**SRI LANKA AIR FORCE**

**SLAF F.2A**

**PROCEEDINGS OF BOARD OF INQUIRY.**

Proceedings of Board of Inquiry.

Assembled at Sri Lanka Air Force Base Ratmalana.

By order of Base Commander Sri Lanka Air Force Base Ratmalana

For the purpose of investigating into the accident occurred to 48840 LAC Rupasinghe MGSK (PTI) whilst he was playing Volleyball on 05 May 24.

Ref: RMA/C.32/1/P1 Dated 28 Feb 25.

Terms of references are as follows;

a. To ascertain the circumstances which lead to the casualty and cause of casualty.

b. To ascertain whether the injured airman was on duty at the time of incident.

c. To ascertain how the incident took place and to ascertain whether the casualty has occurred due to own action or other vice reason for same.

d. To ascertain the prompt and proper medical attention was given soon after the incident and it is not the lapses and reasons.

e. To ascertain whether there are any violation of Orders/Instructions and instructions on the part of the casualty and or any party resulting in this casualty.

f. To ascertain the present position of Civil Police Investigation/Civil Court in to the incident.

g. To make appropriate recommendations to prevent and recurrence.

h. To inquire into any other matters with regard to this casualty which have not been covered by these terms of reference.

j. To make recommendations as appropriate.

**PRESIDENT**

Wg Cdr ANH Mendis (02651) - Medical

**MEMBERS**

Flt Lt HSD Subasinghe (04184) - IT Eng

Fg Off WVKK Gunawardana (04386) - IT Eng

**INATTENDANCE**

022849 Sgt Gunathunga PKDCL - MT&SO

**LIST OF WITNESS**

Witness ‘01’ - Statement submitted to the Board by 48840 LAC Rupasinghe MGSK (PTI)

Witness ‘02’ - Statement submitted to the Board by 028320 LAC Bandara WMGGSKW

**LIST OF EXHIBITS**

Exhibit ‘A’ Convening Order - Board of Inquires (B of I) regarding injuries sustain by service personnel

Exhibit ‘B’ Letter sent to OCH SLAF Base Hin by requesting documents (Medical report including Current Medical status)

Exhibit ‘C’ Received the Medical report from OCH SLAF Base HIN

Exhibit ‘D’ Letter requesting documents (F.551)

Exhibit ‘E’ Letter requesting an extension for the date of submission till 28 Mar 25

Exhibit ‘F’ Letter requesting an extension for the date of submission till 11 Apr 25

Exhibit ‘G’ Authority letter received for the date of submission till 11 Apr 25 from P1 Div

Exhibit ‘H’ Letter sent to OCH SLAF Base Hin by requesting documents (Medical report including Current Medical status)

Exhibit ‘J’ Received the Medical report from OCH SLAF Base HIN

Exhibit ‘K’ Diagnosis card of the L/ACL reconstruction surgery

Exhibit ‘L’ The clinic book of orthopedic clinic of Polonnaruwa (latest clinic)

Exhibit ‘M’ Copy of F.551 of 48840 LAC Rupasinghe MGSK (PTI)

Exhibit ‘N’ Letter received from raise fresh initial causality report of 48840

Exhibit ‘O’ Initial Casualty report letter by the Base Cmdr SLAF Base Rma to other locations

Note:

1. Separate paper(s) to be used if the space provided to list out the Witnesses/Exhibits above is in adequate.

2. Witnesses are to be listed as Witness 1, 2, 3…... in chronological order.

3. Exhibits are to be named as Exhibits A, B, C… (Except letter ‘I’ and ‘O’) in chronological order

**GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS**

1. Setting of the pages: Font -12 (Times New Roman)

Paper Size -Legal

Paper Margins -Top: 1” Bottom: 1”

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Line Spacing - 1.5

2. Full scope of the Terms of References are to be covered and findings are to be well focused.

3. Findings are to be numbered with Arabic Numbers even through the Terms of References in the convening order are in Alphabetical order.

4. All the Finding are to be supported with relevant Witnesses, Exhibits, Exhibits etc (within brackets), in a separate column.

5. Reference of Findings are to indicated (within brackets) against Recommendation where applicable.

6. The full signature of the President and all the Members are to be placed on each Findings (F 2B), Recommendations (F 2C) sheet.

7. Finding and Recommendations sheets are to be numbered sequently with Arabic Numbers.

8. Depending of the nature of information contained and the degree of impact, the security classification of the proceedings to be indicated as per para 238 of SLAF Service Writing Manual.

9. All the photocopies are to be certified (Both sides where applicable) by the President/Members.

10. The proceedings to be compiled the following order.

a. F.2A - List of Exhibits

b. Diary of Action

c. Narrative of Events

d. F.2B - Findings

e. F.2C - Recommendations

f. F.2D - Remarks by the Officer Commanding/Formation Commander

(Where applicable) and Remarks by the Commanding Officer/Group/

Base Commander

g. F.2E - Remarks by the Respective Director(s)/Command Officer(s) (Where applicable) and Remarks by the Commander.

h. F.2Fs - Statements of Witnesses

**SLAF F.2B**

**FINDINGS**

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| **A. TO ASCERTAIN THE CIRCUMSTANCES WHICH LEAD TO THE CAUSE OF ACCIDENT**   1. 1. The board found that 48,840 LAC Rupasinghe MGSK (PTI), a PTI at SLAF Base Rma, reported sick at SLAF Hospital Rma on 05 May 2024, complaining of left knee joint pain. According to his statement, the injury occurred during a volleyball match that was not organized by Air Force authorities. The incident took place on a Sunday during a recreational activity, when he accidentally landed while playing volleyball and impacted his left knee on the ground. | Witness ‘01’  Witness ‘02’  Exhibit ‘C’  Exhibit ‘J’  Exhibit ‘K’  Exhibit ‘M’ |
| **B. TO ASCERTAIN WHETHER THE INJURED AIRMAN WAS ON DUTY AT THE TIME OF INCIDENT**   1. The board found that 48840 LAC Rupasinghe MGSK (PTI) was on duty at the time of the accident, as he was performing his primary duty as a PTI. | Witness ‘01’  Witness ‘02’  Exhibit ‘K’  Exhibit ‘M’ |
| **C. TO ASCERTAIN HOW THE INCIDENT TOOK PLACE AND TO ASCERTAIN WHETHER THE CASUALTY HAS OCCURRED DUE TO OWN ACTION OR OTHER VICE REASON FOR SAME**   1. As per the statement given by 48840 LAC Rupasinghe MGSK (PTI) he has felt pain in his left knee accidentally landed after a jump while playing Volleyball at SLAF Base Rma ground. He has accidently landed after a jump while playing and it caused the pain. | Witness ‘01’  Witness ‘02’  Exhibit ‘K’ |
| Date:……….. Rank: Wg Cdr Name: ANH Mendis Sig:……………. (President)  Date:……….. Rank: Flt Lt Name: HSD Subasinghe Sig:……………..(Member)  Date:……….. Rank: Fg Off Name: WVKK Gunawardana Sig:……………..(Member) | |

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| **D. TO ASCERTAIN THE PROMPT AND PROPER MEDICAL ATTENTION WAS GIVEN SOON AFTER THE INCIDENT AND IT IS NOT THE LAPSES AND REASONS.**   1. 48840 LAC Rupasinghe IHGDD (PTI) reported sick at SLAF Hosp Rma on 05 May 24 complaining of pain on Left knee joint following a sports injury on the same day while on practices. Initial management was done and referred to CSTH Orthopedic Clinic for further managements. 2. He was seen by Dr Arul Kumaran (MBBS, MS, FRCS) Consultant Orthopedic Surgeon on 08 May 24 and suggestive of ACL tear. Then he is again reviewed with MRI of Left Knee joint on 05 Jun 24 and diagnosed as complete tear of left knee joint ACL. After attending several orthopedic clinics and sports medicine clinics, he is admitted to CSTH on 11 Sep 24 for his L/ACL repair surgery. His L/ACL Reconstruction done on 14 Sep 24 at CSTH.   6. He is followed up by the Oorthopaedic clinic at CSTH and the last Orthopaedic clinic held on 26 Mar 25 at CSTH . He was advised, not safe to start the normal duties yet and referred to Orthopedic clinic at TH Polonnaruwa as he is been transferred to SLAF Base Hin.  7. He is currently on MB, A4G3(T) Light Duties for 3 Months w: e: f: 30/03/2025. | Witness ‘01’  Exhibit ‘C’  Exhibit ‘J’ |
| **E. TO ASCERTAIN WHETHER THERE ARE ANY VIOLATION OF ORDERS/INSTRUCTIONS AND INSTRUCTIONS ON THE PART OF THE CASUALTY AND OR ANY PARTY RESULTING IN THIS CASUALTY.**  8. The board found that 48840 LAC Rupasinghe MGSK (PTI) has not violated any orders or instruction with reference to this incident. Further, he had accidentally damaged her left knee during playing Volleyball at SLAF Base Rma grounds. Any party is not involving and no any person responsible for the injury happened. | Exhibit ‘F’  Exhibit ‘K’ Exhibit ‘M’ |
| Date:……….. Rank: Wg Cdr Name: ANH Mendis Sig:……………. (President)  Date:……….. Rank: Flt Lt Name: HSD Subasinghe Sig:……………..(Member)  Date:……….. Rank: Fg Off Name: WVKK Gunawardana Sig:……………..(Member) | |

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| **F.** **TO ASCERTAIN THE PRESENT POSITION OF CIVIL POLICE INVESTIGATION/CIVIL COURT IN TO THE INCIDENT.**     1. Any civil police investigation or civil court not conducted regarding this incident. | Exhibit ‘K’ |
| **G. TO MAKE APPROPRIATE RECOMMENDATIONS TO PREVENT AND RECURRENCE**   1. This injury is a common injury among Volleyball players. But it can be minimized by prior sports coaching, strengthening exercises, balance training and training of sports techniques. |  |
| **H. TO INQUIRE INTO ANY OTHER MATTERS WITH REGARD TO THIS CASUALTY WHICH HAVE NOT BEEN COVERED BY THESE TERMS OF REFERENCE**  9. The board found that, this airman has not granted any compensation from “Gangana Viru Saviya” welfare scheme. Hence, the board is recommended to provide compensation from it, considering the medical status and future medical treatment. |  |
| Date:……….. Rank: Wg Cdr Name: ANH Mendis Sig:……………. (President)  Date:……….. Rank: Flt Lt Name: HSD Subasinghe Sig:……………..(Member)  Date:……….. Rank: Fg Off Name: WVKK Gunawardana Sig:……………..(Member) | |

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| SLAF F.2C  **RECOMMENDATIONS**  Considering the circumstances that led to this unfortunate accident which occurred to 48840 LAC Rupasinghe MGSK (PTI) SLAF Base Rma the following recommendations are made by the board.  a. The injuries caused to 48840 LAC Rupasinghe MGSK (PTI) by the accident had been occurred while he was on duty.  b. The board recommends to provide compensation under Public Administration circular 22/93 for the aforesaid airman considering the fact that he was injured whilst on duty.  Date:……….. Rank: Wg Cdr Name: ANH Mendis Sig:……………. (President)  Date:……….. Rank: Flt Lt Name: HSD Subasinghe Sig:……………..(Member)  Date:……….. Rank: Fg Off Name: WVKK Gunawardana Sig:……………..(Member)    SLAF F. 2D  **REMARKS BY THE OCPS SLAF BASE RATMALANA**  I agree with recommendations made by the board.  Formation: SLAF Base Rathmalana Sig:…………………………………….  Date: June 2025 Rank and Name: Sqn Ldr SUPK LINKAN  Appointment: OCPS |
| SLAF F. 2E  **REMARKS BY THE BASE COMMANDER SLAF BASE RATMALANA**    Sig:…………………………………….  Rank and Name: Air Cdre **JMDRAP JAYAMAHA**  Date: June 2025 Appointment: **BASE CMDR** |