

**CHIEF MINISTER'S OFFICE  
GOVERNMENT OF TELANGANA**

**PRESS RELEASE**

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Hon'ble Chief Minister Sri K. Chandrashekar Rao on Friday opined that the entire society should be sympathetic towards the families of the armed forces personnel who are martyred and the entire country should take care of the members of the martyred families. In this context, the Chief Minister said that the state government would be liberal towards the welfare of the army personnel, serving, retired and martyred. He said the state government is also liberal towards the welfare of the state government employees who completed three decades of service. Employees should be shown respect not only while they are in service but also when they are retired.

The Chief Minister held a review meeting on the welfare of the Military personnel, martyrs, employees' welfare at Pragathi Bhavan. Special Advisor to Government Sri Rajeev Sharma, Chief Secretary Sri K Pradeep Chandra, CMO Principal Secretary Sri S Narsing Rao, Senior police officials Sri Navinchand, MK Singh, TNGOs Honorary Chairman Sri Devi Prasad, President Sri Karam Ravindra Reddy, General Secretary Sri M Rajender and others participated.

**Double Pension for Army personnel**  
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The Chief Minister has decided to implement double pension scheme for the army personnel. Those who retired from the armed forces and taken up another job will be given double pension. So far army personnel after retirement if they have taken up another job are eligible for one pension only. With the new decision now, the military personnel now are eligible to get the double pension. The CM has asked the officials to issue orders in this regard.

**Property tax is exempted for the military personnel**  
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The Chief Minister has decided to exempt houses of the military personnel from the property tax. If the property is in the name of the military person, his spouse and no matter how many floors it may have, it should be exempted from the property tax. He also wanted the officials concerned to issue orders in this respect and follow it diligently. The CM has also increased the pension of War Widows in the State from Rs.

3000 per month to Rs. 6000. The State government is ready to take some more welfare measures towards the welfare of the military personnel, he said.

Employment under compassionate ground to be completed in ten days

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The Chief Minister has ordered that all the appointments under Compassionate grounds be completed within 10 days. He said the family members of the state government employees who die in harness often face a lot of hardships. They should not be forced to visit offices for days and months together to get their problems redressed. The CM wanted all the employments to be made under Compassionate grounds should be completed within ten days. The District Collectors should be given the power to relax age and educational qualifications relaxation on the case-to-case basis.

Similarly, all those employees retiring should be given the entire full pension on the day of their retirement. All those retiring after serving the government for more than three decades should be treated with respect by other employees.

Wife and husband should be posted at one place

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The Chief Minister ordered that wife and husband working in the state government should be posted at the same place. This should be followed by all the departments. Since Government has decided to dispense with the zonal system in the state, only State and district cadre will stay. He wanted to change in the rules and regulations to be changed accordingly. He wanted officials concerned and Employees union leaders should meet and finalise the guidelines.

The Chief Minister has also decided to regularise the services of 18 Adhoc teachers working in SC Residential Schools. This decision is arrived at taking into consideration of their service.

The Chief Minister has constituted a three-member committee with State government's advisor Sri G. Vivekanada, Ministers Sri T. Harish Rao, Sri G. Jagadeeshwar Reddy to sort out the issues pertaining to divisions of government offices and residences with the AP State Government.

**CPRO to CM**

