

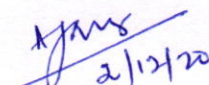
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Dated- 2<sup>nd</sup> December, 2020

ENDORSEMENT

Shri Rajnath Singh, Hon'ble Defence Minister, Govt. of India, New Delhi has issued D.O. letter No. 2348/F/RM/2020 dated 28.10.2020 regarding donation on occasion of AFFDF Flag Day on 07.12.2020 to Armed Forces Flag Day Fund (AFFDF) for the welfare and rehabilitation of Ex-Servicemen, War Widows and their dependents from CSR budget of PSUs. The above mentioned D.O. letter dated 28.10.2020 is being uploaded on the ICAR website [www.icar.org.in](http://www.icar.org.in) and e-office for information and necessary action.

  
(Ajai Verma)

Under Secretary (GAC)

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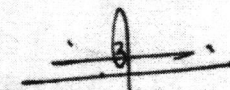


**OFFICE OF MINISTER OF STATE FOR**  
**AGRICULTURE & FARMER WELFARE**  
**(Shri Kailash Choudhary)**

Kindly find enclosed D.O. letter No. 2348/F/RM/2020 dated 28.10.2020 received from Shri Rajnath Singh, Hon'ble Defence Minister, Govt. of India, regarding donation on occasion of AFFDF Flag Day on 07.12.2020 to Armed Forces Flag Day Fund (AFFDF) for the welfare and rehabilitation of Ex-Servicemen, War Widows and their dependents from CSR budget of PSUs.

It is requested to circulate the same in ICAR/DARE and offices their under for wide publicity.

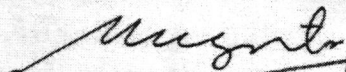
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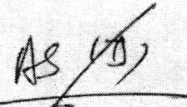
  
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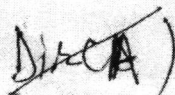
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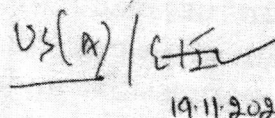
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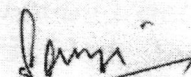
  
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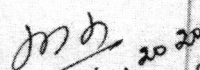


  
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DEFENCE MINISTER  
INDIA

28 Oct, 2020

Sh. Shindey  
RAJ  
07/10  
Dear Shri Kailash Choudhary ji,

As you are aware, the Armed Forces Flag Day Fund (AFFDF) has been constituted by the Government of India for the welfare and rehabilitation of Ex-Servicemen, War Widows and their dependents. Financial assistance is provided from this fund to war widows/ESM and their dependents for their identified personal needs in form of penury grant, children's education grant, funeral grant, medical grant and orphan/disabled grant, etc. There are about 32 lakh Ex-Servicemen (ESM), including around 6.5 lakh widows in the country. Around 60,000 ESM are added to the list every year.

The Armed Forces Flag Day is observed on 07<sup>th</sup> December every year to commemorate the supreme sacrifice made by our valiant Armed Forces personnel for protecting the sovereignty and territorial integrity of our country. This occasion provides us the right opportunity to show our solidarity with the Armed Forces and their dependents, by generously contributing to AFFDF. As on date, the contributions received in AFFDF are not adequate to meet the ever increasing demand for financial assistance to ESM/their dependents, and thus require increased contribution to the AFFDF from all sources. Hence, donation from the CSR budget of PSUs would be of great help to the cause.

I shall be grateful if you could kindly issue instructions to the PSUs under your administrative control to contribute to AFFDF from their CSR budget. Contributions can be made to AFFDF from CSR fund, since measures for the benefits of Armed Forces Veterans, War Widows and their dependents are permissible under CSR provisions. Their contribution will greatly enhance our resources and enable us to maintain a sustainable support system for the welfare of ESM and their widows and dependents.

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The contributions can be sent to the Kendriya Sainik Board by A/C payee cheque/DD drawn in favour of the 'Armed Forces Flag Day Fund A/c' payable at 'New Delhi' or deposited directly in the Saving Bank A/c No.3083000100179875 maintained at the Punjab National Bank at R. K. Puram, New Delhi (IFSC Code:PUNB0308300). It is relevant to add that contributions to AFFDF are exempt from income tax under section 80G(5)(vi) of the Income Tax Act, 1961.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,



**(Rajnath Singh)**

**Shri Kailash Choudhary**  
MoS of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare  
Krishi Bhawan, Dr. Rajendra Prasad Road  
New Delhi - 110001

