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Minutes of the 21st meeting of Standing Committee of Voluntary Agencies (SCOVA) held on 27.9.2012 under the Chairmanship of Minister of State (PP) at Civil Services Officers Institute (CSOI), Kasturba Gandhi Marg, New Delhi.

Secretary (P&PW) at the outset welcomed Hon'ble MoS(PP) as well as all representatives of Pensioners' Associations and the participating members of various Ministries/Departments. Thereafter, he enumerated the changes in the Pension Rules and mentioned the fact the SCOVA has been able to achieve the objective for which it was started in 1986. Secretary (P&PW) further added that today's serving officers will eventually become pensioners tomorrow. He praised the contributions made by the pensioners as officers during their tenure in the Government and also applauded for their present contributions as Senior Citizens. Secretary expressed the hope that the Department would continue to get support from the Pensioners' Associations in future.

2. Hon'ble MoS (PP), in his welcome address to the participants stated that

representations relating to pensionary matters are increasing as different Ministries/Departments are interpreting Pension Rules in different ways. Thus, he stressed the need for uniform interpretation of Pension Rules so that the grievances of the pensioners relating to pensionary matters are reduced and settled without delay. In order to have better cooperation between the Department and the pensioners' association, he agreed to the outstanding demand of holding the SCOVA meeting twice in a year.

(Action: DoP&PW)

3. The list of participants is at Appendix - I

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4. Thereafter, the Action Taken Report (ATR) of 20th SCOVA meeting (Annexure-I) and Agenda items of 21st SCOVA Meeting (Annexure-II) were

taken up for discussion.

5. Action Taken Report (ATR) on the points raised in the 20th meeting of SCOVA (Annexure-I)

Sl.No. 1 and 19 of ATR:

(1)- Issue of Corrigendum PPO for Pre-2006 retirees and also to communicate the amount of pension as well as family pension to be revised consequent to the 6th Central Pay Commission to pre 1.1.2006 pensioners.

(19)- Issue of Revised PPOs for pre and post 2006 retirees status thereof

- i) Central Pension Accounting Office has indicated that out of 6.67 lakhs cases of pre-2006 pensioners/family pensioners, revised PPOs in respect of 3.06 lakhs cases have been issued. CPAO informed that they are sending e-scrolls of pensioners to all Ministries/Departments, which will solve the problem of non receipt of Annexure-III.
- ii) As final figures were not available, Department of Telecommunications and Department of Posts were asked to compile data for the cases of pensioners/family pensioners of pre-2006 and take necessary action for their revision by 31st March, 2013.
- iii) Ministry of Railways informed that they have requested pensioners to apply for revision of PPO by making all the data available to them. They informed that they have revised 4.7 lakhs PPOs on receipt of these applications and 6.00 lakhs are pending. The Ministry has been asked to complete the task of issuing revised PPOs by March, 2013 where applications have been received. Simultaneously, they should ascertain a mechanism of getting data of the remaining cases and revising PPOs of those who have not applied for revision of PPOs.
- iv) Ministry of Defence informed that they have to cater to the requirement of more than 11 lakh pre-2006 pensioners. They have revised PPOs of about 5.7 lakh out of them. They also informed that in approximately 8.0 lakh cases, the revision has to be done manually and they have

to take additional action for capturing all the data which is available only in physical form. **The Ministry was asked to deploy additional manpower for capturing of data and complete the revision exercise by 30th September, 2013.**

Secretary (P&PW) requested all the organizations/Departments/Ministries to expedite the same without further delay and update the latest status with the Department of Pension & Pensioners' Welfare.

**(Action: CPAO, Ministry of Railways
Ministry of Defence, Department of Posts,
Department of Telecom and DoP&PW)**

Sl.No. 2 of ATR

Expediting cases of sanction of secondary family pension with monitoring mechanism at various levels.

The necessary clarifications as decided in the last SCOVA meeting had been circulated to all Ministries/Departments and Associations on 8.12.2011 and the same has been reiterated in September 2012.

Hence the item is treated as closed.

Sl. No. 3 & 12 of ATR:

(3) Same fitment benefit to pre-2006 pensioners as recommended and implemented in respect of serving employees by the VI CPC.

Parity between past and future pensioners.

Stepping up of pension and family pension to 50% and 30% respectively. Extension of new benefits granted to the past pensioner.

(12) The implementation of order dated 1.9.2008 read with the order dated 14.10.08 is not correct for fixation of pension.

With regard to issue of same benefit to pre-2006 pensioners as given to serving employees by 6th CPC and parity between past and future pensioners, the members were informed that CAT, in its judgement on 1.11.2011, had dismissed the issue. With regard to issue of stepping up of pension and family pension to 50% and 30% respectively of the minimum of pay in the payscale, the members were informed that appropriate action in this regard is being

taken by the Government. In view above, it has been treated as closed.

SI.No. 4 of ATR

A suitable alternative to merger of DR after it reaches 50% in view of VI CPC recommendation against 50% DA/DR merger benefit to ensure revision at reasonable intervals.

It was informed that the issue was taken up with the concerned Ministry for consideration, but the same has not been agreed to by the Government. Therefore, this item may be treated as closed.

SI.No. 5 of ATR:

Restoration of commuted pension after 12 years.

It was informed that the issue was taken up with the concerned Ministry for consideration, but the same has not been agreed to by the Government. Therefore, this item may be treated as closed.

SI.No. 6,7 and 8 of ATR:

Revision of Ex-gratia rates in respect of pre-1986 CPF/SRPF retirees their families.

- a) **Revision of ex-gratia amount to CPF/SRPF retirees.**
- b) **Uniform rates of DR.**
- c) **FMA to ex-gratia beneficiaries**
- d) **Ex-gratia to those who voluntarily retired after 20 years of service**
- e) **Ex-gratia should not be less than minimum pension and the same should be effective from 1.1.06**

(a), (b) and (e): it is informed that the proposal for increasing the ex-gratia for CPF pensioners so as to bring them at par with SRPF beneficiaries is under consideration.

(c) Since they are the CPF beneficiaries who are not eligible for CGHS benefits, they are not eligible for FMA as well.

(d) As regards ex-gratia to those, who took voluntary retirement, it was agreed to re-examine the matter in the light of various court judgements.

(Action: Ministry of Railways and DoP & PW)

SI.No. 9 of ATR:

Extension of secondary family pension to dependent daughter-in-law.

In view of the decision of the Government not to grant family pension to a widowed daughter-in-law, the item was closed.

SI.No. 10 of ATR:

Fixed Medical Allowance to be enhanced to Rs. 1000/- per month w.e.f. 1.1.06

The Government has not agreed to further enhance FMA beyond Rs. 300/- Item may be closed.

SI.No. 11 of ATR

Implementation of Web Based Pensioners Portl

The performance and facilities available under the web based "Pensioners Portal" was appreciated by the SCOVA members. The Secretary (P&PW) suggested that Ministries/ Departments should adhere to the timeliness in the redressal of grievances and they should also sensitize the subordinate functionaries to adhere to these timeliness. The item may be closed.

(Action: DoP&PW)

SI.No. 12 of ATR

Merged with SI.No. 3 above of ATR.

SI.No. 13 and 16 of ATR:

(13) The Orders of Ministry of Health reiterating that all the pensioners are at liberty to opt themselves with any of the nearest CGHS hospital/dispensary may be widely circulated. Arbitrary orders dated 1.8.1996 and 1.9.1996 issued by Ministry of Health and Director of CGHS may be withdrawn and the benefit of CGHS facilities be allowed to the pensioners of Department of Posts and Department of Telecom as specially provided in the Order of the Department of Personnel and Pension.

(16) (i) The existing pensioners of Department of Posts and Telecom covered by P&T Dispensaries are neither considered for treatment of hospitalization facilities nor for Fixed Medical Allowance.

(ii) Pensioners falling within the limit of P&T Dispensaries/CGHS Hosptials may be allowed to opt for P&T Dispensaries or drawal of Fixed Medical Allowance.

It was informed that the issue was taken up with the concerned Ministries and the decision to merge 19 dispensaries in 12 cities have been taken in principle. The concerned Ministries will inform the exact timelines. In this regard Hon'ble MoS (PP) will take up the issue with the Health Minister. He will also take up the matter with the Health Minister regarding opening of one new CGHS dispensary at Mohali/Panchkula/Chandigarh.

**(Action: Ministry of Health & FW,
Department of Posts, Department of
Telecom, DoP&PW)**

SI.No. 14 and 21 of ATR:

(14) Early commencement of meeting of National Anomalies Committee to settle all anomalies arising out of 6th Central Pay Commission recommendations.

(21) Same as above.

In view of the fact that meeting was already conducted by National Anomaly Committee on 5th January, 2012 and 17th July, 2012, the item is closed.

SI.No. 15 and 27 of ATR:

(15) Grant of concessional telephone facilities to retired P&T Employees.

(27) Same as above.

The Department of Telecom informed that the matter had been referred to a Committee which is looking into the financial aspects. Secretary, (Pension), suggested that the decision should be taken by December, 2012. Secretary (Pension), however, desired that the SCOVA members may take up such Ministry-specific issues separately with the concerned Ministry which have no general policy requirements and does not concern all pensioners.

Closed.

SI.No. 16 of ATR:

Merged with SI.No. 13 above of ATR.

SI.No. 17 of ATR:

Inclusion of Representatives of A.I.R.R.F and SCOVA in Railway Hospital Advisory Committees.

The matter is under examination in consultation with Zonal Railways.

(Action: Ministry of Railways)

SI.No. 18 of ATR:

Withdraw New Pension Scheme as also the PFRDA Bill from the Parliament.

As this item is beyond the scope of the SCOVA objectives, the item is closed.

SI.No. 19 of ATR:

Merged with SI.No. 1 above of ATR

SI.No. 20 of ATR:

Revision of pension/family pension of Vth CPC:

Instructions for the same has been issued. Hence, the item is treated as closed.

SI.No. 21 of ATR

Merged with SI.No. 14 above of ATR.

SI.No. 22 of ATR:

Sanction of House Rent for Association office.

Since necessary provision for providing subsidy towards rent for Office has been provided in the Grant-in-aid under the Scheme "Pensioners' Portal", item may be treated as closed.

SI.No. 23 of ATR

Fixed Medical Allowance

(i) To be enhanced to Rs. 1000/ per month w.e.f. 1.1.2006

Item has already been discussed in para 5.10 of ATR. Item was treated as closed.

(ii) To pensioner residing beyond 2.5 kms. from dispensary.

It was informed that jurisdiction of a dispensary is decided by its Admn. Authorities. Department of Pension and Pensioners' Welfare instructions allow Fixed Medical Allowance to pensioners residing outside the jurisdiction of dispensary

Ministry of Railways explained that the 2.5 km. limit is laid down by the decision of courts. The members, thereafter, raised specific issue of RELHS. It was decided that the Ministry of Railways may discuss the issue with the members.

(Action: Ministry of Railways)

SI.No. 24 of ATR

CSD canteen facility to Defence Civilian Pensioners

The Ministry of Defence had not agreed to the proposal. Hence it is dropped.

(Action: Ministry of Defence)

SI.No. 25 of ATR:

Implementation of the Government decision on the recommendations of the Cabinet Secretary's Committee - Revision of PBOR pension to pre-2006 retiree.

In view of the instructions issued by Ministry of Defence in March, 2012, the item was treated as closed.

SI.No. 26 of ATR:

Anomaly in fixation of pension to DoT employees absorbed in BSNL, who retired between 1.10.2000 and 31.7.2001.

Department of Telecom may re-examine the issue.

(Action: Department of Telecommunication)

SI.No. 27 of ATR:

Merged with SI.No. 15 above of ATR

SI.No. 28 of ATR:

Payment of pension to Postal retirees through banks.

Department of Posts informed that proposal has been sent to the Reserve Bank of India for final clearance. The Department was asked to finalize the issue by 31.12.2012.

(Action: Department of Posts)

SI.No. 29 of ATR:

Revision of pension of pre 1996 Railway pensioners.

Railway Board was advised to sort out this matter after hearing the representatives of the Pensioners' Associations and the item was closed.

6. Agenda Items for 21st SCOVA meeting (Annexure-II)

6.1 Time-bound grievance redressal & real time dissemination of information are the two main ingredients of this novel venture for the welfare of pensioners.

The Department of Pension and Pensioners' Welfare informed that all the Ministries have been issued instructions to redress the grievance as per the timeline

prescribed by Department of Administrative Reforms (ARPG). In cases it was not possible immediate reply, an interim reply should be given to the applicant. DoP&PW will reiterate these instructions to all Ministries/Departments.

The Railway Association pointed out that direct cases which goes to Ministry of Railways should give acknowledgement on the same lines as in respect of cases coming through DoP&PW. This facility is available in the software CPENGRAMS which can be made use by all Ministries/Departments.

(Action: Ministry of Railways, DoP&PW and other Ministries)

6.2 Dissemination of information in real time:

All the Ministries were requested to update the information available in the website and provide necessary linkage to the websites of Department of Pension and Pensioners' Welfare. Ministry of Railway have been asked to regularly update all the instructions for information of Pensioners' Association.

Representative of the Posts & Telcom Pensioner Association stated that when the circular about enhancement of Dearness Relief (DR) for pensioners/family pensioners is issued by Department of Pension & Pensioners' Welfare (DoP&PW) and subsequently pasted on the "Pensioners' Portal" website, the Post Offices don't take cognizance of it, until a separate circular is issued by the Department of Posts on the basis of DoP&PW Dearness Relief circular. This double exercise tantamounts to delay in getting the Dearness Relief by the pensioners/family pensioners through Post Offices. During the discussions, Hon'ble MoS(PP) mentioned that, circular on enhancement of Dearness Relief (DR) issued by DoP&PW should be applicable to all offices of the Government of India. In this regard, Secretary (P&PW) will take up the issue with Department of Posts and Department of Telecommunication.

(Action: Ministry of Railways/Ministry of Health & Family Welfare/Ministry of Defence/Department of Personnel & Training/Department of Expenditure/ Department of Financial Services/ Department of Telecommunication/

Department of Posts/CGA/CPAO and DoP&PW)

6.3 Simplification of submission of Life Certificate

The issue of submission of Life Certificate in any branch of Banks other than the Bank, in which the pensioners had their accounts has not been found feasible. However, CPAO was asked to look into the feasibility of submission of life certificate in any of the branches of the same Bank.

(Action: CPAO/Department of Posts/ Department of Telecommunication)

6.4 Simplification for payment of family pension in case of illiterate family pensioners.

In view of the number of documents available to the pensioners and also in view of the financial/legal implications of the proposal, the same was not agreed to. The item is closed

(Action: DoP&PW)

6.5 Nomination facility for family pensioners drawing Life Time Arrears:

The Department of Pension and Pensioners' Welfare agreed to further examine the proposal.

(Action: Department of Expenditure/ Department of Financial Services/CGA/ CPAO and DoP&PW)

6.6 Review of DCRG-Limit.

The matter has not been agreed to by the Government. Hence the item is treated as closed.

6.7 Medical Insurance coverage to pensioners

The Representatives of Ministry of Health & Family Welfare informed that the proposal has been sent to Planning Commission in 12th Plan and the scheme will be started for obtaining the requisite information.

(Action: Ministry of Health & Family Welfare)

6.8 a) Grievances Committees at the Additional Director (CGHS) Level at Delhi:

Advisory Committees have been constituted at Wellness Centre level which meets regularly to settle the issues at local level itself. Claim day once in a month and claim Adalat from time to time are held in each zone to settle outstanding reimbursement claims. Detailed

instructions to streamline and expedite disposal of Medical Reimbursement Claims have also been issued and the position is being monitored at all levels regularly. As a result of the initiatives taken by the Ministry in this regard, the pendency has been brought down drastically. MoH&FW intends to further bring it down through computerization and administrative actions. It was decided that a fixed date and time may be prescribed for meeting the pensioners and the same should be put on the website.

b) A similar Grievance Committee at National Level may also be constituted.

c) Central Government Health Scheme: Issues at Wellness Centers Bangalore

d) CGHS Dispensary/Wellness Centre at Jammu

e) Opening of three more CGHS Dispensaries, one at Mohali, second at Panchkula and one more at Chandigarh.

Hon'ble MoS (PP) directed Ministry of Health & Family Welfare to take appropriate action and he will take the matter with Minister of Health & Family Welfare also for empanelment of hospitals to be made better.

(Action: Ministry of Health & Family Welfare)

6.9 Two family pension to widows of reemployed ex servicemen:

The representatives of the Ministry of Defence informed that the same has been approved by the government. Thus, the item is treated as closed.

6.10 Refusal to sanction family pension to dependent daughters

In view of the fact that legal heir certificate issued by court has been accepted by Ministry of Defence, the item may be dropped.

(Action: Ministry of Defence)

6.11 Widen scope of Pension Adalat to include all payment cases & to allow SCOVA Members/ Representative as well as Representative of identified Associations to actively participate.

It was stated that as the guidelines on Pension Adalats are very clear with clear provisions for participation by SCOVA Members, as such the item may be treated as closed.

6.12, 6.13 and 6.14 : 6.12 RELHS facilities to

family pensioners, other than spouse, and to the kids of divorced & widowed dependent daughters.

- i) RELHS facilities to dependent parents
- ii) On 24th February 2010 during the budget speech Minister for Railways
- iii) Separate nominated days for pensioners/ family pensioners for specialist consultation in Rly hospital.
- iv) Inclusion of representatives of identified Associations & SCOVA Members in Rly Hospital Grievance Committees.
- v) Smart Card Facility for RELHS beneficiaries.
- vi) RELHS to be open-ended scheme
- vii) Streamlining of functioning of Railway Hospitals

6.13 Welfare Measures for Railway pensioners

- i) Include pensioners' representatives in various Committees.

- ii) Provision of office accommodation to Pensioners' Associations
- iii) Dealing with the Pensioners' Associations
- iv) Allow dependents in widow passes
- v) Provision of passes to family pensioners other than the widow

6.14 Implementation of the MACP

Ministry of Railways agreed to examine issues on merit in consultation with Pensioners' Associations. In case they have any other grievance they may approach Railway authorities

(Action: Ministry of Railways)

7. Secretary (Pension & PW) also requested the representatives of various Ministries/Departments that non-pensionary issues raised by the Pensioners' Associations would be better handled by the concerned Ministries/Department itself by giving them patient hearing on regular basis.

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair.

CGHS Matter

In reply to an RTI application from Sri S.S. Ramachandran, General Secretary, All India Central Confederation of Pensioner Associations, Delhi, the MoH & FW, in their letter No. RTI-12034/78/20212- CGHS III dated 8-6-2012 has replied that

- i) 2,000 cards (within 3 km area) are required to open a new CGHS dispensary in an existing city and
- ii) 6,000 cards are required in a new city subject to the availability of resources and approval of the competent authority.

Our Office located in R.T. Nagar HPO Building

Since the CPMG wanted additional accommodation for the use of R.T. Nagar HPO, we were asked to surrender the accommodation. We have vacated our office in R.T. Nagar on 17-10-2012. Arrangements are being made for getting an assistant to look after our office in "Pensioners' Bhavan", Telecom Layout near Jakkur, Bangalore.

Newly-Enrolled Members

	(Smt/Sri)	Designation & Office in which last worked	Type & No.
1.	B. Hanumaiah	Dy. P.M. Rajajinagar HPO, Bg.	LM 2026
2.	T.R. Karne	S.P.M. Nehru Colony P.O., Hospet	LM 2027
3.	D. Srinivasa Reddy	Senior Seientific Asst., DGAQA, DRDL, Hyderabad	ALM 2028
4.	J.S. Konnur	HSA, Gulbarga RMS	LM 2029
5.	R. Jagadeeshan	Senior Store Keeper, DRDO Bg.	ALM 2030
6.	K. Nagendrappa	Cash Overseer, Hospet, H.PO	LM 2031
7.	K. Tara Singh	Postman, N.C.C. P.O., Hospet HPO	LM 2032
8.	M.A. Setty	JSO, LRDE, Bg	ALM 2033

LM: Life Member

ALM: Associate Life Member

**Grant of Dearness Relief to Central Government pensioners/family pensioners -
Revised rate effective from 1.7.2012**

(O.M. F.No. 42/13/2012-P&PW (G) dated 4.10.2012 of DoP&PW)

The undersigned is directed to refer to this Department's OM No. 42/13/2012-P&PW(G) dated 4th April, 2012 on the subject mentioned above and to state that the President is pleased to decide that the Dearness Relief (DR) payable to Central Government pensioners/family pensioners shall be enhanced from the existing rate of 65% to 72% w.e.f. 1st July, 2012.

2. These orders apply to (i) All Civilian Central Government pensioners/family pensioners (ii) The Armed Forces Pensioners, Civilian Pensioners paid out of the Defence Service Estimates, (iii) All India Service Pensioners (iv) Railway Pensioners and (v) The Burma Civilian Pensioners/Family Pensioners and pensioners/families of displaced Government Pensioners from Pakistan, who are Indian National but receiving pension on behalf of Government of Pakistan and are in receipt of ad-hoc ex-gratia allowance of Rs. 3,500/- p.m. in terms of this Department OM No. 23.1.97-P&PW(B) dated 23.2.1998 read with this Department's OM No. 23.3.2008-P&PW(B) dated 15.9.2008.

3. Central Government Employees who had drawn lumpsum amount on absorption in a PSU/ Autonomous body and have become eligible to restoration of 1/3rd commuted portion of pension as well as revision of the restored amount in terms of this Department's OM No. 4.59.97-P&PW (D) dated 14.7.1998 will also be entitled to the payment of DR @ 72% w.e.f. 1.7.2012 on full pension i.e. the revised pension which the absorbed employee would have received on the date of restoration had he not drawn lumpsum payment on absorption and Dearness Pension subject to fulfillment of the conditions laid down in para 5 of the O.M. dated 14.7.98. In this connection, instructions contained in this Department's OM No. 4.29.99-P&PW (D) dated. 12.7.2000 refer.

4. Payment of DR involving a fraction of a rupee shall be rounded off to the next higher rupee.

5. Other provisions governing grant of DR in respect of employed family pensioners and re-employed Central Government pensioners will be regulated in accordance with the provisions

contained in this Department's OM No. 45.73.97-P&P W G) dated 2.7.1999 as amended vide this Department's OM No. F. No. 38.88.2008-P&PW(G) dated 9th July, 2009. The provisions relating to regulation of DR where a pensioner is in receipt of more than one pension, will remain unchanged.

6. In the case of retired Judges of the Supreme Court and High Courts, necessary orders will be issued by the Department of Justice separately.

7. It will be the responsibility of the pension disbursing authorities, including the nationalized banks, etc. to calculate the quantum of DR payable in each individual case.

8. The offices of Accountant General and Authorised Public Sector Banks are requested to arrange payment of relief to pensioners etc. on the basis of these instructions without waiting for any further instructions from the Comptroller and Auditor General of India and the Reserve Bank of India in view of letter No. 528-TA, II/34-80-II dated 23/04/1981 of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India addressed to all Accountant Generals and Reserve Bank of India Circular No. GANB No. 2958/GA-64 (ii) (CGL)/81 dated the 21st May, 1981 addressed to State Bank of India and its subsidiaries and all Nationalised Banks.

9. In their application to the pensioners/family pensioners belonging to Indian Audit and Accounts Department, these orders issue after consultation with the C&AG.

**List showing the names of
members whose donation has
reached Rs. 10,000 and above
(consequent on donation received
in September 2012)**

LM / ALM	Name (Smt./Sri)
79	Abdul Jabbar
1980	Vasantha Leela
228	S.S. Murthy
1022	M.Vasudevan

Right to Information Rules, 2012

(G.I. Dept of Per. & Trg., NOtification No. F.No. 1/35/2009-IR. dated 31.7.2012)

G.S.R. 603(E) - In exercise of the powers conferred by Section 27 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (22 of 2005) and in supersession of the Central Information Commission (Appeal Procedure) Rules, 2005 and the Right to Information (Regulation of Fee and Cost) Rules, 2005 except as respects things done or omitted to be done before such supersession, the Central Government hereby makes the following rules, namely:-

1. Short title and commencement- (1) These rules may be called the Right to Information Rules, 2012.

(2) They shall come into force on the date of their publication in the Official Gazette.

2. Definitions- In these rules, unless the context otherwise requires

- (a) "Act" means the Right to Information Act, 2005 (22 of 2005)
- (b) "Commission" means the Central Information Commission constituted under sub-section (1) of Section 12 of the Act.
- (c) "First Appellate Authority" means an officer in the public authority who is senior in rank to the Central Public Information Officer to whom an appeal under sub-section (1) of Section 19 of the Act lies;
- (d) "Registrar means an officer of the Commission so designated and includes an Additional Registrar, Joint Registrar and Deputy Registrar
- (e) "Section" means a Section of the Act
- (f) All other words and expressions used herein, but not defined in these rules shall have the same meanings assigned to them in the Act.

3. Application Fee- An application under sub-section (1) of Section 6 of the Act shall be accompanied by a fee of rupees ten and shall ordinarily not contain more than five hundred words, excluding annexures, containing address of the Central Public Information Officer and that of the Applicant:

Provided that no application shall be

rejected only on the ground that it contains more than five hundred words.

4. Fees for providing information- Fee for providing information under sub-section (4) of Section 4 and sub-sections (1) and (5) of Section 7 of the Act shall be charged at the following rates, namely:-

- a) rupees two for each page in A-3 or smaller size paper
- b) actual cost or price of photocopy in large size paper
- c) actual cost or price for samples or models
- d) rupees fifty per diskette or floppy
- e) price fixed for a publication or rupees two per page of photocopy for extracts from the publications
- f) no fee for inspection of records for the first hour of inspection and a fee of rupees 5 for each subsequent hour or fraction thereof and
- g) so much of Postal charge involved in supply of information that exceeds fifty rupees.

5. Exemption from Payment of Fee- No fee under Rule 3 and Rule-4 shall be charged from any person who is below poverty line, provided a copy of the certificate issued by the appropriate Government in this regard is submitted along with the application.

6. Mode of Payment of fee- Fees under these rules may be paid in any of the following manner, namely

- a) in cash, to the public authority or to the Central Assistant Public Information Officer of the public authority, as the case may be against a proper receipt or
- b) by demand draft or bankers cheque or Indian Postal Order payable to the Accounts Officer of the public authority or
- c) by electronic means to the Accounts Officer of the public authority, if facility for receiving fees through electronic mean is available with the public authority

7. Appointment of Secretary to the

Commission- The Central Government shall appoint an officer not below the rank of Additional Secretary to the Government of India as Secretary to the Commission.

8. Appeal to the Commission- Any person aggrieved by an Order passed by the First Appellate Authority or by non-disposal of his appeal by the First Appellate Authority, may file an appeal to the Commission in the format given in the Appendix and shall be accompanied by the following documents, duly authenticated and verified by the Appellant, namely

- i) a copy of the application submitted to the Central Public Information Officer
- ii) a copy of the reply received, if any, from the Central Public Information Officer
- iii) a copy of the appeal made to the First Appellate Authority
- iv) a copy of the Order received, if any, from the First Appellate Authority
- v) copies of other documents relied upon by the Appellant and referred to in his appeal; and
- vi) an index of the documents referred to in the appeal.

9. Return of Appeal- An appeal may be returned to the Appellant if it is not accompanied by the documents as specified in Rule 8 for removing the deficiencies and filing the appeal complete in all respects.

10. Process of appeal- (1) On receipt of an appeal, if the Commission is not satisfied that it is a fit case to proceed with, it may, after giving an opportunity of being heard to the Appellant and after recording its reasons, dismiss the appeal

Provided that no appeal shall be dismissed only on the ground that it has not been made in the specified format if it is accompanied by documents as specified in Rule 8

2) The Commission shall not consider an appeal unless it is satisfied that the Appellant has availed of all the remedies available to him under the Act.

3) For the purposes of sub-rule (2), a person shall be deemed to have availed of all

the remedies available to him under the Act

- a) if he had filed an appeal before the First Appellate Authority and the First Appellate Authority or any other person competent to pass order on such appeal had made a final order on the appeal: or
- b) where no final order has been made by the First Appellate Authority with regard to the appeal preferred, and a period of forty-five days from the date on which such appeal was preferred has elapsed.

11. Procedure for deciding appeals- The Commission, while deciding an appeal may

- i) receive oral or written evidence on oath or on affidavit from concerned or interested person
- ii) peruse or inspect documents, public records or copies thereof
- iii) inquire through authorized officer further details or facts
- iv) hear Central Public Information Officer, Central Assistant Public Information Officer or the First Appellate Authority, or such person against whose action the appeal is preferred, as the case may be
- v) hear third party and
- vi) receive evidence on affidavits from Central Public Information Officer, Central Assistant Public Information Officer, First Appellate Authority and such other person against whom the appeal lies or the third party.

12. Presence of the Appellant before the Commission- (1) The Appellant shall be informed of the date at least seven clear days before the date of hearing.

2) The Appellant may be present in person or through his duly authorized representative or through video conferencing, if the facility of video conferencing is available, at the time of hearing of the appeal by the Commission.

3) Where the commission is satisfied that the circumstances exist due to which the Appellant is unable to attend the hearing, then, the Commission may afford the Appellant another

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Maintenance and Welfare of Parents and Senior Citizens Act 2007

All Indian citizens are entitled to Fundamental Rights guaranteed to them by the Indian Constitution. Senior Citizens are no exceptions. They are also entitled to Fundamental Rights to life and personal liberty, freedom of speech and equality before law, but these rights are often difficult for them to achieve for a variety of reasons.

Government of India has come to the rescue of the elderly and has brought about an "Act" to provide for more effective provisions for the maintenance and welfare of parents and Senior Citizens guaranteed and recognized under the Constitution and for matters connected therewith incidental thereto as follows:-

Applicability: It extends to the whole of India, except the State of J&K and it applies also to citizens of India residing outside.

Effective date: The Act comes into force in a State from the date fixed and notified by the concerned State Governments in its Official Gazette

Provisions: The Act has provisions detailed under the following chapters: (I) Definitions, (II) Maintenance of Parents and Senior Citizens, (III) Establishment of old age homes. (IV) Medical Care, (V) Protection of life and property

Summary of provisions: What is a Senior Citizen, Parent, Child or Relative?

Under the Act, Senior Citizen is any citizen of India of 60 years and above whether living in India or not. Parent is the father or mother, even if not 60 years yet. Children are the adult sons, daughters, grandson and granddaughters including adopted/step-children

Relatives are those who are either in possession of the property of the Senior citizen or would inherit it.

Who can demand maintenance under the Act?

Parents and grandparents who are unable to maintain themselves from their own income can demand maintenance from their children as defined above. Childless Senior Citizens who are unable to maintain themselves from their own income can demand maintenance from their relatives as defined above.

What is maintenance? Maintenance includes provisions for food, clothing, residence, medical attention and treatments. Maximum amount which may be ordered for maintenance by the Tribunal shall be such as prescribed by the State Governments, which shall not exceed Rs. 10000/- pm.

Who is entitled for maintenance? Parents, grandparents Senior Citizens, who are unable to maintain themselves from their own income and property, are entitled to demand maintenance from their children and specified relatives respectively with sufficient means.

Whose obligation is it to maintain the elderly?

It is the obligation of the children and specified relatives with sufficient means to provide maintenance for their parents and childless Senior Citizens respectively

How is the application for maintenance made and decided? Application for maintenance may be made by the Senior Citizens or parents to the Tribunal under Section 4, in lay person's language giving names, full details and addresses of the persons, from whom they are demanding maintenance. If there are more than one child, or relatives, they may claim maintenance from one or all of them depending upon their means of income. Maintenance proceedings may be initiated against any child/children or relatives, in any district where the parent or Sr. Citizen lives or last lived or where the child/children or relative live. If such applicants are incapable of making an application themselves, any other person or registered voluntary organization authorized by him/her, can make the application, or the Tribunal can take SUOMOTO cognizance and proceed. Upon receipt of application, the Tribunal would issue notices to the children/relatives, conduct hearings, take evidence and order maintenance. Tribunal may also refer the case for reconciliation or pass interim orders for maintenance, if the children or relatives failed to pay the ordered maintenance without sufficient reasons for 3 months after failed due dates. The Senior Citizens can approach Tribunal again, who may impose a fine or order imprisonment of the child/children/relative upto a month or until payment is made, whichever is

earlier.

What if the elderly themselves/their children/relatives do not have sufficient means to maintain them?

State Government may establish, in a phased manner, sufficient Senior Citizens homes and maintain the same for indigent, abandoned and neglected (by kith and kin) beginning with at least one old age home in each district sufficient to accommodate 150 elderly. State Government may also prescribe scheme for management of old age homes, set standards and prescribe minimum services for medical care and entertainments for occupants.

Abandonments: Under sec 24: if any body who has responsibility for the care or protection of a Senior Citizen, leaves him/her, in any place with the intention of wholly abandoning, such persons shall be punishable under the Act with imprisonment of either 3 months or fine upto Rs. 5000/- or both. The offence would be cognizable and will be tried by a Magistrate.

Conditional transfer of property: An important provision has been made for the elderly to claim their property back from children, if given conditionally, after commencement of the Act, on promise of looking after their needs and amenities, if such promises are not fulfilled. Under sec 23 if after commencement of the Act any parent/Senior Citizen have transferred their property to their children or relatives on the condition that they would provide certain maintenance/amenities, but subsequently neglected or refused to do so, the parents/Senior Citizen, can get such transfer treated as fraudulent or coercive acquisition and seek return of their property so transferred.

Role of Government:

- 1) Constitution of Maintenance. Tribunals and Appellate tribunals by State Governments in all revenue Sub Divisions within 6 months of commencement of the Act.
- 2) State Governments may make rules for carrying out the purpose of the Act by Gazettee notification
- 3) Summary trials by the Tribunals for passing of Orders for maintenance.

- 4) Lawyers are excluded from the proceedings
- 5) Elderly can choose to seek maintenance, either under this Act or under the provisions of the Criminal Procedure Code 1973, if applicable but not under both the provisions
- 6) No civil courts to have jurisdictions in respect of any matter to which any provision of this Act apply
- 7) No injunction shall be granted by any Civil Courts in respect of anything which is done or intended to be done by or under this Act (sec:27)
- 8) State Governments to designate Dist. Social Welfare Officer or an equivalent officer as Maintenance Officer
- 9) Maintenance Officer can represent a parent or Senior Citizen if he/she so wants.
- 10) State Governments may establish and maintain sufficient Senior Citizen's homes for indigent or abandoned and neglected (by their kith and kin) beginning with one each in district, sufficient to house 150 elderly.
- 11) State Governments may prescribe schemes for maintenance of old age homes, setting standards, and minimum services necessary for medical care and entertainments.
- 12) State Governments to establish specific medical facilities, allocate doctors/beds, extend treatments for chronic, terminal and degenerative diseases and conduct research on ailments.
- 13) State Governments to take all measures to sensitize and orient the police and judiciary regarding protection of life and property of elderly under the provisions of the Act.

This is a model legislation passed by Central Government for adaption and application by all the States. The Act will apply in a State from the date fixed and notified by State in Official Gazette.

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Editor's Note: The Act has since been notified in the States of Karnataka (2009), AP, Assam, Delhi, Goa, Jharkhand, M.P, Nagaland, Rajasthan and Tripura.

How will world care for all the elderly?

By Judith Graham

All over the world, people are living longer than ever before and posing caregiving challenges that span the globe. We think of this phenomenon as particularly true of wealthy "first world" countries like the United States. But it's not.

Consider these facts, drawn from a fascinating new portrait of global ageing published by the United Nations Population Fund. Developing countries in Africa, Asia and other regions are experiencing the most rapid ageing of their populations, not developed countries like those in Europe or North those in Europe or North America. "Today, almost two in three people aged 60 or over live in developing countries, and by 2050, nearly four in five will live in the developing world", By 2050, an estimated 280 million people in developing countries - most of them women, who tend to live longer than men - will be in this category, compared with 122 million in developed regions.

Here are some other facts that made my head spin: Almost 58 million people world wide will turn 60 this year. By 2050, there will be more old people than children under the age of 15 for the first time in history. It's hard to wrap one's mind around a demographic change of this magnitude and the caregiving challenges that it entails.

True nightmare

The true nightmare prospect is this; People live longer, with more chronic illnesses like high blood pressure or diabetes, in poorer health, requiring more attention from family members and costly medical care.

Should the globalisation of ageing follow that path, the strains on governments and families will be extraordinary and potentially devastating.

The authors of the United Nations report argue that those goals are achievable, with well thought out policies and a firm commitment to care for the elderly, while taking advantage of their wisdom, skills and experience.

But data in the report speaks to the enormous scope of this challenge. Witness this nugget: "Worldwide, more than 46 percent of people aged 60 years and over have disabilities and more than 250 million older people experience moderate to severe disability.

Which conditions top the list in developing countries? Visual impairments like cataracts, glaucoma, refractive errors and macular degeneration, which currently affect 94.2 million people, hearing loss (43.9

million people), osteoarthritis (19.4 million) and ischemic heart disease (11.9 million)

Who will take care of older adults with these problems? Once it was a given that families would do so in the developing world, where nearly three quarters of adults live in intergenerational households rather than on their own, which is the norm in the United States and Europe.

But as middle-aged adults leave rural areas for economic opportunities in the city this is happening in Africa, large parts of China and other regions-older adults are left behind to tend to grandchildren and take care of themselves as best they can, without the aid of adult children.

"Informal support systems for older persons are increasingly coming under stress as a consequence, among others, of lower fertility, out migration of the young, and women working outside the home", the United Nations report observes. What this means is that the old are taking care of the old in many instances.

Japan is currently the oldest country in the world, the only one where elders represent more than 30 percent of the total population. There, about 60 per cent of so-called informal caregivers (friends or relatives who care for older people voluntarily, without being paid) are 50 or older.

It's no surprise that the United Nations Populations Fund reiterates the need for greater support for caregivers of the elderly. Progress is being made, it notes, with some countries (the Russian Federation, the Slovak Republic, Turkey, the United Kingdom and Canada) introducing paid "allowances" for caregivers, others passing laws supporting caregivers (Japan, Finland and Sweden) and still others developing national strategies relating to caregiving (Australia, New Zealand and Britain) Countries around the world a decade ago developed a framework known as the Madrid International Plan of Action of Ageing, to respond to these trends and others.

Enlightened policies, including those dealing with caregiving, may make a great difference in the experience of older adults in the years to come. Stasis and a failure to envision new ways of responding to these demographic shifts, both here in the United States and in the world that surrounds us, no longer seem an option, but the way ahead remains unclear.

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opportunity of being heard before a final decision is taken or take any other appropriate action as it may deem fit.

13. Presentation by the Public Authority- The public authority may authorize any representative or any of its officers to present its case.

14. Service of notice by Commission- The Commission may issue the notice by name, which shall be served in any of the following mode namely:-

- i) service by the party itself
- ii) by hand delivery (dasti) through Process Server
- iii) by registered post with acknowledgement due
- iv) by electronic mail in case electronic address is available

15. Order of the Commission- The order of the Commission shall be in writing and issued under the seal of the Commission duly authenticated by the Registrar or any other officer authorized by the Commission for this purpose.

FORMAT OF APPEAL

(See Rule 8)

1. Name and address of the Appellant
2. Name and address of the Central Public Information Officer to whom the application was addressed
3. Name and address of the Central Public Information Officer who gave reply to the Application
4. Name and address of the First Appellate Authority who decided the First Appeal
5. Particulars of the application
6. Particulars of the order(s) including number, if any, against which the appeal is preferred
7. Brief facts leading to the appeal
8. Prayer or relief sought
9. Grounds for the prayer or relief
10. Any other information relevant to the appeal
11. Verification/Authentication by the Appellant.

OBITUARY

Smt. K. Rajalakshmi (ALM 1870), Retd. Technical Officer, LRDE, Bangalore, expired on 24.9.2012 at the age of 66 years. She is survived by two sons.

Sri. S.S. Murthy (LM 228), Retd. AGM, Bangalore Telecom District, expired on 8-10-2012 at the age of 76 years. He is survived by his wife, a son and a daughter

Sri. B. Sethumadhava Rao (LM 1931), Retd. SPM, Kamalapura, Bellary District, expired on 14-10-2012 at the age of 74 years. He is survived by wife, a son and a daughter.

Justice Sri M.B. Viswanath (ALM 860), Retd. Judge, High Court of Karnataka, expired on 14-10-2012 at the age of 76 years. He is survived by his wife two sons and a daughter.

We convey our heartfelt condolences to the bereaved.

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July 12	212	2414	201.16	73.78
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By. K.B. Krishna Rao

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(For use by Pensioners' Assns., identified with Pensioners' Portal)

Ministry/Department from which Retired

Office from which retired

Address

Pin Code

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PPO Number

PPO Holder Name

Last Post Held

Type of Retirement/Nature of pension

Year of Retirement

Have you approached your Ministry/Deptt. with this grievance?

Grievance letter No. *(A copy to be enclosed)*

Whether reminded and on what date?

Whether any reply received? *(If so, a copy of the reply may be enclosed)*

Please enter Grievance Description upto 4000 characters in the box below

Members desirous of filing their grievances through our Association making use of CPENGRAMS under "Pensioners' Portal" may send the same in the format furnished above

The letter may be addressed to the office of the Association at Banashankari 2nd Stage, Bangalore-560 070..

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228	S.S. Murthy	4,000	20,001	1658	V.K. Kulkarni	1,000	1,500
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Payment of IDA at revised rates with effect from 1-10-2012

Board level and below Board Level posts including non-unionised supervisors in Central Public Sector Enterprises (CPSEs)- Revision of scales of pay w.e.f. 1.1.2007.

(O.M. F.No. 2(70)/2008-DPE(WC)-GL XII/12 of Gol. Ministry of Heavy Industries & Public Enterprises Department of Public Enterprises.)

In modification of this Department's O.M. of even No. date 9.7.2012, the rate of DA payable to the executives and non-unionized supervisors of CPSEs (2007 pay revision) may be as follows:

Effective Date	Average of AICPI	Revised DA rates (%)
1.10.2012	211.33	67.3%

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

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