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**23rd Annual General Body Meeting of Karnataka Posts
and Telecommunications Pensioners' Association,
Bengaluru.**

Will be held simultaneously with the opening ceremony of the newly built
Annexe to Pensioners' Bhavan
Association's own building

on Sunday the 9th September, 2018 at 9-00 a.m. at
No.61, 1st Main Road, Telecom Layout,
Srirampura phase II. Jakkur Cross, Bengaluru-560064

Formal Notice of the meeting & Agenda

Annual Report, Annual Accounts & Auditor's report

List of Members of 75 years of age to be felicitated in the AGB

Will be published In the next /subsequent issue/ issues of the Journal

BUILDING CONSTRUCTION
Different stages of construction of the annexe



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We hope to complete construction by the end of August, 2018. The New Annexe to Pensioners' Bhavan is to be declared open on Sunday, the 9th September, 2018 simultaneously holding of Annual General Body Meeting.

LIBERAL DONATIONS SOLICITED

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



Construction of ground floor is completed. Construction of 1st floor is in progress and has reached roof level. Cost of construction is estimated to be around Rs.56 lakhs. Donation collected so far amounts to Rs.43 lakh only. We are therefore forced to repeatedly appeal for

liberal donations from those of our Members and Subscribers **who have not yet responded** to our appeal made through this journal and through personal letters. 20th List of donors is published in this issue.

Most of the Pre-2016 pensioners have got 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.

Members who have donated less than Rs.2000, the minimum amount of donation that we had appealed for, may please remit additional amount to increase their contribution to at least Rs.2,000. Those who have donated above Rs 5,000 but less than 10,000 and above Rs.10,000 but less than 25,000 may please consider increasing 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**". (Not KPTPA or KP&TPA)

Cheques may please be sent to: K.R.Anantha Ramu,
No 1158, 7th Main, 7th Block, HMT Layout, Vidyananyapura, Bangalore-560097.
(Ph: 080 23642466 Mob: 9448477129)

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

FOR THE KIND ATTENTION OF DONORS

List of donations received up to 20-04-2018 for the building fund of the association has been uploaded to the website of the association "*kptpa.org*". Donors may visit the website to view the details of the contributions made by them to the association's building fund.

Lists are available for viewing both in Alphabetical order and as per the membership numbers of the donors.

7th CPC

Increase in 7th CPC Minimum Pay & Fitment Factor not under consideration of the Government – Minister’s reply in Rajya Sabha

Since several months the print media has been repeatedly carrying a news item in its publications that the govt may increase the 7th CPC Minimum Pay and Fitment Factor. But the speculation about the hike stands proved incorrect with the government’s reply to a question on the subject in the Rajya Sabha given by the MoS, Finance. Q & A extracted hereunder.

INCREASE IN MINIMUM PAY AND FITMENT FACTOR

Government of India
Ministry of Finance
Rajya Sabha

Un starred Question No.-1170

Answered on-06.03.2018

Shri Neeraj Shekhar : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state?

- (a) Whether Government is actively contemplating to increase minimum pay from 18,000/- to 21,000/- and fitment factor from 2.57 to 3, in view of resentment among Central Government employees over historically lowest increase in pay by 7th Central Pay Commission (CPC);
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the date from which it would be implemented; and
- (c) if not, the reasons for the callous attitude of Government towards Government Employees?

ANSWER

Minister of State for Finance (Shri P Radhakrishnan)

(a),(b)&(c) : The minimum pay of Rs.18,000/- p.m. and fitment factor of 2.57 are based on the specific recommendations of the 7th Central Pay Commission in the light of the relevant factors taken into account by it. Therefore, no change therein is at present under consideration
Source: <http://rajyasabha.nic.in/>

7th CPC – Revised PPOs

Central Pension Accounting Office (CPAO), New Delhi, is transmitting the revised pension payment authorities to the pension disbursing banks on line. Hence hard copies of the RPPOs are not being received by the pensioners. CPAO has developed a mobile responsive facility for use of pensioners for availing of various services. Pensioners/ Family Pensioners (**other than Defence, Railways and P&T pensioners**) can register on the CPAO website www.cpao.nic.in. by providing PPO number, Date of Birth & Date of Retirement/Date of Death.

Pensioners can avail the following services after registration on CPAO website:

Pensioner Profile : Pensioners can view their profile and also of the bank and PAO concerned.

Digital Record of Pension and Revision Orders : View list of all Pension Payments & Revision Orders sent to banks from CPAO.

Download Facility of Pension/Revision Orders Sent To Banks: Pensioners can download Pension/Revision Orders sent to Banks.

The undersigned has been receiving complaints regarding problems faced by CGHS and other Central Government beneficiaries while availing health care facilities from empanelled Health Care Organisations (HCO's). The Central Government Employees Welfare Co-ordination Committee has also raised serious concerns over issues like refusal of admission/beds, refusal of credit, not charging as per CGHS rates, non application of CGHS rates to Central Government beneficiaries covered under other schemes like CSMA, BSNL MRS and other schemes run by central autonomous bodies.

Hence, the provisions as per the terms of agreement with HCO's, are being reiterated in order to streamline availing care from empanelled HCO's.

1. The empanelled hospitals shall not refuse beds/admission to any of the central govt beneficiaries and it is agreed that CGHS beneficiaries shall be attended to on priority.
2. The hospitals shall provide cashless/ credit facilities to pensioners and other categories of CGHS beneficiaries on referral and in emergency. The cashless facility is also available for serving central govt CGHS beneficiaries during emergency.
3. The hospitals shall admit the beneficiary in the ward as per his or her entitlement.
4. The hospital shall not collect any money towards any essential treatments which includes medicines, investigations, consumables, consultations, equipments etc., from the credit entitled beneficiaries.
5. During emergencies hospitals shall not refuse treatment. If a required facility is not available then hospital shall stabilise the beneficiary before transferring to another CGHS empanelled hospital.
6. The hospital has to charge as per the approved CGHS rates for all central government beneficiaries including CGHS, CSMA and other autonomous body beneficiaries. The approved rate for a procedure is the "CGHS rate or the actual hospital rate whichever is lower."
7. The hospital/diagnostic centres shall charge CGHS rates to Central Government Employees/ Pensioners on production of valid I-Card/ Documentary proof, even though treatment is not sought as CGHS beneficiary.
8. Hospitals shall perform annual health examination of the beneficiaries as per the MOA at approved rates.
9. All the coded investigations and procedures shall be performed based on prescription slip/ OPD notes issued by CGHS or any other govt specialist. Coded investigations and procedures are those which find a mention in the CGHS rate list and for which CGHS rates are mentioned in the rate list.
10. The "CGHS Package Rate" shall mean all inclusive – including lump sum cost of inpatient treatment / day care / diagnostic procedure for which a CGHS beneficiary has been permitted by the competent authority or for treatment under emergency from the time of admission to the time of discharge including (but not limited to) – (i) Registration charges, (ii) Admission charges, (iii) Accommodation charges including patients diet, (iv) Operation charges, (v) Injection charges, (vi) Dressing charges, (vii) Doctor / consultant visit charges, (viii) ICU / ICCU charges, (ix) Monitoring charges, (x) Transfusion charges and Blood processing charges, (xi) Pre Aesthetic check-up and Anaesthesia charges, (xii) Operation theatre charges, (xiii) Procedural charges / surgeon's fee, (xiv) Cost of surgical disposables and all sundries used during hospitalization, (xv) Cost of medicines and consumables, (xvi) Related routine and essential investigations, (xvii) Physiotherapy

- charges etc., (xviii) Nursing care charges etc., The cost of Implants / stents / grafts is reimbursable in addition to package as per the CGHS ceiling rate or the actual rate (as per invoice) whichever is lower.
11. All investigations regarding fitness for the surgery will be done prior to the admission for any elective procedure and are part of package.
 12. The HCO's shall administer the medications/injections issued by CGHS (if any).
 13. The items like toiletries, sanitary napkins, talcum powders and mouth fresheners are inadmissible for reimbursement.
 14. The heads of various central government offices /departments are authorised to seek clarification from HCO's on problems being faced by beneficiaries / inspect the hospital premises.
 15. It shall be the duty and responsibility of the empanelled HCO, at all times, to obtain, maintain and sustain the valid registration, recognition and high quality and standard of its services and healthcare and to have all statutory / mandatory licenses, permits or approvals of the concerned authorities under or as per the existing laws".
 16. The hospitals are required to display the CGHS rates of following common procedures at prominent places within the hospital premises.
 - * Balloon coronary Angioplasty/PTCA
 - * CABG * Total Knee Joint Replacement
 - * Total Hip Joint Replacement * Normal delivery with or without episiotomy & perineal repair * Caesarean section
 - *Laparoscopic Cholecystectomy
 - *Laparoscopic appendectomy
 - *Transurethral Resection of Prostate (TURP) * Phaco with foldable IOL.
 17. Hospital shall display at the reception and at other prominent places within the hospital, regarding:
 - a. availability of cashless facility to CGHS pensioners, Ex-Members of Parliament, Sitting Members of Parliament, Freedom Fighters, Serving CGHS/DGHS / Ministry of H&FW employees and such other categories of CGHS cardholders as notified by the Government etc., on referral and in emergency.
 - b. Availability of cashless facility to even the CGHS serving beneficiaries during emergency (where obtaining prior permission/referral is not possible).
 18. The hospitals shall not collect any advance amount from any of the central govt. beneficiaries.
 19. Hospital shall display the names of 2 Nodal Officers along with their telephone contact numbers at the reception counters and at other prominent places within hospitals. Hospitals shall ensure that the nodal officers are always trained in CGHS procedures to ensure smooth delivery of care to CGHS beneficiaries. Any change in nodal officers shall be immediately informed to CGHS.
 20. HCO's shall provide electronic platforms for accepting payments through electronic modes and accept digital payments.
 21. The empanelled HCOs are to sign up as **convergence partners** by registering themselves on the "consumerhelpline.gov.in" portal. So that the consumer complaints shall also be directly dealt by Consumer help line.
 22. Violations of the provisions of the MOA by the empanelled HCO's under CGHS like refusal of service, undertaking unnecessary procedures, prescribing unnecessary drugs/tests, over billing, reduction in staff/ infrastructure/ equipment etc. After the hospital has been empanelled, refusal of credit to eligible beneficiaries and direct charging from them, if not recommended by NABH/NABL/ QCI at any stage, discrimination against CGHS beneficiaries vis-a-vis general patients etc, shall be viewed very seriously. The amount of Performance Bank Guarantee will be forfeited and the CGHS shall have the right to de-recognize the health Care Organization as the case may be. Such action could be initiated on the basis of a complaint, medical audit or inspections carried out by CGHS teams at random. The decision of the CGHS will be final.

**BSNL
IDA
Order**

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.

*Government of India, Ministry of Heavy Industries & Public Enterprises,
Department of Public Enterprises
OM No. W-02/0002/2014-DPE(WC) - GL - VIII/18 dated 3rd April, 2018*

In modification of this Department's O.M. of even No. dated 3.1.2018, the rate of DA payable to the executives and non-unionized supervisors of CPSEs (2007 pay revision) is as follows.

- (a) Date from which payable: 01.04.2018
(b) Average AICPI (2001=100) for the quarter Dec 2017 - Feb 2018
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| Dec-2017 | 286 |
| Jan-2018 | 288 |
| Feb-2018 | 287 |
| Average of the quarter | 287 |
- (c) Link Point 126.33 (as on 1.1.2007)
(i) Increase over link point: 160.67 (287 minus 126.33)
(j) DA Rate w.e.f. 01.04.2018 : 127.2% [(160.67-126.33) x 100]

2. The above rate of DA i.e. 127.2% would be applicable in the case of IDA employees who have been allowed revised pay scales (2007) as per DPE O.M. dated 26.11.2008, 9.2.2009 and 2.4.2009.

3. 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.

Samsul Haque, Under Secretary

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Senior Citizens can produce any ID card for availing fare concession facility in KSRTC buses

Press Note issued by Karnataka State Road Transport Corporation

Senior Citizens of Karnataka aged 60 years and above have been extended 25% concession in ticket fare of KSRTC's City, Suburban, Ordinary, Express, Super Deluxe and Rajahamsa buses.

To avail this concession facility, it has been decided to stop issue of Senior Citizens Identity card by KSRTC.

Senior Citizens of Karnataka can avail the concession by production of any one of the following ID cards.(1) Pass port (2)Voter I D (3) Aadhaar Card with date of birth (4) Driving license (5) ID cards indicating date of birth & residential address issued by various Departments of Government of India/PSU/ Govt of Karnataka / PSU/Corporations(6) ID card issued by Physically challenged& Senior Citizens Welfare Directorate and (7) Senior Citizens Card issued by KSRTC

Our Readers write

I must whole heartedly thank you for all the spontaneous help extended to me unmindful of hardship you are facing in the midst of your other important engagements. The articles written and published in January & February 2018 issues of *Pensioners' Champion* on revision of pension in terms of OM dated 12-5-2017 are elaborative. Examples given therein show your in-depth knowledge on pensioners' problems. Hope that the issues raised in the article will be taken up by Pensioners' Associations and are discussed in SCOVA and with the Department of Pension & PW.

S N Janakiraman

Postmaster (Retd), Madurai, T N

Pension of all pre- 2016 postal pensioners, including that of mine, got revised due to the relentless efforts of our association and other sister pensioners' associations. By construction of our own building we stand on our own legs. Many congratulations.

V B Ravindranathan,

LM-1232

It was with great pleasure and a glow of pride that I received your letter dated 9-4-2018 and was happy to go through its contents and the enclosure there to. Be assured of my continued support in days to come in your noble venture. (of construction of Annexe to Pensioners' Bhavan)

A. Sadananda, ALM 762

I am a regular reader of "Pensioners' Champion". Really, the Journal is very good not only to read but also to preserve as a document since it contains lot of informative & useful matters for pensioners. I am very much influenced by your association's functioning and more so of yours and as well as of all other seniors dedicated and tireless service to the cause of pensioners. I wish all the best.

D .K.Joshi

**Merger of
33 P&T
Dispensaries
with CGHS**

**E-mail on the subject received from S.P. Gupta, Secretary,
P&T PA, Jaipur**

Posts and Telecommunications Pensioners' Association, Rajasthan,
87 Muktanandnagar, Gopalpura Road, Jaipur

To,

- 1) Shri Shiv Gopal Mishra, Secy. JCM Staff side New Delhi
- 2) Shri S.C. Maheshwari Secy. Genl BPS New Delhi
- 3) Shri K.K.N. Kutti Secy. Genl NCCP New Delhi
- 4) Shri K.B. Krishna Rao, Secy. Karnataka P&T Pen. Association, Bengaluru.
- 5) Shri S.K. Sharma Genl. Secy. CGPA Jaipur

Sub:- Publicity of letter No. Z.16025/08/2018/CGHS-III dated 10.4.18 from MoH&FW reg.
merger/conversion of 33 postal dispensaries with CGHS.

Dear Comrade,

As you are aware that in 1977 the outdoor medical services from Postal dispensaries were made available to the pensioners of DoPosts/Telcom). We took up with the DoPosts to provide indoor facilities also alike CGHS, but nothing could be done. From August, 2013, through our efforts 19 postal dispensaries of 12 cities were merged with CGHS. For the remaining 33 postal dispensaries at Guntur, Rajmudry, Nellore, Vijawada, Vishakhapatnam(AP), Dibrugarh, Silchar (Assam), Chappra, Darbhanga, Gaya, Muzaffarpur(Bihar), Raipur (Chgarh), Vadodara(Guj),Ambala (Har), Dhanbad (Jhar), Behrampur, Cuttuck(Odisha), Amritsar, Jhallandhar(Pun), Ajmer, Kota, Jodhpur (Raj), Tiruchirapalli Tirunalvelli(TN), Agra, Aligarh, Bareilly, Gorakhpur, Moradabad, Saharanpur, Varanasi(UP) Jalpaiguri and Siliguri (WB), I along with J.P. Sharma of Kota and one pensioner from Jodhpur met the VII CPC members headed by Justice A.K. Mathur at Jodhpur in Dec., 2014 and presented the case of merger of these dispensaries with CGHS, as a result of which the Commission recommended it. Later on we pursued the case with MoH&FW from where we received a reply that the Dte is DILIGENTLY working on the issue and that it is expected to get approval of the competent authority very soon. A copy the letter dated 10.4.18 is attached for publishing in the Journal of your organization for the information of the pensioners. Thanks,

Yours Sincerely,

(S.P. Gupta) IPS (Retd) & Secretary

**Extract off the letter from the Directorate General of CGHS
Addressed to Shri S P Gupta, Secretary, P&T Pensioners' Association, Jaipur
Subject: Merger / conversion of 33 P&T dispensaries with CGHS –
7th CPC recommendations.**

Sir,

Reference is invited to your email dated 28.03.2018 regarding the above mentioned matter.

2. In this regard you are informed that this Directorate is diligently working on drafting a proposal with regard to merger of 33 P&T Dispensaries with CGHS. It is expected to get approval of the Competent Authority soon.

Dr.Pradeep Kumar, Addl.Dy.Director General (HQ)

PENSIONERS' CHAMPION

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**CGHS
Area
Coverage**

No. C. 14012/02/2018/CGHS-III/DIR, GoI, Ministry of Health & Family Welfare,
Department of Health
and Family Welfare, Directorate General of CGHS, dated the 6th April, 2018.

Office Memorandum

**Clarification regarding demarcation of CGHS covered areas under
CGHS Wellness Centre**

With reference to the above subject the undersigned is directed to state that in some of the CGHS Cities the areas covered under CGHS were not specified resulting in inconvenience to the beneficiaries. The matter has been reviewed and it is now decided that hereinafter the coverage of CGHS shall be limited to the areas within 5 km (approx) radius of the CGHS Wellness Centres, in all CGHS covered Cities where such demarcations were not specified. The Additional Director, CGHS

concerned City shall notify such areas covered under CGHS Wellness Centres.

The serving Central Government employees residing outside the CGHS covered areas shall be covered under CS (MA) Rules. However, in all CGHS covered cities the serving Central Government employees residing within the Municipal limits of the city, shall be given a onetime choice to opt for CGHS (instead of CS(MA) Rules) from the nearest CGHS Wellness Centre.

**Railways
Order**

**Removal of age limit of 25 years of medical facilities for
dependent children of serving Railways employees and
pensioners.**

No. 2008/H-1/2/15, GoI, Ministry of Railways, Railway Board New Delhi, dated 12.2.2018

The General Manager, Ref: Board's letter of even no. dated 16.2.2009.
All Indian Railways and Production Units,
The Director General, RDSO, Lucknow and
The Chief Administrative Officers, DMW, Patiala and Rail Wheel Plant, Bela, Patna.

(Corrigendum)

Guidelines were issued vide letter No. 2000/H/PNM-AIRF dated 5.9.2000 elaborating/amending Para 601 (5) and 601 (6) of IRMM, 2000 defining "Family Members" for the purpose of medical facilities for dependent children of serving Railway Employees and Pensioners. In the instructions, provision pertaining to son read as under:

- (i) Sons under 21 years of age provided they are wholly dependent on the Railway employee; and
- (ii) Sons over 21 years of age without an upper age limit, even if not a student or invalid, provided he is wholly dependent on and resides with the Railway employee

2. The above provisions were amended/modified with the issue of corrigendum vide letter under reference as under: "Unmarried sons over 21 years of age without an upper age limit, even if not a student or invalid, provided he is wholly dependent on and resides with the Railway employee". It has, however, come to notice that the corrigendum was issued without obtaining financial concurrence.

3. The matter regarding obtaining of financial concurrence was taken up with Finance Directorate of this Ministry and post-facto financial concurrence to the corrigendum issued vide letter of even number dated 16.2.2009 is hereby accorded.

Coffee Board Pensioners are on “DHARNA” demanding extension of 7th CPC benefits

Aggrieved by the inordinate delay in implementation of the orders contained in Department of Pension and Pensioners' Welfare OM dated 6.4.2016 delinking of 33 years of service for fixation of pension in respect of pre-2006 pensioners and extension of 7th Central Pay Commission benefits to pre-2016 pensioners, Coffee Board pensioners, lead by their Association's President Sri A.N.Balaram and Secretary, Sri T.V.Suryaprakash, commenced a "DHARNA" on 23-4-2018 in the premises of Coffee Board building, in Bengaluru, to draw the attention of the Authorities concerned in the Department of Commerce and in the Coffee Board. The Association's President, 93 years old Shri Balaram, would sit on a "HUNGER STRIKE on 1-5-2018, if the demands of Coffee Board pensioners are not met by the government before 29-4-2018, the date on which the present week long "Dharna" would end.

From KP&TPA, S/s K B Krishna Rao, Secretary, B. L. Channappa, V.Murugan & B.S.Ramachandra EC Members participated in the Dharna on 23-4-2018. Krishna Rao addressed the gathering.

Sri S Radhakrishna, Secretary, IA&AD Pensioners' Association, Shri Ashok Kololgi Secretary KCGPA, Shri K U M Rao, Secretary KVS Pensioners' Association and Representatives from other Pensioners' Associations also spoke in support of the demands of the pensioners of Coffee Board.

Karnataka P&T Pensioners Association expressing its solidarity to the CB Pensioners, had written a letter to the Secretary, Coffee Board on 19-4-2018 urging for immediate necessary action to redress the grievances of CB pensioners so as to ensure that the pensioners, most of whom are aged 70 +, are not forced to sit in week long agitation to press for settlement of their demands.

CCCCGPA, Karnataka, IA&AD Pensioners' Association, and KCGPA also addressed similar letters to the Secretary, Coffee Board.

K P&T PA letter dated 19-4-2018 is reproduced below.

No. KPTPA/Pen/2018 dated at Bangalore the 19-04-2018

Sri Srivatsa Krishna, IAS,
Secretary and CEO,
Coffee Board, Bangalore-560001

Dear Sir,

Subject: Inordinate delay in implementation of the 7th Central Pay Commission benefits and provisions of orders contained in Department of Pension and Pensioners' Welfare OM dated 6.4.2016 delinking of 33 years of service for fixation of pension in respect of pensioners of Coffee Board

Coffee Board Pensioners' Association, Bangalore, a sister pensioners association, an affiliate of the Coordination Committee of Central Government Pensioners' Associations, Karnataka of which, Karnataka P&T Pensioners Association is also an affiliate, has informed us that the provisions contained in the office memorandum dated 6-4-2016 of Department of Pension and Pensioners' Welfare under which 33 years of service for fixation of pension at 50 % of the last pay drawn was delinked, has not yet been extended to pre-2006 pensioners of Coffee Board, despite issuance of instructions by the Ministry of Commerce, Department of Commerce, vide its letter dated 2.1.2018 addressed to the Coffee Board. Several representations made to the Coffee Board by Coffee Board Pensioners Association and by CCGPA, Karnataka were of no avail. 2. Further, we have also been informed that the 7th Central Pay Commission benefits in terms of Gol, Ministry of Public Grievances and

Pensions, Department of Pension & Pensioners' OMs dated 4.8.2016 and 12.5.2017 have not yet been extended to the pensioners of Coffee Board though those benefits have already been granted to pensioners of Central Government and pensioner of a few Autonomous Bodies like CSIR, ICAR, Central Power Research Institute, Central Silk Board, The Khadhi and Village Industries Commission, Coir Board, Bureau of Indian Standards, Indian Council of Medical Research, etc.

3. Department of Expenditure of Ministry of Finance, in response to many representations submitted to it by several pensioners' organisations and service unions, has repeatedly instructed the concerned Administrative Ministries to take appropriate decision regarding extension of 7th CPC benefits to the pensioners of the Autonomous bodies functioning under their administrative control. But, in spite of guidelines issued by the Finance Ministry, 7th CPC benefits have not been extended to pre-2016 pensioners of Coffee Board, even after elapse of 20 months from extension the benefits to Central Pensioners.

4. Coffee Board Pensioners Association, aggrieved by the apathy shown by all the concerned authorities in extension of 7th CPC benefits to pre -2016 pensioners and implementation of DOPPW OM dated 6-4-2016 to pre-2006 pensioners, left with no other option, has decided to embark upon an agitation to draw the attention of the authorities, in spite of the fact that most of its members are in their advanced age. Members of the association would commence an indefinite day long DHARNA from 23/4/2018 in the premises of Coffee Board Bengaluru if their twin demands are not met by then.

5. Karnataka P&T Pensioners' Association, expressing its solidarity to the legitimate demands of Coffee Board Pensioners, urges upon your kind self to take immediate necessary action to redress their grievances so as to ensure that the C B pensioners, most of whom are aged 70 +, are not forced to sit in day long agitation to press for settlement of their demands.

Thanking you

yours faithfully
K B Krishna Rao

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Stoppage of Cash Disbursement to Defence Pensioners.

O/o the Principal Controller of Defence Accounts, Allahabad

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As per existing provisions, disbursement of defence pension should be made by crediting the amount of pension to bank account of pensioners. However, it is noticed that some PDAs (other than banks) are still making payment of defence pension through cash disbursement.

Cash Disbursement by the Pension Disbursement Authorities has been viewed seriously by the Ministry and it has been strongly recommended that the cash disbursement of pension should be stopped immediately and same should be credited to pensioner's bank account with immediate effect.

In view of the above, all the PDAs are advised to suggest their defence pensioner who are receiving defence pension in cash from them, to open bank account in authorized Banks and payment of defence pension be credited to that account only.

All the Pension Disbursement Authorities are further advised to ensure that no cash disbursement of defence pension is made by them.

Subhash Kumar, DCDA (P)

Common mistakes by PAOs in processing of Revision of Pension under 7th CPC.

7th CPC Pension Revision cases are to be settled in a time bound manner. This office is receiving more than 3000 pension revision cases on daily basis. However, it has been observed that about 5 to 10 percent cases are returned by this office to PAOs due to various discrepancies. The reasons to return are indicated by this office in each case. To facilitate the PAOs, a list of common mistakes made by PAOs has been prepared and enclosed herewith at Annexure-A.

In view of above all the PAOs are requested to ensure that 7th CPC revision cases are sent correctly to CPAO to speed up the processing of the same in a time bound manner.

Encl: As above

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ANNEXURE - A

1. Date of death of pensioner not mentioned in column 3 (b.) (Family pension case)
2. Applicability of commuted pension may be checked whether it is applicable or not.
3. Class/category of pension under column 1(g) may be checked.
4. Notional pay shown under column 3(e) may be checked.
5. Pay/notional pay shown in column 3(e), does not match with pay fixed under 7th cpc as shown in column 4(a).
6. Level and index under column 4(a) may be checked.
7. Basic pension is not matching with the last pay drawn as per 7th cpc.
8. Pay matrix for level-13 may be checked with reference to revised pay matrix in terms of ministry of finance (deptt of expenditure) resolution dated 16.05.2017
9. Pay matrix for level 14 may be checked with reference to revised pay matrix in terms of deptt.of pension & pensioners welfare om dated- 13.09.2017

CORRECTIONS

February 2018 issue: Page-15: In 18th list of Donations- SI No.757: Delete Soundaram Thyagarajan, Membership No.1309 , Amount Rs.1000 and add the amount in the list of subscription for pensioners' Champion in page 13.

March 2018 issue: (1) Page-13 : The words "Assistant Director" appearing in the Report on the meeting with CGHS may be read as "**Additional Director**"

(2) In the list of newly enrolled members:

SI. 11 S.Shankar: membership number to be read as 2609 instead of 2611

SI. 14 V.Ramakrishna Iyer : Designation & Office in which last worked may be read as "Telecom District Manager".

OBITUARY

Sri Laxminarayana K M, LM-899 retired HSGI ACPM , Bangalore GPO, expired on 27-3-18 at the age of 80 years.He is survived by wife, two daughters and a son.

We convey our heartfelt condolences to the bereaved family

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
Jun 17	280	3323	276.92	5.93	139.22
Feb 18	287	3401	283.42	8.42	144.83

DA/DR from 1-1-2018: 7% (2% increase over July 2017 rate of 5%)
6th CPC - 142% (3% increase over July 2017 rate of 139%)

Subscription received for Pensioners' Champion in MARCH-APRIL 2018

Rs.120/- Smt./Sri	Rs.120/- Smt./Sri	Rs.240/- Smt./Sri	Rs.300/- Smt./Sri
335 V.Ramanathan	2095 K.Chandran	747 V.J.Vidyasagar	219 C.M.Hoogar
599 G.Shanmugha Vadivelu	2217 H.Raghurama Ganiga	800 K.Shivaswamy	Rs.360/- Smt./Sri
802 Smt.J.Ethiraj	2428 C.Aswathanarayana	1049 K.Kempaiah	1479 N.Mrutyunjaya
1077 T.S.Ramasetty	2469 N.T.S.Reddy	1143 J.S.Iyer	2049 J.R.Duggal
1105 R. Padmasini	Rs.150/- Smt./Sri	1808 A.V.Chidambara Murthy	2348 B.V.Roopakala
1258 Keval Krishan	2308 P.M.A.Dhanaraj	2301 K.Seshadri	Rs.490/- Smt./Sri
1456 M.S.Subramaniam	S-145 M.G.Raykar	2541 K.R.Gurjar	2621 K.Govardhana Rao
1457 N.Manjunatha Adiga	S-189 S.Vellaiyan	Rs.250/- Smt./Sri	Rs.500/- Smt./Sri
1731 E.Santhanam	S-238 R.N.Nargund	1032 P.Gangadharan	S-150 D.K.Joshi
1804 K.S.Janardhanachari	S-258 B.N.Lakshminarayana	1424 N.Sivasankaran	Rs.600/- Smt./Sri
1966 V.R.Joshi	S-259 K.Rajagopal		1276 M.R.Sridhara
2088 S.Y.Kudtarkar	S-311 K.Sanjeeva Rao		1446 M.A.Naik
	S-330 W.K.Biradar		

BSNL IDA

From 1-4-2018 127.2% 0.3% increase over Jan, 2018 rate of 126.9%

Newly Enrolled Members

Name (Smt./Sri)	Designation & Office in which last worked	Type & No.
1 T.Subramani	LSG Sorting Assistant, B City RMS	LM 2611
2 V.G.Nanjkar	Sr.Superintendent of RMS, L Division, Bhusawal	LM 2617
3 M.Srinivasa Udupa	Supervisor, SBCO, Saraswathipuram, Mysore	LM 2618
4 H.K.Mallya	Postmaster, HSG I, Shimoga Head Post Office	LM 2619
5 K.Ramesh Babu	LSG Supervisor, BG City RMS, Bangalore	LM 2620
6 K.Govardhana Rao	Stores Officer, GTRE, DRDO, Ministry of Defence	ALM 2621
7 R.V.Yadav	Asst.Postmaster(SB), Dharwad Head Post Office	LM 2622
8 D.D.Khavasi	Senior Telegraph Master, CTO, Mangalore	LM 2623
9 Kirankishore.S.Telkar	Sr.Postmaster, Dhule Head Post Office, Maharashtra	LM 2624
10 Sharada(FP)	Postal Assistant, Bangalore GPO, Bangalore	LM 2625
11 C.Ramanathan	Junior Engineer/I/Works, Bangarpet. Southern Railway	ALM 2626

LM: Life Member

ALM: Associate Life Member

Donation for the Building Fund - 20th List

SI No.	Name Sri/Smt.	Membership No.	Amount Rs.	Receipt No.	Progressive Total of donation
851	S.K.Subramanian	87	25000	3456	50000
852	U.Manohar Shenoy	1278	14000	3445/3465	46000
853	V.B.Ravindranathan	1232	11101	3461	
854	A.Sadananda	762	10000	3442	12000
855	K.Govardhana Rao	2621	10000	3454	
856	Veerabhadraiah	571	5000	3478	10000
857	A.Hanumantha Rao	833	5000	3460	
858	K.N.Ramaprasad	911	5000	3481	10000
859	R.K.T.Shastry	918	5000	3465	15000
860	M.N.Gopinath	1085	5000	3468	30000
861	S.R.Arjunagi	1363	5000	3459	
862	N.M.Hegde	1447	5000	3444	7000
863	H.B.Yeligar	2533	5000	3443	
864	V.J.Vidyasagar	747	3000	3480	
865	Chandrashekhar Karanth	1076	2000	3470	16111
866	N.Rajendran	1078	2000	3450	4000
867	N.Sivasankaran	1424	2000	3479	
868	V.K.Kulkarni	1659	2000	3446	
869	K.Selvaraj	1758	2000	3473	3000
870	D.Rangaswamy	1944	2000	3471	
871	K.R.Anantha Ramu	2062	2000	3482	33000
872	C.Asathanarayana	2428	2000	3453	
873	K.I.Sosamma	2508	2000	3469	
874	K.R.Gurjar	2541	2000	3451	
875	V.A.Gopalan	2580	2000	3452	
876	S.Purushothaman	2615	2000	3457	
877	C.K.Krishna Murthy	879	1000	3458	2000
878	A.V.Chidambara Murthy	1808	1000	3467	6000
879	J.Elumalai	2311	1000	3472	

Coffee Board Pensioners protest over delay in extension of 7th Central Pay Commission benefits



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ಕೇಂದ್ರ ಸರ್ಕಾರದ ವೇತನ ಆಯೋಗದ ಜಾರಿಯಾಗಿ ಎರಡು ವರ್ಷ ಕಳೆದರೂ ನಿವೃತ್ತರಿಗೆ ಪಿಂಚಣಿ ಪರಿಷ್ಕರಣೆ ಮಾಡಿಲ್ಲ ಎಂದು ಕಾಪಿ ಬೋರ್ಡ್ ಪಿಂಚಣಿದಾರರ ಅಸೋಸಿಯೇಷನ್ ಸದಸ್ಯರು ಕಾಪಿ ಬೋರ್ಡ್ ಮುಂಭಾಗ ಸೋಮವಾರ ಪ್ರತಿಭಟನೆ ನಡೆಸಿದರು. 2016 ಏಪ್ರಿಲ್ ನಲ್ಲಿ ಕೇಂದ್ರ ಸರ್ಕಾರ ಏಳನೇ ವೇತನ ಆಯೋಗ ಜಾರಿ ಮಾಡಿ ಅದೇತಿಸಿದೆ. ಆದರೆ, ಪ್ರಸ್ತುತ ಬೋರ್ಡ್ ನಲ್ಲಿ ಕಾರ್ಯನಿರ್ವಹಿಸುತ್ತಿರುವ ಸಿಬ್ಬಂದಿಗೆ ಏಳನೇ ವೇತನ ಆಯೋಗ ಜಾರಿ ಪಡಿಸಿದ್ದಾರೆ. ಆದರೆ, ನಿವೃತ್ತ ಸಿಬ್ಬಂದಿಗೆ ಜಾರಿ ಮಾಡಿಲ್ಲ ಅನಿವಾರ್ಯವಾಗಿ ಪ್ರತಿಭಟನೆ ಮಾಡಬೇಕಾಗಿದೆ ಎಂದು ಅಸೋಸಿಯೇಷನ್ ಕಾರ್ಯದರ್ಶಿ ಟಿ.ವಿ.ಸೂರ್ಯ ಪ್ರಕಾಶ ತಿಳಿಸಿದರು. ಸ್ವಂದನ ದೊರೆಯದಿದ್ದರೆ ಮೇ 1 ರಿಂದ ಉಪವಾಸ ಸತ್ಯಾಗ್ರಹ ನಡೆಸುವುದಾಗಿ ಎಚ್ಚರಿಕೆ ನೀಡಿದರು. ಅಸೋಸಿಯೇಷನ್ ಅಧ್ಯಕ್ಷ ಎ.ಎನ್. ಬಲರಾಮ್, ರಾಧಕೃಷ್ಣ ಕೃಷ್ಣರಾವ್ ಇತರರಿದ್ದರು.

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