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**Proceedings of the Annual General Body Meeting of CCCGPA,
Karnataka, held on 14th August 2012**

The meeting took place in Pensioners' Bhavan, building of Karnataka P&T Pensioners' Association on Tuesday the 14th August 2012 from 11 AM. The meeting was hosted by Karnataka P&T Pensioners' Association. Representatives of 10 Affiliates, out of 20 Affiliates, attended the meeting. Sri B.Sadasashiva Rao, Chairman, presided.

2. After welcome speech rendered by Sri N.Bhaskaran, General Secretary, two minutes silence, as token of homage to Sri S.K.Vaidya, one of the Vice Chairmen, who expired on 25-12-2011, was observed. Minutes of the previous AGB Meeting held on 3rd July 2011 was adopted. Annual Report for 2011-12 as also Audited Statement of Accounts for the period ending 31-3-2012 was adopted.

3. Sri B. Sadashiva Rao, Chairman, speaking at

length on the implications of the favourable decision of the Principal Bench of CAT New Delhi in respect of pre-2006 retirees, against which an appeal of the Central Government is pending in the High Court of Delhi, stated that he expected the higher court to uphold the decision of CAT. He also referred to the favourable order issued recently by the Dept. of Posts in respect of revision of pension of JTS Group A Officers. Action for filing legal case regarding 'PB3-PB4 muddle' is being finalized by AICCPA, Delhi.

4. Regarding increase in the quantum of FMA, the General Secretary stated that efforts are on to pressurise the Government to increase the amount to Rs. 1, 200/-. He said that, at all India level, all the concerned apex organizations should move jointly. Sri T.V. Suryaprakash, Secretary, Coffee Board Pensioners' Association, stated that Coffee Board Pensioners have been

singled out adversely for different treatment in granting the increased quantum of FMA from a different date compared to other C.G. pensioners. Though this matter has been taken up by their Association with the Coffee Board, he desired that this should also be taken up in the SCOVA meeting scheduled on 27th September 2012. Sri P.Gangadhara Rao, President, BSNL Pensioners' Welfare Association, Karnataka Telecom, Bangalore, pointed out about the shortage of doctors in CGHS. The General Secretary stated that with the implementation of the decision to issue 'Ben ID CGHS cards', the beneficiaries can avail treatment in any Wellness Centres in any part of the country without any difficulty. The Chairman stated that three more legal cases regarding reimbursement under CS (MA) Rules 1944 pending in HC of Karnataka, Bangalore, have been decided in favour of the beneficiaries on 13-8-2012. The General Secretary read out the news item on CGHS appearing in the Times of India dated 14th August 2012 and stated that most of the issues referred to in the same were far from truth.

5. Regarding issue of Revised Pension Payment Authorities under VI CPC (RPPAs), Sri Gangadhara Rao stated they are almost complete in respect of BSNL. Sri M. Sadanandan of Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan Pensioners' Association stated that they are yet to receive RPPAs. They were assured of necessary help by CCCGPA by the Chairman, if intervention is sought after supplying sufficient inputs.

6. On conducting Pension Adalats, Sri M.A.Venkatachalam of DK District P&T Pensioners' Association, stated that it is regular in Mangalore by SSPOs. But he stated that the delay in drawal of six-monthly increase in DR with particular reference to the requirement of getting the order downloaded from the internet continues. Sri M. Janardanan of Survey of India Pensioners' Association stated that Pension Adalats are not being arranged in spite of taking up the matter with the local Head of the Department and desired intervention of CCCGPA. The Chairman read out the portion of the Circular concerning role of Pensioners' Associations in Pension Adalats and stated that it requires to be amended to enable the Pensioners' Associations to assist the pensioners/family pensioners in

presenting their cases in the Adalats. The CCCGPA will ensure that this matter is also taken up for discussion in the next meeting of the SCOVA scheduled to be held on 27th September 2012.

7. Speaking on organizational matters, the Chairman stated that the CCCGPA has grown on account of the initiative taken by Karnataka P&T Pensioners' Association. Some of the items of expenditure are met by K P&T PA and that is why we are able to save some amounts in the accounts every year. More co-operations require to be extended by Affiliates. The attendance in AGB meeting is not satisfactory and some of the Affiliates had not promptly posted back the reply-paid post cards acknowledging receipt of the 'Notice of the AGB Meeting' as desired. A proposal was made for an additional annual donation of Rs. 500/- from all Affiliates in addition to the annual subscription of Rs. 500/-. This proposal was readily accepted unanimously and decided to be implemented from the current financial year (i.e, 2012-13).

8. Resolutions on the under mentioned subjects were passed in the meeting (*published elsewhere in this journal as subjects for discussion in the meeting of SCOVA to be held on 27th September, 2012*).

9. The next meeting of the Management Committee will be hosted by Karnataka IA & AD Pensioners' Association as agreed to by them.

10. Elections to the Management Committee for the term 2012-14 took place and the result has been unanimous:

Chairman	Sri B.Sadashiva Rao (K P&T PA)
Vice Chairman(1)	Sri N.K.Raghavendran (RROA)
Vice Chairman(2)	Sri S.Radhakrishna (Karnataka IA & AD PA)
General Secretary	Sri N.Bhaskaran (K P&T PA)
Jt. General Secretary(1)	Sri B.K.Gundu Rao (K P&T PA)
Jt. General Secretary(2)	Sri T.V.Suryaprakash (CBPA)
Treasurer	Sri O.M.Bhaskaran (WARO of I.T. Dept)

Members of the Management Committee

- 1) Sri E.J.Thomas (RPA),
- 2) Dr. K.Jagannathan (RROA),
- 3) Sri P.C.Chadaga (WARO of I.T. Dept.),
- 4) Sri M.Muninarayanappa
- 5) Sri M.Janardanan (Survey of India PA),
- 6) Sri M.S.Jayaram (Karnataka IA &AD PA),
- 7) Sri Umamaheswar Rao (KVS Retd. EA),
- 8) Sri S.Gurudas (KCGPA),
- 9) Sri P.Gangadhar Rao (BSNL PWA),

- 10) Sri A.N.Balaram (CBPA),
- 11) Sri S.Subramanian
(Karnataka Khadi &V C PA),
- 12) Sri M.A. Decroos (IISC PA)
- 13) Sri K.V.Narasimhan (CGPA, Mys.),
- 14) Sri M.A.Venkatachalam (DK Dist P&T PA,
- 15) Sri George Samuel (Udupi Dist. P&T PA),
- 16) Sri G.T.Kumsikar (CGPA, Dharwad),
- 17) Sri R.G.Dabade (CGPA, Bijapur) and
- 18) Sri M.V.Damodara Acharya
(Chickmagalur Dist. P&T, BSNL PA).

The meeting ended at 1.30 PM with vote of thanks by Sri B.K. Gundu Rao, Jt. General Secretary.

Issues to be included in the Agenda for the 21st Meeting of SCOVA to be held on 27-9-2012.

1. Suggestion to dispense with submission of application in Form-14 for sanction of family pension under Rule-81 of CCS (Pension) Rules, 1972.

As per Rule-81 of CCS (Pension) Rules, 1972, where a deceased pensioner is survived by a widow or widower who is eligible for the grant of Family Pension under Rule-54, the amount of Family Pension as indicated in the Pension Payment Order shall become payable to the widow or widower, as the case may be and on receipt of a claim in Form-14 from the widow or widower, the Pension Disbursing Authority from whom the deceased pensioner was drawing his or her pension shall authorize the payment of Family Pension to the widow or widower as the case may be. In this connection, it is pointed out that Heads of Offices, while forwarding pension papers in Form-8 to the Accounts Officers enclose Forms-5 and 7 duly completed. While copies of passport size joint photograph (with wife or husband) as well as details of Family in Form-3 are sent along with Form-5, complete details of the family as given in Form-3 are again furnished against item-20 of Form-7 and forwarded to the Accounts Officers. Finally the rate at which Family pension is to be paid after the death of the pensioner is also authorized by the Accounts Officer himself both in Part-II of Form-7 as well as in the Pension Payment Order itself. That being the case, a simple application on a plain paper to the

Pension Disbursing Authority requesting for sanction of the Family Pension (enclosing the death certificate in respect of the pensioner) should, it is felt, be sufficient instead of insisting on submission of an application in Form-14 itself. This will avoid the cumbersome procedure of filling up the details required in Form-14 and attestation of signatures etc., by two Gazetted Government servants or persons of respectability in the town, village etc., (who have to be searched for the purpose). In the alternative, a simple form deleting all items, information in respect of which is already available with the pension papers of the pensioner and prescribing attestation of signature and descriptive particulars etc., by the officer deputed by the Pension Disbursing Authority may be prescribed. This calls for an in-depth study and immediate action in the larger interests of the category of Family Pensioners governed by Rule-81 of CCS (Pension) Rules, 1972.

2. Role of Pensioners' Associations in "Pension Adalats".

i) The Department of Pension & Pensioners' Welfare, vide its O.M No. 44013/2/2010-Coord dated 25-03-2011 has, for the first time, laid down guidelines for holding "Pension Adalats" and circulated the same among all Ministries and Departments of Government of India and Banks. Pensioners' Associations are grateful to the Department of Pension & Pensioners' Welfare for having met this long

pending demand raised in previous SCOVA meetings.

ii) It is, however, noticed that the role of Pensioners' Associations, in these Adalats has practically been converted into 'NIL' except to assist illiterate pensioners, widows and minors to present their grievances, when permitted (vide para. 6.4) Though representatives of Pensioners' Associations may be invited to attend the Pension Adalats, they should not be permitted to present the grievances of the Pensioners. (Vide para. 6.3)

iii) It is a well known fact that pensioners are generally not well versed in Rules on pension matters and are hardly capable of presenting their cases (even bare facts) in forums like Pension Adalats, where top officers of the Departments are present. Even the 5th CPC has acknowledged this fact and has recommended vide para-139.17 of its Report that "Pensioners should be allowed to present their cases before such Adalats through any other person / representative of Pensioners' Association, as they themselves may not be conversant with the Rules".

iv) In the circumstances, it is requested that para-6.3 of the Guidelines may be suitably amended to provide for contingencies of the type mentioned in sub para iii) above.

3. Increase in amount of Fixed Medical Allowance and uniform application of date of effect of increase to all those pensioners, who are entitled for the same.

i) There is hardly any need to advance arguments in favour of increase of FMA amount. When there is an all round increase of prices of everything required for leading a reasonable and dignified life for pensioners, there is ample justification for its further increase, particularly when a period of 4 years is past, since its last increase from Rs. 100/- to Rs. 300/-p.m. All allowances of serving employees get increased by 25% when the DA crosses the 50% as per recommendations of 6th CPC and Government has implemented the same also. The FMA for pensioners is also an "Allowance" granted for meeting the expenditure on day-to-day medical expenses that do not require hospitalization. The 5th CPC, which recommended grant of this allowance had, in fact, recommended that, in

addition to grant of this allowance, CS(MA)Rules, 1944 should also be extended in a restricted manner so as to facilitate reimbursement of expenditure on hospitalization in a government/private hospital recognized under CGHS or under CS(MA) Rules,1944. The Ministry of Health & Family Welfare Vide their No. 20020/45/2012-CGHS(P) dated 22-2-2012 addressed to DoP & PW (Attn. MS. Deepa Anand-US) is reported to have said that that Ministry has no objection, if FMA is increased from Rs. 300/- to Rs. 1200/- (with reference to an application under RTI from Sri S.C. Maheswari). In the circumstances, it is earnestly requested that the FMA be increased to Rs. 1200/- p.m.

ii) Central Government pensioners and pensioners of statutory Bodies/Autonomous Bodies like Tobacco Board, Rubber Board, Spices Board and Tea Board (all working under the administrative control of Department of Commerce under the Ministry of Commerce & Industry, Govt. of India) as well as Central Silk Board, Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan (under the Ministry of HRD) have all been paid FMA @ Rs. 300/-pm. with effect from 1-9-2008, while the pensioners of Coffee Board alone (which is also under the Department of Commerce) have been paid the increase with effect from 1-1-2009. This discrimination is required to be removed.

4. Extension of CGHS benefit uniformly to all retirees governed by the CCS (Pension) Rules, 1972.

It is requested that the existing discrimination in extending CGHS benefits between Central Civil Pensioners and other pensioners of Statutory Bodies / Autonomous Bodies, like Coffee Board, Rubber Board, Tea Board, Spices Board and Tobacco Board (under the Department of Commerce, Ministry of Commerce and Industry), Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan (under the Ministry of HRD), Khadi & Village Industries Commission (under the Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises) may be removed. In this connection, it will be relevant to mention that CGHS facility has already been extended to the pensioners of other Central Government Autonomous Bodies like Indian Council of Agriculture Research, New Delhi, Indian Agricultural Research Institute, New Delhi, Council of Scientific and Industrial Research, New Delhi, Indian Council of Medical Research, New

Delhi and NCERT, New Delhi. Recently, the Government has extended CGHS benefits to all those Central Government employees who had proceeded to Statutory Bodies/Autonomous Bodies of Central Government either on deputation initially and then got absorbed in the SB/AB or proceeded to SB/AB on absorption basis on their retirement, subject to the condition that they are in receipt of Central Civil Pension (vide O.M No. 11013/2/2006-CGHS (P) dated 17-2-2011 of MoH&FW.

5. Shortage of Doctors in CGHS on account of application of outmoded SIU formula.

The present SIU formula being applied is based on the study Conducted in the year 1989-90 – i.e., about 22 years back - and was

implemented from the year 2008 – i.e., after a lapse of 18 years. After the study, lot of changes have taken place in the system/scheme, diagnostic methods have changed and treating-doctors are to spend their time, apart from examining the patients, on making entries in the computer about the nature of illness, result of diagnosis and details of medicines prescribed. Among beneficiaries, a major group is pensioners suffering from multiple ailments - including age-related - and taking different medicines. Examining and prescribing medicines, for this group takes more time than what has been prescribed under the existing formula. A realistic approach depending upon ground-realities is necessary and the existing SIU formula requires to be revised.

CGHS Wellness Centre, Vijayanagar

We had carried a report on page No. 13 of Pensioners' Champion, May 2012 issue on "Volunteers Help Desk" in CGHS Wellness Centre, Vijayanagar.

The newly-renovated CGHS Wellness Centre at Vijayanagar was inaugurated by Dr. S.Brinda, Director of CGHS and also Dr. Pramila Chandrasekaran, Additional Director CGHS, Bangalore on 26th July, 2012. The function was very well attended by over 125 beneficiaries and other dignitaries representing various Central Government organisations. There are many patient-friendly initiatives undertaken in the Wellness Centre as far as the services rendered and the infra structure-upgradation .

1. Presence of user /patient friendly ramp at the entrance of the Wellness Centre with railings for support
2. Examination and resting room at the ground floor itself for the patients who cannot climb staircase, with internal telecom facility, so that beneficiaries can get medical help
3. Presence of Welcome Banners giving a pleasant feeling for the beneficiaries, who attend the Wellness Centre
4. Well-lit and neatly displayed Notice Board in the prominent location of the Wellness Centre
5. Reception lobby with prominent display of the services offered in the Wellness Centre and also photo of the help desk volunteers which gives sense of belonging to the beneficiaries
6. Central Token Digital Display System giving the live-position of the number of patients being seen by the doctors and also Individual digital display unit in front of the consulting rooms of all the doctors, which has immensely benefitted the patients waiting in the lobby for orderly maintenance of the queue.
7. Help desk volunteers in the Reception Counter: Out of several patient-friendly initiatives undertaken at CGHS Wellness Centre, Vijayanagar, Volunteers help desk-a unique BENEFICIARIES HELPING BENEFICIARIES" scheme stand out as a value-added, service to the patients. There was overwhelming response with more than 75 pensioners and serving employees registering to be part of this scheme

Grievances of pensioners to be discussed by representatives of CCCGPA, Karnataka and nominees of Pensioners' Associations (at the CGHS Wellness Centre-level Advisory/Grievance Committees) at the meeting to be held with the Additional Director, CGHS on 24th August, 2012 at "Kendriya Sadan", Bangalore

At the outset, representatives of Pensioners' Associations wish to thank the Additional Director, CGHS for having supplied "priority badges" to all the Wellness Centres for issue to beneficiaries, who are 80+ in age to enable them to see the Medical Officers without following the queue.

PART- I

1. Holding of monthly meetings.

The position is satisfactory in all Wellness Centres except in WC-9 (Gangenahalli), where neither a date/day has been fixed for the purpose nor meetings are held at regular intervals. In this connection, we wish to invite attention of AD to the minutes of the last meeting held on 28-9-2011 which reads as follows:-

"CMO I/C WC.No.9- Gangenahalli informed that the monthly meetings during May and June were held and in future monthly meetings will be conducted regularly".

2&3. Presence of Area Welfare Officers and their Nominees at the meetings.

The CCCGPA does not wish to look into this aspect in future.

4. Issue of minutes of meetings.

Minutes of meetings are not being issued by WC-7 (Koramangala) and WC-9 (Gangenahalli) In the latter case, meetings are not being held monthly as already mentioned.

5. Complaints box.

Available at all WCs.

6. Availability of Complaints Suggestion Book.

Available at all WCs except in WC-9 (Gangenahalli)

7. Agencies involved in the supportive services for maintenance of Wellness Centres.

Satisfactory at all WCs. ALCs are called for the meeting whenever required.

8. Complaints received directly by the nominees.

Nominees of WC-3 (Basavanagudi) have received at least half-a-dozen complaints (personally as well as on phone) regarding presence of only one doctor on certain days to manage the entire WC and the consequential

inconvenience to the beneficiaries. Similarly, the beneficiaries have complained about having to wait for long periods to see the Specialists or being not able to see them at all in the Polyclinic! These aspects will be discussed separately later while discussing issues under Part-II.

9. Cleanliness and general upkeep at the Wellness Centres.

Though this aspect is generally satisfactory, yet it requires constant attention of the CMOs-In-Charge. The more the cleanliness- specially of toilets and floors, the more will be the satisfaction for the beneficiaries. A Safaiwala is required to be appointed for WC-10 (C.V.R.Nagar). The position at WC-2 (Malleswaram) continues to be the same as reported last year at the meeting. The question of getting the accommodation spruced up at Government expense may, perhaps, be examined, in consultation with the Authorities of the Cooperative Department. Efforts may be made to secure alternative accommodation, if need be, by insertion of an advertisement in local newspapers.

10. Seating arrangements for the beneficiaries.

Additional chairs are required at WC-1 (Shivajinagar), WC-2 (Malleswaram) WC-4 (Ulsoor) and WC-9 (Gangenahalli). Repeated pleas were made to replace the two Reception Tables at WC-3 (Basavanagudi), but of no avail.

11. Notice Board indicating names, addresses and telephone numbers of Advisory Committee members.

The Board is not there at WC-9 (Gangenahalli). This had been pointed out at the previous meeting held on 28-9-2011 also and the following was the reply recorded in the minutes:-

"The Chief Medical Officer-In-Charge No.9

(Gangenahalli) assured that the board indicating names, addresses and telephone numbers of Advisory Committee Members will be laminated and displayed at the proper place in the Wellness Centre". The assurance is yet to be complied with.

12. Maintenance of Notice Boards.

In WC-3 (Basavanagudi) and WC-9 (Gangenahalli) the position is not satisfactory.

13. Other beneficiary-friendly suggestions offered at the meetings.

WC-3: (Basavanagudi):- (1) Inadequate strength of doctors : Some immediate remedial measure is called for .

2) On steps to be taken to lessen the workload at the Polyclinic: - Refer patients to private empanelled hospitals for lab tests and to Government Hospitals for Specialists consultations.

WC-9 (Gangenahalli): (1) Issue Doctor-wise tokens to ensure an orderly entry of beneficiaries into Doctor's room. (2) Pharmacy to be kept open till the beneficiary holding the last token gets medicines instead of at 1PM sharp. (3) Lift to be made available for CGHS beneficiaries also, particularly, for the aged and weak.

14. Benefits /problems connected with computerisation.

i) Computerization at the Polyclinic is to be expedited. When prescriptions are given by Specialists prescribing medicines, the beneficiaries may be allowed to approach the Pharmacy in the Wellness Centres concerned direct for supplying the stocked items of medicines instead of approaching the doctors again for the purpose by standing in the queue, unless the medicines are to be procured on indent. The programme for the Polyclinic computers will have to be done accordingly keeping in view this suggestion by linking them to the network.

2) Keeping in view the overall strength of Pharmacists in the various Wellness Centres, it is necessary that "Leave Reserves" are provided so that their services can be utilized, wherever required without causing inconvenience to the beneficiaries.

3) The services of Data Entry operators may be asked to be continued until revised SIU

formula is prescribed and staff strength revised on realistic basis.

15. Pendency of medical reimbursement claims.

One of the items required to be looked into by the Grievance / Advisory Committees at the Wellness Centre is status / pendency of Medical Reimbursement Claims, vide item-3 vii) of O.M No.F.No.4-27/2005-CGHS/C&P/Pt.1 dated 22-2-2010 of the Director, CGHS in Directorate General of Health Services (CGHS). The CMOs-In-Charge are not in a position to apprise the Committees of the correct position in this regard for various reasons. The position is required to be streamlined, so that accurate information may be readily available at any given time. Views of the Association will be conveyed at the meeting.

PART-II

General grievances and suggestions applicable to all Wellness Centers.

1. Provision of intercom facilities to all Wellness Centres.

We invite attention of the Additional Director to item iii) of PART-II of the minutes of the last meeting held on 28-9-2011 on the above subject. The present position may kindly be intimated.

2. Opening of Hindustan Latex Lab in the newly-acquired quarters at Koramangala.

Kindly refer item iv) of the minutes of the last meeting held on 28-9-2011 on the subject. As approval had already been received, the present position may kindly be intimated.

3. Shortage of doctors in Wellness Centres.

In order to effectively tackle the above issue at the All India level, the following information may kindly be furnished:-

- a. Wellness Centre-wise total number of cards (of all types) as on date
- b. Wellness Centre-wise number of beneficiaries (of all types) as on date.
- c. Sanctioned strength of doctors at each of the Wellness Centres and at the office of AD as on date. (Specialists to be mentioned separately)
- d. Actual number of doctors in position available at each of the Wellness Centres and at office of AD as on date (Specialists

to be shown separately).

- e. Number of "Leave Reserve" doctors' posts sanctioned, if any, as on date and number of doctors available for the purpose.
- f. Number of doctors belonging to the CGHS Bangalore working on deputation in other organizations as on date.
- g. Number of doctors expected to retire on superannuation by December, 2012.

4. Opening of additional Wellness Centres.

The Association has been demanding opening of an additional Polyclinic in the Southern part of Bangalore and additional Wellness Centres at (1) Sahakaranagar, (2) Yelahanka, (3) Frazer Town, (4) Banashankari III Stage, (5) J .P.Nagar and (6) Yeshwanthpur in the city of Bangalore and at the following places outside Bangalore, in the State of Karnataka :- (1) Hubli-Dharwad, (2) Mysore City, (3) Gulbarga city, (4) Belgaum and (5) Mangalore.

It may kindly be intimated whether proposals have been sent from the office of Additional director in this regard or proposals have been called for from the Directorate of CGHS.

5 Extension of CGHS facilities to retirees of Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan at Bangalore.

In OA No. 131/2010, the Central Administrative Tribunal, Bangalore has not only ordered extension of CGHS facilities to Smt. Poornima Kumaraswamy (the Applicant) but has also ordered that a suitable general clarification confirming availability of CGHS facilities to retired employees of KVS in Bangalore should issue. The Order was passed on

13-4-2011 and the Writ Appeal filed by the Government in the High Court of Karnataka was dismissed on 19-6-2012. As the issue has thus attained finality at the local level, the nature of action taken may kindly be intimated.

6. Disallowance of indented medicines by the CMO-in-charge.

An instance has been reported to us wherein a medicine indented for by the Medical Officer examining the patient was disallowed by the CMO-In-Charge subsequent to departure of the patient, but a medicine of equal therapeutic value available in stock was issued the next day, when the patient came to collect the indented medicine. It is requested that instructions may kindly be issued to avoid such instances as it causes an avoidable hardship to the beneficiary.

7. opening of a branch of Anand Diagnostic Laboratory in DRDO Complex.

It appears that M/S Anand Diagnostic Laboratory, Infantry Road, Bangalore desires to open a branch at the DRDO Complex in C.V. Raman Nagar, but the EMO of DRDO is not according permission for security reasons, which appear to be imaginary when faced with ground realities. The issue may kindly be examined and if found beneficial for the CGHS beneficiaries, the Additional Director may kindly intervene and help opening of the Diagnostic laboratory.

8. Provision of an UPS at the Polyclinic for use at the room of Ophthalmologist during power failures.

There is absolute need for installing an UPS in the room of the Ophthalmologist and this may kindly be considered on priority.

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Changes in the DoP & PW and MoH & FW

Sri Sanjaya Kothari has taken over as Secretary, DoP & PW on retirement of Sri R.C.Misra.

Sri R.K.Jain has taken over as Addl. Secretary and DG (CGHS) on transfer of Sri L.C.Goyal.

ALL INDIA CONSUMER PRICE INDEX

Month	CPI Base 2001=100	12 Months' Total	Monthly Ave.	% increase over
Dec 11	197	2298	191.5	65.3
June 12	208	2395	199.58	72.41

Increase in DR due from 1.7.2012: 7%

By. K.B. Krishna Rao

**Cashless Services for RELHS Card Holders to take treatment in
Recognised Private Hospitals in emergency**

(Ministry of Railways (Railways Board) No. 2007/H/28/1RELHS/Smart Card dt. 18.7.2012)

In an endeavour to alleviate the problems faced by the Sr. Citizens in getting treatment in emergency, a cashless service for RELHS card holders to take treatment in recognized private hospitals of National Capital Region was introduced by Northern Railway vide Board's letter of even No. dated 29.2.2008 as a Pilot Project. The scheme was subsequently extended by one year each on two occasions i.e., upto 20.8.2011 vide Board's letters of even No. dated 13.11.2009 and 27.1.2001.

The issue of extension of the scheme or otherwise was under consideration in Ministry of Railways for sometime. The Competent Authority in the Ministry of Railways after careful consideration in the matter, has decided to extend the facility till further orders for RELHS beneficiaries to take care of their health care needs in an acute emergency. This scheme will now be available in all Metros, State Capitals and Zonal Headquarters of the Indian Railways. Detailed guidelines on the subject are attached.

This issues with the concurrence of Finance Directorate in the Ministry of Railways.

**Cashless Services for RELHS Card
Holders to take treatment in
Recognised Private Hospitals in
Emergency**

Terms & Conditions of the Scheme:

- i. The scheme is to be implemented in all the Metros, State Capitals and Zonal Headquarters.
- ii. Zonal Railways shall enter into an "MOU" with already empanelled hospitals under their jurisdiction for the scheme. Further, if there are not enough recognized multi-speciality hospitals, Zonal Railways shall recognize CGHS-empanelled hospitals on CGHS approved rates and /or other hospitals as per extant policy and enter into an "MOU" for the Smart Card Scheme.
- iii. Smart Card should provide necessary demographic data and other relevant information on a standardized format.
- iv. Zonal Railways shall award the job of issuing the Smart Card to suitable services provider on most competitive rates, through open bidding.
- v. It shall be the responsibility of the hospital to inform the authorized medical attendant regarding emergency within 24 hours. In case an admission is found to be of non-emergency nature, the treating hospital shall refer the patient to authorized medical attendant in next 24 hours.
- vi. The scheme shall be implemented with the existing man power of Zonal Railways
- vii. Issuance of Smart Card is made mandatory to RELHS beneficiaries residing in the regions mentioned in (i) above and cost of the Card as decided upon may also be included in the contribution towards joining RELHS at the time of retirement.
- viii. The following conditions, shall qualify as emergencies:
 - * Acute cardiac conditions syndromes.
 - * Vascular Catastrophes, Cerbo-vascular accidents.
 - * Acute respiratory emergencies
 - * Acute abdomen including acute obstetrical gynecological emergencies
 - * Life-threatening injuries
 - * Acute poisoning and snake bite
 - * Acute endocrine emergencies
 - * Head stroke and cold injuries of life threatening nature
 - * Acute renal failure
 - * Severe infections leading to life threatening situations
 - * Any other condition in which delay could result in loss of life or limb.

*Courtesy: Railway Federation News
July-August, 2012*

**Information under R.T.I. Act obtained by Sri S.S. Ramachandran, G.S., AICCPA, Delhi
regarding expenditure to be incurred in connection with application of
CS (MA) Rules 1944 to pensioners - received as an enclosure to MoH &FW
letter No. Z-28014/59/2011-MS dtd. 20.4.2012.**

Please refer to DO letter No. H-11022/5/2001-MS dtd. 16.7.2003 addressed to Secretary (Exp.) regarding recommendations made by the Committee on Petitions of Rajya Sabha in its 117th Report in connection with extension of CS (MA) Rules 1944 to the Central Government Pensioners living in areas not covered by CGHS.

2. The recommendations of the Committee have been examined. The 5th CPC had recommended for extension of CS (MA) Rules to the pensioners in a restricted manner so as to facilitate reimbursement of Expenditure on hospitalisation in a Government/private recognised hospital. Thus, 5th CPC had not envisaged extension of CS (MA) Rules for outdoor treatment.

3. The revised financial implications of Rs. 294.71 crore per annum have been computed after excluding pensioners of Departments of Railways, Defence and P&T. This, however, is not appropriate as even in the case of Railways, Railway Hospitals and Health Units are not available at all stations. In fact retired railwaymen had demanded certain concessions on this account from 5th CPC. Similar would be the case with ex-servicemen, a majority of whom are rural-

based and therefore, cannot avail of the medical facilities available in the Armed Forces Hospitals/ MI Room/Sick Bay/Sick Quarter, which are usually located at places, which are at a considerable distance. The revised financial implications of Rs. 294.71 crores per annum would, therefore, not appear to be accurate as once CS (MA) facilities are extended to civilian pensioners, the same would also have to be made available to the pensioners of Departments of Railways, Defence and P&T especially as the Contributory Health Scheme introduced by Ministry of Defence for ex-servicemen also does not extend AMA facilities. Thus, the financial implication of implementing CS (MA) Rules in full to the pensioners are likely to be close to the original estimated cost of Rs. 1820 crores p.a. rather than the revised estimates of Rs. 294.71 crores p.a.

4. In view of the above it may not be possible to support the proposal for extension of CS (MA) Rules at this stage to the pensioners living in areas not covered under CGHS.

(Sd) Sushama Nath, To Sri JVR Prasada Rao Secy. Health MoH&FW, Nirman Bhavan, New Delhi.

Courtesy: Pensioners' Counsellor

List showing the names of members whose donation has reached Rs. 10,000 and above (during the period from January 2012 to August 2012)

LM / ALM	Name (Smt./Sri)	LM / ALM	Name (Smt./Sri)
46	V. Prahalada Rao	851	G.S. Venkataramu
49	K.G. Rau	925	T. Aswathanarayana Rao
125	P. Narayanan Kutty	929	K.V. Lakshminarayana
448	K. Prabhakar Rao	938	K. Vijayasekharan
499	T.S. Ranganatha Rao	1038	K.L. Shivaram
505	G. Devaraj	1053	K. Rama
562	N. Varadarajan	1070	T.R. Narayana
603	T. Chandrasekharan	1134	K. Yellappa
657	S. Sunder Raj	1156	G. Babu
706	Kamala Vijayan (In memory of her late husband B.S.S. Vijayan)	1197	L.N. Vaidyanath
850	K. Shankaranarayanan	1306	S. Ethiraj
		1849	S.G. Vittal

Information obtained by Sri S.S. Ramachandran, AICCPA, Delhi under RTI Act, regarding "Committee on CGHS" constituted under the Chairmanship of Sri P.K. Kaul, former Cabinet Secretary

(No. 20020/105/2011-CGHS(P) dt.12.8.2011 from MoH & FW to G.S., AICCPA, Delhi.)

Please refer to your application dtd. 10.5.2011 seeking information under RTI Act 2005. Relevant information is as under:

The Ministry of Health & Family Welfare had constituted a Committee under the Chairmanship of P.K. Kaul, Former Cabinet Secretary, in May 2005 to review the functioning of CGHS and for giving recommendations for making it more user-friendly. The other members of the Committee were Sh. J.A. Chowdhury, Former Health Secretary, Director General of Health Services, Joint Secretary (In-charge of CGHS) in the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare and Director CGHS. The Committee was *inter-alia* required to look into functioning of the CGHS and make recommendations for making it more user-friendly, on the following points:

- i) Availability/Shortage of medicines (including life saving medicines) in the CGHS dispensaries.
- ii) Delay in the supply of indented medicines to the CGHS beneficiaries through the CGHS authorised local chemist.
- iii) Substitution of medicines with different brand name medicines by the CGHS authorised local chemist, grievance of beneficiaries due to non-availability of CGHS authorised local chemist for the particular dispensaries, and inconvenience caused to the CGHS beneficiaries resulting in delay in the reimbursement of medical expenses to the beneficiaries.
- iv) Pending medical claims of CGHS beneficiaries resulting in delay in the reimbursement of medical expenses to the beneficiaries.
- v) Availability of Specialist OPD consultation for the CGHS beneficiaries.
- vi) Quality of diagnostic/pathology services given by the CGHS laboratories/CGHS polyclinic to the beneficiaries.
- vii) Quality of indoor services (IPD) and

diagnostic/investigation facilities given to the CGHS beneficiaries at the CGHS empanelled hospitals and at the Central Govt./State Govt. hospitals and institutions.

- viii) Punctuality/behaviour of the CGHS doctors and staff at the CGHS dispensaries towards the beneficiaries, cleanliness and availability of basic minimum infrastructure and equipment in the CGHS dispensaries.
- ix) Ratio of patients vis-a-vis doctor (including support staff) keeping in view the average monthly attendance in the various dispensaries.
- x) Suggest measures to reduce/stop misuse of CGHS facilities.

The Committee could not submit its recommendations due to the demise of the Chairman. However, the following suggestions/points considered during the meetings of the Committee have been acted upon:

1) **Computerisation of CGHS:** On the suggestion of the Committee, computerisation of CGHS was initiated and completed and has been running successfully.

2) **Constitution of the Advisory Committees:** As suggested by the Committee, Advisory Committees have been constituted in each dispensary with CMO-in-charge as Chairman and Members from Pensioners' Welfare Assn. Residents Welfare Associations and Area Welfare Officers. These Committees shall go into the grievances/complaints of the beneficiaries at the dispensary level itself and try to sort out the issues at dispensary level itself as far as possible.

The meetings of the Committees are held at the dispensary level on every Second Saturday of the month.

3) **Suggestions / comments from the beneficiaries:** Complaint/Grievance Box and Complaint/Grievance Register are in position in dispensaries.

4) **Procurement of medicines directly from the manufacturers/distributors, at pre-agreed**

rate of discount by the dispensaries: CGHS dispensaries in Delhi have been authorised to place indents for commonly prescribed 272 proprietary/branded medicines as per requirement directly on the manufacturers/distributors on rate-contract basis fixed by Medical Stores Depot (MSD) (on a discount of 25% on MRP). This has resulted in higher beneficiary-satisfaction, in that more than 90% get the medicines on the same day. This has also resulted in reduced inventories at the level of Medical Stores Depot (MSD) of CGHS. This scheme has now been extended to CGHS in Mumbai, Kolkata, Nagpur and Chennai. Instructions have also been issued by the CGHS to introduce the same to Patna, Bhubaneswar, Bangalore, Pune, Ranchi and Guwahati.

5) Role of Zonal / Additional Directors: The role of Zonal Additional Directors is delineated

indicating the duties, supervisory functions and efficient administration of the dispensaries under their control. They will also ensure compliance with procedures intended for making the services user friendly.

6) Involvement of Third Party Administrators (TPAs): For quick settlement of individual reimbursement claims, settlement of Hospital Bills and Chemist Bills, the Committee proposed outsourcing the exercise to Third Party Administrators.

7) The Medical Audit of Hospital Bills is an important exercise to assess the quality of services offered and expenditure incurred: This was also outsourced to Third Party Administrator (TPA) as desired by the Committee.

*(Nodal Officer, (RTI) CGHS (HQ),
Bikaner House, New Delhi)*

Courtesy: Pensioners' Counsellor

**BSNL
Order**

Modification in policy for provision of Concessional Broadband connection to the Below-JAG level BSNL retired employees at their residence.

(Memo No. 2-06/05-PHA(Pt)dated 27.6.2012--Circular No. 01/2012-PHA-of BSNL Corporate Office, New Delhi)

The Management Committee of BSNL Board in its 13th Meeting held on 13th June, 2012 decided to modify the policy for provision of Concessional Broadband connection to Below-JAG level serving BSNL employees and has approved to provide Concessional Broadband Connection to Bow-JAG level BSNL retiree employees at their residence.

The revised policy is as follows:-

a) Provision of 60% discount on rentals as being offered on the residential broadband connection to the serving BSNL employees Below-JAG level in terms

of Circular No. 2/2011-PHA dated 30.6.2011 is also allowed to the Below-JAG level BSNL retired employees residing in the BSNL area.

- b) Other charges including charges for Modem etc., will be borne by the employee.
- c) All other terms and conditions of Circular No. 21/2008-PHA dated 24.9.2008 of the policy remain unchanged.

These instructions will come in to force with immediate effect

Courtesy: Pensioners' Advocate 7/12

Board level and Below-Board level posts including non-unionised supervisors in CPSEs - Revision of scales of pay w.e.f. 1.1.07 payment of IDA at revised rates - reg

As per the Department of Public Enterprises, O.M No 2(70)/2008-DPE(WC)-GL-XII/2 dated 9.7.2012 on the above mentioned subject at revised DA rates of 61.5% w.e.f. 1.7.2012 is sent to all concerned for information and necessary action please. In modification of the Department's O.M of even No dated 21.10.2011, the rate of DA payable to the executive and non-unionised supervisors of CPSEs (2007 Pay Revision) may be as follows:

Effective Date	Average of AICP	Revised DA Rates %
1.7.2012	204	61.5%

2. The above rates of DA would be applicable in the case of BSNL IDA employees who have been allowed Revised Pay Scales (2007) as per DPE O.Ms dated 26.11.2008, 9.2.2009 & 2.4.2009.

Reimbursement of Indoor Treatment to CG Pensioners in non - CGHS Areas

Apex Court Judgement - A Great Victory of Pensioners

Medical Reimbursement Cases of Pensioners and Ors SLP's Filed by Union of India & Others dismissed by Supreme Court on 3-4-2012

Hon'ble Supreme Court of India has dismissed the following SLPs filed by Union of India & others regarding Medical Reimbursement Cases of pensioners who were residing in non-CGHS areas.

SLP(C) No.	Union of India & Ors
1. 10659/2005	U.O.I. & Anr. Vs. Prabhakar Sridhar Bapat
2. 0660-10661/2005	U.O.I. & Anr. Vs. Laxmi Das T. Vasani & Anr
3. 22812/2004	U.O.I. & Anr. Vs. Ravindra Keshav Lal
4. 3314/2005	U.O.I. & Anr. Vs. Shiv Balvant Marathe
5. 4193-4194/2005	U.O.I. & Anr. Vs. Ratilal G. Bhawsar & Anr.
6. 5921/2005	U.O.I. & Anr. Vs. Hari Das Soni
7. 8539/2005	U.O.I. & Anr. Vs. K.K. Rama
8. 9309/2005	U.O.I. & Anr. Vs. R.M. Barot (Dead)
9. 17109/2005	Comptroller Genl of India & Ors. Vs. Laxmi Chand
10. 25685-25686/2005	Union of India & Anr. Vs. M.G. Chuppa & Anr.
11. 15597/2004	Chanchal Mehta Vs. N.C.E.R.T. & Ors
12. 13075/2006	Income Tax Officer & Anr. Vs. Parbhulal S. Shah
13. 12803/2006	Union of India & Ors. Vs. N.H. Pandyar
14. 14253/2006	Union of India & Ors. Vs. V.L. Sathvara
15. 10961/2006	Union of India & Ors. Vs. R.P. Mehta
16. 20415/2006	Union of India & Ors. Vs. Gulshan Kumar
17. 1063/2007	Union of India & Ors. Vs. R.L. Makwana
18. 8894/2007	Union of India & Ors. Vs. B.G. Jadhav
19. 2640/2008	Union of India & Ors. Vs. Pukhraj Gehlot
20. 18267/2008	Union of India & Ors. Vs. Gian Chand
21. 27589/2008	Union of India & Ors. Vs. Mohinder Singh
22. 20513/2008	Union of India & Ors. Vs. Satpal Singh
23. 7551/2009	Union of India & Ors. Vs. Vasu Dev Bhanot
24. 24110/2009	Union of India & Ors. Vs. A.G. Narayan Swami
25. 2144/2010	Union of India & Ors. Vs. R. Sundar Rajan
26. 35459/2009	Union of India & Ors. Vs. Som Prakash Saini
27. 35429/2010	Union of India & Ors. Vs. Maya Devi & Ors.
28. 24667/2010	Union of India & Ors. Vs. Sampuran Singh
29. 4891/2010	Union of India & Ors. Vs. S. Neelambai
30. 9073/2011	Union of India & Ors. Vs. Kuldip Singh Virk
31. 6092/2011	Union of India & Ors. Vs. M. Usman Khan
32. 23324/2011	General Manager BSNL Vs. RN Ahuja Anr.

Order

Upon hearing counsel, the Court made the following Order S.L.P.(C) Nos. 13075 of 2006 and 9309 of 2005: Despite the Order passed by this Court on 13.2.2012, the petitioners have taken no steps to serve the unserved respondent and to serve chamber summons on the proposed legal representatives of the deceased-sole respondent in the aforesaid matters respectively.

Office Report dated 29.3.2012 has been perused by us, which clearly reflects that the petitioners have taken no steps in this regard. The matters were again listed on 30-3-2012 and then were posted for today. During this period also, the petitioners did not care to complete the service, as mentioned in our earlier Order. This shows the callous and negligent attitude of the petitioners in prosecuting their matters.

In the light of this, the aforesaid two special leave petitions are hereby dismissed.

The applications for condonation of delay in filing substitution application and substitution of legal representatives of the deceased-respondent are also dismissed in S.L.P.(C) No. 9309 of 2005.

Other Special Leave Petitions: Delay in filing the Special Leave petitions is condoned.

After having heard Mr. P.P. Malhotra. Leaned Additional Solicitor General at length and after perusal of the impugned order, in the facts and circumstances of the cases, we are not inclined to interfere against the impugned Orders passed by the High Court. The Special Leave Petitions are hereby dismissed.

Courtesy: Pensioner Sathi, April-July 12

Defence Personnel News**50% Concession on air tickets for Defence Personnel and their Family Members**

(Air HQ/241261/AC/PP&R-4 dt 28.12.2010. from AF Integrated Hqs, New Delhi.)

The following Airlines have agreed to grant special discounted air fares for the Armed Forces Personnel both serving and retired.

(a) Jet Airways (b) Spicejet (c) Indigo Airlines

All serving as well as retired Defence Personnel and their families can now avail a discount of 50% on base-fare and the same can be availed by them while travelling on their own

Courtesy: AFA News, 3/2011

Newly-Enrolled Members

	(Smt/Sri)	Designation & Office in which last worked	Type & No.
1.	K.G. Ravindra	DE, Telecom O/o. PGM Telecom DK, TD, Mangalore	LM 2001
2.	R. Vijayaraghavan	Dy. Controller of Defence Accounts CDA, PAO, Chennai	ALM 2002
3.	S.N. Yewoorkar	HRO (HSG-I), HRO RMS 'HB' DN., Hubli-20	LM 2003
4.	Dr. K.M. Shivakumar	Asst. Director, National Tuberculosis Institute, Bg.	ALM 2004
5.	N. Veerabhadrachari	SPM, Agram PO, Bg.	LM 2005
6.	V. Anantha Rao	BCR. PA., Vimanapura P.O., Bg.	LM 2006
7.	N. Prabhakara	Asst., P.M. Dooravaninagar PO, Bg.	LM 2007
8.	S. Lingappa	Manager (Genl.) F.C.I. Bellary	ALM 2008
9.	S.G. Srinivasan	Sr. Accounts Officer. Ammunition Factory, Defence Accounts	ALM 2009
10.	V. Pichandi	LDC., CGHS, Koramangala, Bg.	ALM 2010
11.	M.V. Chayapathi Rao	HMG, Bg. City RMS, Bg.	LM 2011
12.	E. Venugopal	Jr. Scientific Officer, LRDE	ALM 2012
13.	K. Guruswamy	SPM, Marthalli PO (Kollegal Taluk)	LM 2013

LM: Life Member

ALM: Associate Life Member

Members whose numbers are listed below have, so far, not subscribed to Pensioners' Champion for the period July 2012 to June 2013. They are requested to remit Rs. 100/- immediately so that posting of our monthly journal remains uninterrupted.

Subscription to Pensioners' Champion

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Know Your Cell Phone

Things you might not have known about your Cell Phone

For all the folks with cell phones. (*This should be printed and kept in your car, purse, and wallet. Good information to have with you.*)

There are a few things that can be done in times of grave emergencies. Your mobile phone can actually be a life-saver or an emergency tool for survival.

Check out the things that you can do with it:

First (Emergency)

The Emergency Number worldwide for Mobile is **112**. If you find yourself out of the coverage area of your mobile network and there is an Emergency, dial 112 and the mobile will search any existing network to establish the emergency number for you and interestingly, this number 112 can be dialled even if the keypad is locked.

Second (Hidden Battery Power)

Imagine your cell battery is very low. To activate, press the keys ***337-#**. Your Cell phone

will restart with this reserve and the instrument will show a 50% increase in battery. This reserve will get charged when you charge your cell phone next time.

Third (How to disable a stolen mobile phone?)

To check your mobile phone's serial number, key in the following Digits on your phone. ***#06#**

A 15-digit code will appear on the screen. This number is unique to your handset. Write it down and keep it somewhere safe.

If your phone is stolen, you can phone your service provider and give them this code. They will then be able to block your handset. So, even if the thief changes the SIM card, your phone will be totally useless. You probably won't get your phone back, but at least you know that whoever steals it, can't use/sell it either. If everybody does this, there would be no point in people stealing mobile phones.

This is the kind of information people don't mind receiving; so pass it on to your family and friends.

Courtesy: AGOPA News 7/12

World Elder Abuse Day, 2012

International Network of the Prevention of Elder Abuse (INPEA) was established in 1997. It has instituted the World Elder Abuse Awareness Day (WEAAD) on June 15, 2006. On December 19, 2011, United Nations General Assembly has officially recognized 'Elder Abuse' as a Global International Net work of the Prevention of Elder Abuse (INPEA) was established in 1997. Social Issue which affects the Health and Human Rights of Millions of Older Persons around the world an issue which deserves the attention of the International Community.

INPEA has lead the way in raising awareness and defined the Elder Abuse as a single or repeated act or lack of appropriate action, occurring within any relationship, where there is an expectation of trust, which caused harm or distress to an older person. It can be of various forms, physical, psychological, emotional, sexual and financial or simply reflect intentional or unintentional neglect. 'Elder Abuse' is a violation of Human Rights and a significant cause of injury, illness, loss of productivity, isolation and despair. Confronting and reducing 'Elder Abuse' requires a multispectral and multidisciplinary approach.

'Help Age India' carried out a deep study of the problem. The survey found that 56 percent of the elders pointed accusing fingers at their own sons while 23 percent blamed their daughters-in-law. The survey in which 5,600 senior citizens were interviewed spanned across 20 cities in India. Out of the people interviewed, 31 percent said they faced abuse every day at home. Bhopal has the ignominy of standing first with an abuse rate of 77.12 percent followed by Guwahati 60.55 percent and Lucknow 52 percent.

However 1.67 percent of elders in Rajasthan stated they have been abused. Hyderabad is ranked fifth in the list.

Some more statistics of the survey are given below:

- * More than half of elderly are dependent, have remittance from children and 35 percent are on pension.
- * Seventy two percent feel they are neglected now and then and 17 percent feel neglected every day

- * Verbal abuse is the most commonly reported abuse faced by the elderly in lower social economic strata
- * It is observed that most of the cases of elder abuse occurs in the age group of 70 and above.
- * Above is reported more from the family members with daughter-in-law and son, which are emerging as major abusers.
- * Half of the elders of lower socio economic strata reported facing abuse due to lack of emotional support, whereas elderly from higher socio economic strata, stated property issues emerged as the most common context for abuse.

"We are from a generation, who were born around the time of Independence. The social structure was different then and family bonds were stronger," said Dr. Rao, Chilkanani, Honorary President, FAPSCO, Andhra Pradesh. "This is a social evil, which is like iceberg, where just 5-6 percent of it is seen and rest is hidden," added R.N. Mittal, President, AISCON. India. Disrespect, according to them, is main form of abuse followed by neglect and verbal abuse. More than 50 percent of the abused said that they had been facing the situation for more than five years. 45 percent of the seniors reported incidents, while the rest did not report anything to maintain family honour, which they stated was of utmost importance.

Inter-generation gap was the main reason stated by Senior Citizens for the rise in cases of abuse. The most effective way to curb this form of domestic abuse, according to them, is to implement nation wide programmes in schools to sensitise children.

Courtesy: AGOPA News 7/12

OBITUARY

Sri P. Govindaiah (LM 1072), Retd. Asst Surveyor of Works, O/o. Chief Engineer (Civil), Postal South Zone, expired on 31.7.2012 at the age of 76 years. He is survived by his wife and two daughters.

We convey our heartfelt condolences to the bereaved.

Subscription of Rs. 100/- received for Pensioners' Champion

LM/ALM	Name (Smt./Sri)	LM/ALM	Name (Smt./Sri)	LM/ALM	Name (Smt./Sri)
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68	V. Nagabhushan Rao	850	K. Shankaranarayanan (300)	1277	M.A. Manikutty
87	S.K. Subramanian (500)	851	G.S. Venkataramu (200)	1296	M.S. Lalitha
106	A. Aithappa Naik	856	T. Vasantha Martin (200)	1306	S. Ethiraj
125	P. Narayanan Kutty	887	P.P. Jambukeshwaran	1315	B.B. Mural
179	K.N. Murthy Rao	912	M.C. Keshavamurthy Rao	1321	V.N. Shivashankar
200	R. Gajalakshmi	918	R.K.T. Shastri	1332	K. Vasudevan
221	M.K. Venkatesh	924	R. Natarajan (200)	1350	A. Ramaswamy Pillai
243	B.L. Subbaramaiah	934	N. Bheemasena Rao	1351	K. Mahadevappa
358	G.S. Iyer	946	Hanumesha Rao	1358	N.D. Devadiga
409	R. Vaikunta Raju (200)	958	K.R. Ananthakrishnan	1359	P. Kunhi Krishnan (200)
449	H.K. Devadas	969	T.N. Prabhakar Rao (200)	1366	R.A. Rangaswamy
499	T.S. Ranganatha Rao	976	P.N. Damodaran	1368	H. Sanjeevaiah
511	M.S. Raghavan	1014	V.P. Munirathnam	1370	J.G. Jaiwant
527	H.R.S. Rao (200)	1022	M. Vasudevan	1371	S.M. Bastikar
541	Bandigaiah	1026	H.N. Krishnaiah Setty	1373	C.S.S.S. Prasad
580	S.R. Pavanamurthy	1034	V. Sambasiva Rao	1388	G. Gopal
583	P.P. Rao	1036	S. Bramanandam	1389	A. Narasimha Aithal
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654	S.D. Shahane (200)	1073	P.R. Rajnarayana	1461	R.H. Veeraiah (200)
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677	K.C.B. Raju	1086	B.L. Sathyanarayana	1517	K.M.G. Warriar
684	E.K. Rajakrishnan (120)	1095	S.G. Hulgur	1518	B.A. Krishna Prasad (120)
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740	C Devendra	1230	R. Bhuvaneshwari	1535	K.A. Gopinatha Rao
741	T.R. Parameshwaran	1232	V.B. Ravindranathan (300)	1557	S.S. Potaraj
750	B.V. Ramachandra	1249	K.V. Unnikrishnan	1596	T.S. Mathews
777	S. Gopalaswami	1252	Madhavi	1623	P. Chandrashekaraiah
779	N. Nanjundaiah	1258	Keval Krishen	1636	G. Gopala Rao (120)
786	P.N.D. Kurup	1272	Venkatagiriappa	1650	B.B. Poddar

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1694	T.N. Sonwalkar		Gnanamurthy	1849	S.G. Vittal
1706	K.G. Ramraj	1753	G.A. Brahmadeva	1868	M.S. Radhakrishna (200)
1708	S. Karumban	1756	J. Sukumaran	1869	H.A. Krishnamurthy
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1740	S.N. Sharma	1822	B.S. Narayana Murti	1920	H.N. Huli
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1134	K. Yellappa	8,000	10,000	1434	B. Rajasekhar	2,000	
448	K. Prabhakar Rao	7,000	10,000	1532	Goli Annayappa Naik	2,000	3,111
499	T.S. Ranganatha Rao	5,050	10,550	541	Bandigaiah	1,500	5,001
3	M. Ramiah	5,000	15,610	616	K.V. Bhima Rao	1,500	5,001
603	T. Chandrasekharan	5,000	10,003	929	K.V. Lakshminarayana	1,500	10,000
706	Kamala Vijayan	5,000	10,000	663	M.S. Shivashankaran	1,000	2,600
850	K. Shankaranaraynan	5,000	10,000	1306	S. Ethiraj	1,000	2,000
1849	S.G. Vittal	5,000	10,000	1370	J.G. Jaiwant	1,000	2,000
1981	H.A. Bharathi	5,000	-	1921	K. Venkatesulu	1,000	
851	G.S. Venkataramu	4,000	10,002	1766	M. Manickaraj	505	
1197	L.N. Vaidyanath	4,000	10,150	106	A. Aithappa Naik	500	1,510
1070	T.R. Narayana	3,201	10,001	887	P.P. Jambukeshwaran	500	
1038	K.L. Shivaram	3,000	10,000	1252	Madhavi	500	
925	T. Ashwatanarayana Rao	2,500	10,000	W/W.	From DRDO	500	

Legal Matter No. 1 (Taken up by our Association)

1. WP:20158/2004(S-CAT)= D.R.Joshi- Allowed on 13-08-2012.
2. WP:18210/2005(S-CAT)=P.Narayana Madivala-Allowed on 13-08-2012.
3. WP:18211/2005(S-CAT)=Babu Nairy = allowed on 13-08-2012.
4. WP:15848/2012(S-CAT)=UoI-Vs-Y.C. Dixit=Stay granted on 8-6-2012-Preliminary hearing on 10-7-2012-Pending for admission-Interim order extended by 2 weeks.

Other Cases= As Reported In July-'12 Issue- No Change

B. Sadashiva Rao, President, K P&T PA, Chairman, CCCGPA

Legal Matter No. 2

Mr. R.G. Desai, one of the retired Judges of High Court of Karnataka, had filed Writ Petition No. 18753/2011 (S-R) before the Hon'ble High Court of Karnataka, Bangalore, contending that additional quantum of pension shall be granted immediately after commencement of 80 year. Respondents to this Petition were Office of the Principal Accountant General (A&E), Indian Audits and Accounts Department, Karnataka, C&AG of India, New Delhi, Ministry of Law and Justice, Government of India and the State of Karnataka represented by its Chief Secretary. After considering the contention of the petitioner, the Hon'ble Judge, Mr. H.N. Nagamohan Das, allowed the Writ Petition and pronounced the Judgment to the effect that the petitioner is entitled for additional quantum of pension immediately after completion of 79th year and on commencement of 80th year. The Hon'ble High Court of Karnataka has also directed the respondents to extend the benefit of 20% additional quantum of pension along with 6% interest per annum forthwith to the petitioner. Now the Government have appealed against this Judgment in the High Court of Karnataka before the Divisional Bench headed by Hon'ble Chief Justice. This case is now posted for hearing, for 16th October, 2012.

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