

INDIA

REIMBURSEMENTS FOR EXPENDITURE BY TROOP CONTRIBUTING COUNTRY (TCC) FOR MAINTENANCE OF UN PROVIDED EQUIPMENT AND SERVICES

1. **ISSUE PAPER THEME:** Major Equipment

2. **SUMMARY/BACKGROUND.**

(a) UN is providing habitat for Indian contingents deployed on both Wet & Dry lease arrangements. However, at times UN has failed to maintain the serviceability of the provided habitat. A detailed report on the poor state of UN provided habitat in various missions has been recently submitted by the UN. In such cases, TCC is maintaining the serviceability of UN provided habitat to ensure hygienic living standards. Similar instances of expenditure by TCC have also been noticed wherein shortfalls of UN commitments pertaining to MoUs/ mission specific requirements (such as Static Combat Deployments Kits etc.) have been made good by the Indian contingents. There is therefore a requirement felt wherein a system needs to be incorporated for joint verification of equipment/services provided by UN as per standards prescribed in UN Manuals and TCC should be allowed to claim reimbursements for expenditure incurred in overcoming shortcomings in equipment/services provided by the UN.

3. **DETAILED PROPOSAL.**

(a) Presently the UN COE teams conduct inspections of the COE of the TCC and reimbursements are deducted in case of shortfalls from UN mandated standards. However, no system exists wherein shortfalls with respect to UN responsibilities such as habitat etc. are jointly inspected and reported periodically. Similarly, no system exists to report expenditure done by the TCC and claim reimbursements in case UN fails to meet its commitments in terms of providing services/equipment or to maintain provided services/equipment as per UN standards.

(b) A suitable system needs to be instituted to periodically inspect and verify UN provided services/equipment to the TCC contingents and the same needs to be incorporated in the COE Manual. Joint inspections by COE and contingents are proposed to be instituted to identify shortfalls in UN provided services/equipment and a mechanism is proposed to be instituted wherein expenditure incurred by the TCC on account of shortfalls in UN provided services/equipment can be reported and reimbursements claimed. Such inspections can be done jointly with the mission COE teams during quarterly COE inspections of the contingents wherein shortfalls

are noticed and reported. In the subsequent COE inspections if TCC has incurred expenditures to make good previously noticed shortfalls then the same needs to be reported and TCC be allowed to claim reimbursements on such accounts.

4. **PROPOSED MANUAL TEXT.**

PROPOSAL FOR INCLUSION OF PROVISION OF VERIFICATION OF STATUS, CONDITION AND QUANTITY OF EQUIPMENT AND SERVICES PROVIDED TO TCC/PCC BY UN AS PER MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING AND STANDARDS DEFINED IN UN COE MANUAL (CHAPTER 3, PARA III GUIDING PRINCIPLES OF COE MANUAL 2023)

[The United Nations, in conjunction with the respective contingents or delegated authority designated by the troop/police contributor, is responsible for ensuring that the equipment and services provided by the United Nations to meet the requirements of the peacekeeping operation and are provided in accordance with the memorandum of understanding. In order to do so, the United Nations will verify the status, condition and quantity of the equipment and services provided by the United Nations to the TCC/PCC. This control is implemented in cooperation between the United Nations and the troop/police contributor in accordance with the terms of the memorandum of understanding for the provision of military/police personnel, equipment and services. Reimbursements to be provided for expenditure incurred by TCC/PCC for maintenance of equipment/services which were otherwise responsibility of United Nations].