

BOMBAY SAPPERS ASSOCIATION
MINUTES OF THE 65th MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD ON 22 JULY 2022

1. The 65th Management Committee meeting of the Bombay Sappers Association was held on 22 July 2022 at 1100hrs in the Hall of Generals at HQ BEG & Centre. The meeting was chaired by Brig DG Patwardhan, Commandant BEG & Centre and Vice Chairman, BSA.

2. Following were present: -

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| (a) Brig DG Patwardhan | - | Vice Chairman |
| (b) Lt Gen SS Hasabnis, PVSM, AVSM, ADC | - | Member |
| (c) Col MM Bhushan (Retd) | - | Member |
| (d) Brig SR Mazagaonkar (Retd) | - | Director, BSA |
| (e) Col Nidhi Roshyan | - | Secy-cum-Treasurer |
| (f) Col Akshay Chakravarty | - | Member |
| (g) Lt Col Rohit R Patted | - | Member |
| (h) Sub Maj RS Shinde | - | Asst Secy |

Agenda for 65th MCM

3. Director after seeking permission of the chair proceeded with the MCM. He gave out the agenda points to be discussed in the 65th MCM: -

- (a) Approval of Minutes of 64th MCM.
- (b) BSA activities in Fin Year 2022-23
- (c) Details of Income & Expenditure Fin Year 2022-23.
- (d) Proposal to invest BSA funds in instruments other than FDs
- (e) Misc. info points from Director.
- (f) Misc. points from members of MC.

Approval of Minutes of 64th MCM

4. Director proposed that minutes of 64th MCM (Last MCM held on 06 May 2022), be approved. The Director informed that the minutes have been circulated to all units and also uploaded on the BSA website and the WhatsApp group of ESMs. The approval of minutes was proposed by Col MM Bhushan (Retd) and seconded by Lt Gen SS Hasabnis (Retd)

BSA Activities held in Fin Yr 2022-23 till date.

5. **Membership of BSA.** The present state of members, who have paid life membership fees, as on 22 July 2022 is:-

- | | | |
|----------------|---|----------------------|
| (a) Officers | - | 1,801 |
| (b) JCOs / ORs | - | <u>52,196</u> |
| Total | - | <u>53,997</u> |

6. Director informed that no new recruit platoon has been raised in the past year, hence the no. of BSA members is not likely to increase in the near future. Brig DG Patwardhan, Vice Chairman said that new recruitment under the **Agnipath Scheme** is likely to start soon. However, these **Agniveers** will be serving only for 4yrs and will be discharged without any pension/benefits. Hence, they should not be made members of BSA. However, 25% of these Agniveers will be absorbed permanently in the Bombay Sappers. These persons should be made members of BSA after their permanent absorption in the Bombay Sappers family.

7. **BSA Newsletter.** First Newsletter of Fin Year 2022-23 was issued on 18th July 2022. The same has been uploaded on our web site and circulated to units through AVAN and ESMs through WhatsApp group and Telegram app

8. **Management Committee Meetings.** Director informed that MCM for first qtr was held on 06th May 22

Boards held and expenditure on various welfare schemes in Fin Year 2022-23.

9. Director gave details of boards held in the Fin Year 2022-23 which were as follows: -

(a) **Distress Grant.** First board was held on 15th July 2022, details given below:

- (i) Beneficiaries: 02 (1 x ESM, 1x Serving members)
- (ii) Amount disbursed Rs 20,000/- (Rs 10,000- each)

(d) **Immediate Relief.** Director informed that we had five unfortunate death cases of serving JCO /ORs till now since April 2022. An amount of Rs 50,000/- was disbursed @ Rs 10,000/- each, to the widow/NOK.

(e) **Grant to widows for daughter's marriage:**

- (i) Beneficiaries: 3 widows
- (ii) Amount disbursed: Rs 75,000/-

(f) **Grant for professional Courses.** A board for medical stream applicants of academic year 2020-21, against pending vacancies, was held on 30th Jun 2022. This was done after completion medical admissions for academic year 2021-22. One student was awarded the Madhuri Gupta scholarship of Rs 1 lac and two students were selected for the Grant for Professional Courses. One vacancy of Grant for Professional Courses has lapsed due to lack of applications. The final list of students selected for scholarships for professional courses for Fin Year 2021-22 under various schemes was displayed. First installments have been disbursed to all these students: -

Sr.No	Scheme	Name of Students	Fathers Name	Stream	Amount	Remarks
(a)	MGS	Prathamesh M Solaskar	Sub Solaskar Mansing K (Retd)	BE 1 st Yr	1,00,000/-	
(b)	MGS	Sujit Shinde	Sub Tanaji Shinde (Retd)	MBBS 1 st Yr	1,00,000/-	
(c)	CKS	R Kaviarasan	Sub R Rajendran (Retd)	BE 1 st Yr	96,000/-	
(d)	GPC	Saqib Ali Rafik Pinjari	Sub Pinjari Rafik Ramjan (Retd)	BE 1 st Yr	40,000/-	
(e)	GPC	Sanket S Khore	Hav Khore Sunil V (Retd)	BE 1 st Yr	40,000/	
(f)	GPC	Sameer Kumar Pattnaik	Sub Maj PK Pattnaik (Retd)	BE 1 st Yr	40,000/	
(g)	GPC	Tushar Pathak	Sub Dinesh Kumar Pathak (Retd)	BE 1 st Yr	40,000/	
(h)	GPC	Sujeet Sarjerao Gaikwad	Hav Sarjerao B Gaikwad	BE 1 st Yr	40,000/	
(j)	GPC	Meenakshi Pandey	Hav Rajesh Prasad Pandey (Retd)	MBBS 1 st Yr	40,000/-	
(k)	GPC	Akshay V Kolhe	Sub Maj Kolhe Vitthal K	BE 2 nd Yr	30,000/-	
(l)	GPC	Ganesh Bhavar	Sub Maj Bhavar JS (Retd)	BE 2 nd Yr	30,000/-	
(m)	GPC	Sandeep Kaur	Sub Tarsem Singh (Retd)	MBBS 2 nd Yr	30,000/-	
				Total	6,26,000/-	

Note: Rs 6.26 lacs is amount committed. Amounts will be paid in equal yearly installments

Details of Income & Expenditure of FY 2022-23.

10. Director displayed the details of Income for financial year 2022-23.

INCOME SO FAR FIN YR 2022-23

Ser	Head of Income	Anticipated Income (Rs)	Actual Income till 30 June 22 (Rs)
1	Interest from FDs	35,99,018.00	10,12,095.00
2	Interest from Sweep & Savings Account	1,10,000.00	48,570.00
3	Income from Duplicate Cards	90000.00	5301.00
4	Donations	2,90,000.00	10,000.00
	Total	39,70,744.00 Say 40 Lacs	10,75,966.00

11. The director explained that the donations recd are shown as only Rs 10,000 lacs. However, we have recd donations of Rs 80,000/- in addition, which have been taken directly in our corpus. Details of donations are shown at **Appx A**.

12. Details of Expdr of Fin Yr 2022-23 were displayed as below: -

EXPENDITURE FIN YR 2022-23

Ser	Head OfExpdr	Budget for 2022-23	Expdr to date
1	Edn Scholarship	3,00,000.00	0.00
2	Edn Grant (Children of widows)	6,00,000.00	0.00
3	Distress Grant	1,50,000.00	20,000.00
4	Imdt Relief	4,50,000.00	50,000.00
5	Grant for Marriage of Daughters of widows	3,00,000.00	75,000.00
6	Grant for Professional Courses	3,10,000.00	50,000.00
7	Madhuri Gupta Scholarship	1,50,000.00	75,000.00
8	Col Kumar Scholarship	48,000.00	00.00
9	Aid to GBA	5,00,000.00	0.00
10	Indira Dasannacharya Scholarship	15,000.00	0.00
11	Grant for Sapper Sarais	1,50,000.00	0.00
12	Salary	8,70,000.00	2,17,500.00
13	Maint of Computer (incl websiteHosting charges)	30,000.00	0.00
14	Tele Bill/Internet	25,000.00	4,773.00
15	Office Expdr	25,000.00	19,700.00
16	Audit Fees	35,000.00	0.00
17	Misc.	42,000.00	0.00
	TOTAL	40,000,00.00	5,11,973.00

13. Director pointed out the following:

- (a) Office Expdr of Rs 19,700/- included Rs 18,200/- spent on printing of 10,000 blank membership cards in April 22
- (b) Expdr on Madhuri Gupta Scholarship and Grant for Professional Courses include installments paid to awardees of previous years. And first installments disbursed to medical students selected now as mentioned above.

Proposal to invest BSA funds in instruments other than FDs

14. Director brought out, that suggestions to invest BSA funds in other instruments had come up earlier also. The rates of interests have reduced drastically in recent years hence we had an interaction with Assets Banking which is a firm whose services are being presently being used by Paraplegic Rehabilitation Centre (PRC), QMTI and even HQ DMSA. Director displayed the present list of our FDs. (**Ref Appx B**) and pointed out that

- (a) Total Amounts invested in FDs is Rs 5, 79, 97,000/- (Rs 5.79Crores)
- (b) FDs at ser 1 to 13 are invested at an annual interest rate of 6.75 & 6.85%
- (c) FDs at ser 14 to 18 amounting to Rs 1.045 Crores have been invested at an annual interest rate between 6.25% & 5.4%

15. Director informed that Assets banking has been asked to give a presentation and a proposal to invest an amount Rs 1.05 Crores in other instruments so as to earn better returns (**Rs 1. 045 Crs. is amount at para 13(c) which his rounded to Rs 1.05 Cr**). He also pointed out that there are certain restrictions imposed under the Bombay Trusts Act of 1950 and the Societies Registration act of 1960 under which BSA is registered. He said that Mr. Pawan Aggarwal CEO of Assets Banking will give a presentation after we finish our remaining points of today's agenda.

Misc. points from Director

16. **Holding of AGM.** Director pointed out that we need to hold an AGM as it has not been held in last two years due to the Covid pandemic. Brig DG Patwardhan, Vice Chairman said that he has spoken to the Chairman and he has said that due to his busy schedule, we must hold the AGM which will be presided over by the Vice Chairman. The Chairman however will be visiting Pune later and will be addressing all the serving and veteran Bombay Sappers in a Sainik Sammelan. After some discussion it was decided that we can hold the AGM somewhere in Sept/Oct 2022 when the monsoons will subside and it will be easier for veteran members of BSA to attend the AGM.

Points from Members.

17. **Sapper Sarai at Jalandhar.** The Vice Chairman informed that the proposal of handing over of our Sapper Sarai to the Bengal Sappers unit has been accepted by the Col Comdt (Chairman BSA). A formal letter is being sent to Col Comdt of Bengal Sappers and the process of handing over has started.

18. **Gurnam Boys Academy (GBA).** The Vice Chairman informed that Col Comdt has agreed that out of twenty seats out of the total sixty will be offered to Madras & Bengal Sappers, Maratha Light Infantry and Sikh Light Infantry. Vice chairman said he will discuss with the Col Comdt and add the Mahar Regt in this list also. It was felt that this will not only be a good gesture to offer these seats to these regiments affiliated with the Bombay Sappers but it will also ensure that the GBA will always remain fully occupied. CO Adm Bn informed that at present we have 30 children registered and two more applications have been received yesterday.

19. **BSA Vehicle.** CO Adm Bn informed that the BSA vehicle is being utilized regularly in the last two months and has again has started earning some money instead of going in loss due to low utilization & due to sudden increase in fuel prices. He said that the Driver of the vehicle had not been given a raise in his salary in last two years due to this. He recommended that salary of the driver be increased from 13,500/- to Rs 15,000/- per month. The point was unanimously agreed to by all members.

20. **ESM Rally** CO Adm Bn informed that BEG & Centre will be soon organizing a ESM rally on a big scale. He requested that promulgation of this event be done through the BSA website and the ESM Whats app gp. The point was agreed to by all.

21. As there were no more points, it was decided to proceed with the presentation on investment BSA Funds in instruments other than FDs

Presentation by Asset Banking.

22. Mr Pawan Agarwal CEO of Assets Banking gave a presentation and a specific proposal to invest Rs 1.05 Cr in Company Fixed deposits and FDs to get higher returns. The points covered in his presentation are summarized below

(a) Rates of Interests (ROI) of all banks are in the range of 5.10 % to 5.3% for short periods of 12 to 23 months and max of 5.5% to 5.75% for a longer period 60 – 120 months. (5yr to 10Yrs)

(b) Bombay Sappers Association is regd. under Society Registration Act 1860 and Bombay trust Act : Hence

(i) BSA can invest in Fixed Deposits, and Public Securities Mutual funds approved by Charity Commissioner as per Bombay Trust Act.

(ii) NBFC (Non-Banking Financial Companies) fixed deposits for Min Period of 12 months and Max period of 60 months is allowed

(iii) BSA can claim tax free interest under Sec 11 of the income tax Act, 196

(c) Asset Banking has considered following points while making an investment proposal.

(i) High level of Safety and Rating with Higher Rate of interest.

(ii) FD Allowed under Guidelines by Income tax act and Bombay Trust Act.

(iii) Credit rating of Company in which investment suggested – Above AA + AND AAA rated

(iv) Investments by other corporate/trusts/establishments/regiments in these FD

(d) Based on above points Asset Banking suggested that we should invest in Fixed Deposit schemes of PNB Housing FD & Shriram Fixed Deposit which are NBFCs and portion in selected MFs allowed under the Bombay Trust Act 1950

(e) Existing Fixed Deposit of BSA

(i) Total Amount Invested in FDs: Rs 5.80 Cr with ROI of 5.40 % - 6.85%

(ii) FDs with ROI of 6.75 – 6.85 % = Rs 475 Lakhs these should continue as it is.

(iii) FDs with ROI of 5.40 – 6.25 % = Rs 105 Lakhs. To be broken and reinvested as per proposal given below

(f) Investment Proposal for Rs105 Lakhs

Sr no	Fund Name	Tenure	ROI	Amount %	Allocation
1	PNB Housing FD	5yrs	7.25%	30 Lakhs	28%
2	Shriram Transport Co. FD	5yrs	7.90%	40 Lakhs	38%
3	Mutual funds	5yrs	12-13%	35 Lakhs	33%

(g) Details Of PNB Housing

(i) FD rating FAA+(CRISIL) FD Credit Quality rating FAA+

(ii) Company Est in 1988 with key business of Housing Loans and loans against property. India's second largest govt Housing Finance Company, promoted by PNB.

(iii) Paraplegic Rehab Centre, Artillery Centre Nasik, AGIF, AWPO and AIT are some Defence Establishments investing in this company apart from LIC of India, HDFC Bank, Aditya Birla SunLife Insurance, SBI Trust & Postal Life Insurance Fund are other investors

(h) Details of Sriram Transport Company

(i) Established in 1979 – largest vehicle finance company in India. AUM: Rs. 1.11 Lakh Crore

(ii) FD Safety Rating – FAAA (CRISIL), FD Credit Quality Rating – MAA+ / stable (ICRA).

(iii) Strong Capital Adequacy Ratio 21.4% (RBI mandate – 15%)

(iv) Regt of Artillery Association, Army Pension Scheme, Naval Group Insurance Fund, Indian Naval Benevolent Fund, Indian Naval Amenities Fund, AIT are some of the Def establishments investing in this scheme apart from NPS Trust, LIC of India, UTI MF Trust , SBI MF Trust , Oriental Bank Of Commerce who are investing in this company FDs

(j) Mutual Funds Proposed for investments. Out of 50 different funds, 5 funds have been shortlisted.

(i) Funds Selected basis on past track record and as per Future portfolio analysis

(ii) All below MF are approved as per Bombay trust act.

(iii) Funds selected as under

Ser	Name of Fund	Category	Amount	% Returns in 5yrs
1.	SBI Large & Mid Cap	Large & Midcap	Rs 7 lacs	16.26%
2	SBI Consumption Opportunity Thematic		Rs 7 lacs	13.74%
3	ICICI large & Mid Cap	Large & Midcap	Rs 7 Lacs	14.4 %
4	Nippon India Vision Fund	Large & Midcap	Rs 7 Lacs	11.98%
5	Sundaram Multicap Fund	Large & Midcap	Rs 7 Lacs	16.5%

(k) Documentation to start Investments

- 1 Pan card, Address Proof of BSA,
2. Proof of Society, Trust, AOP, Firm, Govt body etc.,
3. Signatory Pan card, Adhaar card, 1 photo each
4. Tax exemption documents of BSA
5. Last 2yr Balance sheet
6. Sign of Auth Signatory on requisite forms

(l) Assets Banking and BSA Agreement Assets Baking will provide Portfolio management services related to Mutual funds, Bonds and Fixed deposits. It includes Research analysis, Presentation, Advice, execution and reviewing of Portfolio. No service charges for above services.

23. Members asked a number of questions and were given suitable explanations by Mr. Agarwal.

Final decision on Investment.

24. After the presentation was over the MC discussed the matter and the members felt that the proposal is good. However, it was decided, we should check back from PRC & QMTI that they are also registered under the Bombay Trust act and investing in in FDs in NBFCs and MFs as proposed by Assets Banking.

25. Col Nidhi Roshyan, Secy cum Treasure, suggested that we should not touch FDs at Ser 14 & 15 invested @ 6.85% annual interest and only break FDs at Ser 16 to 19 (**Refer Appx B**) which were fetching only 5.4% & 5.5% interest per annum. This was discussed and it was decided that we should only redeem /break FDs at Ser 16 to 19 for reinvestment.

26. **Thus, it was finally decided that an amount of only Rs 82 lacs instead of Rs 1.05 Crs proposed by Assets Banking be invested in MFs and FDs with PNB Housing and Sriram Transport.**

27. There being no other points the 65th MCM was thereafter declared as closed.



[Brig SR Mazagaonkar (Retd)]

Director
BSA

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Bombay Sappers Association,
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01 Aug 2022

Distribution: -

Chairman, Bombay Sappers Association

Vice Chairman, Secy-Cum-Treasurer, Honorary Gen Secretary,

All members of the Management Committee, Dir BSA Northern Region,

All Bombay Sappers Units

Website of BSA & Whats App Group of Bombay Sappers ESMS

DONATIONS TAKEN IN CORPUS- FY 2022-23

Sr No	<u>NAME OF DONOR</u>	Amount donated (Rs)
1	Mrs Poonam Gupta W/O Late Lt Col RK Gupta	50,000.00
2	Brig Awtar Singh Gill (Retd)	30,000.00
	Total	80,000.00

DONATIONS- FY 2022-23 (USED FOR WELFARE)

Sr No	<u>NAME OF DONOR</u>	Amount donated
1	Brig SR Mazagaonkar (Retd)	10000.00
	Total	10,000.00

Summary

Donations taken directly into Corpus : Rs.80, 000/-

Donations recd and to be used for welfare schemes : Rs.10, 000/-

Total: Rs. 90,000/-

DETAILS OF FDs OF BSA

Ser	FDR No	Amount (Rs)	Rate of Interest	Duration	Date of Maturity	Annual Interest (Rs)
1	37641978205	1000000.00	6.75%	10Yrs	10-Apr-28	69228.00
2	37660488093	2100000.00	6.75%	10Yrs	20-Apr-28	145378.00
3	37820739998	2550000.00	6.75%	10Yrs	18-Jul-28	173578.00
4	37820740347	2600000.00	6.75%	10Yrs	18-Jul-28	176980.00
5	37832343802	8600000.00	6.75%	10Yrs	24-Jul-28	585398.00
6	37901598650	4375000.00	6.85%	10Yrs	27-Aug-28	302254.00
7	37994570690	16500000.00	6.85%	10Yrs	05-Oct-28	1139928.00
8	38121211301	1077000.00	6.85%	10Yrs	11-Dec-28	74406.00
9	38164968235	1800000.00	6.85%	10Yrs	31-Jan-28	124356.00
10	38196067822	3500000.00	6.85%	10Yrs	15-Jan-29	241802.00
11	38257762964	3200000.00	6.85%	10Yrs	10-Feb-29	221076.00
12	38367039177	20000.00	6.85%	10Yrs	25-Mar-29	1382.00
13	38382193776	225000.00	6.85%	10Yrs	05-Apr-29	15544.00
14	38947517635	2100000.00	6.25%	10Yrs	22-Nov-29	132276.00
15	39036596025	150000.00	6.25%	10Yrs	29-Dec -29	9448.00
16	39866814790	1850000.00	5.40%	10Yrs	14-Dec-30	100574.32
17	40100732250	1550000.00	5.40%	10Yrs	26-Mar-31	85410.22
18	40223541846	1200000.00	5.40%	10Yrs	11-Jun-31	66124.049
19	10940825300	3600000.00	5.50%	10Yrs	26-Apr- 32	202121.312
	Total	5,79,97,000.00				3867263.90
	Total Ser 14 to 19	1,04,50,000.00				

Total Ser 16 to 19 is **82,00,000.00**