

## INDIA

# AUTHORIZATION OF ADDITIONAL EQUIPMENT FOR OPERATIONAL READINESS

1. **ISSUE PAPER THEME**: Major Equipment & Self-Sustainment
2. **SUMMARY**. The SUR of contingents invariably includes many specialist vehicles that perform specific tasks. These are usually very limited in numbers with a relatively high cost, with Truck Pallet Loading being case in point. In case of any unserviceability, their repair & maintenance is a challenge task due to non-availability of spares in the host country often resulting in loss of reimbursement to the Troop Contributing Country (TCC). As per COE Manual 2020, the TCC will lose the reimbursement on fall of serviceability state below 90% of authorization. On the other hand, TCCs are only allowed to keep 10% additional equipment to replace in case of any failure or repair requirements. Considering the lag time to transport this new equipment from the country to the Mission area, there is a requirement to change this percentage of serviceability state for low quantity high-cost equipment.
3. **DETAILED PROPOSAL**. It is proposed that 90% clause **should not be applicable** to low quantity high-cost equipment like fork lifter, fuel bowser etc. where numbers of these items are less than five, (refer to COE Manual Chapter 3, annex A, Para 39). It is also proposed that TCCs be allowed to hold additional stocks up to 25-30 % as deemed appropriate to cater for redundancy/TCC requirements for low quantity high-cost equipment, refer to COE Manual Chapter 3, annex A, Para 40. No additional financial burden is likely to occur except the initial induction cost of equipment.
4. **PROPOSED MANUAL TEXT**.

### **PROPOSAL FOR AMENDMENT OF PERCENTAGE OF SERVICEABLE EQUIPEMNT CONSIDERED FOR ADMITTING REIMBURSEMENTS (CHAPTER 3, ANNEX A, PARA 39 OF COE MANUAL 2023)**

*[Under the conditions of wet lease, when the total number of operationally serviceable vehicles is less than 90 percent of the quantity and less than 70 percent for high cost low quantity equipment/ vehicles (numbers <5) authorized in the memorandum of understanding for a vehicle subcategory, the reimbursements will be reduced accordingly].*

### **PROPOSAL FOR AMENDMENT OF PERCENTAGE OF ADDITIONAL EQUIPMENT WHICH CAN BE DEPLOYED AS RESERVES TO MAINTAIN SERVICEABILITY (CHAPTER 3, ANNEX A, PARA 40 OF COE MANUAL 2023)**

*[A unit can hold operational stocks (up to 10% and 30% for low quantity high cost) to allow for immediate replacement for vehicles lost or damaged beyond in theatre repair capability].*