

DIRECTORATE OF WELFARE

1. The aim of the Directorate of Welfare is to ensure a smooth, continuous and regular functioning of the welfare projects and to launch more innovative welfare facilities for the benefit of all ranks, serving in the Sri Lanka Army.
2. The tasks of the Directorate of Welfare are as follows:
 - a. Inclusion of membership of all Officers and Other Ranks in the Directorate of Welfare.
 - b. Providing loan facilities for Officers/ Other Ranks in active service.
 - c. Maintaining welfare shops in Panagoda, Bussa, Kandy, Diyathalawa, Minneriya, Ampara and Anuradhapara.
 - d. Selection of children of Army personnel for admission to government schools and defense colleges.
 - e. Provision of electrical appliances on easy payment basis.
 - f. Maintenance of the 'Suwasahana' fund and allocation of its benefits to the Army members.
 - g. Providing holiday resort facilities in Kataragama at concessionary rate.
 - h. Supply of reading materials to all establishments in the organization.
 - i. Maintenance of the welfare bus service within the organization.
 - j. Provision of legal aid for Army members.
 - k. Reimbursement of death donation funds.

- l. Distribution of the Army diary and calendars to all institutions of the Army.
- m. Insurance coverage for all soldiers.
- n. Provision of accessories for past time activities (draught board, dart board, chess board, carom board).
- o. Submission of priority letters on request for transfer of duty roles and service for spouses of Army personnel.

FUNCTIONING BRANCHES OF DIRECTORATE OF WELFARE

3. Coordinating Section.

- a. Distribution of Army Diary and Calendar.
- b. Provision of welfare goods.
- c. Issuing of letters to obtain water/ electricity connections on priority basis.
- d. Issue of recommendation letters for transfers of spouses employed in the government sector.
- e. Functioning of the Holiday Resort in Kataragama.
- f. Allocation of newspaper votes for all Institutions in the Army.

4. **School Section.** Provision of facilities to enlist children of the Army members (serving, killing in action (KIA), missing in action (MIA), wounded in action (WIA), retired) government schools and Defence Services Colleges Colombo, Kurunegala in liaison with Ministry of Defence (MOD) and Ministry of Education (MOE).

a. Responsibilities of the school section are as follows:

- (1) Implementing the policies laid down by the Army Headquarters and dissemination of advice/instructions received from MOD and MOE.
- (2) Implementing the procedures laid down and monitoring/supervising the process.
- (3) Monitoring the accuracy of marks and applications.
- (4) Completing all duties and submitting to MOD.
- (5) Collecting appeals and submitting them to MOD.

b. Eligible Members for the above facilities are as follows:

- (1) All members of active service.
- (2) Children of KIA and MIA members.
- (3) All Medical Board Out members of due to operational injuries.
- (4) Military Mobilized civilians.
- (5) Army Members who retired after 31 January of the year preceding the Child's admission to the school.
- (6) Infertility members who take care of a child with legal authority (Court order needs to be produced).
- (7) Retired members are considered for entitlement of welfare roles only after above categories are given priority.

5. **Army Drivers' Relief Fund.** The Driver's Relief Fund has been set up to provide relief to the driver in the event of damage to the third party/vehicle/passengers caused by the army drivers on duty if the court or a court of preliminary inquiry has to pay any compensation to the relevant army driver (Benefits - Maximum Rs: 300,000/- premium per year).

6. **Death Donation.** In case of the death of the member due to any reason while in service, his next of kin will be entitled to an amount of Rs.200,000/- for carrying out the last rites.

7. **Legal Aid Fund.** This fund has been set up to provide legal aid in the event of a lawsuit in a court of law regarding an act committed while on military duty.

8. **Foreign Travel Insurance.** All serving Army personnel can grant insurance while they traveling abroad for courses, conferences, sports activities, etc.

9. **Loan Section.** Provide financial loans and facilitates to purchase of Eclectic/Gold and Air Travel Tickets.

10. **Land Section.** The aim of the section is to provide the plot of Land to those who haven't Privet own Land, with the collaboration of the Ministry of Defense and respective Divisional Secretariats.

11. **Welfare Shop Coordinating Section.** The Army Welfare Shops are located at Panagoda, Boossa, Ampara, Pallekalle, Minneriya, Diyatalawa, and Anuradhapura under the Directorate of Welfare and Facilitate the purchase of electric items, household equipment, computers, school stationeries/books, etc.

12. **Suwasahana Bus Service.** The main task of section is to providing of Semi Luxury Buses with concessionary rates for Serving /Retired Officers and Other Ranks for their personal requirements.

13. **Army Holiday Resort Kataragama.** The Directorate of Welfare maintains the Katharagama Holiday Resort at concessionary rates for Army members who visit Kataragama on pilgrimage.

14. **Suwasahana Insurance Fund.** In order to provide financial assistance to the serving/retired members and their families of the Army by reimbursing the expenditure incurred by them for the medical treatments received at government/private hospitals for any ailment and pay compensation for permanent disability of members, death of members, spouse and children.