
 - (c) World War II Veterans or their Widows not in receipt of pension other than what is being granted by the State Govt.
 - (d) **Geographical Limits of Grant Eligibility.** Veterans/NOK residing in territorial bdys of state of UP & Uttarakhand only.
9. **Types of Grants.** Two types of grants may be sanctioned by the concerned CFA :-
- (a) **Immediate Grant.** For immediate financial assistance in one lump sum.
 - (b) **Recurring Grant.** Some amt is paid every month for a fixed No of months not exceeding one yr.
 - (c) **Combination of Immediate & Recurring Grant.** Some amt as imdt grant and remainder as recurring can be released subject to overall financial ceilings of individual and CFA.

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