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Meeting of SCOVA notified to take place on 5th February, 2014

Items /Issues for inclusion in the Agenda to be discussed in the 24th meeting of Standing Committee of Voluntary Agencies (SCOVA) scheduled to be held in the month of February 2014, Submitted by Karnataka Posts and Telecommunications Pensioners' Association

1. Change of procedure prescribed in DoP&PW O.M. dated 13-2-2013 for computation/stepping up of revised pension/ family pension and payment of of arrears in terms of O.M. dated 28-1-2013.

Pension Disbursing Banks / Post Offices may please be authorized to pay the revised pension / family pension computed in terms of DoP&PW O.M. dated 28.1.2013 including arrears thereon, without waiting for receipt of Revised Pension Payment Authorities from the PAOs concerned by following the same procedure as prescribed by DoP&PW vide its O.M. dated 1-9-2008 issued in connection with implementation of the recommendations of VI CPC, since a large

number of pensioners have not yet received their RPAs from their respective PAOs even after a lapse of nearly one year from the date of issue of O.M. dated 28-1-2013 and pensioners who are in their advanced age eagerly await stepping up of their pension/family pension and payment of arrears. The instructions contained DoP&PW O.M. dated 13-2-2013 issued for implementation of the benefits admissible under O.M. dated 28-1-2013 may kindly be modified to facilitate pension disbursing Banks /Post Offices to revise the pension/family pension, if beneficial, and start payment of revised pension/family pension, and there after furnish the particulars of the revised pension/family pension to the PAOs concerned to verify the correctness of the revision made

and to issue revised pension payment authorities.

2. Role of Pensioners' Associations in Pension Adalats

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

ii) However, the role of Pensioners' Associations in Pension Adalats has been limited to assist only the illiterate pensioners, widows and minors to present their grievances, when permitted (vide para. 6.4). Though representatives of Pensioners' Associations may be invited to attend the Pension Adalats, they are not permitted to present the grievances of the pensioners. (Vide, para. 6.3)

iii) The 5th CPC has recommended, vide para-139.17 of its report that "Pensioners should be allowed to present their cases before such Adalats through any other person/representative of Pensioners' Association, as they themselves may not be conversant with the Rules". Hence, it is requested that Pensioners' Associations may be permitted to present the grievances of their pensioner members before Pension Adalats, if such assistance is sought for by pensioners.

3. Uniform application of date of increase in amount of Fixed Medical Allowance to all those pensioners who are entitled for the same.

Pensioners of Statutory /Autonomous Bodies like Tobacco Board, Rubber Board, Spices Board and Tea Board (all under the administrative control of Department of Commerce under the Ministry of Commerce & Industry, Govt. of India) as well as Central Silk Board (under Ministry of Textiles) and Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan (under the Ministry of HRD) have all been paid FMA @ Rs. 300/-pm. with effect from 1-9-2008, on par with Central Government Pensioners, whereas the pensioners of Coffee Board alone (which is also under the

Department of Commerce) have been paid the increase in FMA w.e.f. from 1-1-2009. This discrimination may kindly be removed and the increase in FMA may please be given to pensioners of Coffee Board also from 1-9-2008.

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

It is requested that CGHS benefits may kindly be extended to the pensioners of Statutory / Autonomous Bodies, like Coffee Board, Rubber Board, Tea Board, Spices Board and Tobacco Board (under the Department of Commerce, Ministry of Commerce and Industry), Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan (under the Ministry of HRD), Khadi & Village Industries Commission (under the Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises), Central Silk Board (under the Ministry of Textiles) and National Council of Science Museum (under the Ministry of Culture). In this connection, it will be relevant to mention that CGHS facility has already been extended to the pensioners of other Central Government Autonomous Bodies like Indian Council of Agriculture Research, New Delhi, Indian Agricultural Research Institute, New Delhi, Council of Scientific and Industrial Research, New Delhi, Indian Council of Medical Research, New Delhi and NCERT, New Delhi. Recently, the Government has extended CGHS benefits to all those Central Government employees who were permanently absorbed in Statutory / Autonomous Bodies of Central Government and retired from such bodies, subject to the condition that they are in receipt of Central Civil Pension, vide OM No. 11013/2/2006-CGHS(P) dated 17-2-2011 of MoH&FW.

5. Providing Indoor treatment facility to retired employees attached to Postal Dispensaries which could not be merged with CGHS and discontinuation of collection of contribution from them.

After merger of 19 postal dispensaries in 12 cities with CGHS, where CGHS and Postal dispensaries co-existed vide MoH & FW Notification dated 9.7.2013, there remains 33 dispensaries in cities namely; Vadodra, Agra, Moradabad, Saharanpur, Varanasi, Gorakhpur, Aligarh, Bareilly, Berhampur, Cuttack, Siliguri, Jalpaiguri, Tiruchirapally, Tirunelveli, Ambala,

Silchar, Dibrugarh, Guntur, Nellore, Rajamundry, Vijayawada, Vishakhapatnam, Ajmer, Jodhpur, Kota, Dhanbad, Darbhanga, Gaya, Muzzafarpur, Chappra, Raipur, Amritsar and Jalandhar. In these Postal dispensaries, only outdoor treatment is given for serving and retired employees. Whereas, serving employees can avail, indoor treatment through CS (MA) Rules, **retired employees are denied indoor treatment** as they are not covered by CS (MA) Rules. Further, while serving employees are not required to pay any contribution to obtain either out door or indoor medical treatment, retired employees have to pay yearly contribution for availing only outdoor treatment from postal dispensaries. Hence, the retired employees should also be provided with the facility of availing indoor medical treatment and collection of yearly contribution from them must be dispensed with.

6. Applicability of PB 3 Rs.15,600-39,100 to all pre-2006 Retirees who retired with the pre-revised 5th CPC pay scale of Rs. 8000-275-13,500 or 4th CPC pay scale of Rs. 2,200-4,000.

Ministry of Communications & IT, Department of Posts, vide its letter No.45-25/2011-Pension dated 9-7-2012 has clarified that in so far as it relates to revision of pension/family pension, as envisaged in the Department of Pension & PW O.M. dated 14-10-2008, for being applicable to the JTS Group "A" pre-2006 Retirees of the Department of Posts is concerned, the corresponding replacement scale of Rs. 15,600-39,100 in PB 3 (not being an upgraded scale) as given at Sl.No.17 of Concordance Table annexed to OM dated 14-10-2008 ibid shall only apply".

Department of Posts has issued the above said clarification after seeking the opinion of DoP&PW on the subject and DoP & PW vide its letter ID No.38/6/12-P&PW (A) dated 28-6-2012 is stated to have opined that "though two corresponding Pay Bands that is Rs. 9,300-34,800 (PB2) and Rs. 15,600-39,100 (PB 3) are given in the Concordance Table annexed to O.M. dated 14-10-2008, both are normal corresponding Pay Bands and not upgraded Pay Bands and it is for the concerned Administrative Department to decide as to which Pay Band will be applicable to the pre-revised pay scale of Rs. 8,000-13,500 in that particular Department.

It is requested that the opinion of DoP&PW given to the Dept. of Posts may kindly be communicated to all other Departments to enable them to take a decision with regard to applicability of PB 3- Rs. 15,600-39,100 to the pre-2006 retirees of their Department who retired from the pre-revised pay scale of Rs. 8,300-13,500 (V CPC) or Rs. 2,200-4,000 (IV CPC) so as to ensure that all pre-2006 retirees who retired from the said pre-revised pay scales are extended the benefit of modified parity in pension in terms of Para 4.2 of the O.M. dated 1-9-2008.

7. Printing of "Subscriber number" on address slips of Journals published by Pensioners' Associations. (Registered News papers)

Some of the Pensioners' Associations are bringing out monthly journals, which are "Registered News papers" as defined in Section-9 of the Indian Post Office Act, 1988 and have also been granted "Postal Registration numbers" by the respective Post Masters General permitting the Associations to post their journals in the designated post office of the Postal Circles at postal tariff prescribed for Registered News Papers.

As permissible under Rule 30(f) of the Indian Post Office, Rules, 1933, the "Subscriber Number" is printed on the address slip pasted on the journal. Some of the Pensioners' Associations in Bangalore, with a view to quickly find out the month and year of expiry of subscription of individual subscribers, slightly lengthened the subscriber number printed on the address slips to indicate the month and year up to which the subscription is current as "LM-500/12/2014". But, this was objected to by the Post Office which insisted that only the subscriber number "LM-500" should be on the address slip.

It is felt that by slightly lengthening the subscriber number written on the address slip, Pensioners' Associations are not violating any of the provisions of the Indian Post Office Rules, 1933 and also there will not be any loss of revenue to the Department of Posts. Hence, it is requested that necessary instructions may kindly be caused to be issued to all concerned to allow indication of "such type of subscriber numbers" on address slips.

8. Threat of Empanelled Private Hospitals to withdraw Cashless facilities for treatment of CGHS beneficiaries.

The Association of Healthcare Providers of India have exhibited a notice in the premises of Empanelled Private Hospitals captioned "Kind Attention-CGHS Beneficiaries" in which it has been stated that cashless services to CGHS beneficiaries will be withdrawn with effect from Saturday, February 1,2014.

If Empanelled Private Hospitals stop providing cashless services as threatened by their Association, it will cause immense financial problems to the pensioners who are CGHS beneficiaries. Hence, it is requested that immediate necessary action may kindly be caused to be taken to ensure that CGHS beneficiaries continue to get cashless facility for treatment in empanelled private hospitals.

9. Issue of Smart Cards to Railway Pensioners under RELHS for obtaining cashless medical facilities at empanelled Private Hospitals in case of emergency.

The Railway Board had issued orders about 18 months ago for issue of smart cards to Railway pensioners and their family members for availing cashless medical facilities in emergencies in empanelled private hospitals. But, smart cards have not yet been issued to Railway pensioners in Bangalore. It is requested that the matter may please be expedited. However, if there are any difficulties for immediate implementation of the proposal to issue smart cards to all of the Railway pensioners, in the first instance, they may be issued at least to pensioners who are in their advanced age, say 80 years and above who belong to the vulnerable group of older people who are likely to face medical emergencies requiring immediate medical treatment.

10. Empanelment of more number of private hospitals in Bangalore under RELHS.

There are only two Railway Hospitals in Bangalore viz, Railway Divisional Hospital, Bangalore City and RWF Railway Hospital, Yelahanka. In addition to these two Railway Hospitals, only two Private Hospitals viz. St.Johns Medical College Hospital, Koramangala and M.S.Ramaih Memorial Hospital,New BEL Road,

Bangalore have been empanelled under RELHS.

A large number of Railway employees and pensioners in Bangalore have to depend on these four hospitals for their medical treatment. Pensioners who reside in far-flung areas of the City have to commute long distances to reach one of these hospitals. Hence there is an urgent need for recognizing/empanelling more number of private hospitals in different parts of the City to cater to the needs of the beneficiaries of RELHS, like CGHS, under which in Bangalore 15 Hospitals, 5 Dental care clinics, 21 Eye care hospitals and 8 Diagnostic centres have been empanelled for the treatment of CGHS beneficiaries.

11. Grant of T.A. to Non-official Members attending the SCOVA meetings-Permission to perform journey by AIR and grant of actual expenses, when the journey performed is above 1,000 km.

Generally, all the Non-official Members representing Pensioners' Associations who attend the SCOVA meetings are in their advanced age and are not in robust health to withstand the strains associated with journeys performed by Road and Rail especially, when such journeys extend beyond 24 hours and the distance travelled is above 1,000 km. The plight of those members who are suffering from old age ailments needs no explanation. Journey performed by Air, even from a place in the southern most part of the country may not take more than 3 hours to reach the Capital city of New Delhi where SCOVA meetings are held. Further, journey by Air is not as tedious as the journey by Rail and therefore it is preferable.

Supplementary Rule 190(b) states that "A Competent Authority may, in its discretion; grant to the person concerned his actual travelling, hotel and carriage expenses instead of travelling allowance under that clause, if it considers that such allowance would be inadequate." Further, as per the provisions contained in G.I., M.F., O.M. No.F.19024/7/82-E dated the 8th October, 1982 incorporated in Appendix 2 of F.R.& S.R. Part II (T.A.Rules) performing journey by train by the non-officials is compulsory only when the distance travelled is up to 500 km and the journey could be performed by overnight

Non-official Members who attend SCOVA Meetings as representatives of Pensioners' Associations functioning in the Southern part of the Country have to travel above 2,000 km to reach New Delhi and the hours of journey, if performed by train, is also more than 40 hours. Similarly, the Members from places in Western and some places in the Eastern part of the Country have to travel for a distance of above 1000 km and the period of journey, if performed by train, will be more than 24 hours. In view of the provisions under T.A. Rules stated in the

preceding paragraph, it is requested that the case of non-official members travelling above 1,000 km to attend SCOVA meetings may be considered sympathetically and as a special case, grant them actual travelling expenses incurred by them when they perform the journey by Air, without limiting their claim to the train fare by entitled class, which would go a long way in helping the Pensioners' Associations, since the Associations have to meet extra expenditure, if the T.A. claim of their representatives is restricted to the Train fare.

Central Government is in the process of revising the CGHS Rates

In a good news for lakhs of beneficiaries under the Central Government Health Scheme (CGHS), the Government is in the process of revising the rates of medical procedures offered by empanelled hospitals and diagnostic centres and giving them early payment assurance to encourage more medical institutions join the scheme.

The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare has floated e-tenders for empanelment of hospitals and decided that the rates of various medical procedures would be fixed by an average of rates quoted in e-tenders instead of the old system where the lowest quotation became the rate.

Rates of all medical procedures under CGHS would be revised by April this year.

Not just that, the Government is also revising its policy by providing empanelled hospitals assured upfront payment of 70 per cent of the total bill within five days of its presentation and balance admissible amount within a maximum period of 30 days.

The direction for a 10 per cent deduction in case of early/cash payment to hospitals under CGHS has also been done away with, highly-placed sources in the Ministry told PTI.

"These measures will put an end to the problems of delayed payments which discourage hospitals from getting empanelled under the scheme," a Health Ministry official said.

Under the new policy finalised by the Ministry, the category of super specialty hospitals empanelled under the CGHS has also been done away with.

"Now, hospitals, exclusive eye hospitals/centres, exclusive dental clinics and diagnostic centres shall be empanelled for all facilities available in the health care organisation as approved by National Accreditation Board for Hospitals/National Accreditation Board for Labs and the Quality Council of India and shall not be empanelled for selected specialities/facilities," the new policy says.

The changes will help rope in more hospitals, clinics and diagnostic centres under the CGHS as many renowned and big hospitals were shying away from being empanelled under the scheme due to pending payments and low rates for medical procedures.

Sources said payments of bills amounting to around Rs 100 crore of private hospitals are pending with the Government under CGHS alone, even though hospitals are crying hoarse that pending payments are to the tune of over Rs 400 crore.

Officials, however, say this huge amount is not pending under CGHS and it may include payments under ECHS, ESI and health bills of other big departments like Delhi Police and others.

(As per a report in Business Standard received through -mail)

Record Note of the meeting held on 24.10.2013 at 3.00 p.m. to discuss the possible Terms of Reference (ToR) for the 7th CPC with the Representatives of the Staff Side of JCM.

(As conveyed in letter No. 16/15/2012. JCA dated 19.11.2013 of Ministry of Personnel, PG & Pensions of Dept. of Personnel & Training, New Delhi)

A meeting was held on 24.10.2013 at 3.00 PM in Committee Room No. 190, North Block under the chairmanship of Dr. S.K. Sarkar, Secretary, DOP&T, to discuss the possible Terms of Reference (ToR) for the 7th Central Pay Commission, which is going to be set up by the Government, with the representatives of the Staff Side of JCM.

At the outset, Secretary (P) welcomed the Staff Side representatives and thanked them for attending this meeting on a short notice. He indicated that since this meeting has been convened to discuss the possible Terms of Reference (ToR) for the 7th Central Pay Commission, he hoped that the discussions would remain so focused.

Sri. Umraomal Purohit, Secretary, Staff Side, in his opening remarks stated that it would have been preferable that there was a proposal from the Official Side on this issue to the Staff Side and then the same could have been discussed further in a meeting, where the Finance Secretary could also be invited. He then pointed out that the new concept of Pay Bands and Grade Pay structure as per the 6th CPC, which changed the pay structure in Government, has resulted in a new experience which was mixed. He stated that, though the 6th CPC did not recommend merger of DA with Pay, they could not have anticipated such a high rate of inflation which resulted in such high rate of DA; the rate of Dearness Allowance presently was 90% and due to high inflation there was a need to consider merger of a part of DA with Pay. He also raised the question of Interim Relief pending finalization of 7th CPC recommendations. Shri Purohit further mentioned that anomalies of 6th CPC should be resolved on priority before 7th CPC. He also suggested that there must be some machinery which should resolve anomalies within one year of implementation of CPC report.

Sri. M. Raghavaiah, while thanking the Chairman, raised the issue of anomalous situations which had arisen due to the new

concept of Pay Bands and Grade Pay structure as per the 6th CPC. He suggested that the Finance Ministry should look into this aspect as to how anomalies cropped up due to this and how these can be avoided in future. He was of the view that the anomalies cases which stand referred to the Ministry of Finance need to be cleared. He referred to anomalies relating to MACP Scheme vis a vis ACP Scheme and resolution pending thereon required to be resolved as already discussed in the Joint Committee meeting on MACPS. He also demanded that there should be merger of DA with Pay as was agreed to in 2004. He also pointed out that the Railway Ministry's proposals on 6th CPC-related matters presently pending with Ministry of Finance should be cleared.

The other Representatives from Staff Side raised the following issues.

- 1) Entry level pay to promotee employees at par with that admissible to Direct Recruits as was agreed in the National Anomaly Committee.
- 2) One of the ToR should be to set up a special bilateral mechanism to sort out anomalies arising out of Pay Commission recommendations;
- 3) Professional approach should be adopted in dealing with peculiarities concerning Railways and Defence civilian employees.
- 4) There should be parity between pre & Post CPC retirees for the purpose of pension etc.
- 5) Cadre review/restructuring proposals should be delinked from the 7th CPC so that these are not delayed.
- 6) Wage Revision should be effective after every 5 years as in the case of PSUs
- 7) If there is going to be separate CPC for the Armed Forces as had been reported in media, or if there is a Representative of Armed Forces, in the 7th CPC then there

should be a Representative of Labour in the CPC.

- 8) CPC should not go by "Central Secretariat" structure to make its recommendation, which does not take into account specific complexities in large Government organizations like Railways, Postal Department and Defence establishments.
- 9) Allowances should be enhanced concurrently with the pay, consequent upon Pay commission implementation.
- 10) Supreme Court has upheld that MACP should be in the hierarchy of the Post and also for grant of NDA in 7th CPC rates w.e.f. 1.4.2007. These judgments should

be implemented to all similarly-placed employees.

- 11) The Secretary Staff Side, in the end requested that a copy of Terms of Reference as proposed by the Ministry of Finance may be circulated and then another meeting with Secretary, Department of Expenditure and Department of Personnel & Training be arranged to discuss & finalise the Terms of Reference of 7th CPC

In his concluding remarks, the Chairman thanked the participants for their views and requested the Staff Side that they may send their suggestions in writing also.

Courtesy: Bharat Pensioner

Annual Get-together of RMS and MMS Pensioners on 1st Sunday of New Year.

The Annual Get-together of RMS (Railway Mail Service) and MMS (Mail Motor Service) pensioners of Postal Department known as "Madhura Milana" took place on 5th January, 2014 at "Raghothama Smaraka Bhavana" in RMS Colony, Sanjayanagara, Bangalore.

About one hundred pensioners, some of them, with their spouses attended. Sri H.V. Ramanatha welcomed the gathering. Sri B. Sadashiva Rao presided. The New Year Cake was cut by senior pensioners in celebration of the New Year.

Four pensioners who had completed 80 years and eight pensioners who had completed 70 years of age were felicitated with garlands, shawls, plates with fruits and big kit bags, the former group with walking sticks also.

This was followed by a Music programme by Sri Achyutha (the Printer of Pensioner's Champion) and his friends with musical instruments. The audience enjoyed the programme.

Sri K.B. Krishna Rao proposed vote of thanks to all those present and at the same, acknowledging the co-operation extended by the conveners, particularly Sri S.M. Vittal Rao, Sri H.V. Ramanatha, C.S. Parthasarathy, Sri M.S. Krishnamurthy, Sri A. Kanagamani and Sri B.L. Channappa.

The meeting ended with a lunch. All the participants were presented with kit bags.

A new Committee with Sri K.K. Gangadhara was constituted to undertake the arrangement for the Annual Get-together from next year onwards.

**Despatch of Pensioners' Champion has been stopped from
December, 2013 to those members who have not renewed
subscription for 2013-14.**

Base Year Updation of Consumer Price Index Numbers for Industrial Workers (CPI-IW) 2013-14 = 100

Background of CPI-IW series:

The CPI-IW series on scientific lines was first introduced with base 1960=100, which was based on the results of Family Living Survey conducted in 1958-59 at 50 industrially important centres. The series was then, updated on base 1982=100 and a revision in 1999-2000 has further updated the base on 2001=100. The current series of CPI-IW with base year 2001=100 covers 78 industrially important centers spread across the country.

Need for Base Updation:

The consumption pattern of the working class population undergoes change over a period of time and therefore, it becomes necessary that the consumption basket is updated from time to time to account for these changes and to maintain the representative character of the index. The need for frequent revision of base on account of fast changing consumption pattern of the target group has been recommended by International Labour Organisation, National Statistical Commission, National Commission on Labour and also Technical Advisory Committee on Statistics of Prices and Cost of Living. Also this recommendation was strongly reiterated by the Index Review Committee set up under the Chairmanship of Prof. Chadha which inter alia stated that the intervening gap between the two series should not exceed 10 years. Labour Bureau accordingly, has proposed to revise the base year of the existing CPI-IW series 2001=100 to a more recent base year preferably, 2013-2014=100.

Scope and Coverage

The current series of CPI-IW with base 2001=100 was constructed on the basis of employment data in seven sectors namely, Registered Factories, Mining, Plantations, Ports & Docks, Public Motor Transport, Electricity Generation & Distribution Establishments and Railways sector. The current series comprises of a basket of about 370 items and 289 price collection markets spread across 78 centres of the country. In the existing series, the Working Class Family Income & Expenditure Survey was conducted during 1998-99 by the NSSO and a sample size of 41040 family budget schedules and 15960 house rent schedules (i.e. about a total of 57000 schedules) were canvassed from 78 industrially important centres of the country. The price collection work was done by the Labour Bureau and the main survey work

of income & expenditure data collection was conducted by NSSO.

In line with the recommendations of Index Review Committee (IRC), the possibilities of extending the scope of the new series to two more additional sectors i.e. Handloom and Construction sectors are being considered. However, Labour Bureau expects an increase in the number of centres from existing 78 centres to around 88-95 centres approximately. Consequently, the total number of family budget enquiry schedules and house rent schedules to be canvassed would increase to 70,000 schedules approximately.

Committees:

i) Standing Tripartite Committee

The Index Review Committee (IRC) headed by Prof. G.K. Chadha recommended for constitution of a Standing Tripartite Committee (STC) of all the stakeholders. Accordingly, Ministry of Labour & Employment constituted a Standing Tripartite Committee (STC) vide order No. Y-12011/5/2010-ESA(LB) dated 12th January, 2011.

The Terms of Reference of the STC formed are as follows:

The Standing Tripartite Committee will.

- i) Examine the various aspects of the base year revision of Consumer Price Index Number Series for Industrial Workers (CPI-IW) including the selection of Centres, sample size, sampling design, methodology for deriving the weighting diagram and linking factor;
- ii) Examine the method of price collection procedures and machinery of price collection;
- iii) Examine the centre specific weighting diagrams for all the centres, selection of base year, compilation of base year prices, trial indices; and
- iv) Consider any other relevant issue(s)/matter as may be necessary

Secretarial assistance to the Standing Tripartite Committee will be provided by the Labour Bureau, Ministry of Labour. The Committee may also enlist the assistance of subject matter experts within and/or outside the Government and may co-opt members according to necessity.

Courtesy: RMS Worker'

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

LM/ALM	Name (Smt./Sri)	LM/ALM	Name (Smt./Sri)	LM/ALM	Name (Smt./Sri)
70	N. Lakshmana	1186	Justice M.M. Mirdhe	1781	M.N. Shankar
201	D. Lakshminarayana Rao	1264	S.R. Jayapal	1794	V. Sathyarayanachar
205	L. Narayana	1288	B.S. Seetharam	1804	K.S. Janardhanachari
322	K. Venkoba Rao	1305	L.R. Rajaram	1826	L. Periyaswamy
457	Sushila Bai	1318	U.B. Nandakumar Rao	1884	Y. Jagannath
590	B.V. Subramanya	1348	K.R. Rajendran	1900	G. Mathiazhagan
632	G.S. Leelavathy (FP)	1395	M.D. Mahadevan	1938	T. Sridhar
821	Rugmani Unnikrishnan	1503	R. Shankaramaiah	1947	Sharanabasayya
995	S. Vittal	1586	N.K. Srikantaiah	1956	G.L. Shivaswamy
1009	G.S. Bhat	1692	G.V. Christopher	1999	B.S. Narayana Swamy
1034	V. Sambashiva Rao	1730	V. Gopinath	2056	K.K. Bhajantri
1120	C.P. Divakaran	1749	M. Pari	2096	B.V. Lakshmi
				1910	Kalpana

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

LM/ALM	Name (Smt./Sri)	LM/ALM	Name (Smt./Sri)
79	Abdul Jabbar	1151	N.Shivshankara
129	T.V. Sirinivasan	1350	A. Ramaswamy Pillai
317	R. Srinivasa Iyengar	1368	H. Sanjeevaiah
499	T.S. Ranganatha Rao	1380	S.K. Ramalinge Gowda
551	N. Nagarajan	1508	V.T. Subramanya Sharma
616	K.V. Bhima Rao	1606	H.C. Shivalingaiah
724	R. Viswanatha Rao	1672	A.C. Shekar
871	H. Thejappa	1694	T.N. Sonwalker
889	K. Venkataraju	1726	H.B. Gundu Rao
1047	S. Rajagopalan	1828	Abdur Rasheed
1065	V. Shankar	1839	Bettaiah
1066	K.S. Raghunandan	1883	S. Mahadevaiah
1128	R. Chandra Babu	1958	K.S. Sridhara
1130	N.G. Kadni	1980	Vasantha Leela
1140	J. Natarajan	2016	R.D. Dixit

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

LM/ALM	Name (Smt./Sri)
46	V. Prahlada Rao
446	K.S. Swamy
676	H.C. Keshava Murthy
1050	A. Somasundaram
1139	L.S. Narang
1221	B.S.R. Murthy
1293	N. Ananthapadmanabha Rao
1924	N. Chandrapal
2058	Venkatachalapathy

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

LM/ALM	Name (Smt./Sri)
1216	Veeranna

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

LM/ALM	Name (Smt./Sri)
408	Dr. A. Achutha Rao
489	K. Ramakrishna
1135	P.V. Varadarajan
1516	C.S. Shankar Kumar
1657	S. Subramani
1963	Nagarathna



Com. G.S. Nagendra, former Circle Secretary, All India RMS and MMS Employees' Union, Class III, Karnataka Circle, passed away at the age of 67 years after a brief illness on 11th January, 2014. He was a Life Member of Karnataka P&T Pensioners' Association.

He was one of the most respected and beloved leaders in the RMS wing in Karnataka Circle. He rose from the position of Branch Secretary in Arasikere RMS, functioned as Circle Secretary from 1979 to 2001 and thereafter as the Circle President till his retirement in 2006. He occupied the posts of Asst. General Secretary and Vice President of All India Union during different periods. He was, for some time, editing the journal of the Circle Union titled as "RMS Sandesh".

He followed simplicity in his life, He was a very fluent orator and inspired many in the younger generation to participate in Union activities. He was an effective negotiator and at the same time, did not compromise with his principles. In decision making, he followed democratic approach from grass-root to the highest level. Apart from leading all the Strikes during his tenure as Circle Secretary, he led the historic Strike in December 1993 in RMS wing of Karnataka Circle, in which he was able to

ensure the participation of Group D, ED Employees, IRMS/IPOs, and ASRMs/ASPO. for the first time in the history of Karnataka Circle.

He is justly and rightfully recognized as the chief architect of the RMS Union Building in Sahakaranagara, Bangalore - a project which is first of its kind in the history of RMS Union. Acceptance of his suggestion to invest the surplus amount remaining in the accounts of the Union after conducting the All India Conference held in the year 1987 for purchasing a site, acquiring the site from the Ministry of Communications Employees' Co-operative Housing Society Ltd. at a concessional rate and his efforts to mobilize funds for construction of the building are worth mentioning. He was very transparent in his transactions and on his insistence, a Building Committee consisting of veteran leaders, namely Com. C.V. Ananda, Com. N. Bhaskaran, Com. N. Muthusubramanian, himself and some office bearers, supervised the construction and completion of the building.

He also worked as Secretary of the RMS Employees' Consumer Society for more than 12 years and for one term as Director of Karnataka Circle Postal Co-operative Credit Society Ltd.

He will always be remembered for his contribution to the Trade Union Movement in the RMS wing of Karnataka Circle.

His body was donated to M.S. Ramiah Medical College by his family, as per his wishes - an example of service even after death.

He leaves behind his wife Smt. Bharathi, a pensioner of BSNL and his daughter Smt. Shahana.

Issuance of Corrigendum Pension Payment Order of Pre-2006 Defence Civilian Pensioners/Family pensioners in terms of the recommendations of VI CPC.

(Principal Controller of Defence Accounts (Pension) circular No. 114 dated 9.12.2013)

Attention is invited to this office Circular Nos. 57, 62 and 102 dated 17.9.2008, 12.11.2008 and 11.2.2013 respectively, under which orders regarding revision of pension/family pension of pre-2006 pensioners have been circulated for immediate implementation of Government Orders. Further, it is intimated that the issue of Corrigendum PPO in respect of pre-2006 Defence Civilian Pensioners/Family Pensioners is under progress. To issue corrigendum PPO in case of living pensioners, it has been decided by the competent authority to call for an application through Head of the Office in the prescribed format available on the website of PCDA (Pension), duly verified by PDA. It is brought to the notice that no application is required from pensioners/family pensioners, whose Corrigendum PPO has already been issued as per VI CPC. Therefore, PDAs are requested to advise all Defence Civilian pensioners/family pensioners, whose PPO has not yet been issued to submit an application on a prescribed format directly to concerned Head of the Office duly verified by current PDA.

1. Furnishing of information in connection with rectification of anomaly in pension of BSNL employees retired within ten months of their absorption in BSNL w.e.f. 1.10.2000 - settlement requested.

(BSNL Corporate H.Qrs. No. 40-27/2011-Pen(B)/(Misc) dated 8.1.2014 to all Heads of Telecom Circles/NTR.)

A proposal for rectification of anomaly in pension of BSNL employees retired within ten months of their absorption in BSNL w.e.f. 1.10.2000 by taking into account the average emoluments on notional IDA pay for the last ten months which would have been drawn by them for the period they were drawing pay in CDA scale is under examination with DoT.

2. To examine the case further, DoT has requested us to furnish a comparative table of the pension + DR admissible on retirement in respect of the absorbed employees in different categories retired in the month of October 2000 to June 2001 (separately for each month) if their pension is calculated in the following manner.

- (i) Average emoluments are calculated on the basis of CDA scale only for the entire period of 10 months with DR as per CDA scale.
- (ii) Average emoluments are calculated on the basis of existing system i.e. partly in CDA scale and partly in IDA scale, with DR as per IDA scale.
- (iii) Average emoluments are calculated on the basis of IDA scale only for the entire period of 10 months with DR as per IDA scale.
- (iv) Average emoluments are calculated on notional basis with DR as per IDA scale. For example, if an employee is superannuated in December, 2000, his average emoluments for the last ten months should be taken as if he has worked in IDA pay scale for the entire period from March to December, 2000 instead of March to September, 2000 in CDA and October to December, 2000 in IDA.

3. The above information may be furnished on priority

2. 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 - Payment of IDA revised rates-regarding.

(O.M. No. W-2/0002/2014-DPE(WC) - GL-I/14 Government of India Ministry of Heavy Industries & Public Enterprises Department of Public Enterprises dated 7.1.2014 endorsed by BSNL Corporate office in their letter No. 14-1/2012-PAT(BSNL dated 16.1.2014)

In modification of this Department's O.M. of even No. dated 4.10.2013, the rate of DA payable to the executives and non-unionized supervisors of CPSEs (2007 pay revision) may be as follows:

- a) Date from which payable: 1.1.2014
- b) Average AICPI (2001=100) for the quarter Sept-Nov' 2013
September, 2013 : 238; October, 2013 : 241; November, 2013 : 243
Average of the quarter 240.66
- c) Link Point 126.33 (as on 1.1.2007)
- d) Increase over link point: 114.33 (240.66 minus 126.33)
- e) Revised DA Rate w.e.f. 1.1.2014: 90.5% $(114.33 \div 126.33) \times 100$

2) The above rate of DA i.e. 90.5% would be applicable in the case of IDA employees who have been allowed revised pay scales (2007) as per DPE O.M. dated 26.11.2008, 9.2.2009 and 2.4.2009.

3. 78.2% IDA Benefit for Pensioners

According to latest information, file containing DoT's proposal for extending the benefit of 78.2% IDA for pension revision is now ready with signature of all concerned and is to be sent to Dept. of Expenditure, Ministry of Finance on 8.1.2014.

Newly-Enrolled Members

	Name (Smt./Sri)	Designation & Office in which last worked	Type & No.
1.	N. Narasimhan	APM (LSG), Tumkur	LM 2134
2.	M. Chandrasekharaiah	HMM, O/o. SSRM, Bg. Stg Dn.	LM 2135
3.	E. Krishnaji Rao	Tyreman (HSA Gr I), MMS, Bg.	ALM 2136
4.	D. Venkatesalu	LSG Supervisor, B'City RMS	LM 2137
5.	H. Ganesh	BCR Stg. Asst., HRO(D), B'City RMS	LM 2138
6.	D.G. Puttamadaiah	MG, HRO(D), B'City RMS	ALM 2139
7.	K. Huchappa	BCR Stg. Asst, HRO(D), B'City RMS	LM 2140
8.	N. Krishnappa	HMG, B'City RMS	LM 2141
9.	S. Suryaprakash	Grade I Driver, MMS, Bg.	LM 2142
10.	B.S. Ramachandra	Office Asstt, O/o. HRO, Bg. Stg Dn.	LM 2143
11.	J.C. Sathyanarayana Swamy	HMM, B'City, RMS	LM 2144
12.	Md. Zackriah	Chief SS, Telecom Vizag	LM 2145
13.	K. Lakshmiopathy	HMM, B'City RMS	LM 2146
14.	M.R. Narayana	UDC, Indian Institute of Science, Bg.	ALM 2147
15.	P.K. Subramanya	LSG PA, Hassan H.O.	LM 2148

LM: Life Member

ALM: Associate Life Member

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Month	CPI Base 2001=100	12 Months' Total	Monthly Ave.	% increase over 115.76
June 13	231	2648	220.67	90.63
Nov. 13	243	2766	230.50	99.12

By. *K.B. Krishna Rao*

Donation for Association

LM/ALM	Name (Smt./Sri)	Rs/-
762	A. Sadananda	1,000

Donation for Building Fund

LM/ALM	Name (Smt./Sri)	Rs/-
1657	S. Subramani	16,000

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regarding revision of pension of pre-2006 retirees.**

During last hearing, case was adjourned to 12.2.2014.

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