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Date: 06<sup>th</sup> Sep 2023

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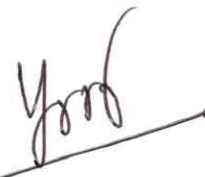
**Sub: Permanent Reversion of Defence Stream Officers of the Survey of India Group A Service to Military Survey, Ministry of Defence – regarding.**

**Ref:** (i) DST Order No. SM/01/01/2023 dated 06 September 2023  
(ii) DST Order No. SM/01/01/2023 dated 20 March 2023  
(ii) This Office letter No.C-1176/1198-A (Induction) dated 20<sup>th</sup> March, 2023  
(iii) This Office letter No.C-1334/1198-A (Induction) dated 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2023

The Department of Science & Technology Order No. SM/01/01/2023 dated 06 September 2023 is forwarded herewith for ensuring strict compliance.


This has the approval of the Surveyor General of India.

**Enclosure: DST Order No. SM/01/01/2023 dated 06 September 2023**

  
( Prashant Kumar )  
Deputy Surveyor General  
for Surveyor General of India

**Copy to:**

1. The Secretary to the Govt. of India, Ministry of Science & Technology, (Department of Science & Technology) Technology Bhawan, New Mehrauli Road, New Delhi – 110016 (Kind Attn: Shri S K Pani, Deputy Secretary, DST) w.r.f. their letter No order/letter No. SM/01/01/2023 dated 06.09.2023 for information, please.
2. The Engineer in Chief's Branch, Integrated HQ of MoD (Army), Kashmir House, DHQ PO New Delhi – 110011 for information, please.
3. ADG Mil Svy, GSGS, New Delhi for information, please.
4. The Comdts: 501 FSEG, Dehra Dun/CAMS, New Delhi/ADMC, Bengaluru / DIGIT, Pune/ 12 GASL Delhi for information and necessary action, please.
5. PCDA (O), Golibar Maidan, Pune – 411001 for information, please.
6. Addl SG (Tech), SGO, DSGs SGO:PP/HR/Vig/Admn/WS/Tech/DAF/Director IBD for information and necessary action, please.
7. Sr. Accounts Officer, CP&AO, Dehra Dun/RP&AO, Jaipur/Kolkata/Hyderabad for information, please.
8. E&AOs A/B/C, SGO for information.
9. Incharge, Web Admn for uploading this letter on SoI website.



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**Technology Bhavan, New Mehrauli Road,  
New Delhi, the 06<sup>th</sup> September, 2023**

**ORDER**

**WHEREAS** as part of implementation of para 5.2.2.7 of the National Geospatial Policy, 2022 (**mentioning, inter-alia, that 'Survey of India (SoI) would be transformed into a fully civilian organization. Defence stream of recruitment in SoI would be discontinued and defence stream officers seconded to SoI would be permanently reverted to Military Survey, Ministry of Defence'**), approved by the Union Cabinet on 16.12.2022 and notified in the Gazette of India on 28.12.2022 for implementation with immediate effect, and in accordance with the provisions of para 2(d) of Annexure-II (title: Conditions of service for Defence officers) of the Survey of India (Group 'A') Service Rules, 1989, which provides that, "An officer may be reverted permanently to military duty if his services are no longer required in the Survey of India owing to: - (i) reduction of establishment", the Defence Stream Officers of the Survey of India (Group 'A') Service, transferred from the Corps of Engineers officer to SoI on permanent secondment basis, were permanently reverted to the Military Survey, Ministry of Defence, w.e.f. 31.03.2023 (A/N), vide Order No. SM/01/01/2023 dated 20.03.2023 (**copy enclosed at Annexure-B**).

**AND WHEREAS** after issuance of Order No. SM/01/01/2023 dated 20.03.2023, forty-three Defence Stream Officers approached the Hon'ble CAT, Allahabad Bench, Allahabad by way of Original Application (OA) No. 237 of 2023 dated 27.03.2023, with main prayer, inter-alia, to quash and set aside Order No. SM/01/01/2023 dated 20.03.2023 and interim relief to stay the effect and operation of Order No. SM/01/01/2023 dated 20.03.2023.

**AND WHEREAS** the Hon'ble CAT, Allahabad Bench, Allahabad heard OA No. 237 of 2023 on 28.03.2023 and vide Order dated 31.03.2023 admitted the OA and stayed Order No. SM/01/01/2023 dated 20.03.2023 till the next date of hearing. Hon'ble CAT, Allahabad Bench, Allahabad further directed that the respondents shall maintain status quo, and restrain themselves from disturbing the applicants from their present position till then. The respondents were further directed to maintain status quo ante position and continue them (the applicants) in their respective positions as on the date of order, i.e. 20.03.2023, till the next date of hearing.

**AND WHEREAS** the Government of India vide Notification No. G.S.R. 520 (E) dated 18.07.2023 transferred the 'State of Uttarakhand' to the territorial jurisdiction of Hon'ble CAT, Principal Bench, New Delhi from the territorial jurisdiction of Hon'ble CAT, Allahabad Bench, Allahabad.



**AND WHEREAS** the Hon'ble CAT, Principal Bench, New Delhi (Circuit Sitting at Nainital) did the final hearing in the matter on 25.08.2023 and vide Order dated 25.08.2023 reserved the order, which has been pronounced on 06.09.2023.

**AND WHEREAS** the Hon'ble CAT, Principal Bench, New Delhi, vide order pronounced in OA No. 237 of 2023 on 06.09.2023 has dismissed OA No. 237 of 2023.

**AND WHEREAS** with the dismissal of OA No. 237 of 2023, Order No. SM/01/01/2023 dated 20.03.2023 has become effective.

**NOW THEREFORE** the Government of India permanently reverts the Defence Stream Officers, **listed in Annexure-A**, to the Military Survey, Ministry of Defence with immediate effect. The Defence Stream Officers, **listed in Annexure-A**, shall be deemed to be relieved from their present office with immediate effect to report to the Engineer in Chief's Branch, Integrated HQ of Ministry of Defence (Army), Kashmir House, DHQ PO, New Delhi-110011.

**(By order and in the name of President)**

**(Sunil Kumar)**

Joint Secretary to the Government of India

**Copy to:**

1. The Cabinet Secretary, Cabinet Secretariat, Rashtrapati Bhawan, New Delhi
2. The Secretary, Department of Defence, South Block, New Delhi
3. The Secretary, Department of Military Affairs, South Block, New Delhi
4. The Secretary, Department of Personnel & Training, North Block, New Delhi
5. The Engineer in Chief's Branch, Integrated HQ of MoD (Army), Kashmir House, DHQ PO, New Delhi
6. The ADG, Military Survey, GSGS, New Delhi

**Copy to:** The Surveyor General of India, Survey of India, Dehradun, Uttarakhand – for ensuring immediate compliance of the order.

**Annexure-A**

**List of Defence Stream officers transferred from the Corps of Engineers officer to Survey of India on permanent secondment basis in accordance with the provisions of the Survey of India (Group 'A') Service Rules, 1989**

Sl. No.	Name	IC No.	Designation in SoI	Present Posting/ Office
1.	Brig S Sridhara Rao	IC 58990	Addl SG	Eastern Zone, Kolkata
2.	Brig Arun Kumar D	IC 59016	Addl SG	O/o ADG Military Survey, New Delhi
3.	Brig B Sareen Chander	IC 59021	Addl SG	Surveyor General's Office, Dehradun
4.	Col Amardeep Singh	IC 59054	Addl SG	Northern Zone, Chandigarh
5.	Col V Raju	IC 62943	Director	Bihar GDC, Patna
6.	Col Sunil S Fatehpur	IC 63284	Director	Maharashtra & Goa GDC, Pune
7.	Col Ranjan Negi	IC 62940	Director	Meghalaya & Arunachal Pradesh GDC, Shillong
8.	Col Kshitij Sudhir Verma	IC 64758	Director	Map Archival & Dissemination Centre, Dehradun
9.	Col Kunal Shridhar Borkar	IC 64775	Director	Punjab, Haryana & Chandigarh GDC, Chandigarh
10.	Col Arvind Jadli	IC 63247	Director	Directorate of Map Publication, Dehradun
11.	Col Rajat Sharma	IC 67283	Director	Uttarakhand & West Uttar Pradesh GDC, Dehradun
12.	Col Suman Kumar Sarkar	IC 67318	Director	DIGIT, Pune
13.	Col Arjun Sampath	IC 67364	Director	ADMC, Bengaluru
14.	Col Tahir Mustafa	IC 66518	Director	SGO(International Boundary Directorate), New Delhi
15.	Col Rakesh Singh	IC 67831	Director	CAMS, New Delhi
16.	Col K A Grewal	IC 67859	Director	Jammu & Kashmir GDC, Jammu
17.	Col Arindam Gupta	IC 67876	Director	501 FSEG, Dehradun
18.	Col Pawan Kumar Panday	IC 68456	Director	O/o ADG MS, New Delhi
19.	Col Vivek Malik	IC 68931	Director	DIGIT, Pune
20.	Col Sumit Kumar Dwivedi	IC 67259	Director	National GDC, Dehradun
21.	Col Satyendar Singh Rathore	IC 69527	Director	O/o ADG Military Survey, New Delhi
22.	Lt Col Siddarth Shekhawat	IC 68089	Director	Karnataka GDC, Bengaluru



Sl. No.	Name	IC No.	Designation in Sol	Present Posting/ Office
23.	Lt Col Vikram Singh	IC 71688	DSG	Southern Zone, Bengaluru
24.	Lt Col Naresh Uniyal	IC 71592	Director	Chhattisgarh GDC, Raipur
25.	Maj Vikas Malik	IC 78589	Dy Suptdg. Surveyor	East Uttar Pradesh GDC, Lucknow
26.	Maj Vishal Giri	IC 78603	Dy Suptdg. Surveyor	501 FSEG, Dehradun
27.	Maj Saurabh Dhir	IC 78648	Dy Suptdg. Surveyor	Andhra Pradesh & Telangana GDC, Hyderabad
28.	Maj Kunal Kapoor	IC 80139	Dy Suptdg. Surveyor	12 GASL, New Delhi
29.	Maj Jatinder Singh	IC 80141	Dy Suptdg. Surveyor	Uttarakhand & West Uttar Pradesh GDC, Dehradun
30.	Maj Ajesh Pankajakshan	IC 80146	Dy Suptdg. Surveyor	ADMC, Bengaluru
31.	Maj Lakshay Saini	IC 80160	Dy Suptdg. Surveyor	501 FSEG, Dehradun
32.	Maj Md Nuruzzaman	IC 80172	Dy Suptdg. Surveyor	Maharashtra & Goa GDC, Pune
33.	Maj Himanshu Anand	IC 80886	Dy Suptdg. Surveyor	Meghalaya & Arunachal Pradesh GDC, Shillong
34.	Maj Aditya Vijay	IC 79905	Dy Suptdg. Surveyor	CAMS, New Delhi
35.	Maj Ashish Dubey	IC 80091	Dy Suptdg. Surveyor	Kerala & Lakshadweep GDC, Tiruvananthapuram
36.	Maj Akhil K	IC 80108	Dy Suptdg. Surveyor	Uttarakhand & West Uttar Pradesh GDC, Dehradun
37.	Maj Chandra Prakash	IC 81493	Dy Suptdg. Surveyor	Assam & Nagaland GDC, Guwahati
38.	Maj Naveen Kumar Gautam	IC 81495	Dy Suptdg. Surveyor	Odisha GDC, Bhubaneswar
39.	Maj Subham Singh	IC 80609	Dy Suptdg. Surveyor	CAMS, New Delhi
40.	Maj Rohit Verma	IC 80698	Dy Suptdg. Surveyor	CAMS, New Delhi
41.	Maj Siddharth Rathee	IC 80719	Dy Suptdg. Surveyor	Rajasthan GDC, Jaipur
42.	Maj Anupam Mishra	IC 80737	Dy Suptdg. Surveyor	ADMC, Bengaluru
43.	Maj Anurag Dwivedi	IC 82055	Dy Suptdg. Surveyor	West Bengal & Sikkim GDC, Kolkata
44.	Maj Ajay Singh Negi	IC 82074	Dy Suptdg. Surveyor	501 FSEG, Dehradun
45.	Maj Patil Keshav Vilas	IC 82092	Dy Suptdg. Surveyor	ADMC, Bengaluru
46.	Maj Daljinder Singh Romana	IC 81356	Dy Suptdg. Surveyor	Madhya Pradesh GDC, Jabalpur

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Technology Bhawan, New Delhi  
Dated: the 20 March, 2023

ORDER

**WHEREAS** the Survey of India (SoI) is a subordinate office under the Department of Science & Technology, Ministry of Science & Technology, Government of India.

**AND WHEREAS** the officers of the Survey of India Group 'A' Service are governed by the Survey of India (Group 'A') Service Rules, 1989 (hereinafter referred to as '1989 Rules'). The Survey of India Group 'A' Service has two streams of officers viz. Civil Stream and Defence Stream. The Civil Stream officers are recruited through the Engineering Services Examination conducted by the UPSC. The Defence Stream officers are transferred from the Corps of Engineers officer to SoI on permanent secondment basis in accordance with the provisions of the 1989 Rules. The Defence Stream officers spend their service with the Survey of India as well as on military duty with Military Survey units or staff of the Ministry of Defence (MoD). As per the 1989 Rules, the Defence Stream officers in the SoI get their civil promotion as well as military substantive promotion and ranks. Further, they have the option of either drawing the pay of Survey of India Group 'A' Service or pay and allowances as admissible in Corps of Engineers.

**AND WHEREAS** the Union Cabinet on 16.12.2022 has approved the National Geospatial Policy, 2022(NGP), para 5.2.2.7 of which, inter-alia, says that 'Survey of India (SoI) would be transformed into a fully civilian organization. Defence stream of recruitment in SoI would be discontinued and defence stream officers seconded to SoI would be permanently reverted to Military Survey, Ministry of Defence.'. The policy was notified in the Gazette of India vide S.O. 6095(E). dated 28.12.2022 for implementation with immediate effect.

**AND WHEREAS** the introduction of the National Geospatial Policy, 2022 was a result of the exhaustive deliberations at different levels of the Government of India including Committee of Secretaries (CoS), Cadre Review Committee (CRC), Department of Science & Technology (DST), Ministry of Defence (MoD), Department of Personnel & Training (DoPT), Department of Expenditure (DoE) and consultations with the other Stakeholder Ministries. The National Geospatial Policy, 2022 has redefined the role and organization of the Survey of India (SoI) in sync with



the liberalized geospatial data acquisition and production policy regime in the country.

**AND WHEREAS** the cadre review of the Survey of India Group 'A' service started with the CRC meeting held on 25.06.2020. Subsequently, in the next CRC meeting held on 14.01.2021, the Cabinet Secretary observed that, 'in the present scenario when the geospatial policy is being revisited and fresh guidelines are under preparation, the mandate and the organizational structure of SoI will also need to be revisited. There is a need to adopt a holistic approach in this regard. Global best practices should also be studied'. The proposed combined strength of the Survey of India Group 'A' Service in the CRC proposal at this time, as concurred by the DoPT and the DoE, was 310.

**AND WHEREAS** a meeting was held in DST on 27.01.2021 with the officers of SoI and Military Survey to discuss the organizational structure of SoI and its mandate in the context of cadre restructuring in respect of Survey of India Group 'A' Service.

**AND WHEREAS** the Guidelines for acquiring and producing Geospatial Data and Geospatial Data Services including maps were issued by DST on 15.02.2021, which, inter-alia, provided that there shall be no requirement for prior approval, security clearance, license or any other restrictions on the collection, generation, preparation, dissemination, storage, publication, updating and/or digitization of Geospatial Data and Maps within the territory of India.

**AND WHEREAS** a meeting of the CoS was held on 16.08.2021 to consider the requirements of organizational change in Survey of India in tune with the new policy guidelines on geospatial mapping. During the meeting, Secretary, Department of Defence endorsed the need for organizational change in SoI and the proposal to convert SoI into a civilian organization playing the role of enabler and promoter and a custodian of mapping standards. He mentioned about the requirements of geospatial survey/mapping for Defence, for which MoD has its own Military Survey establishment. The CoS, inter-alia, recommended that (a) the liberalized geospatial regime does not necessarily warrant increase in workload of SoI. SoI is expected to act as a facilitator for geospatial mapping in the country, enabling the Indian industry for survey and mapping. The shape and size of the organization should be proposed taking into consideration the change in scope of work brought about by the new guidelines. (b) In order to meet the mapping needs of Defence, MoD has its own Military Survey establishment, where Military Survey officers currently with SoI, can also be deployed. SoI may also offer its services to MoD for their survey/mapping requirements.





**AND WHEREAS** in the light of the recommendations made by the CoS on 16.08.2021, a meeting was held by DST on 17.11.2021 with Civil and Defence Stream Officers of Survey of India Group 'A' Service and the representative of the Ministry of Defence to discuss Cadre Restructuring of SoI Group 'A' Service. During the meeting, the MoD representative mentioned that the proposal of DST for civilianization of SoI was considered in MoD and it has been approved by the Hon'ble Raksha Mantri that SoI will be a Civilian Organization and the Defence Stream Officers seconded to SoI will be permanently reverted to Military Survey. He further mentioned that the proposal of DST was sent to SoI and ADG, Military Survey for their comments and the proposal was approved by the Competent Authority after following due process within MoD. He also mentioned that Department of Defence is the nodal Department in MoD for all policy decisions.

**AND WHEREAS** in continuation of the earlier CRC meetings held on 25.06.2020 and 14.01.2021 respectively and the CoS meeting held on 16.08.2021, the next CRC meeting was held on 11.07.2022 to consider the Cadre Review proposal of Survey of India Group 'A' Service. The CRC recommended that prior to considering any cadre review proposal, CoS may review the implementation of the new Policy Guidelines on "Geospatial Data and Services" and consider the mandate and role of SoI in the changed scenario. It was accordingly decided that Secretary, DST may make a presentation to the CoS (including Secretary, DoPT & Secretary, DoE). The proposed strength of the Survey of India Group 'A' Service cadre in the CRC proposal this time, as concurred by the DoPT and the DoE, was 165 only. The strength of the Survey of India Group 'A' Service Cadre proposed earlier in the pre-liberalized policy regime (for CRC meeting held on 14.01.2021) was 310, which was reduced to 165 in the liberalized policy regime (for CRC meeting held on 11.07.2022).

**AND WHEREAS** as recommended by the CRC on 11.07.2022, the CoS meeting was held on 01.08.2022 to consider the status of implementation of the new Policy Guidelines on "Geospatial Data and Services" issued in February 2021. The CoS, inter-alia, recommended that (i) Only mandatory functions such as providing the foundational layer should be serviced by a permanent, core cadre in SoI. The remainder roles and positions which depend on fast changing skill sets should be manned by domain experts sourced from the market; & (ii) The organizational structure of Survey of India, including the Group 'A' officers' cadre should be aligned with the changed geospatial data regime, with focus on facilitating and nurturing a vibrant domestic geospatial services sector.

**AND WHEREAS** in continuation of the CoS meeting dated 01.08.2022, the next CoS meeting was held on 08.08.2022 to discuss the proposed National Geospatial Policy, with focus on Survey of India's changed role and mandate. The



CoS, inter-alia, recommended that (i) while DST will continue to be the nodal Ministry and SoI the overarching nodal agency for geospatial data, only the minimal foundational data/core functions should be performed by SoI, and the remainder functions should be left open for private sector; & (ii) The organizational structure of Survey of India, including the Group 'A' officers' cadre should be aligned with the changed geospatial data regime, with focus on facilitating and nurturing a vibrant domestic geospatial services industry.

**AND WHEREAS** in continuation of the CoS meetings dated 01.08.2022 and 08.08.2022 respectively, the next CoS meeting was held on 03.11.2022 to discuss the proposed National Geospatial Policy, with focus on Survey of India's changed role and mandate. In the proposed policy, as recommended by the CoS in its meeting held on 08.08.2022, the organizational structure of Survey of India, including the Group 'A' officers' cadre, was aligned with the changed geospatial data regime and accordingly, it was, inter-alia, proposed in the policy that 'SoI would be transformed into a fully civilian organization. Defence stream of recruitment in SoI would be discontinued and defence stream officers seconded to SoI would be permanently reverted to Military Survey, Ministry of Defence'. The CoS considered the draft National Geospatial Policy, 2022 and, inter-alia, recommended that (i) Needs and requirements of the citizens relating to various Geo-spatial solutions may predominantly be serviced by the private sector, with SoI in facilitator role; & (ii) The revised organizational and cadre structure of SoI may be finalized to be in sync with the Guidelines on Geospatial Data & Services issued in February 2021 and the provisions of NGP.

**AND WHEREAS** after the CoS meeting held on 03.11.2022, the proposal containing the 'National Geospatial Policy, 2022' was sent by DST to the Cabinet Secretariat for consideration/approval of the Union Cabinet. The Union Cabinet on 16.12.2022 considered the proposal and approved the National Geospatial Policy 2022, which, inter-alia, includes the Role and Organization of Survey of India. Para 5.2.2.1 of the policy provides that while SoI will continue to be the overarching nodal agency for Geospatial Data, only the generation/ maintenance of minimal foundational data/ core functions would be performed by SoI. SoI may also involve private sector and other surveying entities such as GSI, FSI, etc."

**AND WHEREAS** in the National Map Policy, 2005, there were provisions for two series of maps (i) Open Series Maps (OSM) and (ii) Defence Series Maps (DSM) to be prepared by SoI and now that the NGP, 2022 has replaced the National Map Policy, 2005.



**AND WHEREAS** the National Geospatial Policy, 2022 identifies nodal Ministries/Departments for creation and maintenance of National Fundamental Geospatial Data Themes. The policy says that Ministries/Departments would increasingly engage with private sector to meet their requirements. They will bear the cost for the creation and development of Geospatial Data required by them and they must explore procurement of Geospatial services on their own under the liberalized Geospatial regime, rather than use SoI as an intermediary. The policy further says that 'while there are nodal Ministries/Departments for each of the National Fundamental Geospatial Data Themes, this does not imply that the entire work has to be necessarily done departmentally or through SoI or only government/public sector entities. Actual collection and collation of data and development of Data Themes would be increasingly done with private sector participation consistent with February, 2021 Guidelines. Needs and requirements of the citizens related to various Geospatial/location-based solutions will predominantly be serviced by the private sector, with SoI and nodal ministries/agencies of various Geospatial Data Themes in a facilitative role. The Private Sector will play a key role in creation and maintenance of Geospatial and mapping Infrastructures, innovations and process improvements and monetization of Geospatial data'.

**AND WHEREAS** the Geospatial Guidelines dated 15.02.2021 and the National Geospatial Policy, 2022 have redefined the role and mandate of SoI. This changed role and responsibility have impact on SoI in terms of reduction in its establishment and manpower requirement (Group A, B and C). There remains no specific role of Defence Stream Officers in Survey of India in the changed scenario. Therefore, the Union Cabinet has decided that 'Defence stream of recruitment in SoI would be discontinued and defence stream officers seconded to SoI would be permanently reverted to Military Survey, Ministry of Defence'.

**AND WHEREAS** para 2(d) of Annexure-II (title: Conditions of service for Defence officers) of the 1989 Rules provides that, "An officer may be reverted permanently to military duty if his services are no longer required in the Survey of India owing to: - (i) reduction of establishment".

**AND WHEREAS** to implement the decision of the Union Cabinet for permanent reversion of Defence Stream Officers seconded to Survey of India to the Military Survey, Ministry of Defence, a meeting was held by DST with the officers of Ministry of Defence and the Survey of India on 13.01.2023. In the meeting, it was agreed to that the Defence Stream Officers may be relieved from the Survey of India with effect from 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023 (A/N) to join the Military Survey, Ministry of Defence on permanent reversion basis.



**AND WHEREAS** the Department of Defence, Ministry of Defence communicated to the Department of Military Affairs on 13.02.2023 to take necessary action to comply with decision relating to reversion of Defence Stream Officers seconded to Survey of India, to the Military Survey, Ministry of Defence.

**AND WHEREAS** the aspirations and grievances of the Defence Stream officers as well as the Civil Stream officers of the Survey of India Group 'A' service were sought through the Surveyor General of India (SGI) in respect of implementation of para 5.2.2.7 of the policy mentioning, inter-alia, that the defence stream officers seconded to SoI would be permanently reverted to Military Survey, Ministry of Defence.

**AND WHEREAS** the aspirations and grievances of the Defence Stream officers and Civil Stream officers of the Survey of India Group 'A' service, received through SGI, were considered by the Department.

**AND WHEREAS** the aspirations and grievances of the Defence Stream officers are mainly focused on para 5.2.2.7 of the policy, mentioning inter-alia that Defence Stream officers seconded to SoI would be permanently reverted to Military Survey, Ministry of Defence, and their pay protection, retirement age, rank protection, promotional avenues, etc., after their reversion to Military Survey. As regards permanent reversion, the Union Cabinet has approved for permanent reversion of Defence Stream officers seconded to SoI to Military Survey, Ministry of Defence considering the liberalized geospatial scenario post issuance of the Geospatial Guidelines dated 15.02.2021. Further, para 2(d) of Annexure-II (title: Conditions of service for Defence officers) of the 1989 Rules provides that, "An officer may be reverted permanently to military duty if his services are no longer required in the Survey of India owing to: - (i) reduction of establishment". As regards pay protection, retirement age, rank protection, promotional avenues, etc., after reversion of Defence Stream officers to Military Survey, these will come under the purview of Ministry of Defence. Therefore, the aspirations and grievances of the Defence Stream officers, in so far, they are related to their pay protection, retirement age, rank protection, promotional avenues, etc., after their reversion to Military Survey, are being forwarded to the Ministry of Defence for consideration and appropriate decision at their end.

**AND WHEREAS** most of the Civil Stream officers have supported the decision of the Union Cabinet for permanent reversion of Defence Stream officers seconded to SoI to Military Survey, Ministry of Defence.

**NOW THEREFORE** as part of the implementation of the policy decision of the Union Cabinet and in accordance with the provisions of para 2(d) of Annexure-II



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(title: Conditions of service for Defence officers) of the 1989 Rules, which provides that, "An officer may be reverted permanently to military duty if his services are no longer required in the Survey of India owing to: - (i) reduction of establishment", the Competent Authority has decided to permanently revert the Defence Stream Officers of the Survey of India Group 'A' Service, transferred from the Corps of Engineers officer to Sol on permanent secondment basis to Military Survey, Ministry of Defence, w.e.f. 31.03.2023 (A/N). Accordingly, the Defence Stream Officers listed in Annexure, stand permanently reverted to the Military Survey, Ministry of Defence with effect from 31.03.2023 (A/N). They will be deemed to be relieved from their present office to report to the Engineer in Chief's Branch, Integrated HQ of MoD (Army), Kashmir House, DHQ PO, New Delhi-110011.



(Sunil Kumar)

Joint Secretary to the Government of India

**Copy to:**

1. The Cabinet Secretary, Cabinet Secretariat, Rashtrapati Bhawan, New Delhi
2. The Secretary, Department of Defence, South Block, New Delhi
3. The Secretary, Department of Military Affairs, South Block, New Delhi
4. The Secretary, Department of Personnel & Training, North Block, New Delhi
5. The Engineer in Chief's Branch, Integrated HQ of MoD (Army), Kashmir House, DHQ PO, New Delhi
6. The ADG, Military Survey, GSGS, New Delhi

**Copy to:** The Surveyor General of India, Survey of India, Dehradun - for ensuring compliance of the order.



**List of Defence Stream officers transferred from the Corps of Engineers officer to  
SoI on permanent secondment basis in accordance with the provisions of the 1989  
Rules**

Sl. No.	Name	IC No.	Designation in SoI	Present Posting/ Office
1.	Brig S Sridhara Rao	IC 58990	Addl SG	Eastern Zone, Kolkata
2.	Brig Arun Kumar D	IC 59016	Addl SG	O/o ADG Military Survey, New Delhi
3.	Brig B Sareen Chander	IC 59021	Addl SG	Surveyor General's Office, Dehradun
4.	Col Amardeep Singh	IC 59054	Addl SG	Northern Zone, Chandigarh
5.	Col V Raju	IC 62943	Director	Bihar GDC, Patna
6.	Col Sunil S Fatehpur	IC 63284	Director	Maharashtra & Goa GDC, Pune
7.	Col Ranjan Negi	IC 62940	Director	Meghalaya & Arunachal Pradesh GDC, Shillong
8.	Col Kshitij Sudhir Verma	IC 64758	Director	Map Archival & Dissemination Centre, Dehradun
9.	Col Kunal Shridhar Borkar	IC 64775	Director	Punjab, Haryana & Chandigarh GDC, Chandigarh
10.	Col Arvind Jadli	IC 63247	Director	Directorate of Map Publication, Dehradun
11.	Col Rajat Sharma	IC 67283	Director	Uttarakhand & West Uttar Pradesh GDC, Dehradun
12.	Col Suman Kumar Sarkar	IC 67318	Director	DIGIT, Pune
13.	Col Arjun Sampath	IC 67364	Director	ADMC, Bengaluru
14.	Col Tahir Mustafa	IC 66518	Director	SGO(International Boundary Directorate), New Delhi
15.	Col Rakesh Singh	IC 67831	Director	CAMS, New Delhi
16.	Col K A Grewal	IC 67859	Director	Jammu & Kashmir GDC, Jammu
17.	Col Arindam Gupta	IC 67876	Director	501 FSEG, Dehradun
18.	Col Pawan Kumar Panday	IC 68456	Director	O/o ADG MS, New Delhi
19.	Col Vivek Malik	IC 68931	Director	DIGIT, Pune
20.	Col Sumit Kumar Dwivedi	IC 67259	Director	National GDC , Dehradun




21.	Col Satyendar Singh Rathore	IC 69527	Director	O/o ADG Military Survey, New Delhi
22.	Lt Col Siddarth Shekhawat	IC 68089	Director	Karnataka GDC , Bengaluru
23.	Lt Col Vikram Singh	IC 71688	DSG	Southern Zone, Bengaluru
24.	Lt Col Naresh Uniyal	IC 71592	Director	Chhattisgarh GDC, Raipur
25.	Maj Vikas Malik	IC 78589	Dy Suptdg. Surveyor	East Uttar Pradesh GDC, Lucknow
26.	Maj Vishal Giri	IC 78603	Dy Suptdg. Surveyor	501 FSEG, Dehradun
27.	Maj Saurabh Dhir	IC 78648	Dy Suptdg. Surveyor	Andhra Pradesh & Telangana GDC , Hyderabad
28.	Maj Kunal Kapoor	IC 80139	Dy Suptdg. Surveyor	12 GASL, New Delhi
29.	Maj Jatinder Singh	IC 80141	Dy Suptdg. Surveyor	Uttarakhand & West Uttar Pradesh GDC, Dehradun
30.	Maj Ajesh Pankajakshan	IC 80146	Dy Suptdg. Surveyor	ADMC, Bengaluru
31.	Maj Lakshay Saini	IC 80160	Dy Suptdg. Surveyor	501 FSEG, Dehradun
32.	Maj Md Nuruzzaman	IC 80172	Dy Suptdg. Surveyor	Maharashtra & Goa GDC, Pune
33.	Maj Himanshu Anand	IC 80886	Dy Suptdg. Surveyor	Meghalaya & Arunachal Pradesh GDC, Shillong
34.	Maj Aditya Vijay	IC 79905	Dy Suptdg. Surveyor	CAMS, New Delhi
35.	Maj Ashish Dubey	IC 80091	Dy Suptdg. Surveyor	Kerala & Lakshadweep GDC , Tiruvananthapuram
36.	Maj Akhil K	IC 80108	Dy Suptdg. Surveyor	Uttarakhand & West Uttar Pradesh GDC, Dehradun
37.	Maj Chandra Prakash	IC 81493	Dy Suptdg. Surveyor	Assam & Nagaland GDC, Guwahati
38.	Maj Naveen Kumar Gautam	IC 81495	Dy Suptdg. Surveyor	Odisha GDC, Bhubaneswar
39.	Maj Subham Singh	IC 80609	Dy Suptdg. Surveyor	CAMS, New Delhi
40.	Maj Rohit Verma	IC 80698	Dy Suptdg. Surveyor	CAMS, New Delhi
41.	Maj Siddharth Rathee	IC 80719	Dy Suptdg. Surveyor	Rajasthan GDC, Jaipur
42.	Maj Anupam Mishra	IC 80737	Dy Suptdg. Surveyor	ADMC, Bengaluru
43.	Maj Anurag Dwivedi	IC 82055	Dy Suptdg. Surveyor	West Bengal & Sikkim GDC, Kolkata
44.	Maj Ajay Singh Negi	IC 82074	Dy Suptdg. Surveyor	501 FSEG, Dehradun

45.	Maj Patil Keshav Vilas	IC 82092	Dy Suptdg. Surveyor	ADMC, Bengaluru
46.	Maj Daljinder Singh Romana	IC 81356	Dy Suptdg. Surveyor	Madhya Pradesh GDC, Jabalpur

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