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**Report on the 24th meeting of the Standing Committee of Voluntary  
Agencies (SCOVA) held on 5th February, 2014**

**By K.B.Krishna Rao, Secretary  
who represented KP&TPA**

The 24th meeting of the Standing Committee of Voluntary Agencies (SCOVA) organized by Government of India, Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances & Pensions, and Department of Pension & Pensioners' welfare was held on 5th February, 2014 under the Chairmanship of Sri V.Narayanasamy, Hon'ble Minister of State (Personnel & Public Grievances) at Committee Room-A, Vigyan Bhavan Annex, New Delhi. The meeting commenced at 4 pm as scheduled. The meeting was well attended with all the Official Members and all most all the Non-Official Members present in the meeting. Before commencement of the proceedings, two minutes silence was observed in honour of the wife of the hon'ble Minister who expired recently. After self introduction by the representatives attending the meeting, Smt. Vandana Sharma, Joint Secretary, DoP&PW welcomed all those present in the venue. In her speech she dealt at length about functioning of SCOVA and the important role

played by it in solving the grievances of pensioners. She appreciated the contribution of the pensioners' Association in its effective functioning. Smt. Sharma, listed various pensioner friendly measures such as liberalization of Pension Rules, simplification of procedure for payment of pension /family pension etc. taken by the DoP&PW and stated that under the guidance and initiative of the Hon'ble Minister several other measures to facilitate hassle-free payment of pension were taken. A few of them are "on line pension payment" and "tracking pension payment". Referring to the introduction of a dedicated day by DoP&PW for attending "pensioners in person" to facilitate mitigation of problems of Central Pensioners, she exhorted all other Departments to take a cue from the DoP&PW and introduce such dedicated days in their Departments also. She stated that efforts

are being made to offer” pre-retirement counseling” to all the employees and in this endeavour, involvement all other Departments has been requested. On the number of Pensioners' Associations' identified for being associated with the implementation of the web-based Pensioners' Portal, she informed that 10 more Pensioners' Associations will be added during this year and another 10 Associations will be added in the next year. Speaking on the number of items included in the Agenda for the meeting, she stated that due to time constraint, all the issues suggested by the Pensioners' Associations could not be included in the agenda. She informed the Associations that all other items/issues which could not be taken up for discussion were however, forwarded to the Departments concerned for taking necessary action on the subjects and also to keep the Associations informed about the nature of action taken thereon.

2. The Hon'ble Minister in his address, at the outset, welcomed all the representatives and thanked them for offering condolences on the demise of his wife. He stated that, after the last meeting of SCOVA, a lot of things started moving in the right direction. He stated that issue of Revised Pension Payment Authorities, which has been pending for a long time, was taken up with the Ministers concerned which has yielded better results. The main problem faced by the Ministries was the huge number of pensioners for whom the Revised Authorities had to be issued and non-availability of relevant records in a good number of cases. He thanked the Hon'ble Minister for Railways and the Hon'ble Minister for Defence for extending cooperation in addressing the problem. He stated that though the response from all the Departments is encouraging, it is quite necessary that they stick to a time frame within which they would ensure issuance of Revised Pension Payment Authorities to all pre-2006 Pensioners. The Minister requested all the Departments to evince keen interest in solving their problems. He stated that he treats pensioners as “father figures, who have contributed their might in Nation-building” and he is doing his best to facilitate mitigation of problems faced by the pensioners in general. He stated that the question of opening of a CGHS Wellness Centre in Panchakula is receiving attention as it would help pensioners of 3 States in availing CGHS

facilities. On the proposed “Health Insurance Scheme” he sought the opinion of the Associations On the Scheme since he has to submit a feed back to the Hon,ble Prime Minister on this subject.

3. Concluding his address, the Minister stated that most of the Pensioners remain active for several years after their retirement and therefore they must think of setting apart a few hours daily for social service making best use of their time, knowledge and experience. He praised the Pensioners' Associations for the concern shown by them by coming to the help of victims of the devastating flash floods that hit the state of Uttara khand by making voluntary donations to the U.K. Flood Relief Fund.

### **Action Taken Report on Issues raised in 23rd meeting of SCOVA held on 20-9-2013.**

#### **1. Status of Issue of revised PPOs to pre-2006 pensioners**

The Joint Secretary DoP&PW initiated the discussion on the Action Taken Report on the decisions taken in the previous meeting of SCOVA and furnished Department-wise details of number of Revised Pension Payment Authorities issued and the number of cases still pending. She stated that the main reason for pending cases is mostly non-availability of relevant records with the PAOs, Banks and even with pensioners and requested the Pensioners' Associations to play a constructive roll and provide a bridge between the Pensioners and the respective Departments in obtaining the particulars required, thereby extending their helping hand in resolving the long pending issue. The Representative from the CPAO stated that more than 83% of the work has since been completed and in respect of Civil Departments only 65,000 cases were pending. The Minister wanted to know whether records were not available for all of the 65,000 pending cases. When the Representative furnished some details on the pending cases, the Minister instructed that the details be circulated so that a correct picture would emerge on the number of pending cases and the actual reasons for the pendency.

At this juncture, one of the non-officials Members suggested that the job of collection of pensioners' particulars in a prescribed form may be entrusted to the Pension Disbursing Banks,

when the pensioners visit the Banks for submission of Life Certificate. The Member, while appreciating the interest being shown by the Minister and the DoP&PW in resolving the issue, suggested that a joint meeting of the Representatives of Departments, Pensioners' Associations and others connected with issue of RPAs be held to review the position and to evolve a procedure to facilitate an early solution to this long pending problem.

The Joint Secretary, intervening in the discussion, stated that all pensioners are getting revised pension as per VI CPC recommendations and issue of RPAs is pending only in some complicated cases and in cases where pension files are not traceable. She stated that by creation of a data base, it would be possible to have complete details of all pensioners.

Sri. S.K.Vyas, Member, National Council (Staff Side) JCM, stated that notifications issued in news papers calling upon pensioners to furnish details have not helped in addressing the problem. In some cases, older pensioners do not even know the amount of pension they should get, leave alone the question of furnishing details required for issue of Revised Authority. Detailed instructions have already been issued for processing cases where records are not readily available. Hence, the initiative in solving such complicated cases must come from the PAOs concerned.

Review of Ministry/Department-wise details of pending cases of issue of revised PPOs was taken up. The Joint Secretary informed that there is improvement in the position pertaining to Railways and so far 8.95 lakh revised PPOs have been issued and 1.7 lakh cases are still pending which pertain to very old cases, where records are not available. Sri.Y.N.Sastry, President, AIRRF stated that the number of pending cases may be more than 1.7 lakh. For this, the Representative of Railways informed that as on date the number of revised PPOs issued is 9 lakh and therefore the number of pending cases is still less. The Minister and the Secretary DoP&PW wanted to know from the Representative the time frame by which the Railways would complete the pending cases, for which the Representative replied that revised PPOs will be issued within 6 months.

Sri Balasubramanian, Representative of All India Federation of Pensioners' Associations, Chennai suggested that "Adalat System" may be adopted to clear the pending cases. The Secretary, DoP&PW asked the Representative of Railways to furnish Zone-wise figures of pending cases by 30-9-2014.

The Representative of Department of Posts informed that out of 1,73,858 PPOs, only 8,986 cases are pending and they hope to complete the work early. The Representative of Department of Telecommunications stated that the progress in issue of revised PPOs is being monitored once in every 15 days and necessary instructions have been issued to CCAs to expedite action in respect of pending cases. He informed that 17,630 cases are with BSNL and the work will be completed by 30-6-2014.

Sri. Sanjay Kothari, Secretary, DoP&PW referring to the problems being faced by several Departments in issuance of revised PPOs within a time frame, stated that the main impediment is non-availability of relevant records with the PAOs of the Departments concerned. He said that the Department of Pension is ready to consider relaxation of Rules further, if necessary, to facilitate settlement of all pending cases. He requested the Pensioners' Associations to cooperate and encourage the Departments in their endeavour to adhere to the time frame fixed to issue revised PPOs to all pre-2006 pensioners. He requested the Associations to appreciate the difficult position in which some of the Departments have been placed due to non availability of pension records, which has resulted in delay in completing the work. He stated that all the concerned employees are doing their best in the matter and they deserve a word of appreciation. The Hon'ble Minister stated that he would again pursue the matter with the Ministers concerned.

Review of the status of issue of corrigendum PPOs in respect of Defence personnel was taken up and the Official representative of CGDA, Defence, while furnishing the details of number of Corrigendum PPOs issued already and the number of pending cases stated that Advertisements have been issued in News Papers for eliciting information on left-out Defence Civilian pensioners. He stated that information sought for from the Banks is yet

to be furnished by them. Adalats are being conducted on a regular basis and in areas, where concentration of Defence pensioners is high, 6 to 7 Adalats have been held. At this stage, Colonel Handa, Representative of "Disabled War Veterans" pointed out that such Adalats have not been held in North East States. The Official representative replied that, recently, an Adalat was held in Jorhat. Intervening in the discussion, the Hon'ble Minister stated that every effort should be made to reach out to all Defence Pensioners including those in Hilly Areas. The target for completion of the work was fixed as 30-9-2014.

2. On the subject of providing CGHS facility to all pensioners from the nearest CGHS Hospital/Wellness centre and extending the CGHS to Postal and Telecom pensioners, it was intimated that the matter is sub-judice and therefore, no discussion can be held in the matter.

3. Regarding opening of more number of CGHS Wellness Centres, it was intimated that due to financial and logistics constraints, it is not possible to open more number of Dispensaries. The Minister stated that on the question of opening of a dispensary at Panchakula the matter will be pursued again at Minister's level.

4. On provision of nomination facility for reimbursement of medical charges the Representative of M/O Health & FW stated that OM has been issued on 25-9-2013 providing nomination facility for reimbursement of medical charges in the event of death of principal CGHS Card holder. Sri Balasubramanian, General Secretary, AIFPA, Chennai wanted that the OM must be circulated among all the dispensaries, since some of the CMOs are not aware of it. The Secretary stated that this is one more item which has been resolved and said that it will be ensured that the OM is circulated among all the dispensaries.

5. Anomaly in fixation of pension of DOT employees absorbed in BSNL who retired between 1-10-2000 and 31-7-2001: Sri. S.K. Vyas, Member, National Council, JCM (Staff Side) and Sri. K.B.Krishna Rao, Secretary, Karnataka P&T Pensioners' Association pointed out that an assurance was given in the previous SCOVA meeting that Orders would be issued on this subject before 30-9-2013. The Joint Secretary stated that a proposal was sent by DoT on

19-11-2013 and the DoP&PW had sought some more information from DoT and the same has since been received, which is under examination and they will come to a conclusion early. The Hon'ble Minister said that even now, they are in favour of settling the issue.

6. Merger of 78.2 % of IDA with Basic Pension in respect of BSNL pensioners: It was informed that DoP&PW has communicated its "NO Objection" to the proposal. The matter has been referred to the MoF, Dept. of Expenditure by DoT on 8-1-2014 and the matter is under examination.

7. Computation of Pension of Pre-2006 retirees of S-12 grade by taking into account the Grade Pay of Rs. 4,600 instead of Rs.4,200: It was stated by the J.S., DoP&PW that the matter is sub-judice and therefore, there cannot any discussion in this matter. Sri. S.K Vyas wanted to know the court in which the case is pending and stated that, merely because a case has been filed in a court, that should not prevent the DoP&PW in taking a favourable decision. The Secretary stated that the case is pending before the High Court of Karnataka which has granted 'a Stay', on the Order passed by CAT Bangalore and hence, no discussion can be entertained, since the matter is sub-judice. At this stage, Sri K.B.Krishna Rao Secretary, Karnataka P&T Pensioners' Association pointed out this was one of the items submitted by their Association for inclusion in the Agenda items of the 23rd meeting and reiterated the Association's contention that the Grade Pay of Rs. 4,600 granted to grade S-12 is not the one granted to an upgraded pay scale in as much as MoF, DoE vide its OM dated 13-11-2009, had revised the Grade Pay from RS.4,200 to Rs.4,600 for S-12 grade and requested that revised pension of pre-2006 pensioners under para 4.2 must be computed accordingly.

8. Stepping up of Pension of Pre-2006 pensioners in terms of O.M. dated 28-1-2013 w.e.f. 1-1-2006 instead of from 24-9-2012: It was intimated by the Joint Secretary Dop&Pw that the Review Petition filed against the Order dated 29-7-2013 of the Supreme Court was dismissed and a Curative Petition is being filed in the Supreme Court. It was also informed that the hearing of the SLP filed against the Order dated 29-4-2013 of Delhi High court has been adjourned to 24-4-2014.

## **Fresh Agenda Items for the 24th meetings of SCOVA held on 5-2-2014.**

### **1. Health Insurance Scheme for pensioners including those residing in non-CGHS areas.**

The Official representative stated that the Health Ministry has circulated a memo on introduction of a Health Insurance Scheme for Central Government employees and pensioners and DoP&PW has offered its comments on the Scheme and comments of other Departments are awaited by the MoH&FW. A meeting will be convened after comments from all the Departments are received. Sri. K.B.Krishna Rao, Representative of KP&TPA, Bangalore, said that the Scheme should be made optional. He stated that CGHS is the best Medicare facility available, especially for pensioners, since they can avail both outpatient and inpatient treatment under CGHS. He suggested that CGHS must be further improved. The Joint Secretary, DoP&PW stated that the Health Insurance Scheme will provide outpatient facilities also. The Hon'ble Minister said that the Scheme will be optional.

### **2. Dedicated Day for pensioners.**

The Joint Secretary requested the Ministries of Defence and Railways to introduce a Dedicated Day for attending to "Pensioners in Person" in line with facility extended to pensioners by the DoP&PW. The Secretary also requested all the Departments to dedicate 'a Day' in a week to listen to the grievances of pensioners. The Representative from the Railways said that they would take a decision in this regard. The Department of Posts is stated to have Initiated action in this matter.

### **3. Special Family Pension for the widows of Disabled War veterans.**

A war disabled soldier, on being invalidated from service gets war injury pension comprising of war injury/disability element and service element. On his demise, war injury/disability element of the pension sanctioned to him is not taken into consideration for computation of family pension payable to his widow. The family pension is fixed on the basis of service element only which results in reduction of the amount of family pension admissible to the widow. Hence, the family pension must be fixed

based on the pension drawn by the disabled soldier before his death which includes injury/disability and service elements. The Department of Ex-Servicemen Welfare is stated to have been pursuing this matter very actively. Colonel Handa President, Disabled War Veterans stated that there are only 2,000 widows and the matter needs to be decided on priority. Sri. S.K.Vyas said that if the family pension is fixed on the basis of service element only, there may be cases where the widows may not be eligible for family pension at all if a war disabled soldier had rendered only 2 or 3 years of service before being invalidated out of service. The Official Representative of CGDA said that the matter is under active consideration and the issue will be settled early.

### **4. Grant of T.A. to Non- Official Members attending SCOVA meetings - Permission to perform Journey by Air and grant of actual expenses, when the journey performed is above 1,000 km.**

When this item was taken up for discussion, Sri. K.B.Krishna Rao Secretary, KP&TPA stated that this was one of the 11 items submitted by the Association for inclusion in the Agenda Items and thanked DoP&PW for including the item in the Agenda. He stated that all most all the non-official members attending the meeting are in their advanced age and cannot withstand the strain of travel by train especially when the distance is above 1,000 km and requested that they may be permitted to travel by Air and actual expenses incurred by them may be granted. He said that his Association had written letters to the Hon'ble Minister and the Secretary DoP&PW on the subject. The Secretary stated that the matter is being examined. The Minister stated that the issue will be considered if DoE agrees to the suggestion. At this juncture, Sri.Y.N.Sastry, President AIRRF, stated that non-official members attending JCM meetings are allowed Air fare and an Order to that effect has been issued in 1986 by the MoF. The Secretary requested him to supply a copy of the O.M.

The Hon'ble Minister and the Secretary thanked all the Representatives for attending the meeting and participating in the discussions. The meeting ended at 6 pm.

**Action Taken Report on the decision of the 23rd meeting of Standing Committee of Voluntary Agencies (SCOVA) held on 20.9.2013.**

**Issue raised in 23rd SCOVA meeting as per minutes**

1. Sl.No. 1 of ATR of para 5:

*Status of issue of revised PPOs to pre-2006 pensioners.*

**Follow up Action**

**DoP & PW**

MoS(PP) took up the issue with the Defence Minister & Railway Minister vide DO letters dated 14.10.2013.

**CPAO**

The target date for completion of the work was 31.12.2013.

CPAO has given information on the basis of e-scroll received from banks. The number of cases has increased for revision, since more and more cases of pre-1990 has been added to CPAO data base. The major reason of non-revision of these cases is non-availability of records of pensioners in Ministries/Departments, Banks and even with pensioners,

Approximately, 83.55% work has been completed by the Civil Ministries/Departments.

Minis/ Depts	Pre 1990	Pre 2006	PPOs yet to be revised
Civil Min/ Deptts	43,457	27,935	71,392

1,50,373 cases have also been revised in terms of DoP & PW Order No. 1.20.2011-P&PW(E) dated 28.1.2013 for enhancement of pension of Pre-2006 pensioners w.e.f. 24.9.2012.

**Ministry of Railways**

Target date was 31st Dec, 2013. Approximately 90% PPOs have been revised till 31.12.2013.

Status of Corrigendum PPOs revised till 31st Dec, 2013 is as under:

Total PPOs	PPOs revised	PPOs yet to be revised
10.02 lakh	8.95 lakh	1.07 lakh

The remaining 1.07 lakh cases are very old cases and due to want of records, their revision could not be completed before 31.12.2013.

**Department of Posts**

Target Date was 30th Nov, 2013. 94.83% revision of Pre-2006 has been accomplished.

Status of Corrigendum PPOs revised till 31st Dec, 2013 is as under.

Total PPOs	PPOs revised	PPOs yet to be revised
1,73,858	1,64,872	8,986

**D/o Telecommunications**

Necessary instructions have been issued by Secretary (T) to BSNL and CCA Offices to expedite settlement of pending pension cases. A Coordination Committee has been also constituted at each of the circles.

Fortnightly monitoring of pendency of Pre-2006 cases is being done at DoT(HQ) level. 29,985 cases are pending as per report for fortnight ending 15.1.2014.

**CGDA(M/o Defence)**

Status of Corrigendum PPOs revised till 31st Dec, 2013

Total PPOs	PPOs revised	PPOs yet to be revised
18 lakh	10.5 lakh	7.5 lakh

Some banks have yet to furnish their database. Intervention of Ministry of Defence/ Deptt. Financial Services has also been sought for. Pr. CDA(Pensions) Allahabad have also made an advertisement vide their Circular No. 114 for eliciting information for left-out Defence Civilian pensioners/family pensioners. All out efforts are being made for issue of revised PPOs to pre-2006 retiree pensioners/family pensioners within the time frame stipulated by the Ministry.

**D/o Ex Servicemen Welfare**

By 31st March, 2014, 17.5 lakh Corr.PPOs

would be ready in respect of armed forces pensioners.

To simplify the pension sanction and issue of PPOs, a D.O reply has been sent to MoS(PP) from Raksha Mantri on 3.11.2013. A Committee headed by Secretary (ESW) is looking into the matter for developing an Integrated Pension Management System for armed forces pensioners.

### **2. iii) Sl. No. 3 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 Post and Department of Telecom.*

*16(i) Medical facilities for existing P&T pensioners.*

### **M/O Health & FW**

As regards (13) and 16(i): the matter is still sub-judice.

### **(iii) S.No. 6 of ATR**

*Regarding additional dispensaries.*

### **DoP & PW & MoH & FW**

Hon'ble MoS(PP) addressed a D.O. letter dated 10.10.2013 to Hon'ble MoH & FW for opening a dispensary at Panchkula. Hon'ble MoH & FW has informed vide DO letter dtd. 30.11.2013 that it would not be possible to agree to open a dispensary at Panchkula.

CGHS empanelled pvt. Hospitals are only in the cities where it is in operation, as a matter of policy.

Regarding Jammu, The process is in advanced stage

### **3. vi) of Para 5 Sl.No. 7 of ATR**

*Nomination facility for reimbursement of expenses incurred under CGHS.*

### **DoP & PW & MoH & FW**

MoH & FW have issued an OM No.

S-11011/12/2013-CGHS(P) dated 25.9.2013 providing the facility of Nomination for reimbursement of medical expenses in the event of death of principal CGHS card holder.

### **4. ix) Sl.No. 10 of ATR**

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

### **DoP & PW & DoT**

A proposal was received from Department of Telecom on 19.11.2013.

DoP&PW has sought some more information/clarifications on the proposal on 19.11.2013. DoT has sent the requisite information which is under examination in DoP & PW

### **5. x) Sl.No. 11 of ATR**

*Merger of 78.2% IDA with basic pension benefit to the absorbed BSNL Pensioners:-*

### **DoP & PW & DoT**

A proposal was sent by DoT on 20.12.2013. DoP & PW has communicated its 'No Objection' to the proposal subject to the approval of Deptt. of Expenditure. DoT has referred the proposal to DoE on 8.1.2014. Approval of DoE is awaited by DoT.

### **6. (23.2) Extension of benefit of upgraded Grade Pay to pre-2006 retirees of S-12 grade.**

Action Awaited from DoE

### **7. (23.4) Broad Banding of Disability Element for Pre-1996 cases**

Action Awaited from DoE

### **DoEx Servicemen Welfare**

The case is being pursued vigorously with Department of Expenditure. A D.O letter has also been sent to Secretary (Exp) from Secretary(ESW) in Dec, 2013. However, concurrence is awaited

### **8. (23.7) Extension of benefit of OM dt. 28.1.2013 w.e.f. 1.1.2006 instead of 24.9.2012.**

## DoP & PW

DoP & PW issued OM dtd 28.1.2013 as per the decision of the Cabinet, while considering pensionary matters of Defence personnel as proposed by MoD.

Review petition against the Order dtd. 29.7.2013 of Hon'ble Supreme Court was

dismissed. Hence, a Curative Petition is also being filed in the Hon'ble Supreme Court.

An SLP filed against Order dtd 29.4.2013 in Delhi High Court has been tagged with Civil Appeal of 2011 filed by MoD. Next date of hearing is 4th Feb, 2014.

**Issue regarding denial of cashless facility by empanelled private hospitals/diagnostic centres:** Though in some hospitals notice boards had been put up to implement their threat from particular dates, they continue to honour their commitment as per the MoA and beneficiaries get credit facility. Fresh tenders have been called for in connection with fixing new Package Rates (in all probability, based on average of the rates instead of the lowest rate, contrary to the earlier procedure), the last date for submitting the tender being 25th February, 2014 in respect of Bangalore. Also, MoH & FW has taken action to release funds for settling the pending payments to the concerned hospitals. Both these actions will solve the grievances of the private hospitals / diagnostic Centres.

**One-Rank-One-Pension (OROP):** Sri P.Chidambaram, Finance Minister, in the course of presenting the Interim Budget for the next financial year, announced that the Government has decided to accept the long pending demand of armed forces and implement the same from the next financial year. The compulsions created in connection with facing the General Elections 2014 would have resulted in making the announcement. OROP basically implies, unlike the concept of "Modified Parity", payment of uniform pension to personnel retiring in the same rank with the same length of service irrespective of their date of retirement. Consequently, any further hike in pension is automatically passed on to future pensioners.

## Legal Matters

Contempt Proceedings in CAT Principal Bench, Delhi regarding revision of pension of pre-2006 retirees: The case, after adjournment on 12-2-2014, which came up for hearing on 19-2-2014, has been further adjourned to 5-3-2014

## Newly-Enrolled Members

	Name (Smt./Sri)	Designation & Office in which last worked	Type & No.
1.	K. Babu Nairi	SRO, RMS 'Q' Division, Udupi	LM 2149
2.	M.S. Bagewadi	HSG II Stg. Asst., SRO, 'HB' Division, Belgaum	LM 2150
3.	K.S. Vijayalakshmi	Communication Accts. Officer, O/O Controller of Communication Accounts, DOT, Bg.	LM 2151
4.	B.J. Kulkarni	JAO, O/o. CGMT, BSNL, Bg.	LM 2152
5.	R. Shivashankar	Sorting Postman, Srirampura, Bg.	LM 2153
6.	K. Hiranya Singh	Joint Director of Training, Foremen Training Institute, Ministry of Labour, DG&T	ALM 2154
7.	T.R. Shankar Murthy	BCR Stg.Asst, HRO(D), B'City RMS	LM 2155
8.	M.S. Govinda Raj	Technical Officer, TRC, ICMR, Chennai	ALM 2156
9.	V. Gopal	Stg. Asstt., O/o. SSRM, Bg. Stg. Division, Bg.	LM 2157

LM: Life Member

ALM: Associate Life Member

**Timely payment of dues of encashment of leave to Government Servants retiring on attaining the age of Superannuation-need to obviate delays in payment of such dues - regarding.**

*(OM No. 18019/6/2013-Estt(L) dated the 21st Oct. 2013 of Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions Department of Personnel and Training)*

The undersigned is directed to state that in terms of the provisions of rule 39 of the CCS (Leave) Rules, 1972, the authority competent to grant leave is suo motu required to issue an Order granting cash equivalent of leave salary for both earned leave and half pay leave, if any, at the credit of the Government Servant on the date of his retirement, subject to the prescribed limits.

2. It has since been brought to the notice of this Department that the concerned administrative authorities as indicated in First Schedule to the said rules including authorities subordinate to the leave sanctioning authorities to whom such powers have been delegated, are not ensuring that the dues, as admissible to a Government servant retiring on attaining the age of superannuation, are promptly paid. This has led to avoidable litigation where courts have been directing payment of interest on such delayed payments. It has been observed from the references received in this Department that the delays in such payments are predominantly due to avoidable administrative reasons relating to processing of such cases.

3. It is further stated that the Leave Account of a Government servant is a dynamic document which is required to be revisited periodically to record credits of Earned Leave and Half Pay Leave in terms of provisions of rules 26 and 29 of the CCS (Leave) Rules, 1972 with entries made on each occasion the Government Servant avails the leave of the kind due and admissible to him Further, the said rules envisage that advance credits be made in the leave account of the Government servant and a constant check maintained to ensure that the total accumulations, at any given time, do not exceed 300+15 days.

4. Delays in reckoning the leave accumulations at the credit of Government Servant at any stage, particularly at the time of his retirement on superannuation, cannot be acceptable and can be construed as administrative lapse, liable to attract provisions

of the CCS (Conduct) Rules, 1964 and CCS (CCA) Rules, 1965. All cases of delay may be looked into and delays in disbursement of dues to Government servants retiring on attaining the age of superannuation be avoided.

5. The administrative authorities may consider putting in place a mechanism to check such delays and define various processing parameters and time lines viz. issuance of orders in respect of such retiring Government servants who have 300+15 days earned leave at their credit on the 20th of the month in which they are retiring as any leave availed by such Government Servants shall not impact the maximum ceiling of encashment of such leave, even if any request is made for grant of earned leave during the said period. The possibility of e-transfer of dues can also be worked out in consultation with respective P&AOs.

6. All Ministries/Departments are accordingly advised to bring the position referred to in this OM to the notice of all concerned from the perspective of ensuring that the dues of leave encashment in respect of Government servants retiring on attaining the age of superannuation are discharged with due promptness. It may be ensured that sanction orders in this regard are issued timely, so that dues admissible to the Government Servants on attaining the age of superannuation, on account of encashment of leave, are discharged as soon as possible, preferably on the next working day following the date of their retirement on superannuation.

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December 2013*

**OBITUARY**

**Sri S.Anthony Das**, LM 1634, LSG, HSA, RMS Q Division, Bangarpet, expired on 11-2-204 at the age of 88 years. He is survived by his wife, six daughters and five sons.

*Our heartfelt condolences to the bereaved.*

**1. Approval for Photo Selective Vaporization of Prostate (PVP) Surgery using Green Light HPS Fibre (Angled Delivery Device) to be used with HPS Laser System 120 watt (AMS) under CGHS/CS(MA) Rules - regarding**

*(No. 25-9/2013-14/CGHS/Hospital Cell CGHS(P) dated 8.8.2013 of Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, to all concerned.)*

With reference to the subject, the undersigned is directed to state that this Ministry has been receiving requests for grant of permission for Green light HPS Laser Fibre for Laser Prostatectomy. The matter has been examined in consultation with specialists in the field and it has now been decided to permit Photo Selective Vaporization of Prostate (PVP) Surgery using Green Light HPS Fibre (Angled Delivery Device) to be used with HPS Laser System 120 watt (AMS) under CGHS/CS (MA) Rules on the recommendations of a Government Specialist on the following conditions:

- a) Patients on anti coagulants, which cannot be withdrawn even for a short duration.
- b) Patients suffering from bleeding diathesis
- c) Patients with large prostate gland, weighing more than 60-80 gm.
- d) Patients with CCF and renal failure, where fluid overload is to be avoided.

In other BHP cases, the standard line of treatment shall be TURP.

2. The ceiling rate of Green Light HPS Fibre (Angled Delivery Device) to be used with HPS Laser System 120 watt (AMS) for reimbursement/approval under CGHS/CS(MA) patients shall be Rs. 65,000/- (incl. of all taxes) or actual, whichever is lower. The ceiling rate shall be effective for one year or till further order whichever is earlier.

3. CGHS Package rate for surgery shall be the same as for Holmium Laser Prostatectomy and the cost of Green Light HPS Fibre Angled Delivery Device) shall be permitted in addition,

as per the above prescribed ceiling rate or actual, whichever is lower.

4. This issues with the concurrence of Integrated Finance Division, Ministry of Health & Family Welfare vide CD No. 837 dtd. 6.8.2013.

**2. Permission for Haemodialysis from non-CGHS empanelled hospital/centre in respect of CGHS beneficiaries**

*(MoH&FW., O.M No.S. 11030/32/2013-CGHS(P), dated 31.10.2013)*

The undersigned is directed to state that in order to alleviate the difficulties of the CGHS beneficiaries, it has been decided that permission for Haemodialysis from a non-CGHS empanelled hospital/centre will henceforth be accorded by Additional Directors/Joint Directors of City/Zones in respect of CGHS beneficiaries with the condition that reimbursement will be made as per the CGHS approved rates. Expenditure over and above the CGHS rates will have to be borne by the beneficiary and medicines prescribed by Government Specialist shall be procured from the CGHS Wellness Center. No request for full reimbursement of expenses incurred will be entertained.

The applicant should enclose a copy of the CGHS Card, prescription of Government Specialist advising haemodialysis along with frequency and duration for which the procedure is needed and the request letter of the applicant giving the name of the hospital from where haemodialysis is proposed to be done.

This issues with the approval of the competent authority.

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**All India Strike of Central Government Employees on 12th and 13th February, 2014:** Confederation of Central Govt. Employees & Workers had given a call for a two day Strike on 12th and 13th February, 2014 in connection with their 15-point Charter of Demands including issues relating to 7th CPC and merger of DA with pay. As per the report of the General Secretary of Karnataka unit, Sri. Prasad, the response for the Strike Call in Karnataka was good.

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

LM/ALM	Name (Smt./Sri)	LM/ALM	Name (Smt./Sri)	LM/ALM	Name (Smt./Sri)
106	A. Aithappa Naik	1509	Hemantaraj Savalge	1754	D. Vasudevan
249	K. Basappa	1518	B.A. Krishnaprasad	1775	S.S. Deshapande
293	B.L. Suryanarayanaiah	1565	G.V. Venkatanarayana Sastry	1791	Gururaj
543	N.M. Janamatti	1570	Yashodamma	1942	S.N. Joshi
938	K. Vijayasekharan	1602	S. Sudarshan	1986	B. Gnanadeva Rao
1327	K. Girija	1674	B.R.S. Prasanna	2010	V. Pichandi
1328	H.V. Venkatesha Murthy	1689	G. Thirumala Rao		

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

LM/ALM	Name (Smt./Sri)	LM/ALM	Name (Smt./Sri)
67	H.Rama Kamath	1465	B.N.Brinda
363	Devanatchi Durgaiah	1471	K.R.Sreekanta
619	C.Subba Rao	1597	B.V.Venkatasubbaiah
629	L.Ramaseshu	1628	B.G.Mugadur
694	Chandraseshachalam	1722	A.N.Bhat
706	Kamala Vijayan	1740	Satyanarayana Sharma
724	R.Vishwanatha Rao	1751	B.S.Mahagaonkar
739	M.G.Krishnamurthy	1834	R.Indira
856	T.Vasantha Martin	1842	S.Gnanasekaran
945	N.L.Balakrishna	1861	M.N.Narasimhan
949	K.N.Dwarakanath	1885	B.R.Sundaresh
1049	K.Kempaiah	2018	A.G.Yelasangi
1149	R.Krishnamurthy	2035	K.Chandran
1179	M.V. Pavate	2043	M.K.Lakshminarayana

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

LM/ALM	Name (Smt./Sri)
301	P.N.Jayalakshmi
1414	H.S.Srinivasa Rao
1882	K.G.Vasanthakumar

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

LM/ALM	Name (Smt./Sri)
1009	Bhat Sadanand.G

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

LM/ALM	Name (Smt./Sri)
620	A.S.Ramiengar
735	K.Gururajachar
1028	J.Ramanujam
1243	Dr.K.B.H.Nayar
1964	M.C.Kalkura
2009	S.G.Srinivasan
2020	K.Poornima
2040	Munikrishnappa

**ALL INDIA CONSUMER PRICE INDEX**

Month	CPI Base 2001=100	12 Months' Total	Monthly Ave.	% increase over 115.76
June 13	231	2648	220.67	90.63
Dec. 13	239	2786	232.16	100.56

*By. K.B. Krishna Rao*

Increase in DR entitlement from 1-1-2014: 10%. The Cabinet has taken a decision. Formal Order to be issued

## 7th Pay Commission - Press Releases of Government of India.

### On 2.9.2013

The Finance Minister Shri P. Chidamabram, in a statement said here today that the Prime Minister has approved the constitution of the Seventh Central Pay Commission.

The Fourth, Fifth and Sixth Central Pay Commission's recommendations were implemented as follows:

4th CPC 1.1.1986

5th CPC 1.1.1996

6th CPC 11.2006

The average time taken by a Pay Commission to submit its recommendations has been about two years. Accordingly, allowing about two years for the 7th CPC to submit its report, the recommendations are likely to be implemented with effect from 1.1.2016.

The names of the Chairperson and members as well as the terms of reference (ToR) of the 7th Pay Commission will be finalized and announced shortly after consultation with major stakeholders.

### On 4.2.2014 (After five months)

The Government announced setting up of the Seventh Central Pay Commission under the chairmanship of retired Supreme Court Judge **Ashok Kumar Mathur** to review the salaries of over 5 million employees.

The panel will submit its report in two years and the recommendations would be implemented from January 1, 2016, a Finance Ministry statement said.

Prime Minister Manmohan Singh has approved the composition of the Commission that has one full-time and one part-time member, besides the Chairman, the statement added.

Petroleum and Natural Gas Secretary, **Vivek Rae** has been appointed a full-time member, while National Institute of Public Finance and Policy Director **Rathin Roy** is a part-time member.

**Meena Agarwal**, an officer on special duty in the Finance Ministry's Expenditure Department, has been appointed the Commission's Secretary.

### As published in Times of India dated 20.2.2014 (As we go to the Press)

#### Central DA, basic may be merged

New Delhi: The Centre may increase and merge Dearness Allowance (DA) with the Basic Pay of its employees. The Union cabinet is expected to include the proposal as part of terms of reference of the Seventh Pay Commission.

The move will facilitate the announcement of interim relief to more than 50 lakh Government employees and 30 lakh pensioners by the newly constituted Pay Commission before the code of conduct for the Lok Sabha polls kicks in.

**Charitable function by K P&T PA:** Karnataka P&T Pensioners' Association arranged a charitable function in Government Primary School, 4th Phase, Yelahanka New Town, Bangalore for its students on Thursday the 6th February, 2014. On behalf of the Association, S/s. M.Vittal Rao, Auditor, K.R.Anantha Ramu, Treasurer and M.S.Krishnamurthy, A.Kanagamani, Nanjunde Gowda, Chakrapani-all Executive Committee Members, were present. About 250 students and all the Teaching Staff of the School attended the function. Smt. N.Vasanthakumari, Headmistress, welcomed the gathering. Sri Prasannakumar, Senior Asst. Headmaster, stated that the Association was very helpful to the school and so far, presented a computer and mike and hoped that the Association will continue to render help in future also. A cake weighing four KG was cut by a few students and distributed among all the students along with fruits. Note books and pencils were distributed by the members of the Executive Committee on behalf of the Association. Smt. Gangarathamma, one of the teachers, proposed vote of thanks.

## Annual Get-together of RMS and MMS Pensioners on 5th January, 2014

*(Report on page No. 7 of Pensioners' Champion January, 2014)*



**A view of the Audiences**



**Organisers with Artists**

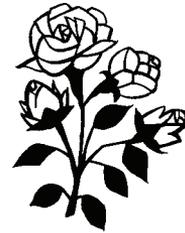


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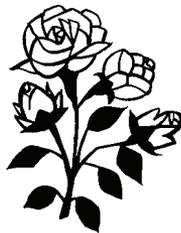
*(Report on opposite page)*



**Assembly of Students**



**Organisers at the function**



## COORDINATION COMMITTEE OF

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#### AFFILIATES

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

#### Reports received from Affiliates regarding observance of Pensioners' Day/ holding of AGB meeting.

**1) D.K.Dist. P&T Pensioners' Assn.:** The day was celebrated on 22-12-2013 as Senior Citizens Day by the Association with Sri M.A.Naik, President presiding. Sri Yogesh Chandra Mishra, PGM, D.K.Telecom Dist., and Sri T.G.Naik, SSP, Puttur were the Chief Guests. The function commenced after prayer rendered by Sri B.N. Rao and welcome speech by Sri A.C.Abdul Karim. Sri M.A.Venkatachalam, Secretary, explained about the significance of the function. S/s P. Harischandra Rao, Krishna Jalsur, P.B.Raghupathy Rao, K.K.Unnikrishnan Adiyodi, B.N.Gopalakrishna Rao, Haji Bolar Sheik, C.Subramanian Nambiar and B.Raghavendra who crossed 75 years of age were honoured on the occasion. This was followed with the speech by Chief Guests. The function ended with vote of thanks by Sri S.Gopal, Joint Secretary.

**ii) Udupi Dist. P&T Pensioners' Assn.:** In addition to the report published on page No. 12 of Pensioners' Champion, December 2013 issue, the Association has reported that fourteen septuagenarian members and one member aged 85 years were honoured during Pensioners' Day celebrated on 22-12-2013.

The Association conducted its AGB meeting on 22-12-2013 earlier to the Celebration of Pensioners' Day. After adoption of Annual Report and Accounts for the period 1-12-2012 to 30-11-2013, the need for inclusion of a representative of Pensioners' Associations in the 7th CPC, various problems like reimbursement of medical expenses of pensioners in non-CGHS areas and grant of full parity in pension for pre-2006 retirees were briefly explained by the President. The need to enroll all officials who are to retire in the coming months in the Association was stressed. Merger of 78.2% DA instead of 68.8% from 1.1.2007 in respect of BSNL pensioners was an issue to be taken up at the highest level, since the same was allowed for working BSNL employees. The meeting, unanimously, elected the under mentioned members as office bearers for the year 2014.

Founder Secretary: Sri K.Prabhakara Rao, President: Sri K.Sanjeewa Rao, Vice President: H.K.Mallya, Secretary: Sri George Samuel, Jt. Secretaries: S/s M.Lakshmana Ganiga and Shankaranarayana Shet, Organising Secretary: Sri U.K.Bhat, Treasurer: Sri Manjunatha Kini, Auditor: Sri D.V.Padubidri and in addition, twenty Committee Members.

**iii) Karnataka Income Tax Department Pensioners' Assn.:** As reported in Pensioners' Champion, December 2013 issue, Pensioners' Day was celebrated in Hubli on 23-12-2013. S/s G.V.Lokare, S.M.Shenvi, B.P. Maladkar, N.P. Bhat V.V.Kallapur and Sadlapur, who completed 75 years of age, were felicitated on the occasion. Sri D.B.Kotkar, who secured 3 medals in Masters Athletic Association Meet was also felicitated. The

meeting was well attended by over 70 members. The efforts of Chillal and members of Hubli and Dharwad in arranging the meeting was well-appreciated by the Secretary of the Association Sri O.M. Bhaskaran and other office bearers.

**iv) Karnataka IA & AD Pensioners' Assn.:** The meeting in connection with observance of Pensioners' Day took place as reported in Pensioners' Champion, December 2013 issue at AG's Layout, Arehalli, Bangalore, on 25-12-2013. More than 150 members attended. Sri S. Radhakrishna, Secretary, stated in the meeting that a meeting of pensioners who retired from BO Dharwad was held on 23-12-2013 during his visit to Hubli to attend the meeting of Karnataka Income Tax Department Pensioners' Association and 16 pensioners were enrolled as members. Sri B.Sadashiva Rao explained about the significance of Pensioners' Day. Sri B.Sadashiva Rao was felicitated in appreciation of his yeomen service to the pensioners' movement in general and particularly in Karnataka. Sri J. Lakshminarayana Rao who completed 80 years and could not attend the felicitation programme during the AGM was also felicitated.

**v) Karnataka Central Govt. Pensioners' Assn.:** The meeting to observe Pensioners' Day, as reported in Pensioners' Champion, December 2013 issue took place on 17th December 2013 in their office premises in Vyalikaval, Bangalore. Most of the MC members and a few other members including a lady member attended. The members at the commencement of the meeting mourned the death of Sri M.N.Doreswamy on November, 28, 2013. Extracts from the Apex Court's judgment of 17th December, 1982 were distributed in the meeting.

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### **Co-Authorization of Family Pension of permanently disabled children/dependent parents and permanently disabled siblings.**

*(O.M.No. CPAO/Simplification/2013-14/dated 6.2.2014 of CPAO, New Delhi)*

Keeping in view the difficulties faced by permanently disabled children/dependent parents & permanently disabled siblings while commencing the payment of family pension to them after the death of pensioner. DPPW has decided to co-authorise such claimant with the pensioner if there is no other eligible prior claimant for family pension or with the last eligible child or claimant of family pension other than the spouse as the case may be vide O.M. No. 1.27.2011-P&PW(E) dated 1.7.2013.

Because in the present format of PPO booklet there is no provision to adjust these claimants, CGA office has inserted Part-IV to CAM-52 and changed sequence of later parts vide Correction Slip No.3 dated 7.1.2014. The DPPW Order dated 7.1.2014 and Correction Slip No. 3 to CAM has been made available on CPAO's main website i.e. www.cpaon.in under order-DPPW Serial No. 6 and at Home page in the CPAO main website respectively.

All the Pr.CCAs/CCAs/CAs having independent charges are advised to take necessary action in the following manner:-

*i) Existing Pensioners:-* Name of permanently disabled children/dependent parents

& permanently disabled siblings are to be added in both the halves of PPO. For this purpose, concerned PAOs are to issue amendments to the Special Seal Authority alongwith PPO booklet to CPAO, on receipt of details of such claimant from Head of Office, in Part-IV as per Correction Slip No.3 to the CAM, CPAO will instruct the CPPCs of the concerned bank through Special Seal Authority to place the same in the relevant PPO folder (physical as well electronic folder) for taking necessary action when the occasion arises.

*ii) Future retirees:* All PAOs are supposed to prepare both halves of PPO booklet in the revised amended format. For this purpose they may add new Part-IV to the available booklet and change sequence of later parts to utilise present stock of PPO booklets and thereafter, they may get printed new PPO booklets according to the new format.

Hence, all Pr.CCAs/CCAs/CA are requested to instruct their Pay&Accounts Offices under their control to follow the above mentioned procedure for authorisation of family pension to permanently disabled children/dependent parents & permanently disabled siblings.

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