

INDIA

OBJECTIVE SYSTEM OF SELF SUSTAINMENT (SS) REIMBURSEMENTS THROUGH QUANTIFIED SS STANDARDS

1. ISSUE PAPER THEME. Self-Sustainment

2. SUMMARY / BACKGROUND.

(a) Self-Sustainment verifiable standards are generic & subjective and therefore the required quantity or standard is either calculated from an existing UN Manual/ Policy Letter or is left to the interpretation of Contingent Own Equipment (COE) inspection teams. Reimbursements are thereafter paid for each category. Presently, the reimbursements for Self-Sustainment are done based on the subjective parameters being evaluated by the Contingent Own Equipment (COE) inspectors as there are no specific quantifiable standards laid down in terms of specific equipment held by the contingent. There is requirement to quantify these parameters in the COE Manual 2023 so as to clearly define the capabilities required to be maintained by contingents.

3. DETAILED PROPOSAL.

(a) Self-Sustainment is defined as logistics support for units in a peace keeping mission area whereby the Troop Contributing Country (TCC) provides some or all of the categories as logistics support to the contingent on a reimbursable basis. Troop / police contributors are reimbursed for Self- Sustainment as per rates adopted by the General Assembly. Reimbursement is limited to those items of self-Sustainment categories specifically agreed to by the United Nations. Should a unit provide fewer Self-Sustainment categories than stipulated in the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU), the troop / police contributor will be reimbursed for Self-Sustainment categories actually provided. The rates for Self-Sustainment are presented in chapter 8, Annexure B.

(b) The present system does not lay down the specific equipment along with quantities to be held by the contingent in an objective manner in respect of SS categories. This results in ambiguity and is subject to the interpretation of COE inspection team.

(c) It is desirable that objectified system of Self-Sustainment reimbursement to be incorporated, explicitly defining the type and quantity of equipment requirement to fulfill the various categories and sub-categories of Self-Sustainment.

(d) This list of items required in each category to be formulated by the Contingent Own Equipment (COE) Working Group (WG) and listed in the Contingent Own Equipment (COE) Manual akin to requirement of level I, II & III hospital. This may also be done on a scaled basis wherein quantities may be specified for a particular strength and extrapolated proportionality for a larger number of troops.

(e) **References.** Chapter 3 Annex B Para 10.

4. **PROPOSED MANUAL TEXT.**

PROPOSAL FOR INTRODUCING OBJECTIFIED PARAMETERS FOR COE VERIFICATION (CHAPTER 3 ANNEXURE B, PARAGRAPH 10 OF COE MANUAL 2023)

[The inspection team is responsible for verifying the categories & subcategories as per the objectified parameters including the type & quantity of equipment listed in the COE Manual].

PROPOSAL FOR CONDUCT OF COE INSPECTIONS AS PER OBJECTIFIED PARAMETERS (CHAPTER 3 SECTION VI, PARAGRAPH 13 (d) OF COE MANUAL 2023)

[Categories of self-sustainment for which the unit is responsible will be subject to inspection with a view to assessing whether the self-sustainment capability is sufficient and satisfactory and to ensure that the agreed quantity/number of specific equipment's, consumables and supplies are present as per the objectified scales of various categories listed in the Contingent Own Equipment (COE) Manual].