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# Revision of pension of pre 2006 pensioners, who had retired from the 5<sup>th</sup> CPC pay scale of Rs.6500-200-10500 (Grade S-12) or equivalent pay scales in the earlier Pay Commissions

#### Update on the issue

Dept. of Pension and Pensioners' Welfare has issued revised concordance tables Nos 24 & 25 and has annexed the tables to its OM dated 9-7-2019 consequent upon revision of grade pay from Rs.4200 to Rs.4600 wef 1-1-2006 to pre 2006 grade S-12 pensioners and has requested all the Ministries and Departments to revise the pension and family pension of such pensioners /family pensioners in terms of its OMs dated 4-1-2019 and 9-7-2019 read with OMs dated 12-5-2017 and 6-7-2017. (OM dated 4-1-2019 has been published in page 4 of *Pensioners' Champion* January 2019 issue and OM dated 9-7-2019 in page 15 of July 2019 issue)

K P&T PA had requested members of the association retired from grade S-12 (through its journal January 2019 issue) to furnish certain particulars for taking up the matter with the authorities concerned for issue of revised PPOs. There was a good response from our members. The association had also published in June 2019 issue of its journal a table prepared by it in which the details of the pay scales under 4th & 5th CPCs, notional pay under 7th CPC with grade pay of Rs.4200 & Rs.4600, the existing pension with GP of Rs.4200, the revised pension admissible consequent to increase of GP to Rs.4600 and the increase in pension thereof. The stages in pay scales at which the last pay drawn would not result in any increase in the existing 7th CPC pension were also indicated in the table.

KP&TPA has now written letters to the following offices inviting their attention to DoP&PW OM dated 9-7-2019, furnishing them with particulars of pensioners - members of our association - whose pension requires revision in terms of OM dated 9-7-2019 with a request to expedite the matter.

- General Manager, Postal Accounts and Finance, Bengaluru
- Controller of Communication Accounts, Karnataka, Bengaluru
- The General Manager (Postal Accounts & Finance) Ahmedabad-380001
- PAO, Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs, New Delhi -110002
- 5. RP & AO, Survey of India, & NATMO, KOLKATA-700016
- The Pay and Accounts Officer, Department of Culture KOLKATA -700001
- 7. The Controller of Communications Accounts Ahmadabad -380001
- 8. The Principal Controller of Communications Accounts Andhra Pradesh Circle, Vijayawada
- 9. The General Manager, Postal Accounts and Finance Vijayawada
- 10. The General Manager, Postal Accounts and Finance Hyderabad
- Defence Pension Disbursing Office Dickenson Road, Bengaluru 560042
- The Principal controller of defence accounts R&D DRDO Complex, Bengaluru 560093
- The Principal controller of defence accounts (Pension), Draupadighat, Allahabad
- 14. The Principal Controller of Defence Accounts Lower Agram Road, Bengaluru
- 15. The Controller of Defence Accounts Anna Salai, Teyanampet Chennai 600018
- The General Manager Engine Factory, Avadi, Chennai-600054
- The Principal Controller of Defence Accounts Engine Factory Avadi, Chennai-600054
- 18. The O/C Defence Pension Disbursing Office Dickenson Road, Bengaluru

- The Divisional Manager (personnel) South Western Railway Bangalore 560023
- The Financial Advisor and Chief Accounts Officer, (FA&CAO) Rail Wheel Factory
- 21. The FA&CAO (G), South East Central Railway, Bilaspur (Chhattisgarh)

We are extremely glad to note that the office of the General Manager, Postal Accounts and Finance, Karnataka Circle, Bengaluru has promptly initiated action in right earnest in that many pensioners have informed us that they have received the revised PPOs. We do hope that the other PAOs also will expedite issue of RPPOs.

Note: Some of the pre 2006 grade S-12 pensioners have enquired with us as to whether their pension w.e.f 1-1-2006 also will be revised at 50% of the basic pay under 6th CPC indicated in the tables annexed to the Pension Departments OM dated 9-7-2019 consequent upon revision of grade pay from Rs.4200 to Rs.4600 w.e.f 1-1-2006. We would like to inform our members that computation of pension at 50 % of the **notional pay** in terms of DoP&PW OM dated 12-5-2017 read with OM dated 9-7-2019 is for revision of 7th CPC pension only w.e.f 1-1-2016 and revision of pension w.e.f 1-1-2006 under 6th CPC is made in terms of para 4.2 of OM dated 1-9-2008 read with OM dated 28-1-2013 and OM dated 4-1-2019 and the revised table annexed to the OM dated 4-1-2019 (published in pages 4,6 of Pensioners' Campion January 2019 issue) and NOT at 50% of the basic pay under 6th CPC indicated in the tables.

Pre-2006 grade S-12 pensioners, who retired in 4th CPC pay scales Viz: (1) Rs.2,000-60-75-3,200 (2) Rs.2,000-60-2,300-75-3,200-100-3,500 and in the 5th CPC pay scale: Rs.6,500-200-10,500 will get the following benefits consequent upon revision of GP from Rs.4200 to Rs.4600.

#### A) From 1-1-2006 to 31-12-2015 - 6th CPC

Pension under 6th CPC of those pensioners who were getting an amount of

pension between Rs.8145 and Rs.8344 will be stepped up to Rs.8345 wef 1-1-2006. There will not be any increase in pension of those pensioners who were getting an amount of pension of Rs.8345 and above.

The maximum increase in pension is Rs.200 (8345 minus 8145) and the Maximum amount of arrears from 1-1-2006 to 31-12-2015 will be Rs. 36,350

#### B) From 1-1-2016 -7th CPC

Pension which was already revised as per OM dated 12-5-2017 with reference to the tables 24 &25 annexed to OM dated 6-7-2017 at 50% of the notional pay which was computed

after adding grade pay of Rs.4200, will be revised further at 50% of the notional pay indicated in the **revised table 24 & 25** annexed to OM dated 9-7-2019 prepared after adding grade pay of Rs.4600. Family pension will be at 30% of the 7<sup>th</sup> CPC notional pay.

We invite attention of our members to the table published in page 11 of *Pensioner's Champion June 2019 issue*, wherein we had shown the revised pension admissible consequent to increase of GP to Rs.4600 and the increase in pension thereof. The stages in pay scales at which the last pay drawn would not result in any increase in the existing 7<sup>th</sup> CPC pension were also shown **in bold** in the table.

#### FLOODS IN KARNATAKA

State of Karnataka is dealing with a trail of destruction caused by unprecedented monsoon rains stated to be the highest rain fall to occur in the last 118 years displacing lakhs of people and snatching their livelihoods. Flash floods have unleashed a trail of devastation across the North Karnataka plains and Malanad regions and Kodagu. Floods have wreaked havoc in the lives of the people. Details below would give a clear picture of the devastation.

♦ Human lives lost: 65 ♦ People missing: 14

♦ Animal deaths: 941 ♦ Animals rescued: 51,460

◆ Number of people evacuated : 6,97,948 ◆ Relief camps operating : 849

◆ People in relief camps: 3,20,106 ◆ Taluks affected in 22 districts:103

◆ Crops on 6.9 lakh hectares lost ◆ Roads damaged : 4,000 km

◆ Bridges damaged: 630 ◆ Houses damaged: 74,374

◆ Electricity poles damaged : 54,000

◆ Public and private properties destroyed : worth Rs.40,000 crores

Source: Memorandum submitted to the Government of India by the Govt of Karnataka –The Hindu 17-8-2019.

KP&TPA intends to send its contribution to the Chief Ministers Distress Relief Fund. Members of the association, who wish to donate, may please consider routing their donation through the association to facilitate remittance of a substantial amount.

Amount may be remitted by *crossed cheque* payable to "Karnataka P&T Pensioners' **Association**". Cheques may please be sent to K.R.Anantha Ramu, 1158,7th Main, 7th Block, HMT Layout, Vidyaranyapura, Bangalolre-560097 Mob: 9448477129

#### CGHS Opening of CGHS Wellness Centre in Mysuru

CGHS Directorate vide letter dated 8-8-2019 has called for information about the likely number of Central government employees and pensioners that would be the beneficiaries to examine the request for opening of a CGHS Wellness Centre at Mysuru. Additional Director, CGHS Bengaluru had asked KP&TPA to give the inputs needed in this regard.

KP&TPA had notified a subject for inclusion in the Agenda items for discussions in the 30th meeting of the Standing committee of voluntary agencies (SCOVA) held on 23.3.2018 requesting for opening of CGHS WCs in Mysuru, Mangaluru and Hubballi-Dharwad.(reference: page 9 of *Pensioners' Champion* February 2018 issue). This item was again included in the issues proposed by KP&TPA for the 31st meeting of SCOVA scheduled to be held on 6.9.2019.(page 4 of *Pensioners' Champion* February 2019 issue) This issue was discussed in CCCGPA AGB held on 3.8.19 and it was decided to submit memoranda to Members of Parliament of the respective Constituencies.

It is understood that Additional Director, CGHS, Bengaluru has also been pursuing this with CGHS Directorate.

But CGHS Directorate has now called for information only in respect of Mysuru to examine the request for opening a CGHS WC in that City.

In response to the request by the Additional Director, CGHS Bengaluru, KP&TPA furnished the number of employees and pensioners of the Department of Posts, Dept of Telecom and BSNL residing in Mysuru city and towns near the city, which we could ascertain through our efforts. Since the pensioners are eligible for CGHS benefits irrespective of their place of residence, we included the number of pensioners residing in the cities/towns which are very near to the city of Mysore Viz: Srirangapatna at a distance of 18 KMs; Nanjanagudu at 23 KMs; and Mandya at 46 KMs as there is every possibility of the pensioners of those towns also opting for CGHS benefits.

Confederation of Central Government Employees and Workers Karnataka State, has furnished the number of employees and pensioners in respect of other Central Govt Departments residing in Mysuru City and other places mentioned above.

#### Number of Central Employees and Pensioners

	Employees in Mysuru	Pensioners in Mysuru, Mandya, Nanjanagudu & Srirangapatna	
Postal, DoT and BSNL	466	2705	Inputs by KP&TPA
Other Central Departments	1447	1750	Inputs by COC
Total	1913	4455	
Total Employees and Pens	ioners : 6368	No. of beneficiari	es
		Employees:	
		Pensioners:	$4455 \times 2 = 8910$
		Total beneficiarie	s: 16562

#### There is justification for opening of 2 CGHS Wellness Centres in Mysuru

K P&T PA in coordination with CCCGPA, Karnataka will continue to pursue with the Ministry of Health&Family Welfare the demand for opening of CGHS WCs in Mangalore and Hbballi-Dharwad. Name of Kaluburagi (Gulbarga), another big City in the State of Karnataka will also be included in the list when the matter is taken up with the Ministry. Incidentally, it may be mentioned that in Tamilnadu, there are 3 CGHS WCs and proposal for opening of 2 more is under consideration. In Kerala, opening of 2 WCs is under examination in addition to 2 existing WCs. In Telangana and Andhra Pradesh totally there will be 7 CGHS cities if the proposal for opening a WC at Warangal is considered.

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#### Pension/ Family Pension

# MINUTES OF THE 47th MEETING OF THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF THE JOINT CONSULTATIVE MACHINERY (JCM) HELD ON 13th APRIL, 2019.

The 47th Meeting of the National Council (JCM) was held on 13th April, 2019 under the Chairmanship of Shri P.K. Sinha, Cabinet Secretary, at Rail Bhawan, New Delhi

6.5.2 Item No. 21/19/NC-47 - Eligibility of Unmarried/divorced/widowed & dependent real sister of Govt. servant/pensioners for Family Pension.

Staff Side stated that government have already included widowed/ divorced/ unmarried and dependent daughters, who have attained 25 years of age, in the definition of family for family pension. Dependent disabled siblings (i.e. real brothers/ sisters) are also now eligible for family pension. Unmarried/divorced/ widowed dependent real sister of a Government servant / pensioner may also be made eligible for family pension.

#### Reply of the Official Side

It was a considered decision of the government to grant family pension to dependent disabled brothers and sisters of Central Government Employees/ Pensioners. There are no fresh grounds to reconsider this decision and to extend family pension to all dependent siblings.

The Chairman desired that this may be re-examined.

6.5.4 Item No.25/19/NC-47 - Arbitrary orders denying revision of pension and family pension in favour of the pensioners, who were in receipt of compulsory retirement pension and compassionate allowance under Rule 40 and 41 of the Central Civil Services (Pension) Rules, 1972.

Staff Side stated that in terms of rule 40 & 41 of Central Civil Services (Pension) Rules, 1972, compulsory retirement pension and compassionate allowance are sanctioned and are revised at par with other pension. DoP&PW O.M. No. 38/37/08 - P&PW(A) dated

03.10.2008 has stated that there should not be any revision on the Compulsory Retirement Pension and Compassionate Allowance. This order will adversely affect the living standard of such retired employees. Staff Side said that the order of the DOPT cited in the agenda amounts to imposition of further penalty on a person who has already been punished once. This apart, they said that in all the past revision of pensions effected by the successive Pay Commissions, such revisions had been granted to those compulsorily retired personnel. They added that it was for the Government to take a view in the matter whether the compulsorily retired personnel must be given the benefit of minimum pension revision or not.

#### Reply of the Official Side

As per the orders issued after 5th and the 6th CPC, the pension of past pensioners was revised by consolidating the pre-revised pension, dearness pension, dearness relief, interim relief and fitment benefit. These orders further provided an alternate method according to which the revised pension will not be less than 50% of the minimum pay in the revised pay-scale.

Sanctity of the penalty of reduced pension in such cases would be lost if the benefit of modified parity was also extended to the pensioners drawing compulsory retirement pension/ compassionate allowance.

Hon'ble Kerala High Court, in its order dated 31.07.2015 in OP(CAT) No. 108/2016, directed to grant pension based on the minimum pay in the revised pay- scale (modified parity). However, on the advice of the Department of Pensions, the Department of Posts filed SLP No. 6726/2017. After discussion on the issue,

the Chairman asked the official side to re-look into the matter in the light of the submission of the Staff Side.

#### 6.6 CBDT/Department of Revenue

## 6.6.3 Item No. 36/19/NC-47 - Exemption from payment of income tax to Pensioners who have attained age of 80 years or more.

Staff Side stated that at present very old pensioners are exempted, if their income is up to Rs 5 Lakh per annum. The Govt. has granted additional pension @20% of their basic pension on attainment of 80 years of age, 30% on 85 years, 40% on 90 years and 100% on attaining 100 years of age. However, the fixation of ceiling of Rs. 5 lakh for exemption from income tax would act to reduce their pension income which will affect them adversely. Staff Side, therefore, suggested that exemption from

income tax to very senior pensioners aged 80 years or above be considered and granted by way of gift to these elders on the next Elders' day.

#### Reply of the Official Side

Considering the specific needs of the senior citizens, the basic exemption limit for a senior citizen i.e. above 80 years, is fixed at Rs. 5 Lakh. Hence, the demand of Staff Side is not feasible.

Chairman observed that the Department of Revenue may examine the feasibility of exempting persons above 80 years of age from filing Income Tax Returns, by devising alternative safeguards.

Editor's note: Only a few items are reproduced out of many issues discussed in the meeting on 13-4-2019.

(CGHS)

Gol, Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, W&PG Section OM No.B.12014/ 03/ 2019 JCM dated 3rd June 2019

## Minutes of the meeting with Staff Side, National Council, JCM, held on 16.05.2019 under the Chairmanship of the Secretary (HFW),

Viii. Issue: Grant of one-time option to CGHS beneficiaries to opt for ward entitlement as per their revised pay in pay band

The provision for paying additional amount as a result of revision in the rates of contribution for availing CGHS facility is uniformly applicable to all pensioners who had opted to pay CGHS contribution either on the basis of their last pay or their pension, vide O.M.No. S.11011/ 18/ 99- Desk-I / CGHS (P) dated 03.07.2000.Hence, both the categories of pensioners who opted to pay CGHS subscription on the basis of their last pay drawn and those who opted to pay CGHS subscription on the basis of their pension are on equal footing. Hence, the proposal to allow one-time option to pre 1.6.2009 Pensioners to

opt for determination of their ward entitlement based on their notional pay in pay band is not required. Staff side agreed with the suggestion. The issue stands resolved.

IX. Issue: Provision of CGHS facility for life time to dependent disabled/ mentally retarded children of Central government Employees / Pensioners.

On this issue, JS (CGHS) informed the Staff side that the matter is under consideration of the govt in consultation with the Department of Expenditure/ Department of Personnel and Training.

Editor's note: Only the above two issues are reproduced out of many issues discussed in the meeting.

#### Life Certificate

## Submission of Life Certificate by Pensioners of 80 years and above in October

Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances & Pensions Department of Pension and Pensioners' Welfare vide its OM No. 1/20/20 18-P&PW (E) dated 18/7/2019 has decided that Senior Pensioners aged 80 years and above be allowed to give their Life Certificate w.e.f 1st October every year instead of November which would be valid till 30th of November of the subsequent year.

Last year in November, KP&TPA volunteers visited residences of many pensioners and ensured that they got digital life certificate. With a view to continue the services of the association to the pensioners aged 80 and above, KP&TPA EC members/volunteers would visit the residences of WILLING senior pensioners in October 2019 and assist them in getting the Digital Life Certificate (DLC )from the comforts of their home. They will carry with them the equipment required to generate DLC supplied to the association by the Pension Department.

Pensioners who would like to avail this facility are requested to keep ready their

(1) Mobile phone (2) Aadhaar Card (3) Pension Payment Order (PPO) and (4) The Bank account number to which their pension is credited which are essential for registration of their names with Jevan Pramaan Portal for getting Digital Life Certificate.

Pensioners who would like to avail this facility may please furnish their name, membership number, date of birth, phone number and address before 30<sup>th</sup> September 2019 by post/ SMS/WhatsApp message / email to:

V.Gopal, Joint Secretary:
Flat No.5-B-20, 1st Phase,
Nandi garden Apartments, Avalahalli,
JP Nagar 9th Phase, Bangalore-560108
Mobile: 8197918085
(for SMS or Whats App message only)
email: pensionersbhavan@gmail.com

Note: Association would extend this facility to pensioners below 80 years also (irrespective of age) in November 2019 when they have to submit their life certificate. Particulars indicated above may be furnished in October 2019.

#### Notional Increment

# Update on Grant of Notional Increment for pensionery benefits to post-2006 retirees, who retired on 30th June and 31st December

Review petition filed by the government in Ayyamperumal case has been dismissed on merits by the Supreme Court on 8.8.19. Consequently, the demand for grant of notional increment to those who retired on 30th June or 31 st December after rendering one year service from the date of earning the last increment for Pensionery benefits gains momentum. Govt may have to now issue a general order in this regard, however, subject to the govt deciding to NOT to file a curative petition before the Supreme Court. But there is a hope of the issue getting resolved soon if the latest development is viewed in the context of the assurance given by the Cabinet Secretary, the Chairman of the J C M, to the Staff Side in the meeting of the National Council of JCM held on 13-4-2019 that the judgements of the courts would be implemented to all similarly placed employees/pensioners. Let us hope that general orders will be issued in this regard thereby resolving the long pending demand of pensioners.

K.B.Krishna Rao Secretary KP&TPA

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## COORDINATION COMMITTEE OF CENTRAL GOVERNMENT PENSIONERS' ASSOCIATIONS, KARNATAKA (R)

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#### **News from Affiliates**

## Defence Accounts Department Pensioners Association(R) Bangalore

The association held its Annual General Body Meeting on 19-7-2019 in Department's Multipurpose Hall behind PCDAs office. Sri C.Rajamony, Chairman presided. Dr. Kishore Kumar Additional Director, CGHS was the Chief Guest. Dr. Sathish Chandra Psychiatrist, CGHS was the Guest of Honour. Meeting commenced with invocation rendered by Kum. Shobha. Silence was observed in memory of the members of the association who expired during the year.

Sri H B Gundu Rao, Secretary welcomed the gathering and presented the Annual Report. Treasurer Sri Venugopalan M presented the Annual Accounts. Eight members aged 80 + were felicitated. Dr. Kishore Kumar the Chief Guest and Dr. Satish Chandra, Guest of Honour addressed the gathering. Both of them were honoured by the Chairman, Sri C.Rajamony, who later delivered his presidential address. Shri T.R. Prakash working President spoke on Income Tax and filing of Income Tax returns. Shri Rajkumar. K proposed vote of thanks. The meeting ended with lunch

#### **Our Readers Write**

It is heartening to see that the association with its perseverance all these years has been successful in achieving the long pending demand regarding grant of grade pay of Rs.4600 instead of Rs.4200 to pre 2006 pensioners retired from grade S-12. Please accept my congratulations on your achievement which has resulted in helping thousand of pensioners retired from the pay scale of Rs.6500-10500.

M.T. Ramaswamy, ALM - 2199

Thanks a lot. You are doing a great service to the pensioners of India!

Hats off to you and your association. kptpa.org is a wonderful website and a great repository of knowledge

Colonel Deepak Agarwal, New Delhi / by email

#### APPEAL FOR DONATIONS FOR THE BUILDING

We appeal to our Members who have not yet paid their contribution to the building fund to consider remitting their donation to facilitate provision of a lift to the new building. 36th list of donations is published in this issue.

Donation to be remitted by *crossed cheque* payable to "Karnataka P&T Pensioners' Association".

Cheques may please be sent to: K.R.Anantha Ramu, No. 1158, 7th Main, 7th Block, HMT Layout, Vidyaranyapura, Bangalolre-560097. (Mob: 9448477129)

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#### BSNL / CGHS

## **CDA/IDA** corresponding pay level for deciding Monthly Contributions for availing CGHS facility

Ministry of Communications, Dept. of Telecommunications, O.M. No. 4-12(12)/2018- part (I) (PAT Section) dated 1st July, 2019 (AI) Case of BSNL retirees:

SI. No.	IDA Pay Scale	in BSNL	Corresponding Pay Scale/ Grade Pay drawn in CDA Scale / Levels in the Pay Matrix for the purpose of deciding monthly CGHS contribution			Contribution (in Rs./ Month) as per MoH&FW OM dated 09.01.2017
	Before 01.01.2007	After 01.01.2007	As per 5th CPC	As per 6th CPC	As per 7th CPC	
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)
1	4000-120-5800	7760-13320	2550-55-2660-60-3200	1300/-	Level 1 to Level 5	250/-
2	4060-125-5935	7840-14700	2610-60-3150-65-3540	1400/ -		
3	4100-125-5975	7900-14880	2650-65-3300-70-4000	1650/ -		
4	4250-130 -6200	8150-15340	2750-70-3800-75-4400	1800/-		
5	4550-140-6650	8700-16840	3050-75-3950-80-4590	1900/-		
6	4720-150-6970	9020- 17430	3200-85-4900	2000/-		
7	5700-160-8100	10900-20400	4000-100-6000	2400/-		
8	6550-185-9325	12520-23440	4500-125-7000	2800/-		
9	7100-200-10100	13600-25420	5000-150-8000	4200/ -	Level 6	450/-
10	7800-225 - 11175	14900-27850	5500-175-9000	4200/ -		
11-a	8570-245 -12245 (for Non-Executive)	16370-30630- 33830	6500-200-10500	4200/-		
12- a	9850-250-14600 (for Executive)	16400-40500	6500-200-10500	4200/-		
11-b	8570-245-12245 (for Non-Executive)	16370-30630 33830	6500-200-10500	4600/ -	Level 7 to Level 11	650/-
12- b	9850-250-14600 (for Executive)	16400-40500	6500-200-10500	4600/-		
13	11875-300-17275	20600-46500	7500-250-12000	4800/-		
14	13000-350-18250	24900-50500	8000-275-13500	5400/-		
15	14500-350-18 700	29100-54500	10000-325-15200	6600/-		
16	16000-400-20800	32900-58000	12000-375-16500	7600/-	Level 12 and above	1000/-
17	17500-400-22300	36600-62000	14300-400-18300	8700/-		
18	All scales above the scale of Rs.17500-400- 22300/-	All scales above the scale of Rs. 36600- 62000/-	All scales above the scale of Rs .14300-400- 18300/-	GP more than 8700		

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# Entitlement of wards in private hospitals empanelled under CGHS for MTNL / BSNL Retirees who receive pension from Central Civil Estimates and avail CGHS facilities

#### (1) For the employees retired prior to 01-01-2007

SI.No.	Basic pay in IDA pay scale at the time of retirement		Corresponding basic pay in	Ward entitlement
	BSNL	MTNL	corresponding Levels in CDA as per 7th CPC	
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
1	Up to Rs. 11,875/-	Up to Rs .13,000/-	Up to Rs.47,600/ -	General Ward
2	Rs.11,876/- toRs.15,475/ -	Rs.13,001/- to Rs.17,200/ -	Rs. 47,601/-to Rs.63,100/-	Semi- private ward
3	Rs.15,476/ - and above.	Rs. 17,201/ - and above	Rs.63,101/ - and above	Private ward

#### (2) For the employees retired after 01-01-2007

SI.No.	Basic pay in IDA pa	ay scale at the time o	Corresponding basic pay in	Ward entitlement	
	BSNL:Retired between 01-01-2007 to 09-06-2013	BSNL:Retired on or after10-06-2013	MTNL	corresponding Levels in CDA as per 7th CPC	
(1)	(2 A)	(2 B)	(3)	(4)	(5)
1	Up to Rs.26,060/ -	Up to Rs.27,510/-	Up to Rs. 28,530/-	Up to Rs.47,600/ -	General Ward
2	Rs.26,070/-to Rs.33,960/-	Rs.27,520/-to Rs.35,850/-	Rs.28,540/-to Rs.37,750/-	Rs. 47,601/-to Rs.63,100/-	Semi- private ward
3	Rs .33,970/- and above	Rs.35,860/ - and above.	Rs.37,760/- and above	Rs.63,101/ - and above	Private ward

Gol, Ministry of Communications, Department of Telecommunications (PAT Section) OM No. 4-12(12)/2018-PAT-Part(I) dated 1st July, 2019

## CGHS facilities to the retired BSNL/MTNL employees who are in receipt of pension from Central Civil Estimates – Revised mapping for determining CGHS subscription and Ward entitlement.

The undersigned is directed to refer to this Office Memorandum No. 4-12(11)/2012- PAT(Part) dated 31.08.2016 vide which CGHS facilities were extended to retired BSNL/MTNL employees who receive pension from Central Civil Estimates.

- 2. The rates of monthly CGHS subscription and entitlement of Wards in Private hospitals empanelled under CGHS have been revised with effect from 01-01-2017 by Ministry of Health and Family Welfare vide OM No. S.11011/11/2016-CGHS(P)/EHS dated 09.01.2017. This has necessitated corresponding revision in mapping of Pay & scales from IDA to CDA as circulated vide O.M. dated 31.08.2016.
- 3. Accordingly, Annexures to the said O.M. dated 31.8.2016 stand revised as enclosed w.e.f. 1.1.2017 to enable CGHS in deciding the rate of CGHS contribution and ward entitlement in respect of retired BSNL/MTNL employees who receive pension from Central Civil Estimates and avail CGHS facilities.
- 4. This issues with the approval of Member (Services).

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## Report on the Meeting of CCCGPA representatives with Addl. Director, CGHS on 26.06.2019

A meeting between the Management Committee Members of CCCGPA, newly constituted CGHS Advisory & Grievance Committee Members and Additional Director, CGHS, Bangalore took place at the O/o AD, CGHS, Kendriya Sadana, Koramnagla on 26.6.2019 at 3.30 PM. Except a few, all Advisory Committee Members attended the meeting. S/S K.B.Krishna Rao, Chairman, S.Radhakrishna, General Secretary V.Gopal, Joint General Secretary and O M Bhaskaran, Treasurer of CCCGPA attended. Some of the office bearers of affiliated pensioners' associations were also present. CMOs of all the CGHS Wellness Centres and Polyclinic also attended.

The meeting started with Dr.Kishore Kumar, AD introducing himself and asking all present to introduce themselves. The CMOs of all the 10 wellness centres and Polyclinic did so too. A D introduced Dr.Ravindra Y Asangi CPIO-HQ. Sri Radhakrishna thanking the A D for arranging the meeting requested the CCCGPA representatives and Advisory Committee members to introduce themselves. Dr.Arun Gopinath of Koramangala WC, who has designed their website www.cghsbng.gov.in, explained the various modules in the website.

Shri K B Krishna Rao, Chairman, CCCGPA said that CCCGPA, Karnataka has 29 Pensioners' Associations as its affiliates in the state of Karnataka and there are 8 associations in Bangalore City connected with CGHS. It is the CCCGPA, which nominates the pensioners nominees to the CGHS Advisory / Grievance Committees of all the 10 WCs and Polyclinic and the Advisory Committee Members attending today's meeting were newly nominated in January 2019. Thereafter, Agenda items were taken up for discussion.

#### Agenda:

### 1 and 2. Augmentation of Medical staff strength at WC-8, Domlur and all WCs:

AD explained that of the 39 doctors sanctioned, 36 only are available. 1 doctor resigned, another went on long leave and third is seriously ill. He requested the CGHS Directorate for substitute for the one, who went on leave, but in vain. He also said that rules do not permit engagement of retired doctors in leave vacancies. All the doctors have full appointments and in fact are overworked. He has deputed one doctor to WC-3 (BSK) for 2 days a week from his office. He has asked for augmentation and it is learnt that UPSC has selected new doctors and Director, CGHS New Delhi has given assurance to post new doctors to Bengaluru. He also said that, now a lot of time is being wasted in logging in and making entries by doctors, thus having less time for seeing patients. A revamping of all modules is being done so as to be more users friendly so that more consultations can be done. He hoped that shortage of doctors would ease to some extent in the near future.

## 3. Opening of an "Ayurvedic Clinic" at CGHS WC10, DRDO Complex C V Raman Nagar, Bengaluru 560093.

Shri A Poobalan, Advisory Committee Member WC 10, participating in the discussion said that there will be sufficient additional space for opening an Ayurvedic Clinic and suggested that two doctors and 2 pharmacists from the other existing clinics may be posted at the new clinic. Addl Director agreed that it is a very good suggestion. It will be examined when the renovation/repair work will be over in CVR Nagar WC.

## 4. Posting of a Lady Doctor in WC-4, HBR Layout:

Shri Krishna Rao said that it is learnt that in one of the WCs there are 2 lady doctors

and suggested that one lady doctor may be shifted from such WC ( i.e., where there are two lady doctors or more) to WC 4 in replacement of a male doctor in WC4. AD CGHs said that he has asked the former AD, to help out. She is on leave at present. He will try and post a lady doctor after new postings. Shri.Krishna Rao's suggestion to shift one from other WCs will be considered.

#### 5. ENT Specialist in Polyclinic

Shri Krishna Rao requested that till services of an ENT Specialist at the Polyclinic are made available, the CMOs/ Doctors at all the WCs may be advised to be liberal in referring such cases to empanelled private hospitals. AD said that, with so many liberalised measures introduced by CGHS recently, it is not a problem. Doctors of Polyclinic are already being liberal in referring to empanelled hospitals and advised the CMOs present in the meeting accordingly.

# 6. Clubbing of the work connected with registration of beneficiaries at the Reception Counters of Unani and Homeopathy clinics at WC 1

Dr. Maruthi Ramanna CMO WC-6, explained the difficulties in clubbing the functions of two dispensaries. AD said that, it can be examined if doctors can open the module and do the work. He asked Dr.Arun to check it.

## 7. Reimbursement of cost of medicines purchased locally case of Shri N.L.Krishna

AD said that it is a case of 2017 and he could not find any reference. There is no provision for reimbursement of cost of OPD medicines. Shri Krishna Rao said that the beneficiary had purchased the medicines which were prescribed by CGHS but not supplied by the pharmacy. Even if the medicines were subsequently procured from the local chemist and supplied to the beneficiary, CGHS would have incurred expenditure on that score. The only difference being that the beneficiary bought

the medicines instead of CGHS, should not be an impediment for reimbursement .AD agreed that there is logic in Krishna Rao's observation. When it was pointed out that it is pending with the Directorate and a reply is due from his office to the Directorate, he said that he will examine. Meanwhile, CCCGPA can give copies of documents, if available. Shri Krishna Rao said that copies of the relevant documents will be sent for pursuing the issue with CGHS Directorate

#### 8. SMS alert on indented medicines

AD answered that the system should be upgraded and he has already taken it up with the concerned.

## 9. Non-prescription of Injection advised by empanelled eye clinic

Shri Krishna Rao said that the grievance of the beneficiary is that the injection prescribed by the empanelled eye hospital that too after being referred to it by CGHS WC, was not supplied to him and a different injection was prescribed by the CGHS eye specialist. AD said when it comes to the question of prescriptions of medicines / injections, it is always better to go by the advice of CGHS Specialists/ Doctors who are well qualified. The injection prescribed by the private eye hospital is a un-coded item. Dr.Katti, CGHS Eye Specialist, is very well experienced and qualified and his prescription was definitely in the best interest of the beneficiary. Dr. Rajendra P Joshi CMO, WC -8, said that the success rate is very low in cases like the one under discussion. Doctors at private clinics tend to prescribe medicines very recently brought in to the pharmulary where as the Doctors at CGHS do so after the evaluations of the efficacy and safety of such drugs. AD said that WC-9 is supplied with the latest equipment for eye test, which is not available even in private eye clinics. There is no need even for dilatory drops. He asked the beneficiaries to make use of this facility.

### 10. Display of names of Advisory Committee members at WCs.

AD said that it will be done in WCs where the names have not been displayed.

## 11. Preferential treatment in examination of senior beneficiaries (aged 80+) at wellness centres

Dr Arun said that the problem is that there is no provision for priority in the module. There is only a general pool. But, a suggestion is sent to the Directorate, on the basis of 'Kerala model', wherein there would be colour coded priority provisions for e.g. 80+ patients, infants, emergency cases etc. There, if priority patient's card is given, his name will automatically go up on the top. Shri Krishna Rao said that the proposed improvement in the module on 'Kerala Model" to provide for preferential treatment for 80 + beneficiaries may take much time and as an immediate measure the system followed in Polyclinic of sending the prescription books of the 80+ patients directly to the doctor concerned by the Registration clerk, must be followed in all the WCs also so that the doctor comes to know about the presence of the aged beneficiary in the waiting hall and can call the patient by his name or by display of the registration number of the beneficiary on the Electronic Token Display System. Dr Maruthi Ramana remarked that it is a good suggestion and is implementable. AD said that number of 'super senior patients' is also much more in all WCs than at Polyclinic. AD, however, said that he will see how best we can solve the problem faced by the 80+ beneficiaries.

# 12. Spouses accompanying senior beneficiaries (80+) to be permitted to consult doctors in WCs along with the such beneficiaries

AD said that in all WCs, this is being done. When Krishna Rao pointed out that CCCGPA has been informed by some beneficiaries that in one of the WCs, spouse

accompanying the senior is not being allowed to consult the doctor, AD, CG HS instructed all CMOs to ensure that the facility is extended in their WCs.

## 13. Supply of an examination table to the Homeopathy clinic: Supplied.

#### 14. WC-9, Gangenahalli

#### 14.1: Token display system

CMO WC -9 informed only one token display system is non functional and it will be repaired soon.

### 14.2 : Shifting of the centre to a new premises - pending since many years

As for shifting of the WC-9 to a better accommodation, AD said that now BSNL is willing to give accommodation in its building in RT Nagar and it will be taken up. Shri Radhakrishna said that many CQAL quarters in Hebbal are vacant and the Defence department can be approached to give some quarters to CGHS. Shri KR Srikanta, Advisory Committee Member, WC-9 said that at present WC -9 is located in a central locality and has easy access. When Shri Krishna Rao said that MCEC Housing Society has offered its new building in Sahakaranagar, some of the Advisory Committee Members informed that the place is not well connected with public transport. Additional Director, in his reply said that CQAL quarters are houses with one/two rooms and they are not suitable for WC. He however, said that the issue will be pursued further with BSNL.

#### 15. Weighing machine in WC-5, Vijayanagar

New machine supplied.

### 16. Delay in settlement of Medical reimbursement claims.

Shri A Poobalan, Advisory Committee Member WC 10, pointed out that, there has been delay of nearly 3-4 months in settlement of medical reimbursement cases and requested that the claims must be settled within 45 days. Addl Director, responding to the request said that due to shortage of clerical staff and problems faced in PFMS EAT module there is some delay. He assured that every effort will be made to settle MRC cases within the fixed time line.

Dr. Ravindra Y Asangi, Chief Public Information Officer(CPIO) – Headquarters, in his brief address explained the liberalisations that have been made to the CGHS Rules over the past several months and said that now beneficiaries aged 75 and above can directly go to CGHS empanelled private hospitals for OPD consultation with specialists even without any referral from CGHS WC. CCCGPA invited him to attend its AGB on 3-8-2019 and speak about CGHS facilities in detail, which was accepted.

Dr Kishore Kumar, AD, CGHS read out feedbacks received from 2 beneficiaries, one from Shri M.R.V.Nath, and the other from Shri Anand, both written in appreciation of the prompt service of CGHS Bangalore. An Email received by KP&TPA from Shri M R V Nath, Member of KP&TPA and Vice President, All India Federation of Pensioners' Association. Chennai, lauding the courteous service extended to him by the Additional Director's office and CGHS Doctors when he needed it most was published in May 2019 issue of the association's journal Pensioners' Champion under the heading" Beneficiary friendly gesture by CGHS Bengaluru". Shri Nath was all praise of the services extended to him at WC-4, HBR layout by Dr. Nandish and the staff at the pharmacy.

Shri D N Anand, retired Accountant General, in his letter had praised the services extended to him by Dr Prasanna, the CMO I/C of WC -5 Vijayanagar. AD CGHS thanked Karnataka P&T Pensioners' Association for publishing the feedback from Shri MRV Nath in its journal and opined that such appreciation gestures by beneficiaries motivate CGHS personnel further. He stated that CGHS Bengaluru will continue its endeavour in ensuring best of service to all the beneficiaries. AD thanked all for coming to the meeting and said that he will try to have meetings often.

Finally, Shri S.Radhakrishna, General Secretary, CCCGPA Karnataka thanked the Additional Director for arranging the meeting and all the Doctors and the Advisory Committee Members for attending the meeting. He said that discussions were useful and result oriented in that response from the AD was favourable on many issues raised by CCCGPA in the meeting. He said that CGHS Bengaluru has always been 'Beneficiary Friendly". He also requested the Welfare Committee members to first discuss minor problems/ issues with CMOs of WCs concerned and, if necessary, can be referred to CCCGPA for taking up with the Addl Director or CGHS Directorate as the case may require.

Shri K B Krishna Rao, Chairman CCCGPA & Secretary, Karnataka P&T Pensioners' Association thanked Dr Kishore Kumar, A D CGHS for accepting the invitation to be the Guest of Honour in the Annual General Body Meeting of KP&TPA to be held on 13-7-2019.

#### **OBITUARY**

**Sri V S Mulgund**, LM 83 one of the senior members of K P&T PA, expired on 11-7-2019 at the age of 83 years. He is survived by his wife and four daughters.

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