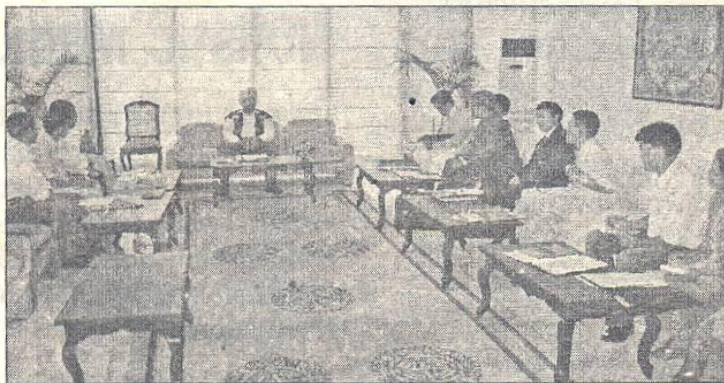


Welfare of the ex-servicemen on priority list: Governor Singh



The 11th Meeting of the State Managing Committee of the Ex-Servicemen.

ITANAGAR, Sept 12: Sept 11 at Raj Bhavan, Governor Gen J J Singh, PVSM, AVSM, VSM (Retd) promised that the Rajya Sainik Board will be established

immediately and Zila Sainik Board will be established within two months time. He also appealed to Kendriya Sainik Board to relax various norms, as Arunachal Pradesh is a special category state.

Governor said that the Government of Arunachal Pradesh would do its best to ensure welfare of Ex-Servicemen.

He said, "As a former Army man the issue regarding welfare and resettlement is very close to my heart and I will do my best to bring about the same." (See P-3)

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(From P-1) Governor promised to take up the necessary issues with the Union Minister of Defence. The Governor also hoped that all the Ex-Servicemen will serve as role model for the citizens of Arunachal Pradesh and will take up various pilot projects under organic farming, medicinal plants, bee keeping.

He also expressed hope that all gallantry awardees of the state should be honoured and suitable cash award be provided to them.

Kendriya Sainik Board Secretary Commodore K C Choudhury announced that 73 lakhs has been released to Arunachal Pradesh as Central share for establishment of Rajya Sainik Board/Zila Sainik Board.

He further assured that all benefits like financial assistance for house repairs should be provided to ex-servicemen through Director Relief, Rehabilitation and Disaster Management.

Special invitee Col B Deshmukh, Director of Sainik Welfare Board Maharashtra also participated in the meeting. He shared his experience with success stories of the welfare activities of ex-servicemen taken up in Maharashtra which can be applicable to Arunachal Pradesh.

Tajom Taloh, Commissioner, Home 2nd Vice Chairman of State Managing Committee (SMC), K. Kholie, Director, Relief, Rehabilitation and Disaster Management, Member Secretary of SMC and Flight Lieutenant Kuru Hassang (Retd), Member, SMC, attended the meet.