

**WELFARE OF EX-SERVICEMEN,
SERVING DEFENCE PERSONNEL AND THEIR FAMILIES
BY THE GUJARAT STATE**

**BENEFITS & ASSISTANCE GIVEN TO ESM, THEIR FAMILIES AND DEPENDANTS
BY RAJYA SAINIK BOARD GUJARAT**

1. In the last few years, the Gujarat Rajya Sainik Board has liberalized standards of welfare schemes for ex-servicemen / widows and their families. The welfare schemes for ESM and Widows are generally drawn up by the respective States for old & infirm ESM/widows who may be in penury and may not be having any source of lively hood. Whereas, the welfare schemes of Gujarat aim at enhancing socio-economic standard of the ex-servicemen / widows of Gujarat. Under this Scheme, until the sons of Widows / ESM attain age of 25 years, the widows and ESM are being supported by paying Rs 3000/- and Rs. 2000/- per month respectively, provided their income is not more than Rs 7000/- per month (i.e. Rs 84,000/- per annum).

2. Some of the schemes are as part of gratitude or good gesture from the Rajya Sainik Board Gujarat towards their veterans. These schemes include marriage grant of Rs 40,000/- for two daughters of widows and marriage grant of Rs 30,000/- for two daughters of ESM, paid to them without any income criteria.

3. The widows of soldiers who die while in Service, irrespective of their causes of death, are given House grant of Rs 50,000/- without any income criteria. The details of benefits / assistance extended to ESM/widows and their families from the Rajya Sainik Board are given as per Appendix A attached.

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4. Besides the existing reservation for ESM in Class-III and Class-IV posts of 10% and 20% respectively, the Government of Gujarat has recently granted reservation of 1% seats for ESM for appointments in Class-I (Group A) and Class-II (Group B) posts being filled up by the State Public Service Commission.

5. In addition, to facilitate recruitment of ESM in police department, the Government has also granted relaxation in physical test during recruitment in police department as per norms laid down for Physical Proficiency Test (PPT) by the Army for higher age group.

6. More over, the reservation of 1% seats for wards of ex-servicemen and serving personnel which was only available in engineering courses, has also been extended in the entire higher educational courses like MBA, MCA etc.

