

Proceedings of the Meeting of Managing Body of Indian Red Cross Society, Punjab State Branch and its allied bodies (State Red Cross Hospital Welfare Section and St. John Ambulance, Punjab State Centre) held under the Presidentship of Sh. Kaptan Singh Solanki, His Excellency, the Governor of Punjab and President of Indian Red Cross Society, Punjab State Branch at 11.30 A.M. on Tuesday, the 14th June 2016 at Mahatma Gandhi State Institute of Public Administration, Sector 26, Chandigarh.

The following were present :-

1. Sh. D. S. Cheema, Hon'ble Education Minister, Punjab, Chandigarh.
2. Sh. Sarvesh Kaushal, IAS, Chief Secretary to Govt. of Punjab, Chandigarh.
3. Sh. M. P. Singh, IAS, Principal Secretary to Governor, Punjab, Chandigarh.
4. Smt. Vini Mahajan, IAS, Principal Secretary Health, Punjab, Chandigarh.
5. Sh. Anurag Agarwal, IAS, Principal Secretary Social Security & Development of Women and Children, Punjab, Chandigarh.
6. Sh. Ramesh Inder Singh, IAS (Retd.), # 125, Sector 10-A, Chandigarh.
7. Dr. Raj Bahader, Vice Chancellor, Baba Farid Medical University of Health Sciences, Faridkot.
8. Dr. Jaspal Singh, Vice Chancellor, Punjabi University, Patiala, Punjab.
9. Dr. H. S. Bali, Director Health Services, Punjab and Vice - Chairman of Punjab State Red Cross Branch, Chandigarh.
10. Sh. Jugraj Singh Gill, Social Worker, # 43, Sector-5, Chandigarh.
11. Sh. Bhupinder Singh, IAS, Deputy Commissioner, Barnala, Punjab.
12. Sh. Basant Garg, IAS, Deputy Commissioner, Bathinda, Punjab.
13. Sh. DPS Kharbanda, IAS, Deputy Commissioner, Ferozepur, Punjab.
14. Sh. Ravi Bhagat, IAS, Deputy Commissioner, Ludhiana, Punjab.
15. Sh. Kamaldeep S. Sangha, IAS, Deputy Commissioner, Fatehgarh Sahib, Punjab.
16. Sh. D.S Mangat, IAS, Deputy Commissioner, S. A. S. Nagar, Punjab.
17. Sh. Amit Kumar, IAS, Deputy Commissioner, Pathankot, Punjab.
18. Sh. Kamal Kishor Yadav, IAS, Deputy Commissioner, Jalandhar Punjab.
19. Sh. S.P. Angra, Addl. Deputy Commissioner, Amritsar, Punjab.
20. Dr.. Jagwinderjit Singh Grewal, Addl. Deputy Commissioner, Gurdaspur, Punjab.
21. Sh. Rahul Chaba, Addl. Deputy Commissioner, Hoshiarpur, Punjab.
22. Sh. Mohinder Pal Singh, Addl. Deputy Commissioner, Patiala, Punjab.

23. Sh. Charandev Singh Mann, PCS, Addl. Deputy Commissioner, Fazilka, Punjab.
24. Sh. Jasbir Singh, Addl. Director (T&A), Finance Department. Punjab, Chandigarh.
25. Sh. Jiwan Jagjot, SDM, Rep of Deputy Commissioner, Nawan Shahar, Punjab.

26. Mrs. Isha Singal, PCS, Rep. of Deputy Commissioner, Sangrur, Punjab.
27. Ms. Arina Duggal, PCS, SDM, Khanna, Rep of Chairperson HWS, Fatehgarh Sahib, Punjab
28. Sh. Nitish Singla, PCS, Hony. Secy., Distt. Red Cross Branch, Patiala, Punjab.
29. Mrs. Inderbir Jaggi, Chairperson, Hospital Welfare Section, Faridkot, Punjab.
27. Ms. Simerpreet, PCS, Chairperson, Hospital Welfare Section, Patiala, Punjab.
30. Ms. Anshu Sharma, Chairperson, Hospital Welfare Section, Ropar, Punjab.
31. Mrs. Sadhna Sangar, Joint Director, DPI (Colleges), Chandigarh.
32. Sh. Amrish Kumar, Dy. Director, DPI (Schools), S. A. S. Nagar, Punjab.
33. Smt. Pankaj Sharma, DPI (EE), S. A. S. Nagar, Punjab.
34. Sh. Harjit Singh, Dy. Chief Engineer, B. B. M. B. Talwara, Punjab.
. 31. Sh. Surinder rep. of Chief Engineer, B. B. M. B. Naya Nagal, Punjab.
35. Prof. Dinesh K Gupta, Dean rep of Vice – Chancellor, Punjab University, Chandigarh.
36. Sh. Gurpreet Singh, Punjab Civil Secretariat, Chandigarh.
37. Mrs. Sukhpreet Kaur Punjab Civil Secretariat, Chandigarh.
38. Sh. Sanjiv Budhiraja, Secy. , Distt. Red Cross, Rep of Deputy Commissioner, Ropar, Punjab.
39. Major Kuldip Singh, Secy. , Distt., Red Cross Branch Rep. of Deputy Commissioner, Tarn Taran.
40. Sh. Gopal Singh, Secy. District Red Cross Branch, rep of Deputy Commissioner, Muktsar, Punjab.
41. Sh. Krishan Taluja, Social Worker, District - Ropar, Punjab.

42. Sh. Vijay Kumar Goyal, Social Worker, District - Patiala, Punjab.
43. Sh. D.S Deol, Advocate, Elected Member, Managing Body, District – Ropar, Punjab.
44. Sh. H. S Bedi, Elected Member Managing Body, District - Gurdaspur (Punjab).

45. Dr. Surjit Kaur Sandhu, Elected Member, HWS, #1538, Sector 36-B, Chandigarh.
46. Sh. Ashok Sachar, Elected Member, Managing Body, District – Faridkot, Punjab.
47. Sh Gurmeet Singh Walia, Elected Member, Managing Body, District – Mohali, Punjab.
48. Sh. Pawan Kumar, Executive Member, District - Mansa, Punjab.
49. Sh. H.S Kareer, Elected Member, District – Patiala, Punjab.
50. Mrs. Jaswant Kaur, Nominated Member, Managing Body, District – S. A. S. Nagar, Punjab.
51. Sh. Satpal Sr. Asstt. Punjab State Corporation, District – Mansa, Punjab.
52. Dr. Surinder Kaur Pannu, Hony. Secy, Hospital Welfare Section, District – Gurdaspur, Punjab.
53. Sh. J.B. Bhasin, Chartered Accountant, Auditor of Punjab Red Cross, Chandigarh.
54. Sh. C.S. Talwar, IAS (Retd.), Secretary, Indian Red Cross Society, Punjab State Branch.
55. Sh. Harbans Singh, Dy. Secretary, Indian Red Cross Society, Punjab State Branch.

<u>Agenda</u>	<u>Resolution</u>	<u>Follow Up Action</u>																
<p>At the very outset the State Secretary of Indian Red Cross Society, Punjab State Branch welcomed His Excellency the Governor, Punjab and President of Indian Red Cross Society, Punjab State Branch, Hon'ble Education Minister, Punjab and the Chief Secretary to Govt. of Punjab.</p> <p>He also expressed his gratitude to His Excellency for chairing the meeting of the Managing Body which is being held after a gap of three years. The Society is grateful to Hon'ble Education Minister and the Chief Secretary to Govt. of Punjab for attending the said meeting. The Society is also grateful to all the members who attended this meeting.</p> <p><u>AGENDA ITEM NO. 1</u></p> <p>To confirm the Proceedings of the last meeting of the Managing Body, Annual General Meeting & its allied Bodies held on 11th April, 2013 along with the follow up action taken thereon (Annexure 'A').</p>	Confirmed.	No further action is required.																
<p><u>AGENDA ITEM NO. 2</u></p> <p>To note the performance of the Punjab State Red Cross Branch for the period from 2012 – 2013, 2013 – 2014 & 2014 – 2015 (Annexure 'B')</p>	Seen	No further action is required.																
<p><u>AGENDA ITEM NO. 3</u></p> <p><u>To ratify the appointment of Vice-Chairman:-</u></p> <p>(a) To ratify the appointment of Vice-Chairman of the Punjab State Red Cross Branch & its allied bodies as per provision contained in Article 19 of the Constitution of the Indian Red Cross Society, Punjab State Red Cross Branch. The following were appointed as Vice Chairman of Indian Red Cross Society, Punjab State Branch vide order of Punjab Raj Bhawan (PRB) mentioned against their names :-</p> <table border="0" data-bbox="186 1648 966 1837"> <thead> <tr> <th><u>Sr.No.</u></th> <th><u>Name</u></th> <th><u>Letter No.</u></th> <th><u>Dated</u></th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>1.</td> <td>Dr. Karanjit Singh</td> <td>PRB-EA-2013/8211</td> <td>13-12-2013</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2.</td> <td>Dr. Jatinder Kaur</td> <td>PRB-EA-2015/2028</td> <td>20-04-2015</td> </tr> <tr> <td>3.</td> <td>Dr. Bhag Mal ,Director,</td> <td>PRB-EA-2015/3463</td> <td>09-07-2015</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>The copies of above orders are placed at Annexure 'C' (1-3)</p>	<u>Sr.No.</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Letter No.</u>	<u>Dated</u>	1.	Dr. Karanjit Singh	PRB-EA-2013/8211	13-12-2013	2.	Dr. Jatinder Kaur	PRB-EA-2015/2028	20-04-2015	3.	Dr. Bhag Mal ,Director,	PRB-EA-2015/3463	09-07-2015	Ratified	No further action is required.
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	<p>be completed and then sent to National Headquarters.</p> <p>It has also been decided that the one time subscription of the Patron be increased to Rs. 5 Lacs and the Life Member to Rs. 1 Lac.</p>	<p>formalities about the bio-data and proforma.</p> <p>Indian Red Cross Society, National Headquarters may be apprised about the decision of enhancement of the subscription of Patron and Life Member with a copy of Proceedings.</p>
<p><u>AGENDA ITEM NO. 6</u></p> <p><u>Motivation through Great Indian Personalities</u></p> <p>It is generally felt that the aims and objectives of Indian Red Cross Society, like the service of suffering humanity can be achieved and the Indian Youth can be motivated more effectively through the life and teachings of great Indian personalities like Bhai Ghanaya ji and Swami Vivekanand ji :-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1 Bhai Ghanaya ji was a disciple of Sh. Guru Gobind Singh ji who served the injured soldiers of the warring groups (Sikhs and Muslims) without any discrimination of caste & creed in 1704. Thus Bhai Ghanaya Ji has become a precursor of the spirit of Red Cross much before the International Red Cross Society was established in 1863. 2 Swami Vivekanand holds that services of suffering humanity is the service of GOD. (Nar Sewa is Narayan Sewa). When plague broke out in Calcutta in 1897, he and his disciples did an exemplary service to ameliorate the suffering of the plague victims. He even declared his intentions to sell the 'Land' which was ear-marked for the construction of the ashram of his Guru i.e. Ram Krishan Mission Ashram, so that medicines may be purchased to help the plague victims. <p>Swami Vivekanand is also an icon of Indian youth and his birthday is being celebrated as National 'Youth Day' throughout India.</p> <p>Hence, it is proposed that all the branches of Indian Red Cross Society in the State may be generally advised to</p>	<p>Approved</p>	<p>The Deputy Commissioners and Presidents of the District Red Cross Branches are advised to take action accordingly.</p>

use inspiring life and teachings of Bhai Ghanaya ji and Swami Vivekanand ji also (in addition to that of Sir Jean Henry Dunant, founder of Red Cross) to motivate the youth towards the aims and objectives of Red Cross.

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AGENDA ITEM NO. 7

Payment of Arrears of State Share By District Red Cross Branches as there is no shortage of Funds in District Branches.

As per provision under Section 9 of the Constitution of India, 30% share of collections done by District Red Cross Branches are to be paid to State Branch. Out of this 30% share, 15% is to be submitted to the National Headquarters.

The District Branches were requested at the level of Secretary, Indian Red Cross Society, Punjab State Branch, and then Principle Secretary to Governor, Punjab to send due Share to the State Branch for further remittance to National Headquarters. But the Districts have been deferring the payment of such arrears on the plea that there is shortage of funds in the districts.

But now the financial condition of the districts has much improved as the State Govt. in compliance with the direction of Hon'ble Punjab and Haryana High Court in CWP No. 18396, Resurgence of India Vs Union of India has reimbursed substantial amount to the District Red Cross Branches vide letter No. 11/39/2011-A-2/12265 dated 12-09-2014 (Annexure 'F').

Thus the financial position of the District Red Cross Branches have much improved and they are now in a comfortable position to remit the share of State Branch and National Headquarters and fulfill the constitutional obligation immediately.

The DCs-cum-President of District Red Cross Societies may be advised to pay the share of State Branch/ National Headquarters immediately.

Approved.

His Excellency observed that the Presidents of District Red Cross Societies are Deputy Commissioners who is considered the most important officer of the District. Therefore, the Presidents of the District Red Cross Societies should show their effectiveness and ensure that there is no shortage of funds in the District Red Cross Societies. HE emphasized that the payment of the share of the State Branch may be cleared immediately.

The matter will be taken up with the Deputy Commissioners-cum – Presidents of District Red Cross Societies for the payment of State share after circulation of a copy of the Proceedings to them.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 8

Adoption of Uniform Rules for District Red Cross Branches as per Model Constitution

In order to streamline the functioning of District Red Cross Branches, there is a need to formulate and adopt uniform rules for this purpose by all district branches.

Vide Agenda item No.9 of the Managing Body Meeting dated 11th April,2013, it was decided that copy of State Branch Service Rules 1996 be circulated to all District Branches for favor of comments, as to whether they are willing to adopt these Rules.

After, considering the comments of district branches a committee was constituted involving senior and experienced officers from District Branches to decide the applicability of uniform Rules.

In compliance of Managing Body decision, the committee was constituted as follow :-

- (a) Sh. Kamal Kishor Yadav, IAS, Deputy Commissioner, Jalandhar
- (b) Sh. Rajat Aggarwal, IAS , Deputy Commissioner, Ludhiana
- (c) Sh. D.S.Mangat, IAS Deputy Commissioner, Kapurthala
- (d) Sh. Ravi Bhagat, IAS Deputy Commissioner, Amritsar
- (e) Sh. A.L. Ashta the then Dy. Secy, Indian Red Cross Society, Punjab State Branch, Chd.

The aforesaid committee proposed the draft Rules which are enclosed as Annexure 'G'

As per Rules 24(ii) under Penalties and Appeal Clause, it was recommended by the committee that appeal of the order of President shall lie with Commissioners of respective Divisions. Now, after reconsideration, it has been recommended by the Committee vide letter No. 384/RC dated 12.1.2016 (Annexure G-1) that “ since Divisional Commissioners are not having direct role in the functioning of the District Red Cross Branches, it is therefore suggested that the appellate power may be entrusted to Secretary, Indian Red Cross Society, Punjab State Branch, Chandigarh”. These rules are submitted for approval under Section 35 of Model Constitution for District Red Cross Branches & subsequent amendment to these rules subject to

Approved.

It was observed by the Chief Secretary to Govt. of Punjab that the Divisional Commissioners have relatively less workload and they should be suitably associated with the Red Cross activities at district level. It was also observed that being more senior and experienced in such appellate related matters, they may be made the Appellate Authority under these Rules.

It was also decided that the Divisional Commissioners may be made ex-officio members of the Managing Body of State Branch.

The Deputy Commissioners will take suitable steps to involve their respective Divisional Commissioners in the Red Cross activities at Districts level.

The State Branch may initiate the process required for this purpose.

<p>the approval of the Managing Body of State Branch (Annexure H)</p>		
<p><u>AGENDA ITEM NO. 9</u> <u>Amendments in Service Rules with reference to experience, qualification and age to streamline certain posts (Annexure “I”)</u></p> <p>To bring improvement in the working of administration of the Society, it is proposed to incorporate/amend the Indian Red Cross Society, Punjab State Branch, St. John Ambulance Punjab State Centre, State Red Cross Hospital Welfare Rules, 1996 as amended from time to time.</p> <p>The following incorporation/amendments in Service Rule of Indian Red Cross Society, Punjab State Branch are necessitated and proposed for favor of approval :-</p> <p>1. (a) <u>Deputy Secretary Through Direct Recruitment.</u></p> <p>There are two posts of Deputy Secretaries in the Society Rules. Out of two posts, one is required to be filled up by promotion and the second post is to be filled on contractual basis on consolidated honorarium fixed by the Society from time to time. But, no educational qualification, experience and age limit has been laid down to fill up the contractual post of Deputy Secretary so far. For the sake of consistency and transparency and to check the arbitrariness the following eligibility requirements are proposed :-</p> <p>“Any retired/non retired Class A Officer having minimum experience of 7 years in any State/Central Govt./Board/Corporation.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">OR</p> <p>Served at least for 02 years as Under Secretary of State Govt./Board/Corporation.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">OR</p> <p>07 Years experience of working on either or both the posts of Superintendent Grade-I and Superintendent Grade-II. Out of which at least 5 years experience shall be on the post of Superintendent Grade -1</p> <p><u>Age</u> - 62 years of age as on 01 January of the recruitment year.</p> <p><u>Age</u> 62 years of age as on 01 January of the recruitment year.</p> <p>(b) <u>Deputy Secretary Through Promotion.</u></p>	<p>Approved.</p>	<p>No further action is required.</p>

<p>The qualifications & eligibilities required for the post of Deputy Secretary by promotion has been changed from time to time. In 2008, the eligibility for this post was made 04 years service as Accounts Officer & Senior Field Officer as these posts are considered senior posts to the other posts like Publicity Officer, State Training Supervisor, Field Officer, Superintendent-Grade - II and Social Welfare Officer for which the eligibility was 10 years of service.</p> <p>In 2013, the requirement of experience was changed to 08 years as Accounts Officer, Senior Field Officer & Superintendent Grade -1 but no change was made for the posts of Publicity Officer, State Training Supervisor, Senior Field Officer, Superintendent Grade-II and Social Welfare Officer.</p> <p>Therefore, it is proposed that experience required for senior categories of Officers i.e. Accounts Officer, Senior Field Officer & Superintendent Grade-1 may be reduced to 05 years instead of 08 years because it would be a more rational and balanced decision under circumstances. This will also provide a reasonable opportunity for promotion to the concerned categories of employees and will help to remove the sense of stagnation and frustration which will also be in the public interest. In the light of situation explained above, the decision taken in the Managing Body Meeting on 11-04-2013 needs to be revisited & re-amended as under :-</p> <p><u>For</u> : “From amongst Accounts Officer, Senior Field Officer and Superintendent Grade -1 having 8 years experience as such and having proficiency in English both in writing and spoken to be adjudged by the Departmental Selection Committee .”</p> <p><u>Read</u> : “ From amongst Accounts Officer, Senior Field Office and Superintendent Grade -1 having 5 years experience as such and having proficiency in English both in writing and spoken to be adjudged by the Departmental Selection Committee.”</p>	<p>Approved.</p>	<p>No further action is required.</p>
<p>(c) <u>Assistant State Training Supervisor :</u></p> <p>The educational qualification and experience for the post of Assistant State Training Supervisor laid down in the Society’s Rules is so somewhat high as a result of which the office is unable to find suitable candidate of this educational qualification and experience inspite of advertisements and the post has remained unfilled. Hence, the following amendment is proposed in the present Rules :</p> <p><u>For</u> : “B. Sc, Medical, B.Ed. holding certificate of First</p>	<p>Approved.</p>	<p>No further action is required.</p>

<p>Aid and Home Nursing with 5 years experience.</p> <p><u>Read</u> : “B.Sc B.Ed. holding certificate of First Aid and Home Nursing with 5 years experience of teaching in Educational institutions.”</p> <p style="text-align: center;">OR</p> <p>“B.Sc. Nursing holding certificate of First Aid and Home Nursing Training with 03 year experience.”</p> <p style="text-align: center;">OR</p> <p>“M.Sc., B.Ed., holding certificate of First Aid and Home Nursing Training”</p> <p style="text-align: center;">OR</p> <p>“By promotion amongst existing staff having Graduate with 10 years experience for imparting “First Aid & Home Nursing Training in the office.”</p> <p>d) <u>Senior Scale Stenographer</u> :</p> <p>The educational qualification for the post of Senior Scale Stenographer as laid down in the Society’s Rules is of very high standard. Hence, it is felt that the office is unable to find suitable candidate for this post and the post is lying vacant since last three years. The following amendment is proposed in the present Rules :-</p> <p><u>For :-</u></p> <p>a) <u>Direct Recruitment</u> :- Graduate with knowledge of Punjabi upto Matric and shorthand speed 100 w.p.m. in English & Punjabi and transcription in typing 45 w.p.m. in English & 25 w.p.m. in Punjabi.</p> <p>b) <u>By Promotion</u> :- Clerk/Junior Assistant having knowledge of Punjabi upto Matric and shorthand speed 100 w.p.m. in English & Punjabi and transcription in typing 45 w.p.m. in English & 25 w.p.m. in Punjabi.</p> <p><u>Read:-</u></p> <p>(a) <u>Direct Recruitment</u> :- Graduate with knowledge of Punjabi upto Matric and shorthand speed 80 w.p.m. in English & Punjabi and transcription in typing 25 w.p.m. in English & 20 w.p.m. in Punjabi.</p> <p>(b) <u>By Promotion:-</u> Clerk/Junior Assistant having knowledge of Punjabi upto Matric and shorthand speed 80 w.p.m. In English & Punjabi</p>	<p>Approved.</p>	<p>No further action is required.</p>
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<p>and transcription in typing 25 w.p.m. in English & 20 w.p.m. in Punjabi.</p> <p>(e) <u>Regularization of the Post of Safai Sewak on compassionate grounds :</u></p> <p>Smt. Vidya Devi Safai Sewika who was working in the Indian Red Cross Society, Punjab State Branch was expired on 25th January, 2010. After her death, her son Shri Vikas Kumar submitted an application for appointment as Safai Sewak on compassionate ground on priority basis. But he could not be given a regular appointment due to the reasons that the post of Safai Sewak was converted into contractual post. As a result of which Shri Vikas Kumar serving on contractual basis for the last 6 years on D.C rate. In this way, Shri Vikas Kumar has been denied the relief of employment on compassionate ground (priority category) but he has been making repeated requests for the appointment on regular basis.</p> <p>A Sub Committee of the experienced officials of the Punjab State Branch after examining his application has recommended that the case of Shri. Vikas Kumar deserves to be considered sympathetically for regular appointment and also recommended that the matter be placed before the Managing Body Meeting as Agenda item for according approval for the regularization of the post and for the appointment of Shri Vikas Kumar on regular basis. Hence, the said item is placed before the Managing Body for consideration and approval.</p>	<p>The matter was discussed and the House unanimously authorized His Excellency to take appropriate decision on file and no need to bring the case to Managing Body again.</p>	<p>The case will be put up to His Excellency with the appropriate proposal.</p>
<p><u>AGENDA ITEM NO. 10</u> <u>Policy for Renting/Selling out of Red Cross Property (Annexure “J”)</u></p> <p>The Punjab Govt. vide its letter No. 4/77/2014-3f 4/1524 dated 30.09.2014 asked the State Branch of Indian Red Cross Society to draft a policy for renting/selling out of the Property of District Red Cross Branches. The Punjab Govt. did this in compliance of the CWP 18396 of 2007.</p> <p>2. The State Branch took the following steps to work out the draft policy :-</p>	<p>Approved.</p> <p>It was also decided that in case no bid comes forward for the minimum reserve price assessed by the PWD then in that</p>	<p>The policy/ instructions in this regard will be sent to the Deputy Commissioners & Presidents of the District Red Cross Branches</p>

<p>(a) All the District Red Cross Branches were asked to send their proposals and also inform about existing policy. The proposals were received from 17 districts.</p> <p>(b) A committee at the State Branch consisting of Deputy Secretary, Senior Field Officer and Superintendent Establishment was constituted to examine the proposals received from districts to compile them and work out a common draft policy.</p> <p>(c) The proposal was worked out by the Committee and sent to the Punjab Govt. for consideration and further necessary action.</p> <p>3. Now, the Punjab Govt. has returned the draft policy and conveyed vide its letter No. 4/77/2014-3f; 4/589402/1 dated 16.09.2015 that this draft policy may be got approved from the Competent Authority and issued to the District Red Cross Branches.</p> <p>4. This policy is submitted for favour of approval of Managing Body as per provision under Section 27(x) and 34 of the Constitution of State Branch of Indian Red Cross Society. Section 4 of Model Constitution of District Red Cross Branches also states clearly that District Red Cross Branches are required to honour and observe all Rules and Regulations framed by State Branch. This uniform policy will be made applicable after its approval by Managing Body and will be issued to all District Red Cross Branches of the State for compliance.</p>	<p>case re-assessment of the reserve price may be done with the approval of higher authority.</p>	<p>for necessary action/ compliance.</p>
<p><u>Any Other Items</u></p> <p><u>Revive of Junior Red Cross Subscription.</u></p> <p>Upto 2008, all the students of all the classes of Govt. and Aided schools were associated with Red Cross Association and they used to contribute towards Junior Red Cross Fund which was quite nominal.</p> <p>Consequent upon the implementation of RTE Act – 2009, education upto middle class has been made free. This necessitated discontinuation of Red Cross subscription from the</p>	<p>The matter was discussed and the Hon'ble Education Minister, Punjab explained that there are some categories of students who have been exempted from</p>	<p>The Government will be requested by sending the copy of the proceedings of the meeting. After receipt of the decision from the</p>

<p>students up to middle class. But in Punjab, this subscription has been stopped not only for the students upto middle class but also the students of 9th to 12th class. As a result of this, there has been a loss of income to Red Cross and students got dis-associated with the spirit of Red Cross.</p> <p>In some State including the neighboring State of Haryana, the students from 9th to 12th class of the schools are still associated with Red Cross and making contribution to the Red Cross.</p> <p>The Hon'ble Education Minister, Punjab may be requested to revise the decision and include the students from 9th to 12th class for making the contribution to the Red Cross.</p>	<p>payment of fees in classes higher than 8th. It was also opined that atleast those categories of students who are not getting any fee exemption can be included to make contribution towards Junior Red Cross subscription whereas for the other categories of students who are exempted from paying fees, it can be made voluntary or discretionary.</p> <p>The Hon'ble Education Minister stated that he broadly agrees with the proposal and assured that appropriate decision will be taken in the matter.</p>	<p>Government, the Schools will be approached accordingly.</p>
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In his presidential remarks, His Excellency the Governor, Punjab desired that the Red Cross volunteers, Social Workers and other NGOs should come forward to implement the welfare schemes of the Govt. because it is not possible for the Govt. to reach every strata of the Society.

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair.

Secretary