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PAYING OF HOMAGE TO AN INDIAN ARMY VETERAN ON OCCURRENCE OF DEATH

1. Refer this HQ letter No B/42283/AG/CW-1 dt 16 Sep 2020 on the sub.

2. A copy of the ibid letter is fwd herewith for reiteration and compliance. All concerned formations/ units/ Station HQs will ensure timely action on receipt of info regarding death of an Indian Army Veteran, in accordance with the provisions contained therein.

3. Station HQs will ensure that requisite assistance for conduct of last rites of veterans is facilitated, as applicable on receipt of intimation from the NOK/ veteran fraternity/ other sources.

4. For info and necy action, pl.

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PAYING OF HOMAGE TO IA VETERAN ON OCCURRENCE OF DEATH

1. As per provns given in SAC 10/5/67 and AO 39/78 mil funeral presently is accorded to I/wg :-

(a) Serving Member of Armed Forces as under :-

(i) While on duty : Irrespective of the place and circumstances of death (no mil honour will be provided to service pers where death is due to one's own misconduct or suicide).

(ii) While not on duty : Only in the event of death occurring in a situ where tps are avbl and subject to discretion of Army Headquarters/ GOC-in-C.

(iii) Mil Funeral will be accorded on death of any of the three Chiefs of Staff of the three Services

(b) Retd Chiefs, Army Cdrs, Vice Chiefs and equivalents subject to avbl of tps. In such cases, scale and conditions prescribed for serving offrs will apply.

2. **Process.** With an aim to ack the services of IA Veteran (Offrs, JCO & ORs) to the nation, process as given below is planned to be implemented, on the death of a Veteran, who is otherwise not auth a mil funeral :-

(a) The death of a IA Veteran to incl place of death and time of funeral shall be communicated to the nearest fmn / unit by any pers (NOK, Civ, Veteran, Mil pers etc).

(b) On receipt of such an info, concerned unit / fmn will fwd info the concerned Stn HQ.

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(d) Stn HQ will detail a team of two / three pers (one Offr / JCO / NCO and one / two OR) alongwith a wreath to attend the funeral and pay condolences on behalf of the Indian Army. They will handover the entitled funeral grant to the NOK (ADLRS) and condolence DO on behalf of COAS signed by Adm Comdt / SSO. Std format of the DO will be promulgated by the Army HQ.

(e) In the case of the intimation of demise being recd after the funeral, or the attendance at Funeral becoming impractical due to time and dist etc, then the condolences shall be paid on similar lines as above on a convenient dt within 14 days of death, preferably coinciding with a customary rite for the departed.

(f) Each Stn HQ will maintain details of Veterans in their AOR and may appt a sr Veteran in a Tehsil / Sub Div to info Stn HQ on demise of the Veteran.

3. **Eligibility.**

(a) Above provns will be applicable for only those Veterans who have proceeded to pension est from Army as a normal case-issued PPO.

(b) No detl will be made in case a Veteran's death is due to his own misconduct / suicide.

4. Travel. The IA team will attend the funeral / vis the NoK residence by using DD Veh / CHT / Civ Tpt / Rly.

5. Expdr. Expdr of wreath and travel expense, etc if any will be borne by Stn HQ / Fmn.

6. The above *policy for paying* condolences on Veteran's death will be applicable pan India where Indian Army resources are available.

7. Comments / recommendations on the subject may pl be fwd by 30 Oct 2020.

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Brs / Line Dtes for action as per Para 7.

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