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ISSUE OF I-CARDS TO DEPENDENTS OF ESM

Introduction

1. A number of representations are being received from ESM for issue of dependent Identity Cards. The main reason for these representations being that dependents of ESM are unable to utilize various facilities/benefits extended to them by organizations due to non availability of Identity cards. The case in point is air travel concession offered by the airlines to dependents of ESM, however, many dependents of ESM are not able to make use of the concession offered due to want of Dependents ID card which is a mandatory requirement instituted by the airlines offering the concession.

2. During third south Zone Meeting held at Hyderabad this issue was deliberated upon in detail in light of various representations and recommendations of Directors of all Rajya Sainik Boards on the need of issuing dependent I Cards. It was decided by the Chairman that dependent I cards be issued and policy in this regard be formulated to ensure that these are not misused.

3. It is to be understood by all ESM and their dependents that Dependent Identity Card is not an acceptable pass/ permit for entry into any Defence unit and local orders of the Formation/ Area HQs will take precedence over any such order on the issue of gaining access into any defence area.

Eligibility for Dependent Identity Cards

4. It is to be clearly understood that the definition of dependents which is in vogue while being in service will continue to govern the criteria to establish the eligibility of dependents of ESM. The onus to verify and authenticate the details of dependents will lie on the Zila Sainik Board where the ESM is registered based on the entry in their discharge book. Following will be eligible for issue of Dependent I-card:-

- (a) Spouse and dependent children of ESM Pensioners.
- (b) War Widows/Dependents parents of serving personnel who died in war. Widows of ESM and their dependent children including step and legally adopted children.

