

### **ADVISORY NOTE NO – 3**

#### **ARRANGEMENT OF VEHICLES, DVRS, MED/NON-MED STAFF FOR NEEDY ECHS BENEFICIARIES ON PAY-AND-USE BASIS**

1. Indian society is evolving. Modernisation and economic development has been the catalyst for this evolution. While this evolution has been hailed all over, it seemingly has had adverse effect on the care of aged ECHS members.

2. With little/no support from their families, the aged members have to rough it out to seek routine consultation/medicines from the polyclinics. The question arises – who can help them in such circumstances when their own family members decide to overlook their responsibilities. While the Armed Forces and ECHS cannot be expected to undertake support that is due to the aged veterans from their family, the Station Commanders can facilitate the following :-

(a) Availability of taxis with reliable dvrs with fixed rates on call. These could be utilised by the aged veterans on payment.

(b) Non-medic help again on fixed rates, on call on payment basis to assist veterans in reaching polyclinics, consultation with MOs, medicine collection etc.

(c) Ex-servicemen volunteers may coordinate control centre for the above services.

(d) Additional services `on payment' could be included as these facilities become popular.

3. No outsider can improve things for ex-servicemen. Ex-servicemen themselves would have to rise and form groups to put in place the above facilities with a missionary zeal. Station Commanders can facilitate such measures initially. Needless to mention that such facilities have to be self-sustaining.

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