BACKGROUND
1. Verification and Performance standards of various categories and sub-categories of Self Sustainment head is carried out on the basis of demonstration of capability. COE Manual 2020 states that inspection of such items will be carried out on the basis of modular concept (Reference: Chapter 3, Annex B, Page 48/271, Paragraph 1 of COE Manual 2020). Referring the manual, the COE Inspection teams declare “a complete category or sub-category unserviceable even if only one item/ part/ accessory/ additional stocks is unserviceable or deficient”. The manual must explain the point further so that reimbursement for quantities held is not deducted irrationally.

Issue
2. Issue can be further analyzed by dividing Self Sustainment stores into three categories:
   a. Categories which are required for section or platoon level (Like Observation Machine).
   b. Categories which are required per individual as per deployed strength (Miscellaneous General Stores like bedding and Furniture, Laundry, Communication, Catering etcetera).
   c. Categories which are required for complete deployed strength (Office, Cleaning, Electrical, etcetera).

DISCUSSION
3. The issue is elaborated upon through the following examples:
a. **Example 1.** If one Laser Range Finder (LRF) is Unserviceable out of seven LRFs; COEI team will declare complete sub-category (positioning) unserviceable for complete strength (245 x individual deployed at particular location) for complete quarter (90 x days).

b. **Example 2.** If one washing machine is not working out of four washing machines; COEI team will declare complete category (Laundry) unserviceable for complete strength (250 x individual deployed at particular location) for complete quarter (90 x days).

c. **Example 3.** If spare batteries/ cells of even one Laser Range Finder (LRF) are Unserviceable/ dead out of seven LRFs; COEI Team will declare complete sub-category (positioning sub-category) unserviceable for complete strength (245 x individual deployed at particular location) for complete quarter (90 x days).


**RECOMMENDATIONS**

5. COEI in Self Sustainment Categories may be carried out on the basis of composition/ working methodology of that particular category/ sub-category.

a. Positioning etcetera sub-categories should be inspected/ reimbursed on the basis of platoon (utilizing that particular equipment).

b. Laundry etcetera categories should be calculated on the basis of minimum accounting unit (50 to 100 individual).

c. Only observations may be raised on un-serviceability/ non-availability of particular accessories/ additional items (in a particular category) instead of declaring complete category unserviceable.