

**665. Wearing Of Uniform By Non-Effective Personnel**—(a) All regular officers, who have retired from service (including Regular Reserve of Officers who have been permitted to retain or granted higher rank on retirement from Regular Reserve of Officers) may wear uniform with badges of appropriate ranks on special occasions, such as when attending ceremonial parades and entertainments of military nature, and on other occasions when the wearing of uniform would appear appropriate.

(b) All officers/civilian gentlemen granted honorary commissions (including honorary commissions in the Territorial Army and late State Forces), regular officers of the erstwhile State Forces, junior commissioned officers, including those granted honorary ranks, and other ranks are permitted to wear uniform on the occasions (i) to (xi) below. Non-regular officers may wear their full medals or miniatures on civilian dress on these occasions.

- (i) Official parties at Rashtrapati Bhawan/Raj Bhawan.
- (ii) When invited to any official function by any Embassy, Legation or High Commission.
- (iii) At all Armed Forces functions including ex-servicemen's rallies or reunions.
- (iv) When attending a durbar or other function in honour of the National Day.
- (v) When called upon in aid to civil power.
- (vi) When visiting any military headquarters on duty.
- (vii) When calling on or meeting senior service officers and local heads of the civil administration of and above the rank of collector/deputy commissioner.
- (viii) When going to draw their pension.
- (ix) When serving on the personal staff of a Governor.
- (x) When serving on the personal staff of a former ruler. (Applies to honorary ex-State Forces commissioned officers only).
- (xi) When attending State or military festivals.

(c) Officers granted commissions from JCO's rank, irrespective of the type of that commission, are permitted to wear officer's uniform on the occasions given in (b) above, after retirement/release from service.

(d) Former rulers of erstwhile States, holding honorary commissions in the Indian Army may wear uniform on the following additional occasions within their former States :—

- (i) When a senior Armed Forces Officer is being entertained by them at any official reception.
  - (ii) When visiting ex-servicemen's colonies or settlements.
- (e) None of the personnel mentioned above will wear uniform at meetings of a political nature. Personnel dismissed from service/discharged on disciplinary grounds are not entitled to wear uniform under any circumstances.
- (f) Officers will normally wear the Service Dress of the regiment/corps to which they belonged before retirement. Mess Dress may also be worn on appropriate occasions. JCOs and other ranks will wear the uniform of the regiment/corps in which they last served.

(g) Badges of rank to be worn by those entitled to wear military ranks will be those of the last substantive rank except where the higher acting rank has been held for a minimum period of two years at the time of retirement or the use of the honorary/military rank is specifically authorised.

Retired JCOs holding honorary ranks will be permitted to continue the badges of their higher ranks during the period of their re-employment. This does not, however, apply to the retired NCOs holding honorary rank of Naib Subedar who will only wear the badges of rank of NCO in which actually re-employed.

The higher honorary ranks will, however, have no effect on the actual seniority, powers of command, pay and allowances and so on, which will continue to be governed under the rules as may be applicable in each case.

(h) Officers holding honorary commissions and released officers who held other types of commissions while serving and released/discharged JCOs, WOs, OR and NCs (E) may be allowed to wear uniform on specific occasions under orders issued by Army Headquarters from time to time.

(j) Orders, decorations and medals will be worn uniform when appropriate and in the manner as authorised for service personnel from time to time. Silver war badges, wound stripes and chevrons denoting Great War Service will not be worn.

(k) Military identity papers/discharge certificates will always be carried when in uniform.

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