

**BOMBAY SAPPERS ASSOCIATION**  
**MINUTES OF THE 68<sup>th</sup> MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**HELD ON 20 MAY 2023**

1. The 68<sup>th</sup> Management Committee meeting of the Bombay Sappers Association was held on 20 May 2023 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: -

(a) Brig DG Patwardhan	- Vice Chairman
(b) Maj Gen SG Pitre (Retd)	- Hony Gen Secy
(c) Lt Gen SS Hasabnis, PVSM, AVSM, ADC(Retd)	- Member
(d) Brig Sukhvir Sharma (Retd)	- Member
(e) Brig SR Mazagaonkar (Retd)	- Director, BSA
(f) Col Nidhi Roshyan	- Secy-cum-Treasurer
(g) Maj Mahesh Pawar	- Member
(j) Sub Maj (Hony Capt) RS Misal (Retd)	- Member
(h) Sub Maj Jodha Singh	- Asst Secy

**Induction of Sub Maj Jodha Singh as Asst Secy BSA**

3. At the outset Vice Chairman Brig DG Patwardhan introduced and welcomed Sub Maj Jodha Singh, who has recently joined as Group Sub Maj of BEG & Centre. He will function as the Assistant Secy of BSA in the Management Committee. He said Sub Maj Jodha Singh has served as the SM in 115 Engr Regt when the regiment was in high altitude and was operating in Galwan Valley during the crisis situation.

**Agenda for 68<sup>th</sup> MCM**

4. Director after seeking permission of the chair proceeded with the MCM. He gave out the agenda points to be discussed in the 68<sup>th</sup>MCM: -

- (a) Approval of Minutes of 67<sup>th</sup>MCM.
- (b) Recap of Activities & Financials of Fin Yr 2022-23
- (c) BSA Activities till date in Fin Yr 2023-24
- (d) Proposed Budget for Fin Yr 2023-24.
- (e) Misc info points from Director.
- (f) Points from members of MC.

**Approval of Minutes of 67<sup>th</sup>MCM**

5. Director proposed that minutes of 67<sup>th</sup> MCM (Last MCM held on 20 Jan 23), 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 Lt Gen SS Hasabnis PVSM,AVSM,ADC(Retd) and seconded by Col Nidhi Roshyan.***

**Recap of BSA activities and financials of fin yr. 2022-23.**

6. **BSA Newsletters.** Director informed that four quarterly News letters were issued for the Fin Year 2022-23 on dates mentioned below:-

- (a) 18 July 2022
- (b) 31 Oct 2022
- (c) 04 Jan 2022
- (d) 03 May 2023

7. **Management Committee meetings.** Three Quarterly MCMs were held in Fin Year 2022-23.

- (a) 22 Jul 2022 -65<sup>th</sup>MCM
- (b) 01 Oct 2022 -66<sup>th</sup>MCM
- (c) 20 Jan 2023 -67<sup>th</sup>MCM

8. **Expenditure on welfare activities till Fin Yr 2022-23.** A total of Rs 29.45 lacs was spent on various welfare schemes and activities. Director displayed the details of expenditures in a tabulated form as given below: -

**EXPENDITURE OF VARIOUS WELFARE MEASURES IN FIN YR 2022-23**

Ser	GRANTS	AMOUNT(Rs)
(a)	Edn Scholarship (Children of 55JCOs & 153 ORs)	1,91,600.00
(b)	Edn Grant to Children of widows (EGCW) (173 Children of 98 widows)	6,21,000.00
(c)	Distress Grant (03 ESMs, 01 Serving, 01 Widow & 01 Orphan)	60,000.00
(d)	Imdt Grant (36 x Widows / NOK)	3,60,000.00
(e)	Grant to widows for daughter's marriage (03 x Widows)	75,000.00
(f)	Grant for Professional Courses (Including awardees of previous yrs)	3,40,000.00
(g)	Madhuri Gupta Scholarship (Including awardees of previous yrs)	1,75,000.00
(h)	Col Kumar Scholarship (Including awardees of previous yrs.)	48,000.00
(j)	Aid to GBA	6,00,000.00
(k)	Indira Dasannacharya Scholarship (03 x Children)	15,000.00
(l)	Felicitation of NDA Cadet (04 x Children)	20,000.00
(m)	Grant to Sapper Sarais (202 CEDU Sapper Sarai)	3,00,000.00
(n)	Subsidy for FORCE course participants (28 ESMs)	1,40,000.00
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>29,45,600.00</b>

9. **Income Expenditure in last Fin. Yr. 2022-23** The Director informed that we had an Income of Rs 43.32lacs against our estimated figure of Rs 42 lacs. However, total expenditure was Rs 42.52 Lacs against planned expdr of Rs 42 lacs. He displayed the details which are as tabulated below: -

**INCOME FIN YR 2022-23**

Ser	Head of Income	Anticipated Income (Rs)	Actual Income (Rs)
(i)	Interest from FDs	36,65,142.00	36,65,142.00
(ii)	Interest from Sweep & Savings Account	80,000.00	73,633.00
(iii)	Income from Duplicate Cards	40,000.00	23,301.00
(iv)	Donations	4,15,000.00	5,70,101.00
	Total	42,00,142.00 Say 42 Lacs	43,32,177.00

**EXPENDITURE FIN YR 2022-23**

Ser	Head of Expdr	Budget for 2022-23 Approved in AGM(Rs)	Total Expdr Fin Yr 2022-23(Rs)
(i)	EdnScholarship (48 JCOs and 147 ORs Children)	2,00,000.00	1,91,600.00
(ii)	Edn Grant (Children of widows)	6,00,000.00	6,21,000.00
(iii)	Distress Grant (1 ESM & 1 serving)	1,50,000.00	60,000.00
(iv)	Imdt Relief (14 Widows / NOK)	4,50,000.00	3,60,000.00
(v)	Grant for Marriage of Daughters of widows (3 widows)	3,00,000.00	75,000.00

Ser	Head of Expdr	Budget for 2022-23 Approved in AGM (Rs)	Total Expdr Fin Yr 2022-23 (Rs)
(vi)	Grant for Professional Courses	3,10,000.00	3,40,000.00
(vii)	Col Kumar Scholarship	48,000.00	48,000.00
(viii)	Madhuri Gupta Scholarship	1,50,000.00	1,75,000.00
(ix)	Aid to GBA	5,00,000.00	6,00,000.00
(x)	Indira Dasannacharya Scholarship	15,000.00	15,000.00
(xi)	Felicitation of NDA /IMA cadets	25,000.00	20,000.00
(xii)	Grants for Sapper Sarais	3,00,000.00	3,00,000.00
(xiii)	Salary	8,70,000.00	8,54,000.00
(xiv)	Maint of Cmptr (incl website maint& hosting charges)	32,000.00	30,857.00
(xv)	Tele Bill/Internet	25,000.00	19,056.00
(xvi)	Office Expdr	45,000.00	32,264.00
(xvii)	Audit Fees	35,000.00	35,000.00
(xviii)	Misc. Incl approved expdr of Rs 1.4 lacs subsidy for FORCE course and 2.9 lacs for the new office of BSA	1,45,000.00	4,71,430.00
	<b>Total</b>	<b>42,00,000.00</b>	<b>42,52,247.00</b>

**BSA Activities till date in Fin Yr. 2023-24**

10. **Membership of BSA.** The present state of members, who have paid life membership fees, as on 15 May 2023 is: -

(a)	Officers	-	1,828
(b)	JCOs / ORs	-	<u>52,429</u>
	Total	-	<u>54,247</u>

11. **BSA Membership to Agniveers.** The issue of giving BSA membership to Agniveers was discussed in last MCM and the same was further discussed with the Col Comdt by Brig DG Patwardhan. At this juncture Brig DG Patwardhan, Vice Chairman BSA, informed the MC, that the Col Comdt has said that he agrees with the idea of giving life membership to Agniveers, however he has conveyed that final decision should be taken after all members of MC give their concurrence with due deliberations on financial liabilities arising out of this decision in future. The matter was discussed briefly and all agreed that keeping in mind the spirit behind the motto '**Once a Bombay Sapper always a Bombay Sapper**' we must make all Agniveers permanent life members of BSA.

12. **BSA office shifted to new location.** Director informed that the BSA office has been relocated to the newly constructed Empowerment Centre, just behind the new Motivational Hall of Adm Bn.

13. **Amount spent on welfare schemes.** No boards have been held this year for BSA schemes. However, Rs 70,000/- has been spent on giving Imdt Relief to seven widows/NOK so far in this Fin Yr. This is a little alarming as it is on the higher side and also there are a couple of suicide cases among these.

14. **Status of Investments in NBFCs and MFs.** Director Informed that the court order from the Charity Commissioner's office was finally recd in April 2023 and we have invested Rs 82 lacs in NBFCs and MFS as planned. Details of the same were as given below: -

Ser No	Type of Investment	Name of Fund	FD/Folio No	Amount in (Lac Rs)
<b>(A)</b>	<b><u>FIXED DEPOSIT</u></b>			
(i)	Fixed Deposit	PNB Housing Finance Fund	4911082	50.00
			<b>Sub Total</b>	<b><u>Rs 50 Lacs</u></b>
<b>(B)</b>	<b><u>MUTUAL FUND</u></b>			
(i)	Mutual Fund	Aditya Birla Sun Life (ABSL)Equity Advantage Fund Reg (G)	1044495819	7.00
(ii)	Mutual Fund	Nippon India Vision Fund(G)	4072821027	7.00
(iii)	Mutual Fund	SBI Consumption Opportunities Fund(G)	33247405	6.00
(iv)	Mutual Fund	SBI Large & Midcap Fund Reg(G)	33247405	7.00
(v)	Mutual Fund	SBI Technology Opportunities Fund Reg(G)	33247405	5.00
			<b>Sub Total</b>	<b><u>Rs 32 Lacs</u></b>
			<b>Grand Total (A+B)</b>	<b><u>Rs 82 Lacs</u></b>

15. **SOP for BSA Distress Grant Scheme.** Director informed that it was decided to enhance the one-time financial assistance under this scheme from Rs10,000/- to Rs 20,000/-. Keeping the same in view the SOP of the scheme was amended and a fresh SOP has been promulgated.

16. **Approval of SOP for Lt Col AS Dave Distress grant scheme.** The draft SOP was prepared and circulated to all the MC members for comments. Gen SG Pitre (Retd) had some queries/comments. Director informed that the draft SOP has been amended now as per his suggestions. He also informed that now, Rs 65,000/- will be available annually, as interest on Rs 10 Lacs donated by Maj R Dave (Retd) for this scheme. This is because the annual interest on our old FDs has been revised to 6.5% as per latest regulations of RBI. The SOP was put up to all MC members in their respective folders. Members went through the SOP and after some discussions and clarification the director requested all members to approve the SOP. ***The SOP was approved by all members.***

17. **Income Expdr in current Fin Yr. till date.** Director informed that we recd an Income of Rs 9.14 lacs which included Rs 35000/- recd as donations. We have incurred an expdr of Rs 2.13 lacs till 15 May 2023. He displayed the details in tabulated form as shown below:

**INCOME FIN YR 2023-24**

Ser No	Head of Income	Income till 15 <sup>th</sup> May 2023 (Rs)
(i)	Interest from FDs	<b>8,74,543.00</b>
(ii)	Interest from Sweep/Saving Acct	<b>2,569.00</b>
(iii)	Income from duplicate card charges	<b>2,500.00</b>
(iv)	Donations	<b>35,000.00</b>
	<b>Total</b>	<b>9,14,612.00</b>

**EXPENDITURE FIN YR 2023-24**

<b>Ser No</b>	<b>Head of Expdr</b>	<b>Expdr till 15 May2023 (Rs)</b>
(i)	Edn Scholarship	Nil
(ii)	Edn Grant (Children of widows)	Nil
(iii)	Distress Grant	Nil
(iv)	Lt Col AS Dave Distress Grant	Nil
(v)	Imdt Relief	70,000.00
(vi)	Grant for Marriage of Daughters of widows	Nil
(vii)	Grant for Professional Courses	Nil
(viii)	Madhuri Gupta Scholarship (previous years awardees)	50,000.00
(ix)	Col Kumar Scholarship	Nil
(x)	Aid to GBA	Nil
(xi)	Indira Dasannacharya Scholarship	Nil
(xii)	Subsidy for FORCE course participants	Nil
(xiii)	Felicitation of NDA/IMA cadets	Nil
(xiv)	Grant to Sapper Sarais	Nil
(xv)	Salary	73,500.00
(xvi)	Maint of Cmptr (incl website maint & hosting charges)	Nil
(xvii)	Tele Bill/Internet	3,183.00
(xviii)	Office Expdr	630.00
(xix)	Audit Fees	Nil
(xx)	Misc. (incl Blinds /Roller Blinds for New Office)	16,500.00
	<b>Total</b>	<b>2,13,813.00</b>

**Proposed Budget for 2023-24**

18. The Director then proceeded to give out the proposed tentative budget for the Fin Yr 2023-24. He said that this will a tentative budget which will be presented for approval in the next AGM. He went on to present figures of anticipated income based on the actual income in the last fin year which is as shown below:-

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**ANTICIPATED INCOME FOR FIN YR 2023-24**

<b>Ser No</b>	<b>Head of Income</b>	<b>Income in Fin Yr 2022-23</b>	<b>Anticipated Income in Fin Yr 2023-24</b>
(i)	Interest from FDs	36,65,142.00	35,30,413.00
(ii)	Interest from Sweep	73,633.00	80,000.00
(iii)	Income from duplicate card charges and Interest from saving A/c	23,301.00	25,0000.00
(iv)	Donations	5,70,101.00	5,70,000.00
	<b>Total</b>	<b>43,32,177.00</b>	<b>42,05,413.00</b> <b>Say 42 Lacs</b>

19. Director pointed out that this year the income from interest on FDs has gone down as no annual interest will accrue from Rs 32 Lacs invested in MFs. Also, only one half-yearly interest will be recd on Rs 50 Lacs invested in May 2023 in PNB housing Fund FD. Hence, the anticipated income will be Rs 42 lacs and we will have to plan our annual expenditures on a figure of Rs 42 lacs. He gave out the details of planned expenditures under different heads in a tabulated form as shown below:-

**PROPOSED BUDGET FOR FIN YR 2023-24**

<b>Ser No</b>	<b>Head of Expdr</b>	<b>Expdr FY 2022-23</b>	<b>Proposed Budget FY 2023-24</b>
(i)	Edn Scholarship	1,91,600.00	2,00,000.00
(ii)	Edn Grant (Children of widows)	6,21,000.00	6,00,000.00
(iii)	Distress Grant	60,000.00	1,40,000.00
(iv)	Lt Col AS Dave Distress Grant	0.00	65,000.00
(v)	Imdt Relief	3,60,000.00	4,00,000.00
(vi)	Grant for Marriage of Daughters of widows	75,000.00	1,50,000.00
(vii)	Grant for Professional Courses	3,40,000.00	4,00,000.00
(viii)	Madhuri Gupta Scholarship	1,75,000.00	2,25,000.00
(ix)	Col Kumar Scholarship	48,000.00	72,000.00
(x)	Aid to GBA	6,00,000.00	3,00,000.00
(xi)	Indira Dasannacharya Scholarship	15,000.00	15,000.00
(xii)	Subsidy for FORCE Course participants	0.00	3,00,000.00
(xiii)	Felicitation of NDA/IMA cadets	20,000.00	20,000.00

(xiv)	Grant to Sapper Sarais	3,00,000.00	2,00,000.00
(xv)	Salary	8,54,000.00	8,88,000.00
(xvi)	Maint of Cmptr (incl website maint & hosting charges)	30,857.00	35,000.00
(xvii)	Tele Bill/Internet	19,096.00	20,000.00
(xviii)	Office Expdr	36,264.00	35,000.00
(xix)	Audit Fees	35,000.00	35,000.00
(xx)	Misc	4,71,430.00	1,00,000.00
		42,52,247.00	42,00,000.00 Rs 42 Lacs

20. Director said that this year we will be paying Rs 20,000/- each as fin assistance under BSA Distress scheme, hence Rs 1.4 lacs have been catered against last year's expdr of Rs60,000/-. Expdr on Scholarships for professional courses is based on actual amounts to be paid to previous years awardees and amount to be paid to fresh awardees of this year. Regarding GBA he said last year a donation was recd from a corporate company specifically for GBA hence we paid Rs 6 lacs. This year also if we get such a donation this amount of Rs 3 lacs can be enhanced.

21. Director then drew every one's attention to Ser 4 wherein we have made a provision of Rs 65000/- for Lt Col AS Dave Distress scheme and to Ser 12 wherein we have made a provision of Rs 3 lacs as subsidy to participants of FORCE course. It was decided last year that Rs 5000/- each will be given as subsidy in fees to persons attending FORCE course. Last year we paid 1.4 Lacs for the same from the Misc. Funds head. Adm Bn has planned two courses of 30 pers each in June 23 & Oct /Nov 23. Hence the Rs 3 Lacs for 60 participants. In case the str is less the unutilized funds can be diverted to other heads. He also pointed out that this year we have reduced the allocation for Sapper Sarais as, firstly Jalandhar Sapper Sarai has been handed over and secondly, we need not allot funds to the Delhi Cantt Sapper Sarai as we had given Rs 3 lacs last year for its upgradation.

22. Vice Chairman pointed out that this year we must allot max funds for upgradation of the Adm Bn Sapper Sarai considering that we will be hosting lots of guests in Jan 2024 during the Bombay Sappers Reunion.

23 Director then requested all members to approve the tentative Budget for the Fin Year 2023-24.  
***The budget was approved by all members of MC.***

**Misc. info points from Director.**

24. Three-day Management Training Program by Dept of Mgt Sciences of Pune Univ (PUMBA) was carried out for Pension Batch. Vice Chairman informed that this capsule will be held every month and will be funded by the pension batch persons as the fees are very reasonable. Capt (Dr) Chitale (Retd) of Pune University has taken keen interest in organizing this capsule at very reasonable rates

25. FORCE course of this year is commencing in June 2023. Five persons have already registered for this course. This will be open to serving as well as retired Bombay Sappers.

26. Results of Xth&XIIth students of GBA. The results have been quite encouraging wherein all eleven students who appeared have passed and two have scored above 70% marks.

**Misc. info points from Members.**

27. Maj Gen SG Pitre (Retd) brought out that when he conducted interviews for students competing to join the Services Preparatory institute (SPI) run by the Govt Of Maharashtra, (SPI is an institute which admits 60 students through a competitive exam, for a residential course of two years wherein students are prepared for NDA along with their studies in Class XI & XII) he noticed that the awareness levels and academic standards of children coming from rural areas was exceptionally high. This year keeping in mind that girls are allowed in NDA, girls were also interviewed and the standard of girls appearing was exceptionally high. He also pointed out that girls who are presently in NDA are also doing well in all in all competitions in NDA.

28 He said keeping this in mind and considering that GBA is still not fully occupied we must consider admitting girls in the GBA. However, details have to be worked out for their safety etc. It was discussed and decided that we should get a feed back from units and PBOR as to how many parents will be willing to admit girls in GBA. Director also requested Sub Maj Jodha Singh, Group Sub Major and Asst Secy BSA to have a word with other SMs and get a feedback. It was also pointed out that a number of JCOs and ORs serving in the Centre on posting out, hire accommodation outside and continue studies of their children in APS /KV BEG. These men should be encouraged to admit their children in GBA.

29. **Renovation and Extension of the Bombay Sappers Memorial.** Brig DG Patwardhan informed that we plan to carry out extensive repair and renovation works on the Bombay Sappers Memorial which will include adding panels to engrave names of all our martyrs who laid down their lives in operations after Aug 1947 i.e. post-independence. He said we are trying to get donations from the corporates incl SBI. He said as BSA can receive donations and issue IT exemption certificates we may have to receive donations through BSA. Director said that we will check on this and comeback. Maj Gen SG Pitre (Retd) said there should be no problems on this. *All we have to do is pass a resolution signed by all members of the MCto spend our funds for this purpose.*

30. There being no other points Vice Chairman declared the meeting as closed.



(Brig SR Mazagaonkar, Retd)  
Director  
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26 May 2023

**Distribution: -**

Chairman, Bombay Sappers Association

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All members of the Management Committee,

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All Bombay Sappers Units

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