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Justice Sri N Santosh Hegde, Retd. Judge, Supreme Court of India and former Lokayukta, Karnataka addressed Pensioners on "*The role of Senior Citizens and Pensioners in the development of healthy society in a democratic setup*". at Udayabhanu Kalasangha, Bengaluru.



Justice Santhosh Hegde on the dais with Members of the Management Committee of CCCGPA, Karnataka  
From Left: S Radhakrishna, General Secretary, Justice Hegde, K.B. Krishna Rao, Chairman S.S. Ramanatha Rao, Vice-Chairman and O.M. Bhaskaran, Treasurer



Justice Hegde with the audience :  
From left: B Sadashiva Rao, Ravindranath Tagore,  
N Bhaskaran & M Ramiah



Sri T V Surya Prakash. Joint Sercetary, CCCGPA  
introducing Justice Hegde

**Honouring Justice Hegde:**



By K.B. Krishna Rao



By S.S. Ramanatha Rao



By S. Radhakrishna



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1. The Co-ordination Committee of Central Government Pensioners' Association, Karnataka, to which 27 pensioners associations in the State are affiliated, as a part of its Management Committee Quarterly Meeting on 17.10.2017, arranged a talk by Justice Sri Santhosh Hegde, Retired Judge, Supreme Court of India, at Udayabhanu Kala Sangha, Gavipuram, Bengaluru -560019 at 1100 hrs.

2. At the outset, Shri S.Radhakrishna, General Secretary, CCCGPA welcomed Justice Hegde with the words "Justice Sri Santosh Hegde needs no introduction". He also welcomed the audience, gathered in large numbers. Shri Suryaprakash, Joint General Secretary, while mentioning briefly the profile of Justice Hegde, recalled his meeting with him along with Sri Krishna Rao and others about a month back to seek his advice with regard to the undue delay in implementation of 7<sup>th</sup> CPC benefits to the pensioners of Autonomous / Statutory bodies, when Shri Hegde sat with them for nearly an hour, went through all the documents placed before him and suggested further course of action to be taken by the pensioners. He also assured them that if his advice is needed in future, they are free to meet him for his advice. This type of response, from a former Judge of Supreme Court, Shri Suryaprakash said, shows Sri Hegde's simplicity and his concern towards pensioners. He said that CCCGPA is honoured to have Shri Hegde as the Chief Guest to address its members.

3. Shri Santosh Hegde commenced his speech by saying that he is a pensioner too, being a retired judge and he is honoured to be invited to speak at this gathering. He spoke about all the three institutions of democracy viz, Legislature, Executive and the Judiciary. His speech, interlaced with serious and humorous anecdotes, was totally spellbinding and was well received, often with applaud, by the audience in the auditorium packed to its capacity. On the institution of Lokayukta, the former Karnataka Lokayukta said that it is a

good institution, as it is independent of Legislature and Executive. His stint there taught him so many things. He came into contact with common people and could understand their misery and pain. But, sadly, there are attempts to dilute its powers due to political reasons in the recent years.

4. Speaking about corruption, he said that the society makes people to be corrupt. Money is worshipped now. Scams involving thousands of crores of rupees are coming up every year and all political parties are involved. What sort of society do we live in? he lamented. Democracy is the best possible system. In 1946, in anticipation of independence, Constitution Committee was formed, comprising the most eminent people of that time and they drafted a beautiful Constitution in 1949, which came into being on January 26, 1950. While discussing whether educational qualification should be made compulsory for contesting in an election, one member stood up and asked "are we having two separate democracies, one for the educated and another for the uneducated?" His point was well taken and it was decided to do away with that stipulation. Equality for everybody in everything is the essence of democracy.

5. Continuing, Sri Hegde asked "but what is happening now"? Compared to the 40s and 50s, commitment to serve people is absent. Democracy defined as 'of the people, for the people and by the people' seems to have been forgotten. While *Political Netas* use all possible means to win the election, once they win it, behave like the *Rajas* and *Maharajas* and do not bother about problems faced by the people, who have sent them to Parliament and Assembly. Though they spare some time for meeting the public, very often they fail to keep up the promises made to their electorate. Commenting on the present situation in the country, he said that the society is being divided in the name of religion for votes. Shri Hegde said that social boycott of the corrupt and self serving politicians is the best form of protest.

We must bring back the society of the 40s and 50s.

6. To select able administrators, an independent body called Public Service Commission- Union and State- was formed after independence. But, gradually, its independence vanished. All service bodies toe the line of the Government of the day. Generally, Government servants are indifferent to the public. He cited a few incidents of the inhuman attitude of police officers and doctors during his term as Lokayukta, though he contended that there are good officers too.

7. Delay in punishing the guilty is so much that people are losing faith in the judicial system. He quoted the cases of some celebrities. Cases are delayed in all first, second and third courts, resulting in delay of about 10-20 years for delivery of final judgement. Meanwhile, the accused continue to enjoy all luxuries. We see that some politicians accused of grave criminal charges and misconduct, get bail and when they come out of jails, hundreds of their followers, garland them and dance in full public view. What sort of message does this send? The general impression is that people with money and muscle power get away with anything. The day people lose confidence in the judiciary, it will be the end of democracy; he cautioned.

8. On the Media, he said that the fourth estate is also not free from corruption. He opined that the fourth estate should be free, honest, sincere and impartial in dealing with public issues and grievances. Education too lacks focus on humanism. Sri Hegde said that, when he visited a well-known educational institution, he asked the principal whether moral science is taught to the children. The reply was that the subject is irrelevant as nobody cares about it. Meaning of "values" now is in rupees and annas. Greed governs everything.

9. Shri Hegde said that, unless the attitude of the society is changed, this problem will not be solved. It is never too late. He said that

people must learn to be content and learn to be human. Contentment does not mean that one should have no ambition. To aspire to be well educated, attain high status and even to get rich is not bad. But you should not take money from others' pocket to fill your own. He was optimistic that even if only one or two succeed in bringing about a change in the attitude, society will be better, not immediately perhaps, but in twenty, thirty years to come. He exhorted the pensioners and senior citizens to stand up united in fighting against corruption and bureaucratic delays in implementation of government orders favouring pensioners and to seek help from the institution of Lokkayukta in resolution of their complaints/grievances.

10. Shri Hegde's speech lasted about 50 minutes and afterwards, there was an interaction with the audience for 40 minutes. Many in the audience actively participated. Those who sought Justice Hegde's views on a variety of issues, to quote only a few names, included S/s Ravindranath Tagore, former, Addl DGP, S S Ramanatha Rao, Vice-Chairman CCCGPA, V.Gopal, Joint Secretary, KP&TPA, Ashok Kololgi, Secretary, KCGPA, M.Ramiah Advisor, KP&TPA and Suryaprakash, Secretary Coffee Board Pensioners' Association and Jt.Secretary, CCCGPA. Responding to Sri Suryaprakash on non implementation of 7<sup>th</sup> Central Pay Commission's recommendations to the pensioners of Autonomous bodies even after 14 months from its extension to other central pensioners, Sri Hegde stated that the inordinate delay itself is a cause of action and the pensioners can seek judicial intervention in the matter to get justice. He also mentioned that one cannot be sure about the period within which the final judgement is delivered, which may perhaps take years together and the cost of litigation may be on the higher side which will have to be met by the pensioners. He was of the view that the pensioners, being senior citizens, can approach the Supreme Court directly instead of the lower Courts. In reply to another question by Sri Suryaprakash, on

whether the Govt can pass an ordinance to stop payment of pension to the existing pensioners, Justice Hedge said that no such ordinance can be passed to stop pension since the pensioners have been getting their pension since several years and their entitlement to continued payment of pension is in terms of the relevant recruitment rules and the conditions of appointment prevalent at the time of their appointment. Changes in rules required to be brought about, if any, can be given effect to only prospectively and the new law can be made applicable only to new appointees / recruits.

11. Justice Hegde was felicitated by CCCGPA, Karnataka. Shri K.B.Krishna Rao, Chairman presented him with a garland, a shawl, a memento and a fruit basket. The citation in the memento was read out to the audience by Shri S.Radhakrishna, GS, CCCGPA who also proposed vote of thanks. Karnataka Central Govt Pensioners' Association, lead by Shri Ramanatha Rao, President and Shri Ashok Kololgi, Secretary also felicitated Sri Hegde.

*Citation in the memento presented read:*

**Felicitations to Justice Sri N. Santosh Hegde**

Retd. Judge, Supreme Court of India and  
Former Lokayukta, Karnataka

In recognition of:

His virtues like honesty, sincerity, integrity, hard work, discipline and perseverance

He being a role model to not only the youth, but people of all ages and profession

His simple living and high thinking

His determination to root out corruption from the society and his belief that this can be achieved if the younger generation makes up its mind.

His inculcating the values and beliefs of his father, late Shri K.S.Hegde, throughout his career and also after retirement

His active participation in sports at university and state level

His inspiration and advice to students to be honest, sincere and disciplined and to be the best citizens of the country.

His active participation in Anna Hazare's movement against corruption and support to the demand for a strong Jan Lokpal Bill

His becoming the first person from Karnataka to be appointed as Additional Solicitor General of India

Honorary doctorate of law conferred on him by the University of Mangalore

Public service award conferred on him by the Transparency International for his work

His great concern towards senior citizens and pensioners.

**at Udayabhanu Kalasangha, Bengaluru, on Tuesday the 17<sup>th</sup> October 2017.**

**Hon'ble Supreme Court of India on "RIGHT TO PENSION" in its judgement in "Nakra Case" pronounced on 17<sup>th</sup> December 1982**

Quote: Para-31

From the discussion three things emerge (i) That pension is neither a bounty nor a matter of grace depending upon the sweet will of the employer and that it creates a vested right subject to 1972 Rules which are statutory in character because they are enacted in exercise of powers conferred by the proviso to Art.309 and clause(5) of Art.148 of the constitution; (ii) That the pension is not an ex-gratia payment but it is a payment for the past service rendered; and (iii) It is a social welfare measure rendering socio-economic justice to those who in the heyday of their life ceaselessly toiled for the employer on an assurance that in their old age they would not be left in lurch. It must also be noticed ..... a disciplinary measure.

Unquote : 1972 Rules : **(Central Civil Services (Pension) Rules,1972 : editor)**

**Postal Pensioners – Karnataka**

Many members of our Association have informed us that they have since received their personal copies of the revised PPOs and arrears have been paid to them by the HPOs.

Sri V Gopal, Joint Secretary, KP&TPA met the Senior Accounts Officer, O/o DA(P) on 12 th Oct 2017 and discussed the matter with him. There is good progress in issue of revised PPOs and the Sr.AO hopes to complete the work by the end of November 2017. Some of the Pension Sanctioning Authorities are finding it difficult to trace the records of old pensioners especially of Pre-1996 pensioners. However, it is learned that sincere efforts are being made by the Authorities concerned to furnish all the particulars required for revision of pension.

**DoT Pensioners – Karnataka**

K B Krishna Rao, Secretary, KP&TPA

with Shri P Gangadhara Rao, Dy.General Secretary, AIBSNLWA and Shri Changappaa, Circle Secretary, AIBSNLWPA, met the General Manager, Finance, and the Chief Accounts officer O/o the Chief General Manager, BSNL, Karnataka on 19-9-2017 and impressed upon them the need for expediting revision of pension of DoT retirees, in view of the fact that almost all the SSAs are yet to send details of notional pay to CCA, Karnataka and so far a very few revisions have been done.

Sri Gangadhara Rao and Changappa met the Joint Controller of Communications Accounts on 17-10-2017 and discussed the issue with him. We are glad to learn that due to the persistent efforts made by KP&TPA, especially AIBSNLWA, there is some progress and as on 19<sup>th</sup> Oct ,358 revised PPOs have been issued by the CCA.

*K B Krishna Rao, Secretary, K P&T PA*

**We request pre-1996 pensioners who are yet to get their revised PPOs to furnish copies of their PPOs /last Pay Certificate or any other relevant record to the Head of the Office from which they had retired to facilitate easy access to the particulars required for revision of their pension.**

**Coffee Board pensioners**

*Letter dated 22nd September 2017 from the Department of Commerce addressed to Sri K B Krishna Rao, Chairman, CCCGPA Karnataka, in reply to CCCGPA's letter dated 8-9-2017 is reproduced below.*

File No.F-12016/5/2017-Plant B dated 22nd Sept 2017

Subject: Grievance dated 8-9-2017 regarding delay in payment of pension as per 7<sup>th</sup> CPC recommendations and revision of pension of Pre-2006 pensioners as per OM dated 6-4-2016 of DoP&PW.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to your grievance detailed above and to inform that the matter of revision of pension of pensioners of Coffee Board in accordance with the recommendations 7<sup>th</sup> CPC and the matter of revision of pension Pre-2006 pensioners Coffee Board as per OM dated 6-4-2016 of DoP&PW is under examination.

**Construction of an Annexe to Pensioners' Bhavan, Association's Building in Telecom Layout, Bengaluru**  
**An APPEAL**  
**FOR DONATION TO THE BUILDING FUND OF THE ASSOCIATION**



Digging of a bore well was completed on 14<sup>th</sup> Oct 2017. Digging had to be stopped when it reached a depth of 270 feet. Bore well is expected to yield one inch dia or approximately 5000 litres of water per hour

K P&T PA earnestly requests Members and Subscribers, **who are yet to respond** to donate liberally to the building fund. 14<sup>th</sup> List of donors is published in this issue.

**Pre-2016 pensioners are being paid arrears of pension consequent to revision of their pension in terms of DoP&PW OM dated 12-5-2017. We appeal for liberal donations from those who have not yet remitted their contribution. Other members also may please consider paying additional amounts to facilitate construction of a meeting hall in the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of the Annexe.**

**Members who have donated above Rs 5,000 but less than 10,000 and those who have donated above Rs.10,000 but less than 25,000 may please consider raising their donation to Rs.10,000 & Rs.25,000 respectively, so that their names may be included in the boards**

Donation can be made in instalments also. Progressive total of donations made will be indicated in the list published in the Association's Journal *Pensioners' Champion*, as and when donations are received

*Names of those who donate Rs.25,000/- and above will be engraved on granite stone to be embedded in the front wall of the new building and of those who donate Rs. 10,000 and above but less than Rs.25,000/-, will be printed on the boards to be provided in the main hall*

**We intend writing personal letters to our members who have not yet paid their contribution to the building fund**

**Income Tax exemption:** 50% of the amount of donation made to K P&T PA, is eligible for deduction in the Gross total Income under Section 80-G of Income Tax ACT.

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

Cheques may please be sent to:  
Sri K.R.Anantha Ramu, Treasurer K P&T PA,  
No 1158, 7<sup>th</sup> Main, 7<sup>th</sup> Block, HMT Layout, Vidyanarayapura, Bangalore-560097.  
(Ph: 080 23642466 Mob: 9448477129)

**CPAO  
Order**

**Credit of revised pension in the bank accounts of pensioners**

*Gol, Ministry of Finance, Dept of Expenditure, CPAO O M No. CPAO/IT&Tech/Revision (7th CPC)/19.Vol-III (B) / 2016-L7/128 dated 26-09-2017*

**Implementation of Government's decision on the recommendations of 7th Central Pay Commission - Revision of pension of Pre- 2016 pensioners / Family Pensioners etc.-**

Attention is invited to para 2[ii] of this office OM No. CPAO/ IT&Tech/Revision (7th CPC)/ 19 [vol-III]/ 2016-17/ 41 dated-06.06 .2077 on the above subject where it has been provided that "The credit of revised pension in the bank accounts of pensioners/family pensioners and payment of arrears should be in a time bound manner after receipt of Revision Authority from CPAo [through electronic mode). It should not be later than the next due date of credit of pension in the pensioners accounts."

But analysis of the payment of arrears reveals that most of the banks are not maintaining the above provision. Finance secretary in his review meeting has expressed his concern on the delay by the banks. Therefore, Heads of CPPCs and Heads of Government Business Departments of all the authorized banks are requested to ensure the compliance of the above provision.

This issues with the approval of the competent authority.

Md.Shahid Kamal Ansari  
Asstt.Controller of Accounts

**DoP&PW  
Order**

**Ministry of Personnel Public Grievances and Pensions Department of Pension and Pensioners Welfare OM No.114/2017—P&PW(F) Dated the 3rd October, 2017.**

*Implementation of Government's decision on the recommendation of the VII Pay Commission on CCS (Extraordinary Pension) Rules, 1939 - Constant Attendant Allowance-*

In continuation of this Department's OM No.1/4/2017-P&PW(F) dated 2nd August 2017, revising the Constant Attendant Allowance from the existing Rs.45001- p.m. to Rs.67501- p.m. it has also been decided that the rate of Constant Attendant Allowance payable to the Civilian pensioners shall be increased by 25% every time the dearness allowance on the revised Pay in the Pay Matrix increases by 50%.

2. All other terms and conditions of this Department's OM NO.114/2017-P&PW(F) dated 2nd August 2017 will remain the same.
3. In so far as persons belonging to Indian Audit and Accounts Department, these orders issue after consultation with the Comptroller & Auditor General of India.
4. These orders are issued with the concurrence of the Ministry of finance (Department of Expenditure) vide, their OM No.11-112016-IC dated 11.07.2017 and ID NO.11-112016-IC/Pt dated 25.07.2017
5. Hindi version will follow.

Sujasha Choudhury, Director

**PENSIONERS' CHAMPION**

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**OCTOBER 2017**

**Simplification of pension procedure**

**(i) Handing over of PPO to the retiring employee by the Head of Office before retirement and (ii) Submission of undertaking by retiring Government servant along with pension papers**

The undersigned is directed to invite attention to this department's Office Memorandum of even number, dated 7 May, 2014 (copy available at departmental website), vide which provision had been made that the undertaking to be submitted by the retiring Government servant/pensioner to the pension disbursing bank to refund or make good any amount to which he is not entitled may be obtained by the Head of Office from the retiring Government servant along with Form 5 and other documents before his retirement. This undertaking is forwarded to the pension disbursing bank along with the Pension Payment Order (PPO) by the Accounts Officer/CPAO following the usual procedure. The bank shall credit the pension to the account of the pensioner as soon as this Undertaking is received along with the pension documents.

2. The pensioner is no longer required to visit the bank to activate the first payment of pension. Therefore, after ascertaining that the Bank's copy has been despatched by the Central Pension Accounting Office, the pensioner's copy of the PPO is to be handed over to him at the time of retirement along with other retirement dues. This should be feasible in all

cases where the Government servant had submitted pension papers within the time-limits prescribed in the Central Civil Services (Pension) Rules, 1972.

3. An employee posted at a location away from the office of the Head of Office or who for any other reasons feels that it would be more convenient to him to obtain his copy of PPO from the bank, may inform the Head of Office of his option in writing while submitting his pension papers.

4. However, in the recent past, many instances have come to the notice of this Department wherein the pensioner's copy of the PPO had not been handed over to him/her and instead had been sent to the Bank and the same was lost in transit sometimes thereby causing hardship to the pensioner.

5. In view of the foregoing, all Ministries/Departments are once again requested to strictly follow the above procedure henceforth viz., handing over the copy of pensioner PPO to him/her at the time of retirement along with other retirement dues except if the pensioner specifically requests for delivering his/her copy of PPO through bank. Department of Posts and Department of Telecommunications are requested to make suitable amendments to the instructions to the Accounts Officers and pension disbursing Post Offices/Banks to adhere to the above procedure.

(D.K. Solanki)

Under Secretary to the Government of India

**Remittance to the Association**

- 1) Payments to the Association may please be made by crossed Cheques drawn in favour of "**Karnataka P&T Pensioners' Association**"
- 2) To be sent to the Treasurer at his address given in the journal – page 7 in this issue.
- 3) Cheques are not to be drawn in the names of either the Secretary or the Treasurer

**Donation to the Building Fund - 14th List**

SI No.	Name Sri/Smt.	Membership No.	Amount Rs.	Receipt No.	Progressive Total of donation
628	D.K.Puranik	859	30001	3012	
629	B.C.Ravi	2493	25000	3031	
630	K.S.Balakrishnan	Well wisher	25000	3024	
631	P.Raghavendra Nayak	2160	8000	3039	10000
632	Survey of India Pensioners' Association	1429	5000	3037	
633	K.S.Ramanathan	1805	5000	3028	15000
634	B.V.Shankaraiah	2445	5000	3019	
635	V.Sujatha	2480	5000	3029	
636	Y.Seshadri	1582	3500	3021	
637	Abdul Gaffoor	2446	3000	3030	5000
638	V.K.Kulkarni	1235	2000	3036	
639	K.V.Suryanarayana Rao	S-195	2000	3038	
640	L.M.Niranjan Murthy	1879	1501	3022	
641	A.A.Naik	706	1000	3027	
642	H.K.Mallya	S-321	120	3023	

**Corrections**

Sri.S.B.Hombal LM 1664 Sep-17      Rs.1000 instead of 500      1500

**Correction of Receipt numbers: Sep-17**

Membership No.	Rpt No.	Instead of
LM-603	3002	2302
LM-838	3008	2308
LM-2062	3003	2303
LM-2264	3005	2305
LM-2309	3004	2304
AICGPA, Dharwad	3006	2306
S-25	3001	2301
NP Nimavant	3007	2307

**BSNL - IDA****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 at revised rates-regarding.**

OM No. W-02/0002/2014-DPE(WC) - GL - XX/17 Gol, Ministry of Heavy Industries & Public Enterprises  
Department of Public Enterprises dated 5th October, 2017.

In modification of this Department's O.M. of even No. dated 4.7.2017, the rate of DA payable to the executives and non-unionized supervisors of CPSEs (2007 pay revision) is as follows:

- (f) Date from which payable: 1.10.2017
- (g) Average AICPI (2001=100) for the quarter June 2017 - August 2017
- |                        |        |
|------------------------|--------|
| June, 2017             | 280    |
| July, 2017             | 285    |
| August, 2017           | 285    |
| Average of the quarter | 283.33 |
- (h) Link Point 126.33 (as on 1.1.2017)
- (i) Increase over link point: 157 (283.33 minus 126.33)
- (j) DA Rate w.e.f. 1.10.2017:  $124.3\% [(157 \div 126.33) \times 100]$

2. The above rate of DA i.e. 124.3% 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 & 2.4.2009.

3. All administrative Ministries / Departments of the Government of India are requested to bring the foregoing to the notice of the CPSEs under their administrative control for necessary action at their end.

**CGHS****Guidelines for special provisions to CGHS beneficiaries aged 80 years and above**

OM No. Z-16025/98/2017-CGHS-III Gol Ministry of Health and Family Welfare Department of Health & Family Welfare Directorate General of CGHS dated 11th July, 2017

With reference to the above mentioned subject, the undersigned is directed to convey the approval of competent authority for special provisions under CGHS to the beneficiaries aged 80 years and above, in continuation of earlier guidelines in this regard, as per the details given below:

- Consultation of Doctor at CGHS Wellness Centre without standing in Queue
- CGHS Doctors shall enquire by phone, at least once in a month to enquire about their wellbeing/ make a home visit if residing within 5 K.M.s of CGHS WC
- Settlement of medical claims on priority out of turn.
- Follow up treatment from same specialist in non-empanelled hospital from where he/she was earlier taking treatment as a special case in view of advanced age and difficulty to change physician subject to the reimbursement limited to CGHS rates and collection of medicines as per CGHS guidelines.

**Grant of Dearness Relief to Central Government pensioners/family pensioners - Revised rate effective from 1.7.2017.**

*O.M. No. F.No. 42/15/2016-P&PW(G) Gol, Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances & Pensions Department of Pension & Pensioner's Welfare, dated 28th September, 2017.*

The undersigned is directed to refer to this Department's OM No. 42/15/2016-P&PW(G) dated 7.4.2017 on the subject mentioned above and to state that the President is pleased to decide that the Dearness Relief admissible to Central Government pensioners/family pensioners shall be enhanced from the existing rate of 4% to 5% w.e.f. 1.7.2017.

2. These rates of DR will be applicable to (i) Civilian Central Government Pensioners/Family Pensioners including Central Govt. absorbee pensioners in PSU/Autonomous Bodies in respect of whom orders have been issued vide this Department's OM No. 4/34/2002-P&PW(D) Vol. II dated 23.6.2017 for restoration of full pension after expiry of commutation period of 15 years (ii) The Armed Forces Pensioners, Civilian Pensioners paid out of the Defence Service Estimates, (iii) All India Service Pensioners (iv) Railway Pensioners/family pensioners (v) Pensioners who are in receipt of provisional pension (vi) The Burma Civilian pensioners/family pensioners and pensioners/families of displaced Government Pensioners from Pakistan, who are Indian Nationals but receiving pension on behalf of Government of Pakistan and are in receipt of adhoc ex-gratia allowance in respect of whom orders have been issued vide this Department's OM No. 23/3/2008-P&PW(B) dated 11.9.2017.

3. In partial modification of this Department OMs of even no. dated 16.12.2016 and 27.4.2017, Central Govt. absorbee pensioners in PSU/Autonomous Bodies referred to in category (i) in para 2 and Burma Civilian pensioners/family pensioners referred to in category (vi) in para 2 above, will also be eligible for dearness relief @ 2% w.e.f. 1.7.2016 and @ 4% w.e.f. 1.1.2017, in terms of this Department OMs of even no dated 16.11.2016 and 7.4.2017 respectively.

The dearness relief already drawn by the above pensioners in terms of OMs dated 16.11.2016 and 27.4.2017 will be adjusted from the revised dearness relief payable under these orders.

4. These orders shall not be applicable to CPF beneficiaries, their widows and eligible children who are in receipt of ex-gratia payment in terms of this Department's OM No. 45/52/97-P&PW(E) dated 16.12.1997 and revised vide this Department's OM 1.10.2012-P&PW(E) dated 27.6.2013.

Separate orders will be issued in respect of above category.

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

6. Other provisions governing grant of DR in respect of employed family pensioners and reemployed Central Government Pensioners will be regulated in accordance with the provisions contained in this Department's OM No. 45/73/97-P&PW(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.

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

8. 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.

9. The offices of Accountant General and authorised Pension Disbursing 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 23.4.1981 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.

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

11. This issues in accordance with Ministry of Finance, Department of Expenditure's OM No. 1/9/2017-E-II(B) dated 20th September, 2017.

**CAT Order on Modified Assured Career Progression Scheme (MACP Scheme)**

We invite attention of our members to the matter on the subject cited above published in page-14 of August 2017 issue and furnish the following **update** with regard to implementation of the order passed by the Hon'ble CAT, Bangalore on 28-4-2017 on the applications filed by some of our members.

Update :

Office of the Chief Postmaster General, Karnataka, in reply to an application under the RTI Act filed by Sri Rangegowda, one of the applicants before the CAT, has informed him that the Department has taken decision to challenge the order dated 28-4-2017 in OA No. 170/00810/2016 filed by Sri Rangegowda before the Hon'ble High Court of Karnataka, Bengaluru bench and filing Writ Petition is under process.

ALL INDIA CONSUMER PRICE INDEX					
Month	CPI Base 2001=100	12 Months' Total	Monthly Ave.	% increase over 261.42	% increase over 115.76
				7th CPC	6th CPC
Dec 16	275	3292	274.33	4.94	136.98
Aug 17	285	3335	277.92	6.31	140.08

DR Due from 1-7-2017 = 5% (Increase of 1%) Order in Page 12

**Central Government Holiday in November 2017.**

**Guru Nanak's Birthday**

**4th November, Saturday,**

**BSNL IDA**

From 1-10-2017 124.3 % Increase : 5.3 % over July 2017 IDA of rate of 119 % (IDA Order in Page: 11

**OBITUARY**

**Sri V. Basavarajaiah**, LM-2059, Retd HMM, Bcity RMS expired on 9.10.2017 at the age of 67 years. He leaves behind Wife, 2 sons and a daughter

**We convey our heartfelt condolences to the bereaved family.**

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**Minutes of Meeting of the Expenditure Finance Committee (EFC)  
held on 7.9.2017 to consider the Department of Commerce's  
proposal for continuation of 12th Plan Schemes of Tea Board, Coffee  
Board and Rubber Board for the Medium Term Framework  
(2017-18 to 2019-20).**

*F.No. T-17014/2/2016-Plant(A) Gol Ministry fo Commerce & Industry Department of Commerce  
dated 10.10.2017.*

**Office Memorandum**

The undersigned is directed to refer to the approved minutes of the EFC meeting held on 7.9.2017 on the subject noted above and to state that as per the delegated powers, scheme/projects costing to above Rs. 500.00 Crore is also required to be approved by Minister concerned and the Finance Minister.

2. The Hon'ble Minister for Commerce and Industry has approved the proposals for continuation of the following 12th Plan Schemes for implementation by the Tea, Coffee and Rubber Boards during the Medium Term Framework 2017-18 to 2019-20

- (i) "Tea Development & Promotion Scheme" with an outlay of Rs. 585.71 Cr.
- (ii) "Integrated Coffee Development Project" with an outlay of Rs. 608.44 Cr.
- (iii) "Sustainable and Inclusive Development of Natural Rubber" with an outlay of Rs. 660.63 Cr.

3. It is requested that approval of the Hon'ble Finance Minister may kindly be obtained and conveyed to this Department to the proposal for continuation of the above 12th Plan Schemes.

4. It is informed that the Department of Expenditure has separately approved extension of 7th Central Pay Commission benefit to the existing employees of the Commodity Boards w.e.f. 1.1.2016 and accordingly these Commodity Boards have revised the pay of the their existing employees. By virtue of this, salary arrears to the existing employees is required to be paid in addition, revision of pension fo the pensiners also needs to be considered to avoid anomaly between the existing employees and pensioners of these Commodity Boards. However, the EFC has kept the salary provision at the level fo Rs. 2016-17. The hike due to implementation of 7th CPC amounting to Rs. 45.20 Cr. and arrears amounting to approximately Rs. 78.86 Cr. to the employees and pensioners of Commodity Boards, has not been approved by EFC. It is, therefore, requested that the provision for hike in the salary and the arrears of 7th CPC to the employees and pensioners of the Commodity Boards under the Department of Commerce may kindly be made and approval in this regard conveyed to this Department.

5. This issues with the approval of the Hon'ble Minister for Commerce & Industry.

**Members who have not yet renewed their subscription  
are requested to renew now.**

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### **A retired Accounts Officer in the service of pensioners for more than 24 years**

**Shri S K Mhaskar** (ALM-2207), since his retirement in 1994 from Defence Accounts as Asst. Accounts Officer(Gaz), has been tirelessly working for the welfare of pensioners residing not only in Pune, his home town, but also the pensioners and family pensioners in the state of Maharashtra and elsewhere. Apart from holding a position in the Defence Accounts Pensioners Association as its vice president, he is in the co operative movement also and presently is the Secretary of Defence Accounts Consumer Cooperative Society, Pune.

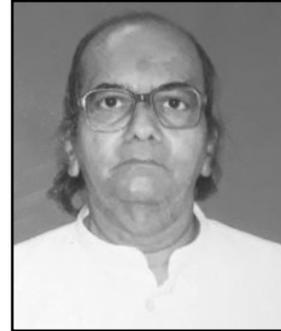
He evinces keen interest in resolution of pensioners' grievances, accompanies them to the offices/ banks, and pursues the matter with the authorities concerned. He has helped hundreds of pensioners, especially the family pensioners who need guidance and help.

Shri Mhaskar, has delivered lectures on All India Radio, addressed groups of

pensioners and senior citizens and Ex-Army Jawans on pension matters. His articles on pension and pensioners have been published in several news papers and journals in Maharashtra. He

has to his credit several awards presented to him in recognition of his social work. "SM Joshi award" was conferred on him by the Mayor of Pune Municipal Corporation.

As Pandit of Jnana Prabodhini Reserch Institute, Pune, a religious organisation, he has performed thousands of rituals in the country and abroad Viz: New Zealand and Srilanka.



### **And yet another feather in his cap**

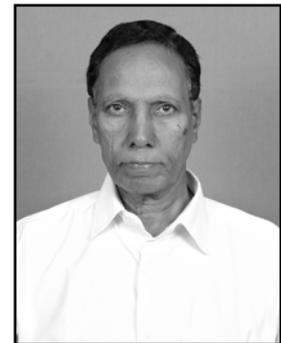
**Sri R.Soundararajan** (LM-710), won the first prize in the letter-writing competition conducted by the Department of Posts, Ministry of Communications, Government of India.

In a specially got-up function at Sabaramati Ashram, Ahmadabad, on 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2017, Mahatma Gandhi's birthday, Sri Soundararajan was conferred the title "Pattern of Post" and given a cheque for Rs.50,000/- and a certificate by Sri A N Nanda, Secretary Posts.

The competition on the subject "Dear Babu-you inspire me" was open to all citizens of India. There were more than four lakh entries for the coveted position.

We congratulate him for his signal success, which we hope will be a source of inspiration for the younger generation

*(We had published a write-up on Sri Soundararajan in March 2017 issue. Editor)*



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