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### CLOSURE OF ARMY OFFICERS' BENEVOLENT FUND (AOBF)

1. Army Officers' Benevolent Fund (AOBF) is a contributory scheme which was instituted on 01 Apr 1951 with the sole aim to extend financial help to widows or NoK of subscribers who die in harness or after retirement. The scheme when launched, was visualized to be more like an insurance scheme. Over the yrs, the scope of the fund was enhanced to inci a Platinum Grant/Centenarian Grant to all veteran offr who attain the age of 75 yrs/100 yrs respectively. Presently, all serving offr are subscribing Rs 120/- monthly towards this fund.
2. When instituted in 1951, there were no welfare schemes available for NoK of offr. With various welfare schemes now in place vis-a-vis the meager asst being given from AOBF, it has been opined that maintaining an org like AOBF was no more cost-effective.
3. In view of above, it has been decided by the General Committee AOBF to close AOBF with effect from 01 Jan 2018. No further disbursement of grants will be made from AOBF wef 01 Jan 2018. It has also been decided that subscriptions made by all offr, (equivalent to the savings component of an insurance scheme) will be returned on pro-rata basis. The amount will depend on the total subscription made and availability of corpus fund.
4. Apropos, all offr are requested to forward the fwg details alongwith a cancelled cheque for further necessary action :-
  - (a) Pers No, Rank & Name.
  - (b) Date of Commission.
  - (c) Regt Commissioned into/Parent Arm/Service.
  - (c) Present address.

5. The return of pro-rata subscription is subject to verification of service record by AG /MP 5 &6.
6. This has the approval of Competent Authority.

  
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for Chairman

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