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ಡಿಸೆಂಬರ್ 17ನೇ ತಾರೀಖನ್ನು ಭಾರತದಲ್ಲಿ "ಪಿಂಚಣಿದಾರರ ದಿವಸ"ವನ್ನಾಗಿ ಕೇಂದ್ರ ಸರ್ಕಾರದ ಪಿಂಚಣಿದಾರರು ಆಚರಿಸುತ್ತಿದ್ದಾರೆ. ಮಕ್ಕಳ ದಿನಾಚರಣೆ, ಶಿಕ್ಷಕರ ದಿನಾಚರಣೆ, ಕಾರ್ಮಿಕರ ದಿನಾಚರಣೆಯಷ್ಟು ಜನಪ್ರಚಲಿತವಾಗಿರದಿದ್ದರೂ, ಪಿಂಚಣಿದಾರರ ದಿವಸವು ತನ್ನದೇ ಆದ ವೈಶಿಷ್ಟ್ಯವನ್ನು ಹೊಂದಿದ್ದು, ವರ್ಷದಿಂದ ವರ್ಷಕ್ಕೆ ಮಹತ್ವವನ್ನು ಪಡೆದುಕೊಳ್ಳುತ್ತಿದೆ.

ಡಿಸೆಂಬರ್ 17ನೇ ತಾರೀಖು ಕೇಂದ್ರ ಸರ್ಕಾರದ ಪಿಂಚಣಿದಾರರ ಪಾಲಿಗೆ ಒಂದು ಅವಿಸ್ಮರಣೀಯ ದಿನವಾಗಿದೆ. ಏಕೆಂದರೆ ಅದೇ ದಿನ 1982ನೇ ಇಸವಿಯಂದು, ಸುಪ್ರೀಂಕೋರ್ಟಿನ ಗೌರವಾನ್ವಿತ ಮುಖ್ಯ ನ್ಯಾಯಾಧೀಶರಾಗಿದ್ದ ವೈ.ವಿ. ಚಂದ್ರಚೂಡ್ ಇವರನ್ನೊಳಗೊಂಡಂತೆ ನಾಲ್ಕು ಗೌರವಾನ್ವಿತ ನ್ಯಾಯಾಧೀಶರಿರುವ ಪೀಠವು, ಡಿ.ಎಸ್.ನಕ್ರ ಮತ್ತು ಇತರರು V/S ಕೇಂದ್ರ ಸರ್ಕಾರದ ವ್ಯಾಜ್ಯದಲ್ಲಿ ಒಂದು ಐತಿಹಾಸಿಕವಾದ ತೀರ್ಪನ್ನು

ಕೊಟ್ಟಿತು. ಉದಾರೀಕರಣಗೊಂಡ ಪಿಂಚಣಿ ಯೋಜನೆಗೆ ಸಂಬಂಧಿಸಿದಂತೆ ಕೇಂದ್ರ ಹಣಕಾಸು ಇಲಾಖೆಯು 25.5.1979ರಲ್ಲಿ ಹೊರಡಿಸಿದ್ದ ನಿವೇದನಾ ಪತ್ರದಲ್ಲಿದ್ದ "ಅರ್ಹತಾ ಮಾನದಂಡ"ವು ಅಸಂವಿಧಾನಿಕವಾಗಿದ್ದು, ಸಂವಿಧಾನದ ಕಲಂ 14ರ ಆಶಯವನ್ನು ಉಲ್ಲಂಘಿಸುತ್ತಿದೆ ಎಂದೂ ಉದಾರೀಕರಣ ಗೊಂಡ ಪಿಂಚಣಿ ಯೋಜನೆಯ ಅರ್ಹತಾ ಮಾನದಂಡದ ಪ್ರಯೋಜನ, 31.3.1979 ರಂದು ಮತ್ತು ತದ ನಂತರ ನಿವೃತ್ತಿ ಹೊಂದುವರಿಗೆ ಮಾತ್ರ ಅನ್ವಯವಾಗುವುದರಿಂದ ಅರ್ಹತಾ ಮಾನದಂಡವನ್ನು ಕಡೆಗಾಣಿಸಿ, ನಿವೃತ್ತಿದಾರರೆಲ್ಲರಿಗೂ ಅವರ ನಿವೃತ್ತಿ ದಿನಾಂಕವನ್ನು ಪರಿಗಣಿಸದೆ ಈ ಯೋಜನೆಯನ್ನು ಅನುಷ್ಠಾನಗೊಳಿಸ ಬೇಕೆಂದು ತೀರ್ಪನ್ನು ಕೊಟ್ಟರು.

ಕೇಂದ್ರ ಸರ್ಕಾರವು ನ್ಯಾಯಾಲಯದ ಆದೇಶವನ್ನು ಅಕ್ಟೋಬರ್ 1983ರಲ್ಲಿ ಜಾರಿಗೆ ತಂದಿತು ಮತ್ತು 1979ರ ಉದಾರೀಕರಣಗೊಂಡ ಪಿಂಚಣಿ ಯೋಜನೆಯ ಹಲವಾರು

ಪ್ರಯೋಜನಗಳನ್ನು ಪಿಂಚಣಿದಾರರಿಗೆ ತಲುಪಿಸಿತು. (ಅ) ಹಲವಾರು ಹಂತಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಪಿಂಚಣಿಯ ಲೆಕ್ಕಾಚಾರ ಮಾಡುವುದು, (ಆ) 31.3.1979 ಕ್ಕಿಂತಲೂ ಮೊದಲೇ ನಿವೃತ್ತಿ ಹೊಂದಿದವರ ಪಿಂಚಣಿ ಗರಿಷ್ಠ ಮಿತಿಯನ್ನು ರೂ. 1,000 ದಿಂದ 1,500ಕ್ಕೆ ಏರಿಸುವುದು. ಇವೆರಡೂ ಪ್ರಯೋಜನಗಳಲ್ಲದೆ ಪಿಂಚಣಿಗಾಗಿ 36 ತಿಂಗಳುಗಳ ಸರಾಸರಿ ವೇತನವನ್ನು ಪರಿಗಣಿಸದೆ, 10 ತಿಂಗಳುಗಳ ಸರಾಸರಿ ವೇತನವನ್ನು ಪರಿಗಣಿಸುವುದು ಮತ್ತು 30 ವರ್ಷಗಳ ಅರ್ಹತಾ ಸೇವಾವಧಿಯನ್ನು 33 ವರ್ಷಗಳವರೆಗೂ ವಿಸ್ತರಿಸಿದ್ದು; ಇವೆಲ್ಲವುಗಳ ಪ್ರಯೋಜನ ವನ್ನು 29.2.1976ಕ್ಕಿಂತ ಮುಂಚೆ ನಿವೃತ್ತಿ ಯಾದವರಿಗೆ ನೀಡುತ್ತಿದ್ದು ಅದನ್ನು 31.3.1979ರ ವರೆಗೂ ನಿವೃತ್ತಿ ಯಾದವರಿಗೂ ವಿಸ್ತರಿಸಿದರು. ಹೀಗೆ ನಕ್ರಾ ಮೊಕದ್ದಮೆಯ ತೀರ್ಪು, ಪಿಂಚಣಿ ನಿಯಮಗಳಿಗೆ ಮಾರ್ಪಾಡು ಮಾಡುವ ಚಿಂತನೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಮಹತ್ತರ ಬದಲಾವಣೆ ತಂದಿತು. ಆದ್ದರಿಂದ ಪಿಂಚಣಿದಾರರ ನ್ಯಾಯಯುತ ಹಕ್ಕೊತ್ತಾಯಕ್ಕೆ ನಡೆದ ಈ ಕಾನೂನು ಹೋರಾಟ ಪಿಂಚಣಿದಾರರ 'ಮ್ಯಾಗ್ನಾ ಕಾರ್ಟ್' ಎಂದೇ ಪ್ರಸಿದ್ಧಿ.

ಸುಪ್ರೀಂಕೋರ್ಟ್ ಪಿಂಚಣಿದಾರರಿಗೆ ಹಣಕಾಸಿನ ಸೌಲಭ್ಯಗಳನ್ನು ಹೆಚ್ಚಿಸತಲ್ಲದೆ, ಕೆಳಕಂಡ ಕೆಲವು ಅಂಶಗಳನ್ನು ತನ್ನ ತೀರ್ಪಿನಲ್ಲಿ ನಮೂದಿಸಿ, ಪಿಂಚಣಿದಾರರ ಸಮೂಹದಲ್ಲಿ ಆತ್ಮಾಭಿಮಾನವು ಪ್ರಜ್ವಲಿಸುವಂತೆ ಮಾಡಿದೆ.

- ಅ) ಪಿಂಚಣಿಯು ಕೆಲಸಕ್ಕೆ ನೇಮಿಸಿಕೊಂಡಿರುವ ಯಜಮಾನನ ಔದಾರ್ಯವೋ ಅಥವಾ ಕೃಪಾಕಟಾಕ್ಷವೋ ಅಲ್ಲ ಮತ್ತು ಇದು 1972ರ ಕಾನೂನಿನ ಪ್ರಕಾರ ಪಿಂಚಣಿದಾರರ ಹಕ್ಕು.
- ಆ) ಪಿಂಚಣಿಯು ದಯೆಯಿಂದ ಸಂದಾಯವಾದದ್ದಲ್ಲ, ಅದು ಹಿಂದೆ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಿದ ಸೇವೆಗೆ ಸಂದ ಪ್ರತಿಫಲ.
- ಇ) ಪಿಂಚಣಿಯು ಒಂದು ಸಾಮಾಜಿಕ ಕ್ಷೇಮಾಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿಯ ಕ್ರಮವಾಗಿದ್ದು, ವೃದ್ಧಾಪ್ಯದಲ್ಲ ನೆಮ್ಮದಿಯ ಜೀವನವನ್ನು ನಡೆಸುವ ಭರವಸೆಯಿಂದ, ತಮ್ಮ ಜೀವನವನ್ನು ಧಾರೆಯೆರೆದು ಯಜಮಾನನಿಗಾಗಿ ದುಡಿದು, ನಂತರ ಅವರಿಂದ ಕಡೆಗಾಣಿಸಲ್ಪಟ್ಟು ನಿವೃತ್ತಿ ದಾರರು ಅಂಧಕಾರದಲ್ಲ ಕಳೆದು ಹೋಗಬಾರದೆಂಬ ಉದ್ದೇಶವನ್ನೊಳಗೊಂಡಿದೆ.

ಮುಂದೆ ನಿವೃತ್ತಿ ಹೊಂದುವವರಿಗೆ ಮಾತ್ರ ಪರಿಷ್ಕೃತ ಪ್ರಯೋಜನಗಳನ್ನು ಒದಗಿಸಿ, ಹಿಂದೆ ನಿವೃತ್ತಿ ಹೊಂದಿದ ಪಿಂಚಣಿದಾರರಿಗೆ ನಿರಾಕರಿಸುವ ಸರ್ಕಾರದ ಕ್ರಮದ ಹಿಂದಿನ

ಉದ್ದೇಶವನ್ನು ಸುಪ್ರೀಂ ಕೋರ್ಟ್ ಪ್ರಶ್ನಿಸಿತು, ಅಲ್ಲದೆ ಸೇವೆ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸುತ್ತಿರುವ ಸಿಬ್ಬಂದಿಯ ವಿಚಾರ ಬಂದಾಗ, ಒಂದು ನಿಶ್ಚಿತ ದಿನಾಂಕದಂದು ಜಾರಿಗೆ ತರುವ ಪರಿಷ್ಕೃತ ವೇತನಾ ಶ್ರೇಣಿಯನ್ನು ಮುಂದೆ ಸೇವೆಗೆ ಸೇರುವರಿಗಷ್ಟೇ ಸೀಮಿತಗೊಳಿಸದೆ, ಆ ನಿಶ್ಚಿತ ದಿನಾಂಕದ ಮುಂಚೆ ಸೇವೆ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸುತ್ತಿರುವವರಿಗೂ ಅನ್ವಯಿಸುವುದರ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ಪ್ರಶ್ನಿಸಿತು. ಸುಪ್ರೀಂ ಕೋರ್ಟ್ ತನ್ನ ದೃಷ್ಟಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಪಿಂಚಣಿಯೆಂಬುದು ಹಿಂದೆ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಿದ ಸೇವೆಗೆ ಪಡೆಯುತ್ತಿರುವ ಒಂದು ಬಗೆಯ ವೇತನ ಎಂದು ಧೃಡೀಕರಿಸುತ್ತಾ, ಅದನ್ನು ಹಿಂದೆ ನಿವೃತ್ತಿ ಹೊಂದಿದವರಿಗೆ ಯಾವುದೇ ಕಾರಣಕ್ಕೆ ನಿರಾಕರಿಸ ಕೂಡದೆಂತಿತ್ತು.

ಈ ಐತಿಹಾಸಿಕ ತೀರ್ಪಿನ ಪ್ರಭಾವ ಮುಂದೆ ಬಂದ ವೇತನಾ ಆಯೋಗಗಳ ಮೇಲಷ್ಟೇ ಅಲ್ಲದೆ, ಸರ್ಕಾರದ ಮೇಲೆಯೂ ಆಯಿತು. ಸರ್ಕಾರವು ಪ್ರಥಮ ಬಾರಿಗೆ ನಾಲ್ಕನೇ ಕೇಂದ್ರ ವೇತನಾ ಆಯೋಗಕ್ಕೆ (1983-86) ಹಿಂದೆ ನಿವೃತ್ತಿ ಹೊಂದಿದವರಿಗಾಗಿ ಒಂದು ವಿಶೇಷ ಪಿಂಚಣಿಯ ಚೌಕಟ್ಟನ್ನು ಶಿಫಾರಸು ಮಾಡಿತು. ನಾಲ್ಕನೇ ವೇತನಾ ಆಯೋಗವು, ಈ ಪಿಂಚಣಿಯ ಚೌಕಟ್ಟನ್ನು ಮತ್ತುಷ್ಟು ಉದಾಕರಿಸಿ, ಸರಾಸರಿ ವೇತನಗಳ ಒಟ್ಟು ಮೊತ್ತವನ್ನು ಅವಲಂಬಿಸಿ, ವಿವಿಧ ಶೇಕಡಾವಾರು ಲೆಕ್ಕಾಚಾರಗಳನ್ನು ಹಾಕಿ ಪಿಂಚಣಿಯನ್ನು ನಿರ್ಧರಿಸುತ್ತಿದ್ದ ಸ್ಲಾಬ್ ವ್ಯವಸ್ಥೆಯ ಬದಲಾಗಿ, ಸರಾಸರಿ ವೇತನದ ಶೇಕಡಾ 50% ಹಣವನ್ನು ಪಿಂಚಣಿಯನ್ನಾಗಿ ಗಣನೆಗೆ ತೆಗೆದುಕೊಳ್ಳುವಂತೆ ಸರ್ಕಾರಕ್ಕೆ ಶಿಫಾರಸು ಮಾಡಿತು. ಈ ಪ್ರಯೋಜನವನ್ನು 1.1.1986 ರಿಂದ ಜಾರಿಗೆ ತರುವಂತಿದ್ದರೂ, ಅದನ್ನು ಆಮೇಲೆ 1986ಕ್ಕಿಂತ ಮುಂಚಿನ ಪಿಂಚಣಿದಾರರಿಗೂ ವಿಸ್ತರಿಸಿದ್ದೇ ಅಲ್ಲದೇ, ಅವರ ಸರಾಸರಿ ವೇತನಗಳ ಶೇಕಡಾ 50%ಗಳನ್ನು ಮರುಲೆಕ್ಕವನ್ನು ಹಾಕಿ, ಸ್ಲಾಬ್ ವ್ಯವಸ್ಥೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಅವರು ಪಡೆಯುತ್ತಿದ್ದ ಪಿಂಚಣಿಗೆ ಹೋಲಿಸಿ, ವ್ಯತ್ಯಾಸವನ್ನು ಅವರ ಪಿಂಚಣಿಗೆ ದಿನಾಂಕ 1.1.1986 ರಿಂದ ಜಾರಿಗೆ ಬರುವಂತೆ ಸೇರಿಸಿದರು.

ಐದನೆಯ ಕೇಂದ್ರ ವೇತನಾ ಆಯೋಗವು ಇನ್ನೂ ಒಂದು ಮಹತ್ವದ ಹೆಜ್ಜೆಯನ್ನಿಟ್ಟು ಮಾಡಿದ ಶಿಫಾರಸು, ಪಿಂಚಣಿದಾರರ ಪಾಲಿಗೆ ವರದಾನವಾಯಿತು. ಅದೇನೆಂದರೆ 1986ರ ಹಿಂದೆ ನಿವೃತ್ತಿ ಹೊಂದಿದ ಹಾಗೂ 1986ರ ನಂತರ ನಿವೃತ್ತಿ ಹೊಂದಿದ ಪೆನ್ಷನ್‌ದಾರರ ಪಿಂಚಣಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಸಂಪೂರ್ಣ ಸಾಮ್ಯತೆಯನ್ನು ತರುವಲ್ಲಿ ಯಶಸ್ವಿಯಾಯಿತು. ಇದಲ್ಲದೆ ಪಿಂಚಣಿದಾರರು ಪಡೆದ ಇನ್ನೊಂದು ಪ್ರಮುಖ ಪ್ರಯೋಜನವೆಂದರೆ 1.1.1996 ರಿಂದ ನಿವೃತ್ತಿ ಹೊಂದಿದ

ಪಿಂಚಣಿದಾರರ, ನಿವೃತ್ತಿ ವೇತನಕ್ಕೂ ಮತ್ತು ಅವರ ವೇತನಾ ಶ್ರೇಣಿಗೂ ಕೊಂಡಿ (ಅಥವಾ ಸಂಬಂಧ) ಬೆಸೆಯಲಾಯಿತು. ಪರಿಷ್ಕೃತ ಪಿಂಚಣಿಯು, 1.1.1996 ರಲ್ಲಿ ಜಾರಿಗೆ ಬಂದ ಪರಿಷ್ಕೃತ ವೇತನಾ ಶ್ರೇಣಿಗಿಂತ ಸರಾಸರಿ ಶೇಕಡಾ 50% ಗಿಂತ ಕಡಿಮೆ ಇರಕೂಡದು ಹಾಗೂ ಪಿಂಚಣಿದಾರರು ನಿವೃತ್ತಿ ಹೊಂದಿದ ದಿನಾಂಕವನ್ನು ಪರಿಗಣಿಸದೆ ಅವನು ನಿವೃತ್ತಿ ಹೊಂದಿದಾಗ ಅವನ ವೇತನಾ ಶ್ರೇಣಿಯನ್ನು ಮಾತ್ರ ಪರಿಗಣಿಸುವಂತೆ ಶಿಫಾರಸು ಮಾಡಿತು. ಇದರಿಂದ 1996ರ ಮುಂಚೆ ಮತ್ತು ನಂತರ ನಿವೃತ್ತಿ ಹೊಂದಿದ ಪಿಂಚಣಿದಾರರ ಪಿಂಚಣಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಸ್ವಲ್ಪ ಮಟ್ಟಿನ ಸಾಮ್ಯತೆ ಕಂಡು ಬಂದಿತು. ಈ ಶಿಫಾರಸುಗಳನ್ನು ಒಪ್ಪಿಕೊಂಡು, ಜಾರಿಗೆ ತಂದು, 1996ಕ್ಕಿಂತ ಮುಂಚಿನ ಪಿಂಚಣಿದಾರರ ಮೇಲೆ ಸರ್ಕಾರವು ತನ್ನ ಕೃಪಾಕಟಾಕ್ಷವನ್ನು ಬೀರಿ, ಅನಿರೀಕ್ಷಿತವಾದ ಉಡುಗೊರೆಗಳನ್ನು ನೀಡಿತು.

ಆರನೆಯ ಕೇಂದ್ರ ವೇತನಾ ಆಯೋಗವು ಪಿಂಚಣಿ ಚೌಕಟ್ಟಿನಲ್ಲಿ ಮತ್ತಷ್ಟು ಸುಧಾರಣೆಗಳನ್ನು ಶಿಫಾರಸು ಮಾಡಿತು. 2006ರ ನಂತರದ ಪಿಂಚಣಿದಾರರಿಗೆ ಪೂರ್ಣ ಪ್ರಮಾಣದ ಪಿಂಚಣಿ ಲಭಿಸಿದ್ದು, ಈ ಆಯೋಗದ ಪ್ರಮುಖ ಅಂಶವಾಗಿತ್ತು. 33 ವರ್ಷಗಳ ಸೇವಾ ಅರ್ಹತೆಯೊಂದಿಗೆ ಮಾತ್ರ ಲಭ್ಯವಾಗುತ್ತಿದ್ದ ಪೂರ್ಣಪ್ರಮಾಣದ ಪಿಂಚಣಿಯನ್ನು ಕೊನೆಗೊಳಿಸಿ, ಕಡೆಯ ಸಂಬಳದ ಶೇಕಡಾ 50%ರಷ್ಟು ಅಥವಾ ವೇತನದ ಸರಾಸರಿ ಇವೆರಡರಲ್ಲಿ ಯಾವುದು ಹೆಚ್ಚೋ ಅದನ್ನು ಪಿಂಚಣಿಯನ್ನಾಗಿ ನಿಗದಿಪಡಿಸಲಾಯಿತು. ಈ ಪ್ರಕಾರವಾಗಿ ಸೇವಾ ಅರ್ಹತೆಯ ಮಾನದಂಡ ಅಸಂಗತವಾಯಿತು. ಹತ್ತು ವರ್ಷಗಳ ಸೇವೆಯನ್ನು ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಿದ ಪಿಂಚಣಿದಾರ, ಕೊನೆಯ ಸಂಬಳದ ಶೇಕಡಾ 50%ರಷ್ಟು ಅಥವಾ ವೇತನದ ಸರಾಸರಿ ಇವುಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನದನ್ನು ಪಿಂಚಣಿಯಾಗಿ ಪಡೆಯುವನು.

ಈ ಆಯೋಗದ ಇತರೆ ಪ್ರಮುಖ ಶಿಫಾರಸುಗಳು

1. 1.1.2006 ರಿಂದ ಜಾರಿಗೊಂಡ ಪರಿಷ್ಕೃತ ಪಿಂಚಣಿಯು ಪೇ-ಬ್ಯಾಂಡ್ ಮತ್ತು ಗ್ರೇಡ್-ಪೇಗಳಲ್ಲಿನ ಕನಿಷ್ಠ ವೇತನದ ಮೊತ್ತಕ್ಕಿಂತಲೂ ಶೇ.50%ಕ್ಕಿಂತಲೂ ಕಡಿಮೆ ಇರಕೂಡದು ಮತ್ತು ಇದು ಪಿಂಚಣಿದಾರರು ನಿವೃತ್ತಿ ಹೊಂದುವಾಗ ಅವನ ವೇತನ ಶ್ರೇಣಿಯನ್ನು ಅವಲಂಬಿತವಾಗಿರುತ್ತದೆ.
2. ವಯೋಮಾನಕ್ಕೆ ಸಂಬಂಧಿಸಿದಂತೆ ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ಪಿಂಚಣಿಯನ್ನು ಪಿಂಚಣಿದಾರರಿಗೆ ಮತ್ತು ಕುಟುಂಬದ ಪಿಂಚಣಿದಾರರಿಗೆ ಅವರ ಮೂಲವೇತನದ/ಕುಟುಂಬ ಪಿಂಚಣಿಯ ಶೇಕಡಾ 20%, 30%, 40%, 50%

ಮತ್ತು 100%ರಷ್ಟು ಅನುಕ್ರಮವಾಗಿ ಅವರಿಗೆ 80, 85, 90, 95, 100 ವರ್ಷಗಳಾದಾಗ ನೀಡುವುದು.

3. ಗ್ರಾಚ್ಯುಟಿಯ ಗರಿಷ್ಠ ಮಿತಿಯನ್ನು ರೂ. 3.5 ಲಕ್ಷಗಳಿಂದ ರೂ. 10 ಲಕ್ಷಗಳಿಗೆ ಏರಿಸುವುದು.

ಏಳನೆಯ ವೇತನ ಆಯೋಗದ ವರದಿಯ ಆಧಾರದ ಮೇಲೆ 2016ಕ್ಕೆ ಮುಂಚೆ ನಿವೃತ್ತರಾದ ಪಿಂಚಣಿದಾರರ ಪಿಂಚಣಿಯನ್ನು ಮರುನಿಷ್ಕರ್ಷೆಗೆ ನೇಮಿಸಿದ್ದ ಸಮಿತಿಯ ವರದಿಯ ಆಧಾರದ ಮೇಲೆ ಸರ್ಕಾರ 12.5.2017ರಂದು ಆಜ್ಞೆಯನ್ನು ಹೊರಡಿಸಿತು. ಈ ಆಜ್ಞೆಯ ಪ್ರಕಾರ 2016ಕ್ಕೆ ಮುಂಚೆ ನಿವೃತ್ತರಾದ ಎಲ್ಲಾ ಪಿಂಚಣಿದಾರರ ವೇತನವನ್ನು ಕಾಲ್ಪನಿಕವಾಗಿ ಏಳನೆಯ ವೇತನ ಆಯೋಗದ ವೇತನ ಶ್ರೇಣಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ನಿಗದಿಮಾಡಿ ಅದರ ಶೇ.50ರಷ್ಟನ್ನು ನೂತನ ಪಿಂಚಣಿ ಎಂದು ನಿಗದಿ ಮಾಡಿದೆ. ಈ ಎಲ್ಲಾ ಬೆಳವಣಿಗೆಗಳಿಂದಾಗಿ ಒಂದು ಹುದ್ದೆ ಒಂದು ಪಿಂಚಣಿ ಎಂಬ ನೀತಿ ಒಂದು ಹಂತದಲ್ಲಿ ಕೇಂದ್ರ ಸರ್ಕಾರದಲ್ಲಿ ಜಾರಿಯಾಗಿದೆ.

ಈ ಎಲ್ಲ ಬೆಳವಣಿಗೆಗಳಿಗೆ ಪಿಂಚಣಿದಾರರು ಸುಪ್ರೀಂ ಕೋರ್ಟ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ಅರ್ಜಿ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಿದ ಮೂವರಿಗೆ ಆಭಾರಿಯಾಗಬೇಕಾಗಿರುತ್ತದೆ. ಇವೆಂದರೆ ರಕ್ಷಣಾ ಇಲಾಖೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಹಣಕಾಸಿನ ಸಲಹೆಗಾರರಾಗಿದ್ದ, ಶ್ರೀಯುತ ಡಿ.ಎಸ್. ನಕ್ಕ, ಭಾರತೀಯ ಭೂಸೇನೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ರಿಯರ್ ಅಡ್ಮಿರಲ್ ಆಗಿ ಸೇವೆ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಿದ್ದ ಶ್ರೀಯುತ ಸತ್ಯೇಂದ್ರಸಿಂಗ್ ಹಾಗೂ 'ಕಾಮನ್ ಕಾಸ್', ಎಂಬ ಸಾಮಾಜಿಕ ಸಂಸ್ಥೆ, ಈ ಮೂವರು ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಿದ ಅರ್ಜಿಯನ್ನು ಕೈಗೆತ್ತಿಕೊಂಡ ಸುಪ್ರೀಂ ಕೋರ್ಟ್ ಮತ್ತು ಗೌರವಾನ್ವಿತ ನ್ಯಾಯಾಧೀಶರನ್ನೊಳಗೊಂಡ ನ್ಯಾಯಪೀಠವು ಒಂದು "ಐತಿಹಾಸಿಕ" ನಿರ್ಣಯ ನೀಡಿತು. ಪಿಂಚಣಿದಾರರ ಪಿಂಚಣಿಯನ್ನು ಕಾಲಕ್ಕೆ ತಕ್ಕಂತೆ ಹೆಚ್ಚಿಸಿ ತಾರತಮ್ಯವನ್ನು ನಿವಾರಿಸಲು ಪ್ರಯತ್ನಿಸಿದ ಅನೇಕ ಕೇಂದ್ರ ವೇತನಾ ಆಯೋಗಗಳ ಆಡಳಿತಾತ್ಮಕ ನಿರ್ಧಾರಗಳಷ್ಟೇ ಅಲ್ಲದೆ ಅದಕ್ಕೆ ಕಾರಣಕರ್ತರಾದ ನೌಕರರ ಹಾಗೂ ಪಿಂಚಣಿದಾರರ ಸಂಘಗಳನ್ನು ಪಿಂಚಣಿದಾರರು ಕೃತಜ್ಞತಾಪೂರ್ವಕವಾಗಿ ಸ್ಮರಿಸುತ್ತಾರೆ. ಕೇಂದ್ರ ವೇತನಾ ಆಯೋಗದ ಶಿಫಾರಸು ಪರಿಗಣಿಸಿ ಅವುಗಳನ್ನು ಪೂರ್ವಾನ್ವಯವಾಗಿ ಅಳವಡಿಸಿ, ಬಹುಸಂಖ್ಯೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಪ್ರಯೋಜನಗಳನ್ನು ಪಡೆಯಲು ನೆರವಾದ ಸರ್ಕಾರದ ಪರೋಪಕಾರದ ಮನೋಭಾವವನ್ನು ಕೃತಜ್ಞತಾಪೂರ್ವಕವಾಗಿ ಸ್ಮರಿಸುತ್ತಾರೆ.

ಹೀಗಾಗಿ, 17ನೇ ಡಿಸೆಂಬರ್‌ನ್ನು ಪಿಂಚಣಿದಾರರು "ಪಿಂಚಣಿದಾರರ ದಿವಸ (Pensioners' Day) ಎಂದು ಆಚರಿಸುತ್ತಾರೆ.

7th CPC**Status of revision of pension of pre-2016 pensioners in terms of DoP&PW O.M. dated 12-5-2017****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. But, the progress seems to be tardy in as much as only about 5000 RPOs have been reportedly issued so far, out of about 16,000 postal pensioners. We will pursue the issue with the Director.

DoT Pensioners – Karnataka

We are glad to note that there has been some progress, though not to the satisfaction of all DoT pensioners, in revision of pension of DoT retirees due to the consistent efforts made by KP&TPA and the perseverance on

the part of Sri Gangadha Rao and Changappa of AIBSNLWA .About 900 RPOs had been issued by the end of 3rd week of November 2017. Our thanks are due to Sri Sathish Kumar, Jt. CCA, Karnataka who has been extremely cooperative and took personal interest in revision of pension of DoT pensioners

Railway Pensioners

Railway Board, after observing that as on 16-11-2017 only 4.4 lakh revised PPOs have been issued out of about 14 lakh pre-2016 Railway pensioners, has instructed General Managers of all Zonal Railways in its letter dated 16-11-2017 to expedite the work relating to revision of pension and to monitor the progress at their level to ensure that the revision is completed at the earliest.

We request pre-1996 pensioners who are yet to get their revised PPOs to ascertain from their pension sanctioning authorities as to whether the particulars of the pay scale and last pay drawn by them have been furnished to the Pension accounting office to facilitate revision of their pension and issue of revised PPO. If necessary, they can 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 by the PSA for computation of notional pay & revision of their pension.

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

BSNL**Revision of pay of BSNL employees with 15% fitment benefit**

Department of Telecommunications in its letter dated 26th September 2017 addressed to Shri K.Sebastin, General Secretary, Sanchar Nigam Executives Association, New Delhi has informed him as under on the subject cited above.

This has reference to your representation addressed to the Hon'ble Prime Minister, which has been received from PMO vide their PMO ID No.PMOPG/D/2017/0391465 dated 22-8-2017

BSNL is incurring huge loses for number of years.As per BSNL annual report,it

has incurred losses of Rs.7124 crores in 2013-14, Rs.8843 crores in 2014-15 and Rs.4169 crores in 2015-16. As per unaudited data, BSNL has informed that in financial year 2016-17 loss of Rs.5438 crores is anticipated.

Due to losses, BSNL is not covered for fitment benefit under the 3rd Pay Revision Committee (PRC) report for Central Public Sector Enterprises (CPSE) which has been recently approved by the Cabinet

Pawan Gupta
Director (PSU-1)

Govt has informed the Secretary, Staff side National council, JCM that the demand for increase in minimum pay and fitment formula will not come under the purview of the Anomaly Committee

Information on the subject given by Com M.Krishnan, Secretary General, Confederation of Central Govt Employees & Workers is given hereunder for the information of pensioners.

During the last 2 - 3 months both print and electronic media are continuously reporting that increase in 7th CPC Minimum Pay and Fitment Factor is under serious consideration of the Govt. and National Anomaly Committee will give its recommendation to Govt. and orders for increased Minimum Pay and Fitment Formula will be given effect from April 2018. We are reproducing below a letter from Govt. dated 30.10.2017 addressed to Secretary, Staff Side, National Council JCM stating that the demand for increase in Minimum Pay and Fitment Formula will not come under the purview of National Anomaly Committee. Further, Govt. has not yet constituted the HIGH LEVEL COMMITTEE for increasing Minimum Pay and Fitment Formula as assured by the Group of Ministers including Home Minister Sri Rajnath Singh, Finance Minister Shri Arun Jaitley on 30.06.2016. The Senior Officers Committee has also not discussed this agenda even though Staff Side has repeatedly demanded discussion and settlement as per the assurance given by Senior Cabinet Ministers.

M. Krishnan
Secretary General Confederation

Extract of the letter from the Govt of India, Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions, Department of Personnel and Training letter No.F.No.11/2/2016-JCA-I(Pt.) dated 30th October, 2017 addressed to Sri Shiv Gopal Mishra, Secretary, Staff- Side, National Council, JCM

**Subject: Items proposed by the Staff-Side, NC(JCM) for discussion in the National Anomaly Committee-
comments of DoPT**

I am directed to refer to your letters No.NC-JCM-2017/7th CPC dated 16th August 2017 and 31st August 2017 with which a total of 18 items have been sent to DoPT for discussion in the NAC meetings. These 18 items are about various issues over which, the Staff-Side has opined that anomaly has arisen as a result of the 7th CPC recommendations or absence of them.

2. On the other hand, DoPT after examining them in the light of three postulates which, as described in DoPT OM No.11/2/2016-JCA dated 16th August, 2016 and 20th February, 2017, would constitute anomaly is of the view that there are certain items in the list sent which are not in accord with them and hence cannot be called anomalies as such notwithstanding the merit that they may have otherwise. There are also certain items which should be taken up at the Departmental Anomaly Committees of the other administrative Ministries concerned. A few items are those which, for a detailed examination, need more relevant documents /papers etc. These have been briefly described

SI.No.	Description of the Anomaly	Comments
i)	Anomaly in computation of Minimum wage	As against the minimum wage decided to be Rs. 18,000/- by the Govt. wef 1- 1-2016, the staff side has said that this should be not less than 26,000/- and the multiplication factor ought to have been 3.714 and not 2.57.They further asked for the pay matrix to be changed. Objecting to the methodology adopted by the 7 th CPC in computing the minimum wage, they have given a number of reasons like the retail prices of the commodities quoted by the Labour Bureau being irrational, adoption of the 12 monthly average of the retail price being contrary to the Dr.Aykroyd formula, the website of the Agriculture Ministry giving the retail prices of commodities forming the basis of computation of minimum wage provides a different picture, so on and so forth.However, when one compares this item with the three situations given in DoPT OM No.11/ 2/2016-JCA dated 16 th August, 2016 and 20 th February, 2017, it does not appear that this satisfies any of them to be treated as an anomaly.

**Comments of DoPT on other items not extracted
Editor**

<p align="center">PENSIONERS DAY</p> <p>Will be observed on 17th December 2017 at 10-30 a.m. at Udayabhanu Kala sangha, Gavipuram Extension, Bengaluru. Shri Y.V.Gundu Rao, Officer (Retd) RBI, well known humourist and writer will be the Chief Guest.</p> <p align="center">All Pensioners are requested to attend</p> <p>Management Committee Meeting of CCCGPA will also be held on the same date at the venue.</p>	<p align="center">Members who have not yet renewed their subscription are requested to renew now.</p> <p align="center">Subscription amount may please be remitted by crossed cheque payable to “Karnataka P&T Pensioners’ Association”</p> <p align="center">Cheques to be sent to the Treasurer at his address given in page 10</p> <p align="center">For info on validity of subscription – call Sri B L Channappa on 080-23236405</p>
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Simplification of procedure for treatment at private hospitals empanelled under CGHS/CS (MA) Rules, 1944

OM No. Z 15025/105/2017/DIR/CGHS/EHS Gol, Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Department of Health & Family Welfare EHS Section, dated the 9th November, 2017.

With reference to the above mentioned subject the undersigned is directed to state that this Ministry has been receiving representations for simplification of procedure for undergoing treatment at private hospitals empanelled under CGHS. The matter has been examined and it has now been decided that CGHS beneficiaries are allowed to undergo treatment at private hospitals empanelled under CGHS of specific treatment procedure listed under CGHS rate list are advised by a specialist in a Central Government / State Govt. Specialist hospital or a CGHS Medical Officer without any requirement of any other referral (permission) letter.

2. Private empanelled hospitals shall perform the treatment on cashless basis in respect of pensioners, ex-MPs, Freedom Fighters, Regular employees (both CGHS and CS (MA) beneficiaries) of this Ministry & other categories of CGHS beneficiaries, who are presently eligible for credit facility and shall enclose the prescription issued by Government

Specialist or a CGHS Medical Officer, in original (or a self-attested photocopy) along with the hospital bill submitted to the competent authorities.

3. Serving government employees shall enclose the prescription issued by a Government Specialist or a CGHS Medical Officer in original (or a self-attested photocopy), while submitting the medical claim to the concerned Ministry/department/office for reimbursement.

4. CGHS Medical Officer/Government Specialist shall not refer the beneficiaries to any particular empanelled hospital by name but, shall specify the treatment procedure and mention 'referred to any CGHS empanelled centre'.

5. These orders are applicable only, in respect of treatment procedures for which CGHS rates are available.

6. This issue with the concurrence of IFD vide FTS No. 3130849, dated 9.11.2017.

Rules cannot take away existing rights of employees: SC

New Delhi, Oct 21 (PTI) The Supreme Court has held that though the government has got the power to amend a rule with retrospective effect, the same cannot take away the existing rights and benefits conferred on the employees.

Article 309 of the Constitution empowers the government to frame rules for regulating service conditions of employees.

"It is no doubt true that Rules under Article 309 can be made so as to operate with retrospective effect. But it is well settled that rights and benefits which have already been earned or acquired under the existing rules cannot be taken away by amending the rules with retrospective effect," a bench of Justices R V Raveendran and B Sudershan Reddy ruled.

The apex court passed the ruling in a judgement dismissing the appeal of Madhya Pradesh government which contended that it has absolute power in the rule-making process under Article 309.

Age limit for dependant children of Government servants and pensioners for availing medical facilities under CGHS and Central Services (MA) Rules, 1944- Clarification regarding disability

O.M. No. 4-24/96-C&P/CGHS/CGHS(P) Gol, Ministry of Health & Family Welfare Department of Health & Family Welfare dated August 29th, 2007.

The undersigned is directed to refer to this Ministry's Office Memorandum, of even number dated the 30th May, 2007, vide which age limit for dependant sons and daughters were refixed by the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, after the Delhi High Court dismissed Civil Miscellaneous Petition, No: 115/97 in Civil Writ Petition, No. 2542 of 1996 in Shri Madan Mohan Sharma Vs Union of India, by its order on 29th November, 2006. In terms of the Office Memorandum of 30th May, 2007, referred to above, a son who is dependant on his father/mother can avail CGHS facilities upto the time he attains the age of 25 years or till he starts earning, whichever is earlier. The age limit of 25 years would not be applicable in respect of the son of a CGHS beneficiary, in case he was suffering from any permanent disability of any kind (physical or mental)

2. Subsequent to the issuing of the Office Memorandum of 30th May, 2007, referred to

above, the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare has been receiving requests for clarification from, many sources, as to whether renal failure constitutes a permanent disability. After examination of the matter in the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, it is hereby clarified that disability that are covered by the above mentioned Office Memorandum of 30th May, 2007, are 'disability' as defined in Section 2(i) of 'The persons with disabilities (Equal opportunities, protection of rights and full participation) ACT, 1995 (No: 1 of 1996)', which is reproduced below:

(I) "Disability" means -

- i) Blindness, ii) low vision, iii) leprosy-cured
 - iv) hearing impairment, v) locomotor disability, vi) mental retardation, vii) mental illness
3. The other conditions of dependency and normally residing with the Government servant/pensioner will remain the same.

Registering of Email IDs of CGHS beneficiaries

OM No. F.N. 44-42/2016/MCTC/CGHS/2451-83 Monitoring Computerization and Training Cell Directorate of CGHS Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, New Delhi, dated 17.11.2017

With the objective of further strengthening the services to CGHS beneficiaries it has been decided to provide following e-services to the beneficiaries through emails

- * Prescription by Medical Officer at the WC
- * Intimation of medicines issued by Pharmacy
- * Intimation of medicines indented
- * Intimation of issue of indented medicines
- * OTP to book online appointment
- * Confirmation/cancellation of online appointment
- * Permission letter for procedures/investigations etc.

In order to enable above services it is required that email IDs of all CGHS beneficiaries are registered with CGHS.

A beneficiary can visit CMO Inchange

of parent Wellness Centre to get his/her email id registered with CGHS or can himself/herself register it by logging on to CGHS portal cghs.nic.in through following steps

- * Visit CGHS Portal cghs.nic.in
- * Click beneficiary login
- * Enter your Ben Id, password and sign in
- * Click Update Email
- * Enter OTP sent on your registered Mobile
- * Enter your email ID
- * Update your email ID
- * Similarly email ID for other family members can be updated

Wide publicity to this notice may be given through verbal communication and display at the notice boards of Wellness Centers.

Winning awards was his habit

Sri B S Ramamurthy, a graduate in science, joined the Department of Posts in 1983 as a group 'D' official and was promoted to the post of Sorting Assistant in the year 1988 after he got through a competitive examination conducted by the Department for promotion of lower grade officials to the clerical grade. He retired in May 2015 after serving for 32 years.

Sri Murthy, from day one after his elevation to a higher post in the official hierarchy, loved his job and made sincere efforts in acquiring geographical knowledge of the Post offices in the country, state and the districts that was required to take him to the position of the 'Best Sorting Assistant' in Karnataka Post. He commenced his journey to reach his goal, in right earnest when he was undergoing induction training at the Postal training Centre, Mysuru in 1988. His collection of the names of Head Post offices in the country, Sub Post offices in Karnataka and Branch Post offices in Bengaluru rural and Kolar districts, helped him later in his career.

His efficiency in sorting of letters, at a speed unmatched, brought him laurels. While a Sorting Assistant is duty bound to sort 7,000 letters during his working hours, Sri Murthy had the rare distinction of sorting 13,000 letters that too with accuracy.

His elephantine memory of the names of the villages in Bangalore Rural and Kolar districts helped him in acquiring speed and expertise in sorting. The Department of posts and the



Officers recognised his talent and conferred on him several awards, which included the under mentioned awards.

1. First place in Mail Geography Award -1997
2. Regional Award for Best Sorting Assistant in Bengaluru Region -2008
3. Second place in Sorting Competition-2010
4. First place in Circle level Championship Sorting -2011(Gold medal)

In additions to the awards, he is a proud recipient of commendation letters issued to him in recognition of his efficient service, by many officers in the Department of Posts, Karnataka Circle.

Digital Life Certificate DoT Pensioners

Letter No.12/PVA/06/2017/DLC dated 21-11-2017 from the Controller of Communication Accounts, Bangalore is reproduced below for the information of DoT pensioners

DIGITAL LIFE CERTIFICATE FOR DEPARTMENT OF TELECOM (DoT)PENSIONERS

DoT had made an agreement with DoP to implement the scheme of facilitation of Digital Life Certificate (DLC) through all its Head Post Offices across the country vide letter No.28-10/TA-I/2014/981/1013 dated 17-11-2017.

This facility will be available to all DoT pensioners drawing pension from various banks and the fee of Rs.10/- plus tax (if any) per DLC will be borne by DoT. The Scheme is to be implemented with immediate effect i.e. November 2017.

It is requested that the above information may be brought to the notice of all pensioners to enable them to avail the facility. Details are also available at ccakarnataka.gov.in

Jt.Controller of Communication Accounts, Karnataka, Bengaluru

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



Cost of construction of the ground floor with parking facility and the first floor with an office room, rest rooms and a hall for holding monthly EC meetings is estimated to be around Rs.50,00,000. Donation

collected so far amounts to Rs.30,00,000 only. We appeal for liberal donations from our Members and Subscribers, **who have not yet responded** to our appeal for donation. 15th 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 2nd floor of the Annexe to facilitate holding of annual general body meetings. 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

Income Tax exemption: 50% of the amount of donation made to K P&TPA, 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, 7th Main, 7th Block, HMT Layout, Vidyanarayapura, Bangalore-560097.
(Ph: 080 23642466 Mob: 9448477129)

Note: Cheques are not to be drawn in the names of either Secretary or the Treasurer.

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

(Regd. under the Karnataka Societies Registration Act 1960: Regn. No. 1070/98-99)
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Minutes of the Management Committee Meeting of CCCGPA held on 17.10.2017

The Management Committee Meeting of CCCGPA was held on 17.10.2017 at Udayabhanau Kalasangha, Gavipura, Bengaluru-19. As a part of the meeting, a talk on "The role of Senior Citizens and Pensioners in the Development of Healthy Society in a Democratic Setup" by Justice N.Santosh Hegde, Retired Supreme Court Justice and former Lokayukta, Karnataka, was arranged at 11 AM. The hall was packed to capacity and Justice Hegde gave an enthralling speech.

2. After the talk, the Management Committee Meeting was held under the President ship of Shri K.B.Krishna Rao, Chairman. All the Committee members and the two Advisors to the Committee Shri B.Sadashiva Rao and Shri N.Bhaskaran, were present

3. The General Secretary Shri S.Radhakrishna read out the minutes of the last MC meeting held on 20.2.2017 at Income Tax Pensioners Association and it was approved.

4. **7th CPC:** The Chairman gave detailed information on the implementation of 12.5.2017 orders. He said that there is improvement in the case of postal pensioners. About 5000 revised PPOs have been sent out and arrears have also been paid. As for DoT, he thanked Shri P.Gangadhara Rao, Joint General Secretary, CCCGPA and Deputy Vice-president ALBSNLPWA, for the help extended by him in arranging meetings with the CCA, Karnataka and BSNL authorities and for pursuing the matter with all concerned. Till now, some 300 cases have been settled. Shri Radhakrishna said that, of the 5000 cases in AG's office, some 2800 have been settled.

5. **Autonomous Bodies:** Shri Suryaprakash gave the details of the meeting held with Jt. Secretary, Department of Commerce in Delhi on 7.9.2017. The details of the meeting were reported in the journals. Subsequently, CCCGPA wrote a letter to the Commerce Department on 18.9.2017, enclosing copies of all the relevant orders that were asked for by the J S in the meeting. Now, the Commerce Secretary has written to Department of Expenditure on 10.10.2017, requesting for additional funds for sanction of revised pension as per 7th CPC recommendations. Sri Surya Prakash also said that, in the meeting of Coffee Board Pensioners' Association held in the first week, it was decided to meet the MPs in Delhi, seeking their support. In November, fresh course of action will be decided. The Chairman said that CCCGPA will address other Ministries, citing the decision of Commerce Ministry. Shri Radhakrishna said that service conditions mentioned at the time of recruitment cannot be changed arbitrarily and that there are a number of judgements on the issue. However, it is not advisable at this stage to file a case in a court and it should be the last resort as there is no guarantee that the case will be settled within a time frame.

6. **CGHS:** The CGHS Advisory Committee meeting was also held on the same day at the same venue and except a few, all the members were present. Details of the discussions held and decisions taken will be given separately.

7. The General Secretary announced that the next Management Committee will meet on 17.12.2017 (Sunday), when "Pensioners Day"

will also be celebrated. Shri Suryaprakash proposed vote of thanks.

The meeting ended with lunch.

Minutes of the CGHS Advisory Committee Meeting held on 17.10.2017.

The Advisory /Grievance Committee of CGHS Wellness Centres was held on 17.10.2017 at Udayabhanu Kala sangha, Gavipuram under the chairmanship of CCCGPA Chairman Shri K.B.Krishna Rao. The Advisory Committee Members of all Wellness Centres, except a few, were present and gave their report. The common grievances aired by almost all are of shortage of clerical staff and issue of plastic cards.

CGHS WC No.2: Seshadripuram: Shri T N Sridhar said that the post of clerk in the WC is vacant since many months which is causing inconvenience to the beneficiaries. He suggested that as an interim measure, clerk from a neighbouring WC may be deputed to WC2 for at least 2 days in a week. He also suggested setting up of a lab in the centre.

WC No 3: Bhanashankari: Sri Venugopalachar S V said that there are no problems worth mentioning. He raised the issue of empanelment of Dental Clinics and said that more number of Dental clinics are needed in other parts of the city.

WC No. 5 Vijayanagar: Shri Srinivasa Shetty said that the Doctors are cooperative and they come down to the ground floor to see patients who cannot climb the stairs to the first floor. There is a ramp and wheel chair is also available in the WC. He said that a branch of Anand diagnostic centre is situated near the WC. He raised the issue of online appointment in Polyclinic.

WC No 6: Jayanagar: Shri K V R Tagore said that only 2-3 minutes is given to each patient. Though shorthanded, the existing staff is

managing the WC well. About plastic cards, the member said that the cards indicating the period of validity as 2017 need replacement with fresh permanent cards

WC No 10: C.V.Raman Nagar: Shri A.Poobalan said that doctors and staff are very good. A good number of patients attend the WC daily and staff is not adequate. He specially mentioned about the efforts being made by Dr.Joshi, the CMO in-charge, in improving the functioning of the WC.

Polyclinic: Shri Kalolgi said that no meeting has been held in the last 3 months since a new CMO in place of the existing CMO who has completed his term has not been named by the AD CGHS. But the centre is working smoothly. The doctors complain that on line appointments taken by patients are not adhered to and they do not report cancellation of the appointment. He said that plastic card does not have an entry regarding the eligibility of the beneficiary for direct consultation with specialists.

Many other general issues were also discussed. Regarding shifting of Polyclinic to BSNL premises in High Grounds, CGHS is asking for one whole floor. But BSNL authorities are not prepared for that, though issue is not closed.

Shri B.Sadashiva Rao said that prior to the meeting, all members should give their report, as otherwise, the purpose of meeting is not well served. Shri Radhakrishna said that notice was given but reports were not received. Questionnaire prepared by CCCGPA was given to all earlier. Except 2 or 3, majority of the members do not send report on the monthly meetings held. Even when given, it is not in the format. He said that emails should be replied by all. Shri Sadashiva Rao said that they should be reminded by telephone also and replies insisted upon. Chairman said that it will be done from now on. He requested the

members to send the monthly report without fail.

Regarding empanelment of Dental Clinic, the Chairman Shri K B Krishna Rao said that the Ready Reckoner, published by KP&TPA in June has the list and it is also published in *Pensioners' Champion*. On empanelment of more hospitals he said that private hospitals should voluntarily come forward to seek empanelment under CGHS. Revision of package rates is also due. P&T pensioners are now eligible for lifetime permanent cards as per the latest order. Regarding the validity of the cards he said that though the period is

mentioned as 'five years', the government has subsequently issued clarification that they should be treated as permanent lifetime cards. However, this will be taken up with DG, CGHS.

Shri Padubidri, President, Udupi Dist pensioners' association said that though orders exist for treatment of 80 + patients by CGHS Doctors at their residences and the Doctors once in a while should enquire about the welfare of such beneficiaries over the phone, the instructions are not being followed. Chairman agreed that such orders do exist, but said that, due to pressure of work the doctors may find it difficult to pay home visits.

**Autonomous
bodies
DR Order**

*Gol, Ministry of Commerce & Industry, Department of Commerce (Finance Division)
O M F.No.9/55/2016-FD, dated 21st November,2017*

Extension of the orders of DA issued by Department of Expenditure for Central Government employees / Central Autonomous Bodies employees who are in pre-revised scale of 6th CPC for grant of Dearness Relief(DR) to pensioners of the Central Autonomous Bodies who are in pre-revised pension as per 6th CPC pay

The undersigned is directed to refer to OM No. 1-3/2008-E 11(B) dated 9th November 2016, 7th April 2017 and 26th September 2017 respectively received from the Department of Expenditure, Ministry of Finance regarding applicability of Dearness Allowance at 132% as on 1-7-2016, 136 % as on 1-1-2017 and 139% as on 1-7-2017 respectively in respect of Central govt employees / Central Autonomous Bodies employees who are in pre-revised scale of 6th CPC

2 To resolve the hardship faced by the pensioners of Central Autonomous Bodies, Department of Expenditure has vide No. 1/2/2017E-II(B) dated 26th October 2017 advised FAs of the Ministries/ Departments to extend the order of DA issued by Dept of Expenditure who are in pre-revised scale of 6th CPC for grant of DR to pensioners of the Central Autonomous Bodies who are in pre-revised

pension as per 6th CPC pay under their administrative control

3. Accordingly, Dearness Relief of pensioners of Central Autonomous Bodies under the administrative control of Department of Commerce drawing pre-revised pension as per 6th CPC may be revised from 125% to 132% w.e.f. 1-7-2016, from 132 % to 136 % w.e.f. 1-1-2017 and from 136% to 139% w.e.f. 1-7-2017.

4. It may be ensured that there is no deviation DOEs Orders

Rupa Dutta
Economic Advisor

BSNL IDA

From 1-10-2017 124.3 %

PENSIONERS' CHAMPION

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NOVEMBER 2017

Multi talented Gangadharan

Sri K K Gangadhara, LM-1717, affectionately called 'KKG' by a large circle of his former colleagues and friends, has found his niche as a writer and a translator.

2. Before his entry into the Central government service as a Sorter (clerk) in Railway Mail Service, a wing of the department of Posts, he had the experience of working in Coffee Curing Works and as a Branch Postmaster. He retired in 2009 after a long service of 35 years in the Department.

Born in Kasaragod, a border district between Kerala and Karnataka and home to eminent Kannada writers like Govindapai and Kayyara Kinhana Rai, he learnt other languages namely Kannada, Tulu, Kodava, and Tamil in addition to his mother tongue Malayalam.

3. KKG, with his friendly nature and lively sense of humour, endeared himself to his colleagues by his close association with the Employees union and in the cooperative field. He held the position of the Treasurer in RMS Union, Karnataka Circle and he was on the Board of Directors of RMS Employees Co-operative Society from 1989 to 2011 and was its President for two terms.

4. Gangadhara, involving himself in literary activities while in service, began his career as a writer of stories and poems in various news papers and periodicals. Later on he developed keen interest in translation work. He translated articles of the late Com. EMS Namboodiripad, the first Communist Chief Minister of Kerala, from Malayalam to Kannada, which were published in a monthly magazine titled 'Odanadi'. His translations from Malayalam to Kannada included the works of big names in Malayalam literature like, Gnanapeetha

awardees Thakazhi Shivashankaran Pillai and M.T.Vasudevan Nair and the late Kamala Das, once nominated for the Nobel Prize. He has to his credit about 15 translation works. He is also a columnist in some of the leading news papers and periodicals like Kannada Prabha, Prajavani, Roopathara, Vaidyaloka etc. He also frequently writes about persons and events in the Department he has served. One of his short stories "Janmadina" has been included in the text book of BA (Kannada) by Bengaluru

University. Another short story "Kalla Karagida Samaya" has been included in the text book of Kasaragod Kannada School.

5. The list of eminent personalities interviewed by KKG includes General Thimmaiah's daughter and the famous Kannada film director the late Shri Siddalingaiah, who directed some of the award winning Kannada movies like "Bangarada Manushya",

starring the legendary Dr.Rajakumar and "Bhoothayyana Maga Ayyu", starring Dr. Vishnuvardhan.

6. Several organisations, recognising his talent in translation work, have honoured him with awards instituted by them for encouraging talent in literary field, notable among them being - Best Translation Award given by Kuvempu Bhasa Bharathi Pradhikara, Govt. of Karnataka in 2009 and State level award conferred by Kasaragodu Karavali Samskruthika Prathistana in 2011. He was felicitated by the Governor of Mizoram on the occasion of the Platinum Jubilee celebration of Kerala Samajam and by Shri Tanveer Sait, Education Minister, Govt of Karnataka on the occasion of the Centenary Celebration of the Central Library, Bengaluru.

7. 74 stories of Smt. Kamala Das in two volumes, translated by KKG, are under print.



Donation to the Building Fund - 15th List

Sl No.	Name Sri/Smt.	Membership No.	Amount Rs.	Receipt No.	Progressive Total of donation
643	N.Balasubramanian	2415	10000	3071	
644	A. Poobalan	1550	5001	3075	7002
645	T.S.Srikantaiah	138	5000	3051	
646	M.L.Kulkarni	210	5000	3041	
647	Suguna Sampath	608	5000	3053	
648	M.C. Marena	909	5000	3073	
649	T.R.Narayana	1070	5000	3069	
650	B.L. Sathyanarayana	1080	5000	3076	
651	D.Rama Murthy	1133	5000	3061	10000
652	Rajanarayana	1073	2500	3077	
653	M.Madhusudana Rao	2090	2100	3062	
654	Jayalakshmi Govindarajan(FP)	162	2000	3054	
655	K.Parthasarathy	178	2000	3063	
656	S.Srinivasan	746	2000	3057	2500
657	R.S.N.Murthy	Well wisher	1950	3059	
658	T.A.Sampathkumaran	1312	1000	3052	
659	Ramasubramonia Iyer	1081	500	3072	
660	R.J.Chakrapani	1995	500	3070	2500
661	Anantharama shastry	2488	500	3042	

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
Sept 17	285	3343	278.58	6.56	140.65

Central Government Holidays in December 2017.

Milad-UN-Nabi
(Birthday of Prophet Mohammad)
1st December, Friday

Christmas
25th December, Monday

OBITUARY

K .Raghunathan LM-251 , retd Supdt of Post Offices, Tumkur, expired on 18-10-2017 at the age of 87 years. He leaves behind wife, a daughter and a son

G R Henry, LM 27, a founder member of the association, retd.Supervisor, HRO(D) Bg Stg, expired on 18-10-2017 at the age of 83 years. He leaves behind wife, and a daughter.

Sri V.S. Pai, ALM-835, retd. Accounts Officer O/o the Principal Director of Commercial Audit, Mumbai, expired on 23-10-2017 at the age of 83 years.

We convey our heartfelt condolences to the bereaved families

Subscription received for Pensioners' Champion in OCTOBER-NOVEMBER - 2017

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