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**Proposed Meeting of the SCOVA in September 2013- Items/issues for inclusion in the Agenda furnished by Karnataka P&T Pensioners' Association.**

*(The DoP & PW, while calling for items/subjects for inclusion, specifically had stated that items which have already been taken up/discussed should not be included)*

**1. Grade Pay of Rs. 4,600/- instead of Rs. 4,200/- in PB-2 to be taken into consideration for the purpose of computing revised pension of pre-2006 pensioners who retired in the pay scale of Rs. 6,500 – 10,500 in terms of para-4.2 of OM dated 1-9-2008 of DoP & PW**

*(Brief furnished based on our letter to DoP & PW published on page 4 of Pensioners' Champion April 2013)*

**2. Request for giving effect to the Order dated 28-1-2013 from 1-1-2006 instead of from 24-9-2012.**

i) The clarificatory OM dated 3-10-2008 and further OM dated 14-10-2008 (which is also based upon clarificatory OM dated 3-10-2008) of the Department of Pension and Pensioners' Welfare have been quashed and set aside by

the full Bench of Central Administrative Tribunal, Principal Bench, Delhi on 1-11-2011 in OA:655/2010 and also upheld by the High Court of Delhi, vide its Order dated 29-4-2013 in WP (C) 1535 of 2012. The Department of Pension and Pensioners' Welfare, Government of India has also issued an Order, vide OM No. F.No.38/37/2008 P&PW (A) dated 28-1-2013 to set right the injustice done to the pre-2006 pensioners, but gave effect to the decision only with effect from 24-9-2012.

ii) It is pointed out that though the benefits of the recommendations of the 6th CPC were to be given effect to from 1-1-2006, the pre-2006 pensioners were put to perpetual financial loss (wherever the benefit was admissible) right from 1-1-2006 up to 23-9-2012 on account of their

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wrong implementation. The Government is, therefore, requested to kindly order giving retrospective effect (from 1-1-2006) to the Order dated 28-1-2013 - without filing SLP in the Supreme Court.

**3. Request to authorise the Disbursing Officers to work out the benefits, if any, accruing to pre-2006 pensioners as per Order dated 28-1-2013 and begin paying revised pension, wherever benefit is there without waiting for authorisation from PAOs following the same procedure as was prescribed in OM dated 1-9-2008.**

*(Brief furnished on the basis of write-up on pages 1 & 2 and the letter to DoP & PW published on page 3 of Pensioners' Champion, July 2013 issue)*

**4. Extension of the benefit of merger of 78.2% IDA to absorbee pensioners of BSNL**

I) In pursuance of Presidential Directive as issued in Ministry of Communications & Information Technology, Department of Telecom letter No. 61-01/2012-SU dated 10-6-2013, approval of Corporate Office of BSNL was conveyed for allowing benefit of merger of 50% IDA effectively amounting to 78.2% as on 1-1-2007 for the purpose of fitment in respect of Non-Executive employees of BSNL with effect from 10-6-2013.

II) It is pointed out that in response to Item-9 under "Fresh Agenda Items" notified for the 22nd meeting of SCOVA held on 19-2-2013, the reply furnished (as recorded in the minutes) by the Department of Telecom was that "If at any stage the benefit of merger of 78.2% IDA with pay of serving employees is given, this benefit would also be extended to absorbee pensioners of BSNL."

III) We request that the Department of Telecom may issue immediate orders to extend the benefit to the absorbed pensioners of BSNL also as promised and keep up the commitment made.

**5. 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.

**6. 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 are not 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.

**7. 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 5 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% level 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, 44.

ii) FMA amount in lieu of medical facility available for outdoor treatment under the CS (MA) Rules 1944 to employees/pensioners of EPF Organisation (under the Ministry of Labour & Employment, GoI) who are also governed by the CCS (Pension) Rules 1972, has been increased from the existing amount of Rs.1,200/ to Rs.2,000/- w.e.f. 1-3-2013 under their Organisation’s OM No. HRM-8/V/12/1/2003/FMA/VOI-117/6160 dated 13-6-2013. We urge that FMA to all employees governed by CCS (Pension) Rules, 1972 may be increased from the existing amount of Rs. 300/- to Rs. 2,000/-.

iii) 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 (under Ministry of Textiles) and 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.

**8. 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) Central Silk Board (under the Ministry of Textiles) and National Council of Science Museum (under the Ministry of Culture) 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 OM No. 11013/2/2006-CGHS (P) dated 17-2-2011 of MoH&FW.

#### **9. Shortage of doctors in CGHS as a result of applying the outmoded SIU formula**

*(Brief furnished based on our letter to the Hon'ble Minister for Health & Family Welfare published on page 6 of Pensioners' Champion, May 2013)*

#### **10. Furnishing of "Life Certificates" by pensioners receiving pensions through Public Sector Banks – problems**

i) As per para 15.1 of the Scheme for Payment of Pensions to Central Government Civil Pensioners by Authorised Banks, pensioners are required to furnish Life Certificate in November each year in the prescribed form and as per para 15.7 *ibid*, the pension including element of Dearness Relief for November and onwards may not be credited by the Bank in case the pensioner fails to submit requisite certificates.

ii) Pensioners go to the Bank to receive pension for November on the 30th of that month being the last day and it is experienced that even before accepting the Life Certificate brought by the pensioners, the pensions were found already not drawn. This is an anomalous situation resulting in disappointment to the pensioners. Further, when Life Certificates are furnished by the pensioners in a Branch of the PS banks

concerned (as is permissible now), the same has to be forwarded to the CPPC located at a station other than the paying branch of the Banks concerned and which has to finally authorise drawal of pension, resulting in non-drawal of pension for the month of November.

iii) It is, therefore, suggested that instructions may be issued to all concerned that the Banks paying pensions should wait at least for a month and only when the certificate is not received before say 20th of December, the withholding of pension should be from December onwards. Necessary amendments to all Orders and Rules on the subject may kindly be caused to be issued.

iv) It is also suggested that the paying branch of the Banks may be directed to acknowledge receipt of the Life Certificate in the Pensioners' copy if the certificate is brought in duplicate.

#### **11. Making available indoor treatment in Postal Dispensaries for retired employees and removing the discrimination in collecting contribution from retired employees**

The Dept. of Posts is running its Postal (formerly P&T) dispensaries in 45 cities for OUTDOOR treatment to its working and retired employees. Out of them, 19 dispensaries in 12 cities have been merged with CGHS, where CGHS and Postal dispensaries co-existed by MoH&FW vide Notification dated 9.7.2013. Now, there remains 33 dispensaries in cities namely; Vadodra, Agra, Moradabad, Saharanpur, Varanasi, Gorakhpur, Aligarh, Bareilly, Berhampur, Cuttack, Siliguri, Jalpaiguri, Tiruchirapally, Tirunelveli, Ambala, Silchar, Dibrugarh, Guntur, Nellore, Rajamundry, Vijayawada, Vishakhapatnam, Ajmer, Jodhpur, Kota, Dhanbad, Darbhanga, Gaya, Muzzafarpur, Chappra, Raipur, Amritsar and Jalandhar. In fact, in these Postal dispensaries, only outdoor treatment is given for serving and retired employees, but for serving employees, indoor treatment is given through either CS (MA) Rules or by authorizing private hospitals like CGHS; BUT INDOOR TREATMENT IS DENIED TO RETIRED EMPLOYEES. From serving employees, no contribution is realized, whereas yearly contribution is realized from retired employees. On the other hand, in CGHS, there

is no such discrimination between serving and retired employees both with regard to treatment and contribution. IT IS TO BE NOTED THAT BOTH CGHS AND POSTAL DISPENSARIES WERE FORMED UNDER THE CS (MA) RULES AND THERE CANNOT BE ANY JUSTIFICATION FOR ANY TYPE OF DISCRIMINATION BETWEEN CGHS AND POSTAL DISPENSARIES. The Dept. of Posts is required to amend its Rules/ instructions, so that the facilities/contribution are made available to retired employees at par with serving employees, as under CGHS.

**12. Furnishing information on the latest position of the under mentioned issues:**

- i) The assurance regarding completion of work by September 2013 in connection with the issue of Revised Pension Payment Authorities under VI CPC for Ciivilian Defence pensioners
- ii) Issues concerning CGHS in Bangalore;
  - (a) Opening of 3 more Wellness Centres and
  - (b) Opening of Diagnostic Centre on PPP model in Koramangala.

**Rate of Industrial Dearness Relief w.e.f. 1.7.2013 - reg.**

*(Memo No. KTK/CCA/Pen-Audit/DA/IDA/13-14 dated 1.8.2013 of CCA, Karnataka)*

In accordance with the Department of Public Enterprises, F. No. 2(70)/2008-DPE(WC)-GL-XVIII/13 dated 4.7.2013 and F.No. 2(9)/2000-DPE(WC)-XVII/13 dated 4.7.2013 regarding payment of IDA, rate payable to the pensioners is as follows to the under mentioned categories.

Category	Revised DA Rates %
DA payable to the Executives and Non-unionised Supervisors of CPSEs (2007 Pay Revision)	78.9%
DA payable to the Executives of CPSEs (1997 Pay Revision)	202%
DA payable to the 50% DP-merged IDA pensioners	152%

**Highlights of the AGB Meeting on 19th & 20th July 2013 of All India Federation of Pensioners' Assns. at Chennai - Report by Sri S.M.Vittal Rao, Treasurer, K P&T PA, who attended the meeting as a delegate.**

The meeting was inaugurated by Sri S.C.Maheshwari, Secretary General, Bharat Pensioners' Samaj, New Delhi. Hon,ble Minister of State in Prime Ministers' Office in charge of Public Grievances & Pensions, Sri V. Narayanasamy, speaking in the open session, stated that the appointment of 7th Pay Commission is under consideration of the Govt., efforts are on to conduct meetings of the SCOVA during every half year and a mechanism is being worked out to attend to grievances of pensioners within 15 days of their receipt. The other speaker on the occasion was Dr. I.Selvaraj, Senior DMO, S.Rly., who spoke on Geriatric Treatment, The Minister released a book titled as 'Old Age-Play. - The Innings as you like it'-written by Dr. V.S.Natarajan, the famous Geriatric Physician of Chennai. Resolutions on the various demands of pensioners were passed in the meeting.

**Attention of members is invited to "Note on Renewal of subscription for Pensioners' Champion" on page No. 10 of Pensioners' Champion, July 2013. Non-renewal of subscription will result in discontinuing despatch of the journal. Banks accept "CTS 2010" printed cheques only from 1.8.2013.**

**O B I T U A R Y**

**Smt. T.A. Thangamani, LM 1789, Retd. STS, Trunk Exchange, Telecom Building, expired on 30.7.2013 at the age of 70 years. She is survived by her husband, one son and a daughter.**

Our heartfelt condolences to the bereaved.

**(i) Payment of arrears of pension in cases where valid nomination has not been made under the Payment of Arrears of Pension (Nomination) Rules, 1983;**  
**(ii) Payment of arrears of family pension - reg.**

*(O.M. No. 1/22/2012-P&PW(E) dated 10.7.2013 of DoP&PW)*

Attention is invited to the Payment of Arrears of Pension (Nomination) Rules, 1983 which provide that after the death of the pensioner, all moneys payable to the pensioner on account of pension will be paid to the nominee of the deceased pensioner. In the absence of any nomination made by the pensioner, the arrears of his/her pension are paid to the legal heir as per the procedure indicated in para 4 of part A of annexure to Ministry of Finance O.M. No. 1(3)-E. V/83, dated 11.10.1983. However, dependants of some pensioners expressed difficulties in obtaining the legal heir-ship certificates and represented that the necessity of production of legal heir-ship certificates may be waived where the amount of arrears payable is small.

2. The matter had been examined in Ministry of Finance, D/o Expenditure vide O.M. dated 4.6.1985 and it was decided that in case where a valid nomination does not exist under the Payment of Arrears of Pension (Nomination) Rules, 1983 and the dependent of pensioner is unable to produce the legal heir-ship certificate, the Payment of Lifetime Arrears of Pension accruing to the deceased pensioner may be authorized on the basis of any documentary proof regarding the relationship and heir-ship of the claimant if the gross amount of arrear does not exceed Rupees 25,000. In such cases, if the gross amount did not exceed Rupees 5,000 and case represented no peculiar features, the Accounts Officer was authorised to make the payment on his own authority.

3. The Government has further looked into the matter and decided to increase the limits of Rupees 5,000 and 25,000 as indicated in Department of Expenditure O.M, dated 4.6.85 to Rupees 50,000 and 2,50,000 respectively. The conditions and the procedure of payment as indicated in Department of Expenditure O.M., dated 22.10.1983 and 4.6.1985 will remain the same, which are reiterated hereunder.

4. The Pension Disbursing Authority (PDA) may receive application along with any documentary proof regarding the relationship and heir-ship of

the claimant. In case the claimant is the recipient of family pension, the Disbursing Officer will verify the identity of the claimant with reference to the disburser's half as well as pensioner's half of the PPO and give a certificate of having done so. PDA will duly attest the documents received from the applicant and forward these along with the application to the Accounts Officer. The Accounts Officer, on receipt of application along with a copy of PPO of the pensioner and other documents from the PDA, will calculate the amount of arrears and issue necessary authority for payment of life-time arrears to the disbursing authority if the case does not present any peculiar features and the amount does not exceed Rs. 50,000. In case the amount exceeds Rupees 50,000 but does not exceed Rupees 2,50,000, the Accounts Officer will obtain the orders of the Head of Department or Administrator or the CAG, in the case of pensioners from Indian Audit & Accounts Department or any Officer of that Department declared as an HOD. Payment will be made on execution of a duly stamped indemnity bond in Form T.R. 14/G. A.R. 26, with such sureties as necessary in terms of para 7 below. In case of any doubt and also in cases where the amount of arrears exceeds Rupees 2,50,000, payments shall be authorized to be made only to the persons producing the legal authority.

5. This department's O.M. No. 43/4/95-P&PW(G), dated 30.10.1995 stipulates that in the event of death of a family pensioner, the right to receive any arrears of family pension would automatically pass on to the eligible member of the family next in line. The requirement of succession certificate for payment of any arrears occurs only where there is no member in the family who is eligible to receive family pension after the death of the family pensioner. Therefore, it has been decided that the provisions of this office memorandum will also apply to the payment of arrears of family pension where no member of family is eligible to receive family pension.

6. The Head of Department here means the Head of Department as defined in rule 2(xvi) of the

General Financial Rules, 2005. However, in order to ensure that the citizens do not have to face unnecessary hardships, it has been decided that in the case of field establishments, the Administrative Ministries/Departments may delegate the power of Head of Department to the Head of Office in the rank of Deputy Secretary/Director, if felt necessary by them. It is also clarified that this O.M. will cover all such past cases.

7. Normally, there should be two sureties, both of known financial stability. However, in case the amount of claim is less than Rs. 75,000/- the authority accepting the indemnity bond for and on behalf of the President of India should decide on the merits of each case whether to accept only one surety instead of two. The obligor as

well as the sureties executing the indemnity bond should have attained majority so that the bond has legal effect or force. The bond is required to be accepted on behalf of the President by an officer duly authorised under Article 299 (1) of the Constitution.

8. These orders will not be applicable in cases where a valid nomination exists under the Payment of Arrears of Pension (Nomination) Rules, 1983. In such cases, the payment of arrears will be authorised to be made to the nominee (s)

9. As regards pensioners/family pensioners belonging to the Indian Audit and Accounts Departments, these Orders issue after consultation with the Comptroller and Auditor General of India

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### **Issue of Identity Cards to Central Govt. Pensioners - reg.**

*(No. 41/21/2000-P&PW (D) dated 25.7.2013 of DoP & PW)*

The undersigned is directed to say that instructions were issued vide this Department O.M. No. 41-21-2000 dated 16.11.2000 for issue of Identity Cards to Central Govt. Pensioners. These instructions have been reiterated vide this Department's letter of even number dated 30th April, 2013.

2. Clarifications have been sought by various Departments/ Associations/ pensioners in regard to issue of Identity Card to pensioners. The matter has been examined and the position/clarifications are as under:

*(i) Whether National Emblem or Ashoka Chakra is to be printed on Pensioners' Identity Card to facilitate their entry into the Government Buildings.*

The Pensioners are retired Government servants. The Identity Card only establishes the identity of the person and it does not confer any right on the pensioner to enter into a security zone. Therefore, it would not be necessary to have the National Emblem on their Identity Cards.

*(ii) Whether Pensioners' Identity Card can be issued to retired employees covered under NPS.*

The concerned Ministries/Departments may issue Pensioners' Identity Card (PIC) to retired NPS employees. A revised format for Pensioners' Identity Card for pensioners retiring under Central Civil Services (Pension) Rules

1972 (or other corresponding rules) is at Annexure I. A format for Pensioners' Identity Card for pensioners retiring under New Pension System is at Annexure II.

*(Both Annexures not reproduced)*

*(iii) Issue of Pensioners' Identity Card (PIC) to absorb/pro rata pensioners.*

Instructions issued by this Department cover only the retired/retiring Central Government employees. On permanent absorption in a PSU, the employees sever their connections with the Government and are treated as employees of the PSU in which they are absorbed. Such absorbees generally do not require frequent interaction with the Ministry/Department where they were working prior to their permanent absorption. Therefore, there is no justification for issuing Identity Card to PSU absorbees.

*iv) Issue of Pensioners' Identity Card to Retired All India Service Officers.*

The Pensioners' Identity Card is issued by the Department in which the employee last worked. Therefore, in the case of IAS officer retiring while on Central deputation, the Identity Card may be issued by concerned Ministry/ Department. In case of officer retiring from State Government, the Identity Card may be issued by the concerned State Government.

**Minutes of the meeting held with representatives of CCCGPA / Karnataka & nominees of Pensioners' Associations at the CGHS Wellness Centre level, Advisory/ Grievance Committees with the Additional Director and CMO I/Cs of WC, CGHS on Thursday, the 8th of August, 2013 at 2.30 pm at Kendriya Sadan.**

**Dr.G.Vathsala, Sr.CMO (Hq), Dr.C.S Kishore kumar, I/C MRC, Dr. R.P. Joshi, Transparency Officer also participated in the meeting.**

The Pensioners' Association started the meeting by welcoming the new Additional Director of CGHS, Bangalore.

While giving the welcome speech, Dr. Umeshchandra S.Biradar, Additional Director, CGHS, Bangalore thanked the Pensioners' Association for their association and assistance with the CGHS, Bangalore. He informed that Dr. N.R.Suresh, Sr.CMO (SAG) has been transferred to RHO, Bangalore as Senior Regional Director. Dr. N.R.Suresh who was invited in the meeting thanked the Pensioners' Association for the good works done by them and suggestions given by them which helped in the functioning of CGHS in a more patient friendly manner.

Additional Director informed that a Pilot Project is being initiated to start appointment system in Wellness Centres in lines with that in Polyclinic. It would be initiated in some WCs, based on which reviews and corrections will be done and ultimately implemented in all the Wellness Centres. This would reduce the crowd and waiting period in the WCs and the beneficiaries can plan and book an appointment in the WC online. However, AD stressed that this system will not be doctor specific.

The Pensioners' Association appreciated the above steps initiated by the CGHS and started the meeting with the PART-I of their agenda:

## **PART-I**

**1. Holding of Monthly Meeting:** The CMO I/C WC-9, Gangenahalli was on leave during the time of Advisory Committee Meeting. However, the officiating In-charge can conduct Advisory Committee Meeting. Regarding, meeting at Polyclinic, Dr.K.H.S.Rao, Incharge, Polyclinic, replied that only one meeting was not attended by him due to some urgent work connected to Vigilance, as Dr.K.H.S.Rao is the current Vigilance Office in CGHS, Bangalore.

**2. Issue of Minutes of Meetings:** As most of the

Wellness Centres are facing shortage of staff, the minutes of the meetings are being delayed. However the same has been noted for future guidance.

**3. Complaints Box:** Available in all WCs and are being opened in the presence of Committee members at the time of the meeting.

**4. Availability of Complaints / Suggestion Book:** Based on the suggestion of the Pensioners' Association, a complaint/suggestion Book has been opened in the WC at Vijayanagar.

**5. Agencies involved in the supportive services for maintenance of Wellness Centres:** Finalisation of Authorised Local Chemist in respect of CGHS, Bangalore is yet to be done. As there was no competition, retendering was done. Points raised in the meeting has been noted and suitable steps will be taken.

**6. Complaints received directly by the Nominees:** The entire process of issue of Plastic Cards to beneficiaries has been overhauled and Plastic Cards will be issued in due course. However, the issue raised has been noted and care would be taken in this regard.

**7. Cleanliness and general upkeep at the Wellness Centres:** Cleanliness issue in WC-5 (Vijayanagar) has been addressed to. Safaiwala has been kept on contract basis, when the regular Safaiwala avails leave.

**8. Seating arrangements for the beneficiaries:** Furniture wherever necessary will be provided. Steps will be taken to ensure better resting facilities for beneficiaries waiting in the WCs.

**9. Notice Board indicating names, addresses and telephone numbers of Advisory Committee members:** It has been proposed in CMO I/C meeting that there will be uniform Notice Boards in all WCs.

**10. Maintenance of Notice Boards:** AD proposed that the Pensioners' Association to play a proactive part in the WCs. They may with the help of the staff members help in this regard after



intimating the CMO I/C.

### **11. Other beneficiary friendly suggestions offered at the Wellness Centre level monthly meetings.**

It has been decided that Electronic Token Display System in all WCs will be provided.

Instructions have been issued to the In-charges that uniforms issued by the Office should be worn during duty hours.

80 + Beneficiaries are given priority in WCs, but it would be preferable if they come after 10.00 AM. A notice in this regard will be put up in all WCs.

Instructions have been issued for purchase of English and Kannada newspapers in all WCs. Decision has also been taken to provide TVs in all WCs promoting general health awareness, patriotic themes, etc. and Films Division has been approached to provide the necessary CDs. This will be done for the benefit of the waiting beneficiaries. Doctor-wise appointment in WC will be looked into.

The current General Duty Medical Officers cannot interpret and provide advice on ECG. Instead, the beneficiaries are requested to visit the empanelled Diagnostic Centre which is very near to WC-5, Vijayanagar. Hence, replacement of ECG Machine will not be able to solve problems.

## **PART-II**

**1. Early computerization of Polyclinic:** Steps will be initiated for early computerization of the Polyclinic.

**2. Proper maintenance of the Register of Medical Reimbursement Claims:** Proforma for MRC claim is being maintained by the WCs. In fact there has been cases where DDs are not being collected by the beneficiaries and which would lose its validity if not collected within 3(three) months. CMO I/C have been informed to round off the MRCs whichever have been paid, so that at every Advisory Meeting, they will know how many MRC are pending. Directions given earlier are again reiterated.

**3. Shortage of Doctors at Wellness Centres:** AD informed that two Doctors who were under CGHS payrolls but working under Regional Health Services have been repatriated due to

which two clear vacancies were created. This helped this Office to appoint Doctors on contract basis. Four Doctors are now appointed on contract and are serving at different WCs. One new Doctor has been recruited.

**4. Provision of intercom facilities at all Wellness Centre:** The matter will be looked into and necessary steps will be initiated.

**5. Provision of UPS at the Polyclinic and at Wellness Centres:** Computerisation at Polyclinic is yet to be done and UPS will be commissioned thereafter.

**6. A Liberal Policy on assistance to chronic diabetic patients:** There is no provision for issue of insulin syringes as per policy of Govt. of India. However, this suggestion will be taken up at higher levels.

**7. Punctuality of staff at the Wellness Centres:** AD agreed that punctuality and discipline of staff is of utmost importance for proper functioning of an organisation which cannot be compromised upon. He insisted that strict instructions are issued from time to time to all the staff and Officers of CGHS on this issue. He insisted that while it is the duty of Doctors and related staff to attend to all the waiting beneficiaries, it is also the duty of the beneficiaries to take into account the working hours at the WCs and reach the WC well in advance so that they are attended to properly.

**8. Working hours of Pharmacists:** Instructions have been issued that beneficiaries should not face difficulties as far as possible. Flexitiming for the pharmacist in each WC will be explored,

**After discussing the points in the Agenda, Additional Director listed some of the achievements during his tenure.**

AD, Bangalore along with AD, Mumbai have been nominated as the core members of "VISION -2020" regarding development of vision document for CGHS issued by the Deptt. of Health & Family Welfare, Ministry of H&FW, New Delhi. In its first sitting in July, 2013, AD has suggested to expand the base of CGHS benefits to cover even the Central Government employees and pensioners residing in Tier-II cities and in localities up to 10 Kms from BBMP limits. Employees and pensioners serving in PSUs, autonomous bodies, KVs, etc. should also be covered.

AD highlighted a World Bank Report stating "CGHS being the best Health service

provider in the world.”

AD concluded that CGHS is a health-related service which would function satisfactorily, if both Doctors and Beneficiaries sympathize with each other and understand short comings and work towards solving them in coordination.

Routine treatment may be planned so that they reach the WC in time and help the WC to serve them better. Similarly, strict instructions have been issued to all the staff of CGHS to be polite and punctual to their work.

*Editor's Note: Other topics of interest which came up during the meeting:*

- i) No reference needed to be brought by beneficiaries from the Wellness Centre, if the visit is in response to the directive recorded by the Specialist himself of the Polyclinic within one month of the previous visit.

- ii) In response to the suggestion of CCCGPA, the AD said that he has already written to the authorities concerned to allot one floor for the CGHS Wellness Centre No.8 (Domlur) in the new building coming up adjacent to it.
- iii) On another point raised, the AD assured that supply of disposable plastic containers will be ensured to the Pathology Department of the Polyclinic and a suitable alternative place will be found to place them for further action by Laboratory.
- iv) With regard to the relaxation of the new system of seeking appointment with Specialists in the Polyclinic for those who are entitled for direct consultation, the AD said that the suggestion will be considered after three months, since it is better to allow the new system already introduced to stabilise itself.

### DIAGNOSTIC CENTRES EMPANELLED UNDER CGHS

*(In addition to those published on page No. 15 of Pensioners' Champion of July 2013 issue)  
(Collection Centres of Anand Diagnostic Laboratory on page No. 13)*

Sl. No	Name of the Hospital	Approved for	Whether accredited by NABH	Whether already on the panel of CGHS
1	Bangalore Baptist Hospital Bellary Road, Bangalore-560 024. Ph. 080-22024700 w.e.f. 16.11.2011	Lab Services MRI, CT, Mammography, Ultra Sound Color Doppler, X-Ray, OPG, Bone Densitometry	Yes (NABL)	No
2	R.V. Metropolis Diagnostic Health Care (P) Ltd., # 7 & 21, 10th Cross, Yellappa Garden, Malleswaram Bangalore- 03 Ph.: 23367748 / 23443300	All diagnostic procedures		No
3	Anand Diagnostic Laboratory # 11, Blue Cross, Chambers, Infantry Road Cross, Bangalore- 560001. Ph.: 25591947 / 25599895	Laboratory investigations and Radiology investigations		No
4	Central Diagnostic Research Foundation (Pvt.) Ltd., 5312, 2nd Main, 2nd Phase, Indiranagar, 2nd Stage, behind BDA Complex, Indiranagar, Bangalore-560 038. Ph.: 41514986	Lab Services, MRI CT, Mammography, Ultra Sound, Color Doppler, X-ray, OPG.		No
5	Bangalore Institute of Oncology, No. 8, P. Kalinga Rao Road, Sampangiram Nagar, Bangalore-560027. Ph.: 40206000 w.e.f. 16.11.2010	Diagnostic Laboratory and Radiology	(NABL) from Dec. 2011	Yes

## COORDINATION COMMITTEE OF

### CENTRAL GOVERNMENT PENSIONERS' ASSOCIATIONS, KARNATAKA (R)

(Regd. under the Karnataka Societies Registration Act 1960: Regn. No. 1070/98-99)

No. 1397, 23rd Main, Banashankari II Stage, Bengaluru-560 070. ☎ 26716198

**B. Sadashiva Rao**, Chairman ☎ 26626333      **N. Bhaskaran**, General Secretary ☎ 26716198      **O.M. Bhaskaran**, Treasurer ☎ 23451575

**CCCGPA  
KARNATAKA**

#### AFFILIATES

- \* Karnataka P&T Pensioners' Assn., Bg.
- \* Railway Pensioners' Assn., Bg.
- \* Retired Railway Officers' Assn., Bg.
- \* Karnataka Income Tax Pensioners' Assn., Bg.
- \* Central Excise & Customs Pensioners' Assn., Bg.
- \* Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan Retired Employees' Assn., Bg.
- \* Indian Institute of Science Pensioners' Assn., Bg.
- \* Coffee Board Pensioners' Assn., Bg.
- \* Karnataka Central Govt. Pensioners' Assn., Bg.
- \* Survey of India Pensioners' Assn., Bg.
- \* Karnataka Khadi & Village Ind. Commission Pensioners' Assn., Bg.
- \* Karnataka IA & AD Pensioners' Association, Bg.
- \* BSNL Pensioners' Welfare Assn. Karnataka Telecom Circle, Bg.
- \* Central Govt. Pensioners' Assn., Mysore.
- \* The Dakshina Kannada P&T Pensioners' Assn., Mangalore.
- \* Udupi Dist. P&T Pensioners' Assn., Udupi.
- \* All India Central Govt. Pensioners' Assn., Bijapur.
- \* All India Central Govt. Pensioners' Assn., Dharwad.
- \* Chickmagalur Dist. P&T, BSNL Pensioners' Assn.
- \* Posts and RMS Pensioners' Welfare Assn., Gulbarga Division
- \* NCSM Pensioners' Welfare Assn., Bg.

#### Report on the AGB Meeting of CCCGPA, Karnataka.

The meeting was held, as notified, at 10.45 AM on Sunday the 28th July, 2013 at Udayabhanu Kalasangha, Bangalore. Representatives of all Affiliate Associations except Indian Institute of Science, Central Government Pensioners' Association, Mysore, Chikmagalur District P&T BSNL Pensioners' Association, Posts & RMS Pensioners' Welfare Association, Gulbarga Division, were present.

Mr. B. Sadashiva Rao, Chairman, who presided over the meeting, welcomed the gathering and requested the representatives of Affiliate Associations, who were present, to have self-introduction. The subjects on the Agenda were, thereafter, taken up, seriatim.

1. The minutes of the meeting of the Annual General Body meeting held on 14th August 2012 were confirmed.
2. The Annual Report for the year 2012-13 and Audited Statement of Accounts for the year 2012--13, which were circulated along with the Notice of the AGB Meeting, were adopted.
3. On Grant of Modified Parity in Pension for pre-2006 retirees from 1.1.2006 instead of from 24.9.2012 and Grant of Modified Parity for Pre-2006 retirees with reference to Grade Pay introduced w.e.f. 1.1.2006, the Chairman explained elaborately the events that lead to issuance of OM dated 28.1.2013 by the DoP&PW and also to the Writ Petition filed by the Government appealing against the orders of CAT, which was, later, dismissed by the Hon'ble Delhi High Court. He also informed that, as per the reliable information he received, the Government may file a SLP before the Supreme Court of India. Thereafter, he requested the members to consider and approve the Resolutions No.1 and 2, as circulated, requesting the Government to issue a clear Order extending the benefits of Grade Pay of Rs.4,600/- to all the pre-2006 retirees who were already in the pay scale of Rs.6,500-10,500 with effect from 1.1.2006 without further delay and also to request the Government to kindly order giving retrospective effect (from 1.1.2006) to the Order dated 28.1.2013 without filing SLP in the Supreme Court. The Joint General Secretary, Mr. Gundu Rao was requested to read these resolutions for consideration and approval of the members. Accordingly, the Joint Secretary read these two resolutions, which were approved, unanimously. It was suggested that the General Secretary may forward these resolutions to the appropriate Authorities for their favourable consideration.
4. The Chairman, at this juncture, brought to the notice of the members that, as per the Order dated 13.2.2013 issued by the Government for implementing the revised procedure prescribed in OM dated 28.1.2013 for working out revised pension (as per para 4.2 of the OM dated 1.9.2008), the revision may be effected at the level of PAOs, which means that the PDAs can begin paying the pension at revised rates for those pensioners who get the

financial benefit only after the receipt of Revised Pension Payment Authorities from the PAOs, resulting in undue delay in getting the benefit due to the Senior Citizens, who are all of the age of not less than 67+, which is contrary to OM dated 1.9.2008 of DoP&PW, according to which the revised pension should be worked out and the financial benefits accruing thereof should be drawn and paid by the Pension Disbursing Authorities without waiting for authorization by the Pay and Accounts Officers concerned. He, therefore, requested the members to consider and approve the Resolution No.3, as circulated, requesting the Government to issue revised Order immediately authorizing the PDAs to calculate and fix the revised pension and for their disbursement (including arrears) without waiting for receipt of RPPAs from the PAOs as was prescribed in the OM dated 1.9.2008. The Joint General Secretary, Mr. Gundu Rao was requested to read this resolution for consideration and approval of the members. Accordingly, the Joint General Secretary read this resolution, which was approved, unanimously. It was suggested that the General Secretary may forward this resolution to the appropriate Authorities for their favourable consideration.

5. The Chairman referred to the recent communication of approval of Corporate Office of BSNL relating to benefit of merger of 50% DA effectively amounting to 78.2% as an 1.1.2007 for the purpose of fitment in respect of Non-executive employees of BSNL w.e.f. 10.6.2013. As per the decision of the SCOVA, at its meeting held on 19.2.2013, this benefit has to be extended to absorb pensioners of BSNL also. As such, he requested the members to approve the Resolution No.4, which has already been circulated. Mr. Gundu Rao, Joint General Secretary, read the Resolution No.4, which was approved, unanimously. The General Secretary was requested to forward this resolution to the appropriate Authorities for their favorable consideration.

6. On the subject of conducting Pension Adalaths, the representatives of Karnataka Income Tax Pensioners' Association, Bangalore, Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan Retired Employees' Association, Bangalore, Survey of India Pensioners' Association, Bangalore, Karnataka Khadi & Village Ind. Commission Pensioners'

Association, Bangalore and NSCM Pensioners' Welfare Association, Bangalore, informed that Pension Adalaths are not being held by their concerned authorities and requested that this matter may be taken up with the DoP&PW. Mr. S.Radhakrishna, Vice Chairman of CCCGPA and Secretary of Karnataka IA & AD Pensioners' Association, informed that, as a copy of the Government Order relating to Pension Adalath has not been marked to C&AG, the AGs Office is not holding Pension Adalath. CCCGPA offered to take up the issue with the concerned departments, if required, while requesting the representatives of Affiliate Associations to request their authorities to conduct Pension Adalath immediately.

Mr. Ashok Kololgi, representative of KCGPA, while referring to the Pension Adalath conducted by BSF in August 2013, informed that BSF has not given advertisement in the Press, well in advance, and that the time allowed for the pensioners to submit their grievances, if any, for consideration at the Pension Adalath, was too short to respond and place their grievances before the Adalath. He suggested that this subject may be taken up at the next SCOVA meeting and request the authorities concerned to issue orders that sufficient notice should be given to the pensioners to respond and place their grievances, if any, before the Adalath.

While on this subject, the Chairman read out the portion of the Circular concerning role of Pensioners' Associations in Pension Adalaths 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 Adalaths. He requested the members to authorize him to include this subject for discussion at the next SCOVA meeting and also to draft a resolution suitably on this subject and forward the same to the concerned authorities for their consideration and approval. The members unanimously approved his suggestion.

The Chairman also informed the members that Karnataka P&T Pensioners' Association, Bangalore, has been recently nominated as one of the Associations under the "Rotating Group" to attend the meetings of the SCOVA. He was of the view that all the Affiliate Associations have to be consulted before sending the subjects for

SCOVA meeting. As the next meeting of the SCOVA is being held during September 2013 and as the subjects to be included for discussion at the SCOVA meeting have to be sent before 8th August 2013, he requested the Affiliate Associations to suggest the subjects for discussions, if any, on or before 3rd August 2013. At this juncture, the Joint General Secretary, Mr. Gundu Rao suggested that the Affiliate Associations may kindly furnish their E-mail address, if they have, so that communications from CCCGPA can reach them very fast and they can furnish information required by CCCGPA through E-mail.

Mr. S. Gurudas and Mr. Ashok Kolgi, representatives of KCGPA, suggested that the concerned authorities may be requested at the next SCOVA Meeting to give sufficient notice to the representatives of SCOVA to suggest subjects for discussions at the SCOVA Meeting before the meetings are actually held.

7. Review of replies received on the resolutions passed in the meeting of the Management Committee held on 18.2.2013: The General Secretary informed that the replies received from the Government w.r.t. the resolutions passed in the meeting of the Management Committee have already been forwarded to the Affiliate Associations and no action need to be further taken.

8. With regard to extension of CGHS to Affiliates viz. Coffee Board, IISC, Khadi & Village Industries Commission, NCSM, the Chairman informed that the Resolution passed on this subject at the last meeting of the Managing Committee held on 18.2.2013 has already been forwarded to the Government and that this subject will be taken

up at the next SCOVA meeting.

9. Affiliation of NCSM Pensioners' Welfare Association, Bangalore, to CCCGPA provisionally accorded by the Secretariat of CCCGPA was approved in the meeting.

10. Mr. S. Subramanyam of Karnataka Khadi & Village Industries Commission Pensioners' Association suggested that the facilities provided by some State Governments like "Funeral Advance" etc. may be extended to Central Government pensioners also and this subject may be taken up at the next SCOVA Meeting.

11. The offer of Karnataka P&T Pensioners' Association to host the next meeting of CCCGPA was accepted.

12. In his concluding remarks, the Chairman requested the Affiliate Associations to (a) attend the meetings of CCCGPA as and when held, (b) acknowledge the receipt of meeting notices or letters seeking information from them and replies to those letters, thereafter, within the time frame fixed, (c) to suggest the subjects for discussions at the SCOVA meeting, if any, within the stipulated date, (d) to inform their members to file the Life Certificate in November, every year, in any of the branches of their Banks, as per the recent Order, (e) to send copies of their Newsletters, if published, to CCCGPA for information and (f) to send copies of AGBM notices along with Annual Report/Audited Statement of Accounts to CCCGPA for information.

13. The meeting terminated with a Vote of Thanks to the Chair and to all members by the Joint General Secretary, Mr. Gundu Rao followed by lunch hosted by Karnataka Khadi & Village Industries Commission Pensioners' Association.

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#### **Collection Centres of Anand Diagnostic Laboratory**

- 1) No. 677, 6th 'C' Cross (Old "A" Cross), 3rd Block, Behind BDA Complex, near Coffee Day, **Koramangala**, Bangalore-560 034. Ph.: 25504207, 94498 66276
- 2) No. 941, 16th Main, **BTM Layout** 2nd Stage, Bangalore-560076. Ph.: 26683415, 94498 66282
- 3) No. 15, Balu Arcade, 19th Cross, 8th Main, CHBS Layout, Opp. Bangalore One, BDA Complex, **Vijayanagar**, Bangalore-560040. Ph.: 23119138, 94498 66273.
- 4) No. 10, 1 'A' Main Road, (opp. Canara Bank) 'B' Sector, **Yelahanka New Town**, Bangalore-560106. Ph.: 28564752.
- 5) No. 34, 2nd Cross, Sampige Road, **Malleswaram**, Bangalore-560003. Ph.: 23463546.
- 6) No. 2/A, Venkataswamappa Layout, Near Nanjappa Circle, **Vidyaranyaapuram**, Bangalore-560097. Ph.: 23649796.
- 7) No. 141, Sri Shanthi Towers, 3rd Main Road, **Kasturi Nagar**, NGEF (East), Bangalore-560043. Ph.: 25451202.

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

LM/ALM	Name (Smt./Sri)	LM/ALM	Name (Smt./Sri)	LM/ALM	Name (Smt./Sri)
57	Hanumantha Rao	1070	Narayana T.R.	1440	Dattathri M.S.
85	Krishna R	1081	Ramasubramania Iyer. A	1444	Venugopala Setty. B
155	Chittargi N.S.	1085	Gopinath M.N.	1450	Venkatesh D.S.
368	Sreeramasetty S.M.	1101	Panduranga Naidu V.P.	1458	Nagaraja B.R.
384	Raghothamachar A.K.	1109	Sanjeeva Shetty K.	1469	Mathad S.B.
442	Venkataramaiah M.S.	1117	Chandrashekaraiyah T.R.	1472	Kodanadarama B.S.
449	Devadas H.K.	1146	Ranganathan M.S.	1476	Vijaya. P
478	Yekkundi G.H.	1147	Kulgod K.B.	1479	Mruthyunjaya. N
486	Nanjundaswamy M.G.	1156	Babu. G	1481	David S.R.
526	Gundu Rao G.S.	1166	Baliga B.R.	1511	Sulochana K.A.
527	Rao H.R.S.	1179	Pavate M.V.	1513	Chinnappacharya
530	Amemba R.K.	1192	Venkatachalan G.P.	1522	Dr. Raghothama Rao Desai. B
533	Ananda Rao N.S.	1224	Kulkarni M.B.	1535	Gopinatha Rao K.A.
535	Sriranga T.	1226	Sudha Parasuram	1545	Prakash Kanderpalli
541	Bandigaiah	1230	Bhuvaneshwari	1557	Potaraj S.S.
611	Anantharamu B.	1237	Dr. (Mrs) Radhamony. L	1558	Shamsundar
615	Seshadri Iyengar K.R.	1253	Ramesh A.H.	1565	Venkatanarayana Sastry G.V.
663	Shivashankar M.S.	1257	Karunakaran C.M.	1604	Subba Rao
726	Ramaswamy P	1282	Vijayasundaram	1649	Ugrappa. B
740	Devendra C.	1299	Damodara Acharya M.V.	1661	Radhakrishna. S
751	Prahlada Rao R.N.	1301	Velayudhan K.	1693	Deshpande V.N.
781	Balasubramanian V.S.	1303	Achyuthan K.S.	1735	Sethumadhavan. K
783	Guptha B.R.N.	1306	Ethiraj. S	1772	Gupta A.K.
789	Sadasiva Rao. V	1320	Lakshminarayana G.V.	1788	Dwarakanath P.N.
800	Shivaswamy K.	1321	Shivakumar V.N.	1827	Rajalakshmi. R
802	Ethiraj J.	1323	Raghavendra M.S.	1858	Krishnamurthy H.R.
813	Ramachandraiah A.S.	1332	Vasudevan. K	1860	Subbaramaiah. P
833	Hanumantha Rao. A	1351	Mahadevappa. K	1913	Sukhija I.K.
899	Lakshminarayana Rao K.M.	1358	Devadiga N.D.	1948	Jayaram K.S.
918	Shastri R.K.T.	1362	Haridas T.G.	1951	Harihara Sharma. S
959	Ramesh N.N.	1365	Subramanyam. Y	1954	Thimme Gowda T.S.
961	Sadasivaraju	1373	Prasad C.S.S.S.	1982	Subbarayappa M.K.
965	Joshi D.R.	1387	Shankar K.R.	2013	Guruswamy. K
1051	Sambukumar V.R.	1395	Mahadev M.S.	2019	Karanth V.S.
		1399	Narendranath. G	2029	Konnur J.S.

**Subscription of Rs. 200/- received for Pensioners' Champion**

LM/ALM	Name (Smt./Sri)	LM/ALM	Name (Smt./Sri)	LM/ALM	Name (Smt./Sri)
239	Narasimhamurthy H.N.	953	Narasimhaiah. C	1542	Suryanarayanaiah K.V.
265	Dangroji Rao L	982	Subba Rao B.V.	1578	Sortur G.N.
302	Sathyanaarayana Rao. S	1042	Susheelendra R	1591	Subramanyam K
436	Chidambareswaran. K	1069	Srinivasan. R	1598	Sadashivaiah
470	Narayanan. M	1078	Rajendran. N	1683	Ramakrishna Reddy
512	Parvathi Parmeswaran	1095	Hulagur S.G.	1759	Appalaraju. Y
656	Jagannath. M	1252	Madhavi	1853	Iyengar V.R.K.
788	Natesan. G	1369	Srikantaiah H.S.	1873	Raghavendra Rao H.K.
869	Ravindranathan. P	1439	Ramadevi	1923	Mahadevaiah N.G.
880	Devoji Rao. S	1485	Balakrishna P.R.	1939	Narasimhan P.S.
897	Revathi Mohan	1517	Warrier K.M.G.	2034	Veevabhada Rao. K
906	Koneri Rao P.A.	1529	Venkata Rao. N		

**Subscription of Rs. 300/- received for Pensioners' Champion**

LM/ALM	Name (Smt./Sri)
66	Gopalan. V
677	Raju K.C.B.
944	Siddeshwar K.R.
1125	Sastry K.V.
1315	Mural B.B.
1422	Ohri A.K.
1530	Nagarajan S.L.

**Subscription of Rs. 400/- received for Pensioners' Champion**

LM/ALM	Name (Smt./Sri)
2030	Jagadeesan. R

**Subscription of Rs. 1000/- received for Pensioners' Champion**

LM/ALM	Name (Smt./Sri)
1583	Bhat G.V.

**Subscription of Rs. 500/- received for Pensioners' Champion**

LM/ALM	Name (Smt./Sri)
637	Tantri P.R.
859	Puranik D.K.
872	Sampath Kumar R.T.
1036	Brahmanandam S.
1342	Krishnamurthy. R
1782	Dheerendra. J
1829	Sreeramamurthy. K
1849	Vittal S.G.

**ALL INDIA CONSUMER PRICE INDEX**

Month	CPI Base 2001=100	12 Months' Total	Monthly Ave.	% increase over
				115.76
Dec 12	219	2512	209.33	80.83
May 13	228	2625	218.75	88.96
June 13	231	2648	220.67	90.63

*Increase in DR entitlement w.e.f. 1.7.2013: 10%*

*By. K.B. Krishna Rao*

**Newly-Enrolled Members**

	Name (Smt./Sri)	Designation & Office in which last worked	Type & No.
1.	<b>M.S. Yatagiri</b>	SDE, BSNL, Indi, Bijapur	LM 2100
2.	<b>D. Shashikala</b>	OA, Divl. Office of SPOs, Bellary	LM 2101
3.	<b>M.D. Mathew</b>	Survey Asst. No. 8 Party, Survey of India, Bg.	ALM 2102
4.	<b>N.G. Pandurangi</b>	TTA, Telephone Exchange, Chitradurga	LM 2103
5.	<b>D. Kariyappa</b>	Postmaster (HSG), Raichur HPO	LM 2104
6.	<b>A. Malathi Rao</b>	SSS, TDM, BSNL, Kurnool (A.P)	LM 2105

LM: Life Member

ALM: Associate Life Member

**Legal Matters**

1. The SLP (Civil) No.23055/2013 filed by Govt. of India against Delhi High Court judgment in respect of pre-2006 pensioners' case in WP 1535/2012 upholding the CAT Principal Bench judgment of 1-11-2011 was dismissed on 29-7-2013 with the following Order:

"We are not inclined to interfere with the Order passed by the High Court. Consequently, the Special Leave Petitions are dismissed. However, the petitioners are at liberty to raise all points before the Tribunal as and when they appeal".

Meanwhile "S29 Group Pensioners' Assn.", one of the original petitioners in the CAT Principal Bench, has filed Contempt Proceedings in CAT Principal Bench requesting for implementation of its Order by Gol. The case came up in CAT Principal Bench on 5-8-2013 and now stands adjourned to 25-9-2013.

2. In another case filed in CAT Principal Bench - OA No. 2461/2012 - by some of the retired Scientists-Grade H, seeking (i) Enhanced Special Pay of R. 4,000/- and (ii) to issue directions to refix full pension (50%) which is granted upon 20 years of completed service for post 2006 pensioners to pre-2006 pensioners also and bringing them on par with post-2006 retirees with prospective effect of 1-1-2006, the single Judge Bench has given a favourable decision on 30-7-2013.

**Enhancement in the rate of Fixed Medical Allowance from Rs. 1200/- to Rs. 2000/- p.m. w.e.f. 1.3.2013 payable to the serving as well as retired employees of the EPFO for outdoor medical treatment - regarding.**

(No. HRM-8/V/12/1/2003/FMA/VoL-117/6160 dated 13 June 2013 of Employees' Provident Fund Organisation (Ministry of Labour and Employment, Government of India))

I am directed to convey the approval of the 76th Executive Committee, CBT, EPF held on 25.2.2013 and Hon'ble Labour & Employment Minister, Government of India for enhancement of the Fixed Medical Allowance (FMA) for pensioners and employees of EPFO from Rs. 1200/- p.m. to Rs. 2000/- p.m. w.e.f. 1st March, 2013, subject to the following conditions:-

i) The enhancement of Fixed Medical Allowance will be available to serving employees and pensioners (including family pensioners) of the Employees Provident Fund Organization. The serving employees of the Organization who are in the Head Office at New Delhi and Regional/ Sub Regional Office at Delhi and at stations which are covered by the Central Government Health Scheme will not be eligible for Fixed Medical Allowance. As soon as any employee is covered by Central Government Health Scheme, the Fixed

Medical Allowance admissible to him/her shall be stopped.

ii) If two or more members of family are working in the EPF Organization, only one of them will be eligible for the facility of Fixed Medical Allowance.

iii) In the case of an employee whose wife/ husband spouse is an employee of a Government or any other Organization (including private firm/ office) he/she will be required to give an undertaking that his/her spouse is not availing of medical facilities in case, if any, granted by their respective employers.

iv) The Fixed Medical Allowance will be in lieu of the medical facility available for outdoor treatment under the Central Services (Medical Attendance) Rules 1944 as adopted by the EPF Organization for its own employees and pensioners.

**News & Notes**

1. Owing to unavoidable circumstances, we are compelled to postpone the AGB Meeting to October 2013. Our next issue of the journal will contain details.
2. It is gathered from Office of Controller of Communications, Karnataka Circle, that the Special Cell for revision of pension and issue of revised PPOs based on the DoP & PW Order dated 28-1-2013 is being constituted in September 2013

Donation for Association	
Name (Smt./Sri)	Rs/-
1939 P.S. Narasimhan	50

Donations for the Building Fund			
LM/ALM	Name (Smt./Sri)	Rs.	Progressive Total
873	U.S. Krishnamurthy	1,000	-
1583	G.V. Bhat	1,000	11,000
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