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No. VI-14021/15/79-DGCD(HG)  
Government of India/Bharat Sarkar  
Ministry of Home Affairs/Grih Mantralaya

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New Delhi-110 001, the 4<sup>th</sup> April, 1981

To

Chief Secretaries of all States/Union Territories  
(except Arunachal Pradesh, Kerala and Nagaland).

Subject:- Death-cum-Injury Benefits to Home Guards.

Sir,

The question of making adequate provision for death-cum-injury benefits to the members of the Home Guards in the event of their sustaining injury/death during duty has been under consideration of this Ministry for some time. Though the Home Guards Acts/Rules of respective States take cognisance of compensation if a member of Home Guards suffers any damage to his person while called up for duty, nothing specific is laid down in those Acts/Rules in terms of actual compensation. The 8th Biennial Conference of Home Guards and Civil Defence held in November 1980, considered this question in depth and has recommended that death-cum-injury benefits to Home Guards who suffer death/injury on duty should be provided on the same basis as to the Police personnel engaged in the same operations. The Conference further recommended that payment should be made by the agency employing the Home Guards at the time of death/injury and the Central Government's liability in this regard will only arise when Home Guards are employed on duty by the Government of India.

2. The recommendation of the 8th Biennial Conference has been considered and accepted by the Government. It is now requested that the State Governments/Union Territory Administrations may take necessary steps to provide death-cum-injury benefits to Home Guards volunteers on the same basis as to the Police personnel engaged in the same operations. The payment in respect of death-cum-injury benefits will be made by the agency at whose instance the Home Guards are called up for such duties. The Central Government's liability in this regard will arise only when the Home Guards are called up for duty at the instance of the Government of India.

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3. The receipt of this letter may please be acknowledged and action taken by the State Governments/ Union Territory Administrations on this decision intimated to this Ministry at an early date.

4. This issues with the concurrence of Integrated Finance Division vide Dy.No.1059/81-Fin.III/WRD-II dated 4th March 1981.

Yours faithfully,

*S. Varadan* 4/4/81  
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Additional Secretary to Government of India

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1. Commandants General Home Guards of all States/Union Territories (except Arunachal Pradesh, Kerala and Nagaland).
2. Accountants General of all States/Union Territories (except Arunachal Pradesh, Kerala and Nagaland).

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