

**VARIOUS BENEFITS/SCHEMES/CONCESSIONS/ASSISTANCE PROVIDED
OR EXTENDED TO ESM, WAR WIDOWS, BATTLE WOUNDED AND
DEPENDENTS FROM THE STATE GOVERNMENT OF KERALA**

1. EMPLOYMENT ASSISTANCE

- (a) All Posts / Recruitments in the Department of State Sainik Welfare are exclusively reserved for Ex-Servicemen post 01 Mar 1964.
- (b) Civilian posts in the N.C.C. Department are reserved for Ex-Servicemen.
- (c) 10% of Vacancies for the post of Livestock Inspectors in the Animal Husbandry Department through Direct Recruitment are reserved for the Ex-Servicemen personnel, their dependants and also to the dependants of serving personnel.
- (d) 10% of the vacancies are reserved to wives and children of Jawans for appointment as female wardens, Hospital cleaners and Ayahs in Govt Hospitals.
- (e) 10% of the vacancies to the post of Police Constable (Drivers) are reserved to Ex-Servicemen (Conditions apply)
- (f) Concessions are granted to Ex-Servicemen as per the following by the State Public Selection Commission (PSC) for the Recruitment to the post of Excise Inspector:
 - (i) Relaxation in educational qualification from degree to S.S.L.C.
 - (ii) Relaxation in physical standard.
 - (iii) Weightage is granted by the P.S.C. to Ex-Servicemen candidates according to their length of service, gallantry awards.
 - (iv) Priority for sponsoring through Employment Exchanges.
- (g) State Government provides age relaxation by counting the period of Military service plus period of unemployment after discharge from the Armed Forces up to a maximum of 5 years.
- (h) Wives of Jawans of Defence forces will be given preference in the matter of recruitment (through PSC) as teacher when all other things are equal.

(i) **Employment assistance to NOK / Dependents of personnel killed in action**

(i) The State Government of Kerala provides employment assistance in the State service to the NOK / dependants of the defence personnel and GREF / BSF personnel attached to military duty **killed / disabled / missing due to reasons attributable to military service.**

(ii) Age concessions of 10 years over and above the existing age limits allowed to wives and dependents of Jawans killed in action for recruitment through Employment Exchanges.

2. **FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO ESM / DEPENDANTS**

(a) **Grant of Financial Assistance from State Mil Benevolent Fund (SMBF) / District Mil Benevolent Fund (DMBF)** An amount ranging from Rs 5000/- to Rs 6000/- is given from the SMBF to Ex-servicemen / Widows provided the annual income of the family is less than Rs. 50,000/-. This grant from District Military Benevolent Fund is Rs 3000/- to Rs. 4000/-.

(b) **Immediate Financial Assistance**

(i) To alleviate the immediate nature of financial distress of ex-servicemen or their dependants, immediate financial assistance is granted from the SMBF at the rates of Rs. 25,000/- and Rs. 10,000/- by the Chief Minister and the Director of Sainik Welfare respectively. District Collector & Zila Sainik Welfare officer can sanction an amount of Rs 5000/- & Rs 2000/- respectively from the DMBF.

(ii) Financial Assistance (Monthly grant for two years) to old infirm Ex-Servicemen of Rs 2,000/- per month is also given apart from the above grant.

(c) **Ex-Gratia Allowance** Lump sums grant of Rs 10,000/- is given to the family (Widow / Dependants) of an Ex-serviceman in the event of his death to alleviate their immediate financial crisis without stipulating any conditions.

(d) **Marriage Grants** A sum of Rs 10000/- is given to poor Ex-servicemen for the marriage of two of his daughters. The application has to be submitted within six months from the date of marriage.

(e) **Financial Assistance to Blind Ex-servicemen / Blind Widows of Ex-servicemen / Blind Wives of ESM / Blind dependent children of ESM**

A sum of Rs 1000/- per month is given to blind ex-servicemen / blind widows / blind wives of ex-servicemen / dependents who are totally blind in both the eyes, without stipulating income limit and subjected to SMBF rules. The amount of grant are sent by Money Order.

(f) **Financial Assistance to Mentally Retarded Children** A sum of Rs. 1000/- per month is given to mentally retarded children of Ex-servicemen.

(g) **Onam Festival Grants** A sum of Rs. 2000/- is given as special grant to celebrate Onam festival to all Ex-servicemen inmates of TB / Leprosy sanatoriums of the State.

(h) **Financial Assistance to Physically Disabled Children** A sum of Rs. 1000/- per month is given to physically disabled son / daughter of Ex-servicemen.

(j) **Grant to orphan children of Ex-Servicemen** Financial Assistance is granted to orphan children of Ex- Servicemen of all categories at the rate of Rs 2000/- per month up to the age of 21 or up to marriage subject to certain conditions.

(k) **Grant to old age homes providing shelter to aged Ex-Servicemen / widows**

(i) The purpose of the scheme is to extend support to the poor and aged Ex-Servicemen admitted in recognized old age homes in the State. Those who have attained the age of 65 years are eligible under this scheme. The grant of Rs 2000/- per month will be paid to the Old Age Homes after scrutinizing applications obtained from the inmates in this regard through the Zila Sainik Welfare Office concerned.

(ii) Apart from the above a financial assistance of Rs 500/- per month is also admissible to Ex-servicemen / Widows staying at old aged home.

(l) **Ex-gratia Grant.**

(i) The Dependants of Military / Para Military personnel killed in action / militant action are given a grant of Rs.15,000/-.

(ii) Military / Para Military personnel disabled / wounded in action / militant action are given a grant which varies from Rs.5,000/- to Rs 15,000/- in accordance with the percentage of disability.

(iii) Personnel belonging to other states died or disabled while serving in Kerala are also eligible for this grant.

(m) **Chief Minister's Sainik Welfare Fund** Financial assistance up to a maximum of Rs 10 lakh is provided to Military / Para-military / GREF personnel who have killed / disabled in action. The amount of assistance will be distributed between the wife and parents of the deceased in the ratio 3:1.

(n) **Cash Awards to Recipients of TA Medals** Territorial Army personnel who are recipients of TA decorations / TA Medals are eligible for cash award of Rs 5000/-.

(o) **Financial Assistance to World War Veterans**

(i) The widows of Second World War Veterans (in service from September 1939 to April 1946) are provided with financial assistance of Rs 750/- per month.

(ii) The Second World War Veterans (in service from September 1939 to April 1946) are provided with financial assistance of Rs 1500/- per month.

3. PROGRAMME / SCHEMES IN TERMS OF EDUCATION TO CHILDREN OF ESM :-

(a) **Cash Award to SSLC, CBSE and ICSE Top Scorers** Cash award of Rs 3000/- is given to the top scorer with A+ / A1 grade in all subjects in SSLC, CBSE & ICSE.

(b) **Financial Assistance to Children of Ex-servicemen who are undergoing coaching classes to appear for SET, NET, JRF, ICWA, CA, Civil Services Examination etc** One time grant of Rs 10,000/- (Rupees ten thousand only) are paid to Children of Ex-servicemen who are undergoing coaching classes for SET, NET, JRF, ICWA, CA, Civil Services Examination.

(c) **Scholarship to the Children of Ex-servicemen studying in Professional / Vocational and Technical Courses** Children of Ex-Servicemen studying in various Professional / Vocational / Technical Courses are eligible for Scholarship of an amount ranging from Rs 2000/- to Rs. 7000/- per year from Amalgamated Fund (AF) subject to certain conditions.

(d) **Scholarship to the Children of Ex-Servicemen studying at Sainik School, Kazhakoottam** Scholarship at the rate of Rs 10,000/- each to students who are in Xth Std from the AF is granted to the children of ESM who are domicile of Kerala.

(e) **Financial Assistance to children of Ex-Servicemen for entrance coaching** Students who are preparing for Entrance Examination in Medical/Engineering Course are eligible for financial assistance at the rate of Rs 6000/- subject to conditions. This grant is sanctioned to 300 students on first come first basis.

(f) **Merit Scholarships** Bright students among the children of Ex-Servicemen studying from post-metric class to post-graduate and other courses are eligible for scholarships varying from Rs 2000/- to Rs 3500/-.

(g) **Scholarship to children studying / undergoing courses at RIMC And NDA / IMA**

(i) Lump Sum Grant and scholarship are being paid to cadets who are domiciled from Kerala and undergoing training at the National Defence Academy and the Rashtriya Indian Military College.

(ii) Pocket money at the rate of Rs 1000/- per month is given to one child joining NDA / IMA for training apart from the above.

4. **MEDICAL ASSISTANCE TO ESM / DEPENDANTS**

(a) **Pocket Expenses.** A sum of Rs 2000/- per month is given to each Ex-servicemen / widows of Ex-servicemen inmate of TB / Leprosy sanatoriums in the State irrespective of their income. Free mosquito nets are also provided to them.

(b) **Medical after care grant for TB / Leprosy patients** Assistance of Rs 1000/- per month is given to every Ex-Serviceman (for a maximum period of three years only after the cessation of payment from Red Cross Society.) who is undergoing treatment as outpatient on account of TB / Leprosy.

(c) **Medical After Care Grant to Cancer Patients** A sum of Rs 1000/- per month is given to every Ex-servicemen / Widows / Wives of Ex-servicemen cancer patients for a period of one year and two years for non pensioners without stipulating income limit and subjected to SMBF rules.

(d) **Financial Assistance to Paraplegic Rehabilitation Centre, Pune**

(i) A monthly financial assistance of Rs 1000/- per month is admissible to the inmates of Paraplegic Rehabilitation Centre, Pune who belongs to the State of Kerala.

(ii) State Govt provides railway ticket charges for 2nd class Sleeper once a year to the close relatives of the inmates.

(e) **Financial Assistance to aged Ex-Servicemen under medical scheme** Under the scheme, a sum of Rs. 1000/- is reimbursed to the aged Ex-Servicemen for purchase of medicines for his medical treatment subject to certain conditions (One time grant).

(f) **Financial Assistance to kidney patients for Dialysis** Under the scheme, a sum of Rs 1000/- per dialysis up to a maximum of Rs 20000/- is given to Ex-servicemen / widows of Ex-servicemen / dependents undergoing dialysis for kidney ailments.

(g) **In addition to the above, the following assistances are given to the Ex-servicemen / Widows :-**

(i) One bed each in all Taluk Hospitals reserved to Ex-servicemen and their dependants

(ii) One bed each in all District Hospitals reserved to Ex-servicemen and their dependants

(h) **Special Casual Leave for Re-survey Medical Board to Ex-servicemen employed with the State Govt**

(i) Special Casual Leave for a maximum period of 15 days including the transit time for to and fro journeys is granted to Ex-servicemen boarded out of service and re-employed in civil service for appearing before the re-survey Medical Boards for re-assessment of their disability.

(ii) Special Casual Leave is allowed to Ex-servicemen Government servants for replacement / treatment of artificial limb.

(j) **Financial Assistance to Ex-Servicemen not under ECH Scheme**
Financial assistance of Rs 3,000/- per annum is admissible for medical treatment of Ex-Servicemen who are not covered under the ECHS.

5. MONETARY BENEFITS TO RECIPIENTS OF GALLANTRY AND NON GALLANTRY AWARDS

(a) **Monetary Benefits to Recipients of Gallantry Awardees** The recipients of Gallantry Decorations or NOK in the case of posthumously awarded, are eligible for cash award. The details are enumerated as under.

<u>S No</u>	<u>Name of Decorations</u>	<u>Lump Sum Annuity Rs/-</u>
(i)	Param Vir Chakra	Rs. 50,00,000
(ii)	Ashoka Chakra	Rs. 50,00,000
(iii)	Maha Vir Chakra	Rs. 40,00,000
(iv)	Kirithi Chakra	Rs. 36,00,000
(v)	Vir Chakra	Rs. 24,00,000
(vi)	Shourya Chakra	Rs. 20,00,000
(vii)	Sena Medal/Nao Sena Medal/Vayu Sena Medal	Rs. 4,00,000
(viii)	Mention-in dispatch	Rs. 2,00,000

(b) **Monetary Benefits to Recipients of Non Gallantry Awardees** The recipients of Non Gallantry Decorations/or NOK in the case of posthumously awarded, are eligible for cash award. The details are enumerated as under.

<u>S No</u>	<u>Name of Decorations</u>	<u>Lump Sum Annuity</u>
(i)	Sarvotham Yudh Seva Medal	Rs. 40,00,000
(ii)	Utham Yudh Seva Medal	Rs. 32,00,000
(iii)	Yudh Seva Medal	Rs. 4,00,000
(iv)	Param Vishist Seva Medal	Rs.1,00,000

(v)	Athi Vishist Seva Medal	Rs. 50,000
(vi)	Vishist Seva Medal	Rs. 25,000
(vii)	Sena Medal/Nao Sena Medal/Vayu Sena Medal	Rs. 25,000

6. **PROGRAMME / SCHEMES IN TERMS OF HOUSING / LAND ALLOTMENT**

(a) **Grant for repairs of dwelling huts** A onetime grant of Rs 10,000/- is paid to Ex-Servicemen and widows of Ex-Servicemen for repair of dwelling units.

(b) **House Building Grant** The State Government of Kerala has introduced this scheme towards the welfare of the disabled Ex-servicemen boarded out and widows and dependants of jawans died in harness. The amount of grant is Rs 1,00,000/-.

(c) **Housing Scheme**

(i) Preference is given to the application of Ex-servicemen for allotment of land under the Housing Scheme.

(ii) House or house sites are allotted on priority basis by the State Housing Board to Ex-servicemen on payment of cost.

(d) **Allotment of NGO Quarters**

(i) Preference in the matter of allotment of NGO quarters to the wives of Jawans who are reported missing and dead, and wives of Jawan actually stationed in the border areas.

(ii) Allotment of Government Quarters on priority to re-employed Ex-servicemen in the State Government Service.

(e) **House Tax Exemption.**

(i) War widows / widower of any Military personnel who died in action and war disabled are exempted from payment of building tax in Panchayat Areas.

(ii) Ex-Servicemen / widows are exempted from the payment of building tax for the buildings used for their actual residential purpose.

(iii) War widows and war disabled are exempted from payment of house tax (Property tax) for 10 years with effect from the first half of 2000- 2001.

(iv) The parents (Father / Mother) of unmarried Jawans killed in action are also eligible for the above exemption.

(f) **Land Assignment**

(i) Under rule 6 of the Arable land Assignment Rule 1970, one tenth of the available / assignable land in each district is reserved for assignment to disabled Defence personnel and dependents of Defence personnel killed in action.

(ii) 1/20th of the available / assignable land in each district is reserved for assignment to Ex-servicemen.

(iii) The application for this purpose has to be submitted to the concerned Tahsildar in the prescribed form.

(iv) Under Rule 11 (3) of the Kerala Land Assignment Rule, 10% of the area available for assignment in each village is reserved for assignment to Ex-Servicemen for cultivation, house site and beneficial usage.

(v) Preference is given to the Defence personnel and their dependents for allotment of land under the Housing Scheme viz, Land Acquisition and Development Schemes.