

National Social Security Strategy (NSSS) for Freedom Fighters

MINISTRY OF LIBERATION WAR AFFAIRS
THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF BANGLADESH

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Vision

The ideals and spirit of the great liberation war are upheld and the welfare of the freedom fighters and their descendant is ensured.

Mission

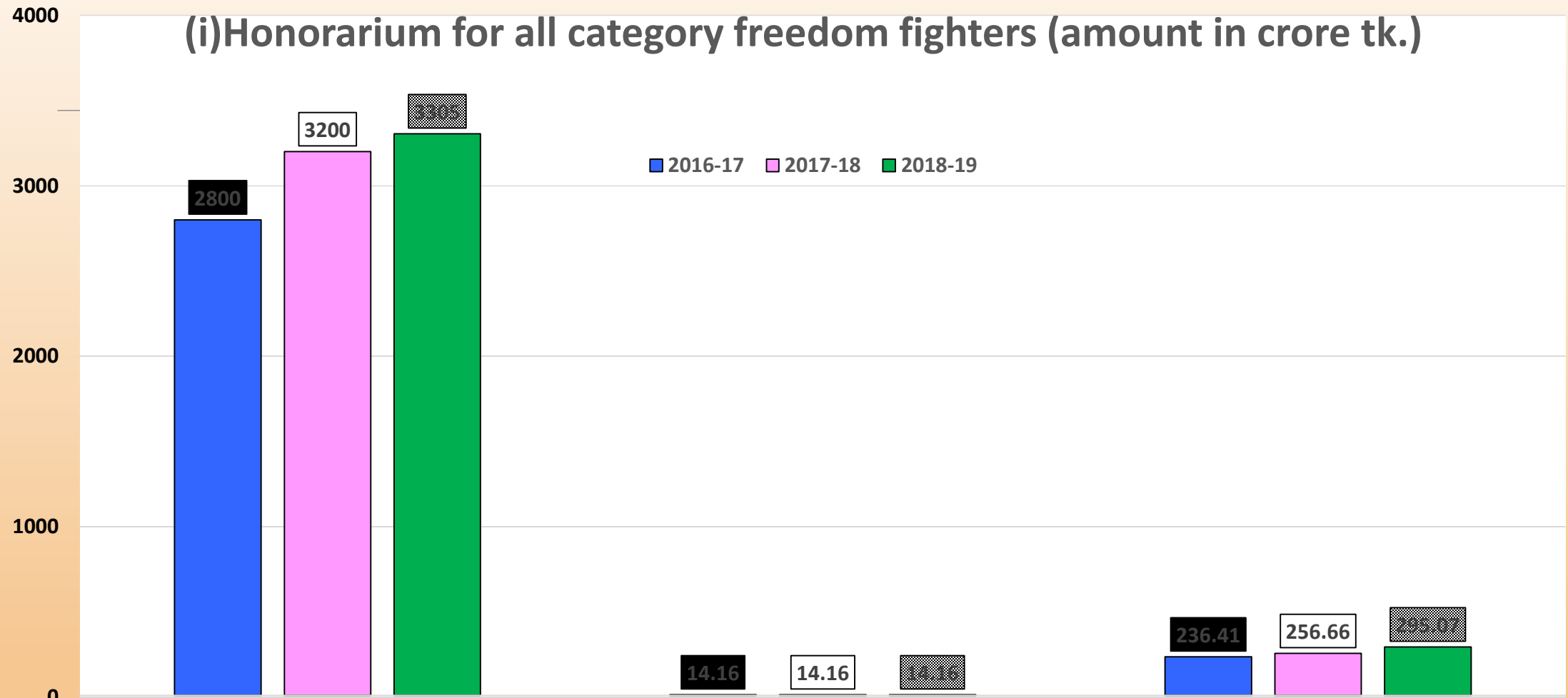
To ensure overall welfare of the freedom fighters by formulation of rules and regulations related to their rights and benefits and establish the spirit of liberation war in the national life by preserving memory and history of liberation war.

Background

As per Allocation of Business regarding NSSS, the Ministry of Liberation War Affairs is responsible for :

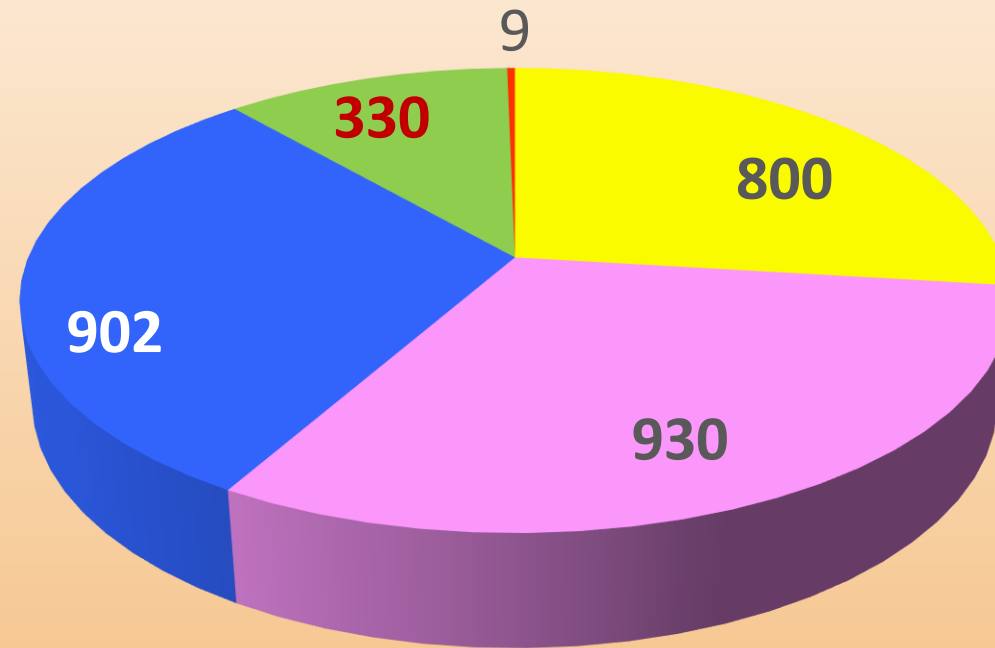
- Formulation, review and execution of legislations, policies, plans, procedures, etc. related to the overall welfare of freedom fighters and preservation of the ideals and sprit of liberation war.
- Preparation and preservation of freedom fighters' list, publication of gazettes, issuance of certificates and maintenance of database thereof.
- Providing honorarium, remuneration, allowances , financial support, microcredit and ration for the freedom fighters, injured freedom fighters, gallantry award winning freedom fighters and martyred freedom fighters' family.
- Providing grant-in-aid to freedom fighters' organizations

Overview of the Freedom Fighters' Benefit Programme



■ 2016-17	2800	14.16	236.41
■ 2017-18	3200	14.16	256.66
■ 2018-19	3305	14.16	295.07

(ii) Construction of House for Landless and Insolvent Freedom Fighters (1st Phase)



■ 2014-15 ■ 2015-16 ■ 2016-17 ■ 2017-18 ■ 2018-19 (under construction)

Challenges

- Identification of many undocumented freedom fighters;
- Checking the information and documents of a freedom fighter, proposed for new induction in the beneficiary list, with the information available in different tiers;
- Removing the role of middlemen, alleged to have been exploiting the insolvent and illiterate freedom fighters;
- Long administrative processes ranging from preliminary scrutiny of documents of a freedom fighter in a remote Upazilla by the officials responsible to the final approval of fund allocation by the Finance Division of the Ministry of Finance and sending again to the lowest tier of the administration for service delivery, which require too much time and labor of the officials concerned and the beneficiaries as well;
- Intervention in few cases by local elites in considering the allowances for freedom fighters.
- Lengthy administrative process to acquire the land for those (landless FF) who have no land to construct the house.

Action Plan

In order to implement the reform proposals of the NSSS the following time bound activities taken up by this Ministry:

Objectives	Activities	Performance Indicators	Timeframe
Continue Freedom Fighters' Benefit Programme	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ To update database of beneficiaries ✓ To maintain benefit value in terms growth in GDP ratio 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Database of updated ✓ The value increased with growth 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continuous Continuous
Consolidate smaller programmes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Prepare list of programmes to be continued ✓ Make list of programmes to be scaled up ✓ Make list of programmes to be phased out ✓ Review the consolidation proposals 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ List sent to Cabinet Division ✓ List sent to Cabinet Division ✓ List sent to Cabinet Division ✓ Review prepared 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> August 2017 August 2017 August 2017 December 2017

Action Plan (Contd...)

Objectives	Activities	Performance Indicators	Timeframe
Improve targeting of beneficiaries	✓ Update manual for selection procedures and disseminate it to people	✓ Circular issued	December 2017
	✓ Publish list of beneficiaries online to make it transparent	✓ Instruction given to field offices	Continuous
	✓ Follow the BBS database when prepared	✓ Instruction given	June 2018
Grievance Redress System	✓ Make arrangement for recording complaints at field level	✓ Instruction issued	Continuous
	✓ Create public awareness about facility of central GRS of CD	✓ Public meetings held in all upazillas	By July 2018
Develop Single Registry MIS	✓ Create online based MIS for all programmes	✓ MIS digitized for all programmes	January 2018
	✓ Make the MIS accessible by relevant departments	✓ Inter Departmental arrangement established	July 2018
	✓ Link MIS with cash disbursement	✓ MIS linked with bank database	December 2018

Action Plan (Contd...)

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Digitization of cash transfer	<ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ Pilot different modalities of G2P✓ Roll out appropriate format of G2P	<ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ Pilot completed✓ G2P rolled out for through the country	<p>July, 2018 December, 2018</p>
Enhance results based M&E	<ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ Digitize monitoring of programmes✓ Conduct mid- term and end-term evaluation of programmes	<ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ Dashboard established✓ Programmes evaluated regularly	<p>July 2018 Continuous</p>

G2P: Piloted at Cox's Bazar

To provide the government services to the doorstep of every citizen, Honorable Prime Minister launched electronic payment of FF Allowance to 342 freedom fighters of Cox's Bazar district through G2P on July 17, 2018 making the payment quicker and without any sort of hazards.

Way Forward

- Electronic payment of allowances to freedom fighters with minimum scope of human intervention through G2P through all over Bangladesh;
- Lessening the long administrative processes as much as possible to ensure quick delivery of the benefits to deserving candidates.

Thank You All