The General Manager,
All Zonal Railways,
Production Units & PSUs etc.

Sub: Observance of “Armed Forces Flag Day” on 7th December – Contribution to the Armed Forces Flag Day Fund (AFFDF).

Please find enclosed a copy of DO No. P-7585/RM/2021 dated 29.10.2021 received from Shri Rajnath Singh, Hon’ble Defence Minister of India, addressed to Hon’ble Minister of State of Railways, Coal and Mines on the above cited subject, for information and strict compliance.

2. The Armed Forces Flag Day is observed on 07th December every year to commemorate the supreme sacrifice made by our valiant Armed Forces personnel for protecting the sovereignty and territorial integrity of our country. This occasion provides us the right opportunity to show our solidarity with the Armed Forces and their dependents, by generously contributing to AFFDF. In view of the ever increasing demand for financial assistance to ESM/Dependents, contribute to the Armed Forces Flag Day Fund (AFFDF) as per the detail given in the enclosed letter dt. 29.10.2021.

DA: As above

(Ashok Kumar Yadav)
Dy Director Estt.(Genl.)-I
Railway Board
Dear Shri Raosaheb Dadaraao Danve ji,

As you are aware, the Armed Forces Flag Day Fund (AFFDF) has been constituted by the Government of India for the welfare and rehabilitation of Ex-Servicemen, War Widows and their dependents. Financial Assistance is provided from this fund to war widows/ESM and their dependents for their identified personal needs such as penury grant, children’s education grant, funeral grant, medical grant and orphan/disabled grant, etc. There are about 32 lakh Ex-Servicemen (ESM), including around 6.5 lakh widows in the country. Around 60,000 ESM are added to the list every year.

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I shall be grateful if you could kindly issue instructions to the attached/subordinate/statutory organisations and PSUs under your administrative control to contribute to AFFDF. Their contribution will greatly enhance our resources and enable us to maintain a sustainable support system for the welfare of ESM and their widows and dependents.


With regards,

Yours sincerely,

(Rajnath Singh)

Shri Raosaheb Dadaraao Danve
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