**PUNJAB RAJ BHAVAN**

V.P.SINGH BADNORE CHAIRS THE 33rd MEETING OF PUNJAB AMALGAMATED FUND

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE UNDER VARIOUS CATEGORIES ENHANCED

          Chandigarh March 9:  33rd meeting of State Managing Committee for administration of Punjab Amalgamated Fund was held today under the Chairmanship of Governor of Punjab, Mr. V.P. Singh Badnore.

                 Budget proposals for various schemes for the welfare of ex servicemen, Widows and Wards financed out of the fund were approved by the house.  Financial assistance to the disabled widows and wards of ex servicemen has also been enhanced. Sustenance allowance to widows, till the start of their pension, has also been enhanced.

                 To ensure proper healthcare facilities to the families of the ex-servicemen, ECHS Polyclinics located at non-military stations and in the remote areas would be upgraded.  The Governor urged the Western Command Hqrs, to ensure the infrastructural up- gradation of such polyclinics on priority.

                 Prominent among others who attended the meeting included, Mr. JM Balamurugan, Principal Secretary to Governor, Lt Gen T.S. Shergil, senior Advisor to Chief Minister, Punjab, Mr. Gurkirat Kirpal Singh Secretary Defence Services Welfare, Maj Gen Ajay Khandpur, Western Command, Col. Vijay Kumar (Retd.), OSD to the Defence Service Welfare and other officers of the concerned departments.