

2GR ASSOCIATION-UK (SIRMOOR SATHIES) - SC TRUST FUND
REQUEST FORECAST 2018 TO 2031

1. As a Chairman, I am writing this **£16500** budget request for 2018 Delhi Day prior to the SC UK Trustee meeting on 7 March 2018 at Gurkha Museum Winchester to set out the views of Sirmoor Sathies (SS), which we hope you will take on board when making your decision. The two issues we wish to comment on are:
 - Fund Allocation - The Ratios.
 - Duration of Fund Drawdown.

2. **Fund Allocation Policy** Any discussion about the regimental fund tends to be emotive, and especially so when it comes down to addressing entitlement issues, such as how much and who gets what; contentious and challenging to say the least particularly when that involves multiple interested groups namely in this case: SC Nepal and SS UK. The reason, I suspect is, for the simple fact that we Sirmooris irrespective of our age and seniority in rank, quite rightly feel that we are part of it, and that all of us should have an equal share in the stake. We would happily welcome a decision which is fair, pragmatic, and one that would best optimise the benefits for all Sirmooris over the entire course of the drawdown period. After much discussion with our members on how best to achieve this equitable solution, we the Sirmoor Sathies have overwhelmingly opted for the 'proportionate /per head policy,' as this implies that, each and every member would receive an equal share. It's simple to explain, pragmatic to administer, and above all it would be fair to all. SCN's demand that they be given an equal share to that of SS, without a valid justification other than a geographical one, I'm afraid, cannot go unchallenged. Their "carte blanche" demand would not only appear to be an arbitrary one, but would also adversely impact SS's level of funding for future regimental events.

3. The following events/dates merit consideration when deciding what course of action we should take:
 - The Sirmoor Durbar in Pokhara March 2015 - attendance 1500 included a significant number from the UK. An event that took two years of planning with a sizeable budget in excess of £110k.
 - The UK Durbar on 19 Sep 2015 at Reading - attendance 3400, well above the planned figure of 2500. To say that we narrowly averted a major disaster on that day would be an understatement. The main reason was because of the unexpected huge turnout on that day and the UK health and safety rules coming into the fore. It was planned at a relatively short notice with a shoestring budget of £16500 which subsequently was augmented by the Sirmoor Trust Fund. We learnt many valuable lessons on that day!

4. We fail to understand why SCN are so reluctant to accept the "per member" proposal, especially as they enjoy a favourable currency exchange rate vis a vis sterling/NRS. In Nepal cost of venue is almost always free as it is inclusive to catering charges, minimal or no events insurance fees requirement, health and safety rules do not apply and transportation costs, are next to nothing compared to that in the UK.

5. We recommend that a conclusive in-depth study on the location of Sirmooris be conducted and that the final decision be made based entirely on the figures and evidence that comes out from this study. All the work/result should then be kept in a database, kept updated and used for any of our related future tasks.

6. **Duration of Fund Drawdown.**

We support Brigadier Bruce Jackman's proposal for the fund drawdown period to run until 2027. We would be reluctant to extend it beyond 2027, however, should we need to compromise, then 2031 would be furthest we would be prepared to agree to.

7. **Sirmoor Sathies Prediction Draft Trust Budget plan forecast 2018 to 2031.**

2GR ASSOCIATION-UK (SIRMOOR SATHIES) DRAFT SC TRUST BUDGET FORECAST FROM 2018 TO 2031

Particulars	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031
SC Trust Grant Request	£16,500	£30,500	£15,000	£15,000	£14,000	£14,000	£13,000	£32,000	£11,000	£10,000	£10,000	£9,000	£9,000	£25,000
Roughly Sathies Str	3220	3215	3200	3150	3100	2950	2800	2750	2600	2500	2350	2200	2050	1900
Average Age Plan 5 Yrs	90+=38	80+=255	75+=510	70+=746	65+=864	60+=340	55+=467							
Total Fund Required for the 2GR Sathies until 2031 Approx = £223500:00														

2GR SIRMOOR SATHIES-UK DRAFT BUDGET FORECAST 2018 TO 2031 IN GRAPH

Please Note:

- (1) The higher grants shown for 2019 and 2025 are based on Brig Jackman's plan for a mini-Durbar mainly in memory of the 25-year time span since the disbandment of the Regt in 1994(ie, Silver Jubilee!)
- (2) The reduction in strength is based on death as well as not being able to attend due to weakness caused by old age/illness/domestic problems etc.

