

MINUTES OF THE XXXI ANNUAL GENERAL BODY MEETING - 2018
OF COAST GUARD BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION HELD ON 25 SEP 19
AT ICGAS CHENNAI, CHENNAI

1. The XXXI Annual General Body Meeting-2018 of Coast Guard Benevolent Association was held on 25 Sep 19 at ICGAS Chennai, Chennai. The meeting was chaired by the President CGBA, DG K Natarajan, PTM, TM, Director General Indian Coast Guard. The following members of the Governing body were present:-

Addl Director General KR Nautiyal, PTM, TM Coast Guard Commander (ES)	: Member
Inspector General VD Chafekar, PTM, TM Commander, Coast Guard Region (W)	: Member
Inspector General Rajan Bargotra, PTM, TM Commander, Coast Guard Region (NE)	: Member
Inspector General Rakesh Pal, PTM, TM Commander, Coast Guard Region (NW)	: Member
Inspector General S Paramesh, PTM, TM Commander, Coast Guard Region (E)	: Member
Inspector General MV Pathak, TM Commander, Coast Guard Region (A&N)	: Member
Deputy Inspector General DS Saini, TM Principal Director (Adm)	: Member
Surgeon Commodore Sanjeev Tandon Principal Director (Medical Services)	: Member
Deputy Inspector General SS Azad, TM Chief Law Officer	: Member
Commandant Jagdish Dhaka Secretary, CGBA	: Member Secretary

2. In addition, the meeting was attended by over 130 members of CGBA, which included Officers and Enrolled Persons representing the five Regions and CGHQ.

OPENING ADDRESS BY THE PRESIDENT, CGBA

3. The **President, CGBA** welcomed all the members present in the XXXI Annual General Body Meeting (AGM) of the Coast Guard Benevolent Association (CGBA). In his opening address, he mentioned that the Coast Guard Benevolent Association has turned into a strong and viable benevolent tool for the welfare of ICG fraternity by extending various grants and loans at much subsidised rates of interest comparatively to many such associations and even banks. The President appraised the General Body Members that CGBA with limited corpus remains progressive and has managed to increase the loan amount for the most availed loans like sister / daughter marriages, education loans and grants. All investments despite current low market growth are on increased capacity in safest avenues to effectively meet future expectations.
4. President also emphasised on judicious utilization of financial assistance by CGBA only if, need is inevitable. He advised members that general tendency of availing loans should be curbed and endeavor should be to live without loans. He informed the members that CGBA is ensuring that all deserving applicants are provided with loans and grants promptly and there is no waiting list for loans or grants.
5. During F.Y. 2017-18, 412 CG personnel were beneficiary of CGBA loans, grants and scholarships. With constant monitoring, meticulous supervision and critical decisions taken by the CGBA at all levels, CGBA not only fulfilled aspirations of all the members by providing them timely assistance, but also managed to grow at the rate of 11.45% during F.Y. 2017-18 and earned a net profit of ₹ 3.83 crores.
6. He expressed his appreciation for the CGBA team for managing the fund efficiently and doing justice to the role they play. He called upon the Secretary, CGBA to take up the agenda for the session.
7. The Secretary CGBA briefed the members that a total of eleven agenda points in the AGM have been put forth for the meeting and the details of same are as enumerated in the succeeding paragraphs.

ITEM NO. I - CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF XXX CGBA AGM - 2017

8. The Secretary CGBA apprised the members that the **Minutes of the AGM-2017** were forwarded to all concerned by CGHQ on 30 Aug 18. The XXXI CGBA AGM-2018 booklet was distributed to all the members present for the meeting. The minutes of AGM-2017 were available for perusal of facts and figures in the booklet provided to the members.
9. The Secretary informed the members that four follow-up points of XXX AGM-2017, have been implemented. There being no queries, the Secretary, CGBA submitted the minutes of the XXX CGBA AGM-2017 for confirmation. **Inspector General MV Pathak, TM, COMCG (A&N)** proposed confirmation and **KR Singh, P/Adh, 01140-S** of **ICGS Diglipur** seconded the proposal. The minutes were thus adopted by the AGM-2018.

**ITEM NO. II – CONFIRMATION AND ADOPTION OF FUND REPORT
FOR F.Y. 2017-18**

10. The Secretary, CGBA read out the entire fund report, sub-head wise for the F.Y. 2017-18 and deliberated upon the status and performance of the fund for the period 01 Apr 17 to 31 Mar 18 vis-a-vis the previous year's performance. The summary of fund flow during the F.Y. 2017-18 encompassing capital account, investments, loans disbursed, grants and scholarships awarded, expenditure, source of income and net income were presented in detail. The Secretary stated that the growth of fund was steady during the period under review and the association achieved a noteworthy overall growth rate of **11.45%** with a profit of ₹ **3,83,69,811.61** (Rupees Three crore eighty three lakh sixty nine thousand eight hundred eleven and paise sixty one only).

11. The Secretary, CGBA submitted the fund report of F.Y. 2017-18 for confirmation and adoption. **DIG NK Kaul, TM, Oi/C CGSD (CH)** proposed confirmation and **MS Bhatotia, P/Adh, 01296-W** of **ICGAS Daman** seconded the proposal. Thus, the Fund Report for the F.Y. 2017-18 was adopted by AGM-2018.

**ITEM NO. III - CONFIRMATION AND ADOPTION OF AUDITED BALANCE SHEET
AND STATEMENT OF INCOME & EXPENDITURES ACCOUNT
OF THE FUND FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MAR 2018**

12. The Balance Sheet and the Statement of Income & Expenditure Account for the F.Y. 2017-18 for the period 01 Apr 17 to 31 Mar 18 was placed before the General Body. The audited balance sheet was available in the AGM booklet provided to all the members. The fund was duly audited by Chartered Accountant M/s Pankhil Malhotra & Associates, New Delhi. The Secretary, CGBA submitted the Audited Balance Sheet and Statement of Income & Expenditures account of the fund for the year ended 31 Mar 2018 for confirmation and adoption. **DIG SS Azad, TM** of **CGHQ** proposed confirmation and **MK Swamy, P/Adh, 01245-L** of **ICGAS Porbandar** seconded the proposal. Thus, the audited balance sheet for the F.Y. 2017-18 was adopted by AGM-2018.

13. Secretary, CGBA thanked members and thereafter the new agenda received from the Regions and Directorates at CGHQ were taken up for deliberations.

14. Before deliberations on agenda points Secretary CGBA appraised the members that CGBA receives requests regularly for reducing interest rates on CGBA loans. Secretary CGBA appraised that CGBA is providing loans at least interest rates and under seamless conditions that no service organization or, financial institutions are providing. Secretary also emphasized that CGBA is not commercialized and has no role akin to banking sectors. Also, **the formula for EMI calculations of CGBA loan is same as formula of calculation of Govt. HBA and car loans.**

15. The Secretary CGBA further elaborated that CGBA loans are disbursed maximum of ₹ 3 Crores per year. The ceiling is kept considering net profit generated every year. Investments / reinvestments of CGBA funds on a regular basis are undertaken accordingly with balance fund after disbursement of loans. The main income of this fund is subscription, interest generated on loans / banks FDs etc. The corpus which has increased over the period since 1980s is with every amount saved and invested in safe instruments. **Any reduction in CGBA interest rates will alter CGBA growth.**

ITEM IV – REDUCTION OF INTEREST RATE OF LOANS FROM CGBA

16. The present interest rate of CGBA loan is 8.5% for officers and 8% for Enrolled Personnel in various types of loans extended to service personnel. Compared to interest rates available in market viz. for personal loan 11.55% and for home loan 8.5% (except agricultural loans) the present interest rate of CGBA is considered high being a Service fund.

17. It is proposed that interest rate may be reduced to 7.5% and 7% for officers and Enrolled Personnel respectively.

Proposed by : RHQ (W)
RHQ (NW)

18. Interest rate be reduced to 4% and 3% for officers and EP respectively for Daughter's and Sister's Marriage loan.

Proposed by : RHQ (NW)

Decision

19. The point was discussed and deliberated by CGBA members present. The President informed all members that CGBA is already giving least interest rate in comparison to sister service as well as banks and referred to the discussions mentioned at para 14 wherein it was clearly brought out in terms of monthly EMI calculations that the simple interest approach adopted is advantageous for loan takers. All members present agreed to the explanation given and therefore President directed to maintain the status quo.

Action : Secy, CGBA
Info : All

ITEM V - ENHANCEMENT OF VARIOUS LOAN AMOUNT AND WAIVING OFF INTEREST RATE ON HOUSE REPAIR (NATURAL CALAMITY)

(A) Enhancement of Various Loan Amount and Reduction in Interest Rate for House Repair Normal/Natural Calamity / Declared National Disaster

20. RHQs and ICGS (D) has recommended that loan amount from CGBA may be increased to avoid financial hardship to the individual. Proposals are as follows.

House Repair Loans	Existing Amount	Proposal in Lakhs from RHQs				Existing Rates	
		(E)	(W)	(A&N) / ICGS Delhi	(NW)	O	EP
Normal	50,000	--	--	2.0	0.75	8.5%	8%
Natural Calamity	75,000			1.0		7.5%	7%
Declared National Disaster	75,000	1.5	1.5	--	2.0	Interest Free	

21. Loan for House repair (N/C) may be reduced to 4% for both officers and EPs.

Proposed by : RHQ (W)

22. Loan for house repair (N/C) may be made interest free

Proposed by : RHQ (NW)

Decision

23. The point was discussed and after deliberations, the President directed following enhancement of loan amount and amendments in interest rates in House Repair loans.

<u>Ser</u>	<u>House Repair Loan</u>	<u>Existing Rate (₹)</u>	<u>Enhanced Rate (₹)</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
(i)	Normal	50,000	1,00,000	Status quo to be maintained on interest rate i.e. Officers- 8.5% EP – 8%
(ii)	Natural Calamity	75,000	1,00,000	Made interest free
(iii)	Declared National Disaster	75,000	1,00,000	To remain interest free

Action : Secy, CGBA
Info : All

(B) Enhancement of Amount of Various CGBA Loans

24. It is proposed to enhance loan amount as follows:-

<u>Sl</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Existing (₹)</u>	<u>Proposed By</u>	
			<u>RHQ (W)</u>	<u>RHQ (NW)</u>
(i)	Sister Marriage	1,50,000	3,00,000	3,00,000
(ii)	Self Marriage	75,000	--	1,50,000
(iii)	Daughter Marriage	3,00,000	5,00,000	4,00,000
(iv)	Hiring of accom (Non Metro)	75,000	1,00,000	--

25. Minimum qualifying service criteria for availing Self Marriage loan may be reduced from 05 years to 03 years or date of removal from probation / confirmation in service view maximum officer / EP get married within 03 to 04 years of service

Proposed by : RHQ (NW)

26. The CGBA loans may be increased based on average inflation rate, which may be automatically applied once in a year.

Proposed by : RHQ (NE)

Decision

27. The points were discussed with CGBA members present and after deliberations, the President directed following:-

(a) Status quo be maintained for 05 years as minimum qualifying service for availing CGBA loans.

(b) Loan Amount of following loans are to be enhanced.

<u>Sl.</u>	<u>Type of Loan</u>	<u>Existing Amount (₹)</u>	<u>Enhanced Amount (₹)</u>
(i)	Daughters Marriage	3,00,000	4,00,000
(ii)	Sister Marriage	1,50,000	2,00,000
(iii)	Self Marriage	75,000	1,00,000

(c) The loan amount as enhanced during AGM-18 and all loan criteria is to be maintained for minimum 02 years i.e. upto AGM to be held in 2022 and may be reviewed thereafter. No agendas / requests on loan amount enhancement and amendments in loan criterias be forwarded by RHQs.

Action : Secy, CGBA
Info : All

ITEM VI – GRANT / LOAN FROM CGBA FOR SPECIAL MEDICAL TREATMENT

28. A grant of ₹ 3,00,000/- may be considered for individual and dependents for life threatening disease like heart, kidney, liver and eye transplants where surgery is not undertaken by military / Service hospitals.

Proposed by : RHQ(E)

29. The CGBA loan for treatment as of now is upto ₹ 3 lakh, but requires endorsements by MH/Service Hospital. There have been cases where the service hospital are not available and hence getting the case recommended by such hospitals is not feasible. Also, there may be cases of going for second opinion from private hospital in cases of acute illness after initial treatment at service hospital. It is a loan and not a grant, hence recommendations by CGRHQ / RMO should be considered sufficient to consider such loans.

Proposed by : RHQ(W)

30. The Secretary CGBA explained that CG personnel and their dependents are entitled for medical facilities through CH/MH. All Special Medical Treatment cases are referred to CGHQ on recommendations through respective RHQ. In the event of individuals applying for this loan for treatment at Civil Hospital for self or family without any referral from MH/CH, would lack checks and balances.

31. PD (MS) further explained that during emergency situation treatment can be availed at Civil hospitals and the expenditure / medical claim may be reimbursed from CDA(N).

Decision

32. After discussions with members present, the President, CGBA agreed with the comments and directed that status quo be maintained for loan amount i.e. ₹ 3,00,000/- and procedure be followed as hitherto.

Action : Secy, CGBA
Info : All

ITEM VII - EDUCATION LOAN

(A) Studies Abroad

33. CGBA loan for studies abroad does not exist as of now. This loan is not easily provided by the Nationalized /Private Banks, these banks require collateral securities in the form of mortgaging house/land, etc., which are free from all liabilities. Besides, the rate of interest levied by the bank is very high. It is therefore, requested that education loan of ₹ 25,00,000/- (Rupees Twenty five lakhs only) may be introduced for wards desirous of studying abroad in prestigious institutions in line with similar loan extended by INBA w.e.f the current year.

Proposed by : RHQ (NE)
RHQ (W)

(B) Inclusion Of Deemed University / Courses For Education Loan

34. The following points for admissibility of Education loan may be considered:-

(i) All degree courses conducted by the deemed universities approved by UGC act 1956 may be considered while grant of loan for higher education.

(ii) BE (Marine Engineering) degree course conducted in College/Universities/Marine Institutes, approved by GOI, Ministry of Shipping, Director General of Shipping may also be considered for Education Loan.

Proposed by : RHQ (W)

(iii) Education Loan for other professional courses such as BBA, Polytechnic, MBA, CPL and other vocational courses, etc., may also be considered at par with already existing engineering and medical courses to the wards of CG Personnel

Proposed by : RHQ (NW)

ICGS Delhi

Decision

35. The point was discussed in length. After deliberations, the President directed that Education loan for degree courses which are offered by recognized deemed universities and for all abroad courses be also introduced. **Extending of education loan for courses offered by deemed universities will be for 01 year and thereafter will be reviewed based on its influence on CGBA fund status.**

Action : Secy, CGBA
Info : All

ITEM VIII – EXEMPTION OF CGBA CONTRIBUTION UNDER SECTION 80G

36. Contributed amount is not being considered as donation or exempted under section 80G. Case may be taken up so that the amount contributed towards CGBA may be exempted under section 80G of income tax.

Decision

37. The Secretary CGBA explained that case already taken up with CDA (N) and resolved.

Info : All

ITEM IX – APPOINTMENT OF AUDITOR FOR F.Y. 2019-20

38. Presently, M/s Pankhil Malhotra & Associates has been appointed for auditing of CGBA fund. It is proposed to permit issue of tenders for appointment of new auditor for CGBA Fund audit for F.Y. 2019-20.

Proposed by : PD (Adm)

Decision

39. The point was agreed by CGBA members present and the President directed to issue tender for appointment of new auditor.

Action : Secy, CGBA
Info : All

ITEM X – GOVERNING MEMBERS TO ATTEND AGM

40. The strength and operational responsibilities of Indian Coast Guard has increased manifold, requiring presence of senior officers in respective theatre of operations, as also directives on maintaining austerity for all purpose.

41. The secretary CGBA submitted proposal that AGM to be attended by Governing members as follows.

(a) AGM in Delhi Conjoined with Commander Conference

SL	Designation	Remarks
(i)	DGICG	President
(ii)	ADG CG	Vice President
(iii)	CGC (ES) and CGC (WS)	Members
(iv)	COMCG (E), (W), (NW), (NE) and (A&N)	Members
(v)	DDG (HRD)	Member
(vi)	PD (ADM)	Member
(vii)	PD (MS)	Member
(viii)	CLO	Member
(ix)	Secretary CGBA	Member Secy

(b) AGM in Delhi Not Conjoined with Commander Conference

SL	Designation	Remarks
(i)	DGICG	President
(ii)	ADG CG	Vice President
(iii)	CGC (ES) and CGC (WS)	Members
(iv)	DDG (HRD)	Member
(v)	PD (ADM)	Member
(vi)	PD (MS)	Member
(vii)	CLO	Member
(viii)	Secretary CGBA	Member Secy

(c) **AGM in any Other Region**

SL	Designation	Remarks
(i)	DGICG	President
(ii)	CGC (ES) and CGC (WS)	Senior most officer will be Vice President
(iii)	Respective COMCG of the Region where AGM is being held	Members
(iv)	DDG (HRD)	Member
(v)	PD (ADM)	Member
(vi)	PD (MS)	Member
(vii)	CLO	Member
(viii)	Secretary CGBA	Member Secy

Decision

42. The Governing members agreed with Secretary's Proposal and the President directed to implement the same.

Action : Secy, CGBA
Info : All

ITEM XI – ANY OTHER POINTS WITH PERMISSION OF THE CHAIR

43. CGC (ES) enquired about eligibility and conditions regarding donation made by CGBA to 10 orphanage children as reflected in balance sheet.

Decision

44. Matter was discussed and after due deliberations President directed that no further donations be made to any NGO/individuals who are not CGBA beneficiaries.

Action : Secy, CGBA
Info : All

45. P Vaithiyanathan, P/Adh (QA), 00679-T of 700 SQN (CG), Kolkata informed that his daughter marriage is on April 2020 and his superannuation is 31 Oct 2021. He requested for waiving off 10 month time period for Daughter Marriage loan as a special case.

Decision


46. The point was deliberated at length by CGBA members present and the President directed that status quo on time period for disbursement of loans be maintained.

Action : Secy, CGBA
Info : All

47. There being no further points the meeting was adjourned.

48. These minutes have the approval of the **President, CGBA.**

Date : 04 Nov 19


(Jagdish Dhaka)
Commandant
Secretary, CGBA