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OPENING CEREMONY & 23RD AGB on SUNDAY 9-9-2018

KARNATAKA POSTS & TELECOMMUNICATIONS THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF PENSIONERS' ASSOCIATION

61/1, 1st Main, Telecom Layout, Jakkur Cross, Srirampura Phase II, Bengaluru 560064

cordially invites you for the OPENING of the

New Annexe to Pensioners' Bhavan

Sri B. Sadashiva Rao, IPS (Retd), Founder President and

Sri N. Bhaskaran, Founder Secretary of the Association and Veteran P&T Trade Union Leader

and for the OPEN SESSION of the

on Sunday the 9th September, 2018 at 10.00 a.m. 23rd Annual General Body Meeting

to be inaugurated by the Chief Guest

Sri K.K.N. Kutty

President, Confederation of Central Government Employees & Workers and Secretary General, National Coordination Committee of Pensioners' Associations, New Delhi

Guests of Honour

Dr. Charles Lobo, IPS

Chief Postmaster General, Karnataka Circle

Chief General Manager, Karnataka Telecom Circle Shri R. Mani, ITS

K.B. Krishna Rao

Venue

PENSIONERS' BHAVAN

61/1, 1st Main, Telecom Layout, Jakkur Cross, Srirampura Phase II, Bengaluru 560064

K.R. Anantha Ramu S.M. Vittal Rao With Best Compliments V. Gopal M.N. Gopinath

Executive Committee Members

Vice-President Joint Secretary

5/s. N. Ramaiah, B.L. Channappa, M. Nanjundegowda, Chandrasekhara Karanth, V. Muthukumar, V. Murugan, D. Venkatesalu, B.S. Ramachandra & Rangegowda

PROGRAMME

10-00 a.m. - Open Session

- 1 Welcome speech and introduction of Chief Guest & other Guests.
- Opening of the NEW ANNEXE.

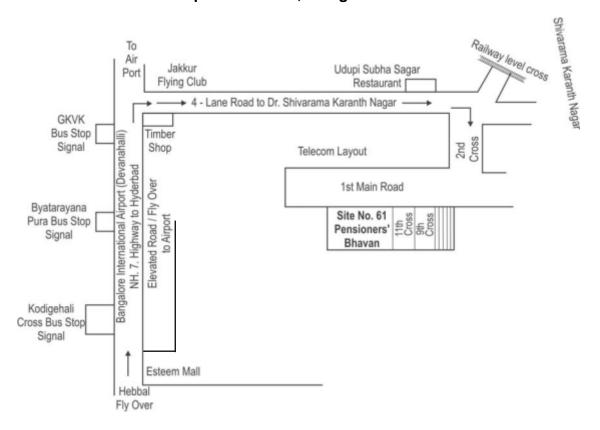
Sri B. Sadashiva Rao, IPS (Retd), Founder President and Sri N. Bhaskaran, Veteran P&T Trade Union Leader & Founder Secretary of the Association will Chief Postmaster General, Karnataka Circle and jointly declare open the new annexe to Pensioners' Sri R. Mani, ITS, Chief General Manager, Bhavan in the presence of Dr. Charles Lobo, IPS, Karnataka Telecom Circle.

- 3 Inauguration of the Open Session by the Chief Guest Shri K.K.N.Kutty, President, Confederation of Central Government Employees & Workers and Secretary General, National Coordination Committee of Pensioners' Associations, New Delhi
- Address by Dr. Charles Lobo, IPS, CPMG, Karnataka Circle.
- 5 Address by Sri R. Mani, ITS, CGMT, Karnataka Telecom Circle.
- 6 Presentation of cash awards to meritorious students of Govt. Primary School, Yelahanka.
- 7 Felicitation of Members aged 75 years & above.
 - 8 Address by Sri G. Babu, President, KP&TPA.
- 9 Vote of thanks.

Internal Auditor

Lunch: 1 p.m.

Locaion Map of Pensioners' Bhavan in Telecom Layout, Srirampura Phase II, Bengaluru-560 064.



- 1. Arrangements will be made to provide conveyance to Pensioners' Bhavan from GKVK BMTC Bus Stop on the left side of the Airport Road from the City side at intervals of every 20 minutes commencing from 8 AM and ending at 10 AM
- 2. Return journey conveyance will also be provided from 3.30 PM onwards up to the Airport Road Junction
- 3. All buses to Yelahanka from City Market, Majestic and Shivajinagar ply via G.K.V.K
- 4. Members using their own conveyance and coming from the City side have to take right turn at GKVK BMTC Bus Stop signal junction on Airport Road, take the four-lane road to Shivaram Karantha Nagar to reach Telecom Layout. Those coming from Yelhanka side have to take left turn at Jakkur Cross / GKVK.

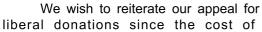
(After Hebbal Flyover to take BMTC Bus route only and not the elevated road / flyover to Airport)

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Pensioners' Bhavan

Construction of the new building is nearing completion and is scheduled to be declared open on 9-9-2018. Arrangements for the opening ceremony and for holding the AGB at the premises are being made. Invitation is printed in this issue of the journal. EC, KP&TPA invites all members, subscribers and well wishers to grace the occasion by their presence.





construction is expected to exceed Rs.60 lakhs, whereas the donations received so far amounts to Rs.56 lakh only. Members and Subscribers, who have not yet paid, may kindly remit their donation now. They may also consider paying their contribution on 9-9-2018 when they attend the AGB. 24th List of donors is published in this issue.

We convey our profound gratitude to our members, subscribers and well wishers who have donated so generously to the building fund, which alone helped the association in executing its plan for construction of the building, which is now ready to be declared open on 9-9-2018. We still need funds to pay the final bill of the contractor and are therefore, forced to keep repeating our appeal for donations.

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, Vidyaranyapura, Bangalore-560097. (Ph: 080 23642466 Mob: 9448477129)

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

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(7th CPC) No hike in minimum pay, No change in fitment factor

There was lot of speculation that the Prime Minister may announce in his Independence Day speech about increase of fitment factor from 2.57 to 3.68 under 7th CPC in view of the general elections due in 2019. While he spoke about Indian economy, he didn't offer any financial benefits for the Central government employees & pensioners.

Minister of State for Finance P. Radhakrishnan earlier in the Rajya Sabha, in reply to an unstarred question, had said that no change in fitment factor was under consideration. The question and answer are extracted below.

RAJYA SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION no.2273 Answered on 7th August 2018

2273. Shri Ravi Prakash Verma, Sri Neeraj Shekhar

Will the Minister of Finance be pleased to state?

- (a) Whether the government is contemplating to increase fitment factor from 2.57 to 3.68 under 7th CPC to all pay levels as demanded by employees associations;
- (b) If so, the details thereof and by when it would be announced; and
- (c) If not, the reasons for betrayal from assurances given by Home Minister and Railway Minister to employees associations in 2016?

Answer

Minister of State in the Ministry of Finance, Shri P.Raddhakrishnan

(a) to (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

Attention of Pensioners

Submission of Digital Life Certificate from the confines of your home – a pensioner friendly initiative proposed by the Department of Pension and Pensioners' Welfare for pensioners aged 75 years and above

A review of the register of Members of K P&T PA has revealed that there are more than 1000 members who are aged 75 + and in a majority of them, we don't have their mobile phone numbers. We, therefore, request our members please to furnish their mobile phone numbers - which are essential for registration of their names with Jevan Pramaan Portal for generating Digital Life Certificate - to enable us to furnish the details to the Pension Department.

(Secretary, K P&T PA)

Mobile phone number may be furnished either through Post, WhatsApp message or SMS to :

V.Gopal, Joint Secretary:
Flat No.5-B-20, 1st Phase, Nandi garden Apartments
Avalahalli, JPNagar 9th Phase, Bangalore-560108
Mobile: 8197918085 email: pensionersbhavan@gmail.com

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Coordination Committee of Central Government Pensioners' Associations, Karnataka (R)

(Regd. Under the Karnataka Societies Registration Act 1960: Regn.No.1070/98-99) No. 212,"Kaveri", 7th 'A' Main, Hampinagar, Bengaluru-560104

Minutes of the Annual General Body Meeting held on 04.08.2018

The Annul General Body Meeting of the Coordination Committee of Central Government Pensioners' Associations, Karnataka was held on Saturday the 4.8.2018 at 10.30 AM in the Auditorium of Udayabhanu Kala Sangha, Gavipuram Choultry Road, Ramakrishna Matt Layout, Gavipuram Extn, Bengaluru 560019.

- 2. Shri K.B.Krishna Rao, Chairman presided over the meeting. Sri T.V.Suryaprakash, Jt. General Secretary welcomed the gathering. Shri B.Sadashiva Rao, Permanent Advisor was present. Shri Samet Kumar Samantha, Manager, State Bank of India attended as a special invitee.
- 3. Shri Radhakrishna placed the Agenda before the meeting and it was approved.

Agenda

- Confirmation of Minutes of the Annual General Body Meeting held on 2.7.2017
- Consideration & Approval of the General Secretary's Report & Audited Accounts for the year 2017-18;
- 3 Revision of Pension of pre-2016 retireeslatest position;
- Anomalies in extension 7 CPC revised pensionary benefits to Autonomous and Statutory Bodies' pensioners;
- 5. Proceedings of the SCOVA meeting;
- 6. Health care-CGHS, Non-CGHS areas and Pensioners of Autonomous & Statutory Bodies
- 7. Pension Adalath Review:
- Elections to the Management Committee for the period 2018-20;
- 9. Appointment of Statutory Auditor; and
- 10. Any other subject with the permission of the Chair.

4. The General Secretary said that SBI has written to CCCGPA stating that a number of new schemes have been introduced for the benefit of the pensioners. SBI requested CCCGPA to advise pensioners to use digital mode of banking viz. ATM, INB, Mobile banking and SBI Quick for ease of doing banking transactions from home without visiting the bank branch and they can enjoy the facility of 24 x7 banking. Therefore, CCCGPA invited a representative from the bank to acquaint pensioners with the same. Shri S.K.Samanth from SBI explained the benefits to the pensioners that have been introduced by SBI. He said that, SBI has established a separate wing to deal with pension matters, which is called CPPC. Life certificate can be submitted in any branch of the bank. He said that Digital Life Certificate (DLC) is the best option. He explained what DLC is and said that Aadhaar card and mobile phone number are necessary for getting a DGL. He agreed with the suggestion of Shri Suryaprakash that a SMS can be sent by the SBI to acknowledge the life certificate submitted by a pensioner. He also explained about the internet banking facility. He advised the pensioners to convert the SB to Pension SB with benefits. Shri Padubidri of P&TPA, Udupi said that, according to 1992 RBI order, banks should provide Form 16 and 24. Shri Samanth said that his bank is issuing Form 16. Shri Krishna Rao also explained the measures taken by the Postal Department for issue of DLC in Post offices. Shri Samantha said that the bank also has an app called 'yono', exclusively for pensioners. Pensioners can also log on to the bank's website 'pensionseva' for one step solution. Shri Krishna Rao raised the question of delay in crediting 7th CPC revised pension and arrears by the bank. Shri Samantha admitted that there was

- a backlog because of the huge number of cases, but, the backlog is being cleared fast. He also said that if the PPO with the file number issued by CPAO is given to the bank, the pensioners will be able to get the arrears immediately. He gave his mobile phone also i.e. 7676001962 and said that pensioners are welcome to contact him for help. Shri Radhakrishna thanked Shri Samantha for his valuable advice.
- 5. Before the commencement on the discussion of the Agenda items, one minute silence was observed in memory of Com. D.Gnanaiah, veteran P&T Trade Union leader, who passed away on 8.7.2017 at the age of 96 and also for the demise of the members of CCCGPA. Shri Radhakrishna and Shri K.B.K.Rao spoke about Com.Gnanaiah briefly.
- **6.** Confirmation of the minutes of the last AGB dated 2.7.2017: Shri Radakrishna, General Secretary presented the minutes of the last AGB held on 2.7.2017 for confirmation of AGB. He said that report was emailed to all the affiliates, but gave a brief review again. AGB confirmed the minutes without any correction.
- 7. Approval of the Annual Report and Audited Accounts for 2017-18: Annual Report and Audited Accounts for the year 2017-18 were read out by the GS and Treasurer Shri O M Bhaskaran respectively. Shri K.B.Krishna Rao suggested that a brief report on 'Swach Bharath Abhiyan' programme, arranged by CCCGPA on 5.6.2018, might be included as an annexure though generally, events up to 31st March only would be included. Shri.O.M.Bhaskaran said that only accounts up to 31.3.2108 should be included, but other activities up to the date of the General Body might be included in the Annual Report. Finally, it was agreed to include the report on the function of 5.6.2018 as an annexure. The Annual report was adopted after adding a few items suggested by the GS. Annual accounts for the year 2017-18 were also adopted.

- **7.1.** The General Secretary said that a sum of Rs.2000 may be contributed by all the affiliates towards the expenses of the function on 5.6.2018. He also requested the Associations that have not yet paid the annual fee of Rs.2000 to pay now. He also said that individual donations are also welcome. He thanked Shri B.Sadashiva Rao, Advisor to CCCGPA for the donation given by him in the AGB.
- 8. 7th CPC-latest position: Some of the Associations gave a report about the status of revision of 7th CPC pension and payment arrears. Shri Radhakrishna said that CPAO website has the information about the RPPOs issued. The pensioners can register themselves and find out whether their case is settled. Similar website is available for Defence pensioners also. He said that IA&AD has finished the work except for some 500 old cases. Sri OM Bhaskaran, Secretary KITDPA, informed that In Income Tax Department, almost all the cases are over. Sri Janardhanan, Secretary Survey of India Pensioners' Assn said that revised PPOs have been received by almost all pensioners. In Central Excise and Customs, out of 1300 cases, 75 are pending as informed by Sri Durgaprasad, Secretary, CE&CPA. Postal Department has issued PPOs in 99% cases. In DoT, the work is 100% done. The Chairman thanked Shri Gangadhara Rao and Shri Chengappa for pursuing the cases in DoT. He said that, the progress in respect of Defence Civilian Pensioners and Railway Pensioners is not satisfactory and that the Railway Board has instructed all Zonal offices for speedy settlement.
- **8.1** Shri Gangadhara Rao said that BSNL pensioners are facing a peculiar problem. BSNL is not included in the 3rd PRC, constituted to revise pay with effect from 1.1.2017. AIBSNLPWA has had many meetings with DoT. The demand is to apply fitment formula of 7th CPC to BSNL pensioners also. He said that All India Conference will be held in Puri in September 2018 and further course of action

will be decided. He requested for cooperation from CCCGPA.

9. Anomaly in extension of 7th CPC benefits to Statutory and Autonomous Bodies: Shri Suryaprakash, Joint Secretary explained the situation in Autonomous Bodies. Khadi Village Industries Pensioners got it from 1.1.2016. Textiles also got it from 1.1.2016, though not yet paid. IIMs and IITs have also got orders. All have given effect from 1.1.2016 except Ministry of Commerce. In Ministry of Commerce, Spice Board has paid revised pension from 1.1.2018. Orders have been issued by Commerce Department in r/o Coffee Board, Tea Board and Rubber Board, Spices Board Pensioners in July 2018. CCCGPA had written to the Commerce Ministry to extend the revised pension from 1.1.2016 instead of from 1-1-2018 and had suggested that the Corpus Fund available with Coffee Board may be used for the purpose, which was agreed to by the Ministry. He also mentioned that pensioners of National Council of Science Museum have not got 7th CPC benefits so far. Shri K.K.N.Kutty will be in Bengaluru on 10-9-18. A meeting with him will be arranged and GS requested all to attend it. Struggle for implementation of 7 th CPC benefits from 1.1.2016 will continue.

Sri C. Krishne Gowda, Secretary of National Council of Science Museum Pensioners' Association, spoke on the subject and he brought to the attention of CCCGPA that the Ministry of Culture, under which NCSM works, has not yet issued orders extending 7th CPC benefits to the pensioners of NCSM. He requested the CCCGPA and Pensioners' Associations of Autonomous/Statutory Bodies of Central Government to take up NCSM pensioners' grievances with the Ministry of Culture.

10. SCOVA: The Chairman said that, KP&TPA which has completed three terms of two years each is not in the SCOVA reconstituted in 2018. However, Railway Pensioners'

Association Mysore has been nominated to SCOVA. KPTPA continued to send items for discussion in SCOVA and one item suggested by KPTPA was included in the Agenda items of 30th meeting of SCOVA held on 23-3-2018. He said that we may ask Railway Pensioners' Assn., Mysore to affiliate to CCCGPA.

11. Health Care/CGHS: The Chairman said that KP&TPA has written to DoP, requesting for opening of CGHS Wellness Centres in Mysuru, Mangaluru and Hubballi. Though there is no response, the issue is not closed. As per his suggestion, the following 2 resolutions were passed in the meeting viz., 1. CGHS facility should be extended to Mysuru, Mangaluru and Hubballi and 2. Extension of medical facility to the Pensioners of Autonomous Bodies.

RESOLUTION 1

The Coordination Committee of Central Government Pensioners' Associations, in its Annual General Body Meeting held on 4.8.2018 hereby unanimously resolves to demand that Central Government Health Scheme (CGHS) facility, now available only in Bengaluru City, should be made available for the Central Government Employees and Pensioners residing in Mysuru, Mangaluru and Hubballi Cities of Karnataka also where considerable number of Central govt employees and pensioners are residing

RESOLUTION 2

The Coordination Committee of Central Government Pensioners' Associations, in its Annual General Body Meeting held on 4.8.2018 hereby unanimously resolves to demand that Central Government Health Scheme or any other Government Health Scheme, now available for only Central Government Pensioners, should be extended to the pensioners retired from Autonomous and Statutory Bodies also.

12. Pension Adalat: The Chairman declared that there are no items to discuss regarding Pension Adalat.

13. Election of office bearers: The General Secretary, Sri Radhakrishna requested the members present to come forward and takeup positions in the management committee of CCCGPA instead of making the present setup to continue .But there was no response. Shri S.S.Ramanatha Rao, Vice Chairman citing his age, 80 plus said that he would like to step aside. It was agreed to and the Chairman suggested the name of Shri P.Gangadhara Rao, present Joint Secretary to the post of Vice Chairman in place of Sri Ramanatha Rao. Shri V.Gopal, was nominated for the Post of Joint Secretary, CCCGPA in place of Shri P.Gangadhara Rao. It was agreed to and the Chairman declared that the following are elected unanimously as the office bearers for the period 2018-2020.

Chairman, Shri K.B. Krishna Rao, Vice Chairman-1 Shri P. Gangadhara Rao, Vice Chairman-2 Shri P.V.R. Murthy, General Secretary Shri S. Radhakrishna, Joint General Secretary-1 Shri T.V. Suryaprakash, Joint General Secretary -2 Shri V.Gopal, Treasurer Shri O.M. Bhaskaran

The AGB of CCCGPA also placed on record the valuable services rendered by

Sri Ramanatha Rao during his tenure as Vice Chairman.

- **14. Appointment of Statutory Auditor:** As per the General Secretary's suggestion, the AGB unanimously approved the continuation of GRSM &Associates as the Statutory Auditor for the year 2018-19.
- **15. Any other subject:** The issue of granting Rs.4600 as Grade Pay to pre-2006 grade S-12 retirees was raised. The Chairman said that DoP has written to the Department of Expenditure recommending acceptance of the demand, but there is no progress. He said that it would be pursued by CCCGPA. He also said that CAT Bengaluru Bench has given a favourable order last month regarding grant of grade pay of Rs.4600 to S-12 retirees.
- **15.1** Shri A.Balaram, President, Coffee Board PA, spoke and expressed gratitude to CCCGPA for extending support to their struggle for implementation of 7th CPC recommendation to pensioners and all other issues and requested for further cooperation. The Chairman assured him of the whole hearted support of CCCGPA.
- **16.** Shri V.Gopal, the newly elected Joint Secretary proposed vote of thanks. The meeting concluded with lunch at 2.00 PM.

News from Affiliate

Defence Accounts Department Pensioners Association (R) Bengaluru held its AGB on 26th July 2018 in their Department's 'Multipurpose Hall' About 100 members attended. Shri C.Rajamony presided.

Smt. Mythili Balasubramaniam rendered the invocation. Shri HB Gundurao, General Secretary presented the Annual report. M.Venugopalan, Treasurer placed the annual accounts for approval. Both the annual report and accounts were approved. Sri S. Radhakrishna, General Secretary, CCCPA, Karnataka and Dr Rajendra P Joshi CMO i/c CGHS WC10, the Cheif Guests, addressed. Four senior members. S/s K.Parthasaarathy, SHS Murthy, T.S. Nagaraja and S. Venkata Rao from Mysuru were felicitated. AGB ended with vote of thanks by K.V. Shankar

Central Government Holidays in SEPTEMBER 2018

Ganesha Chaturthi 13th September, Thursday

Muharram 21st September, Friday

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CGHS Order

Prescription of Timelines under CGHS for settlement of Medical Claims of pensioner CGHS beneficiaries

Gol, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Department of Health & Family Welfare, Directorate General of CGHS, OM No. Z 15025/38/2018/DIR/CGHS dated the 14th May, 2018.

With reference to the above subject the undersigned is directed to draw attention to the OM No. Z 15025/38/2018/DIR/CGHS dated the 5th October 216 and to state that if has now been decided to review the timelines prescribed for processing and settlement of medical claims of pensioner CGHS beneficiaries in compliance of the directions of Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in their Judgement in the WP (Civil) No. 694 of 2015 between Shiva Kant Jha Vs UOI delivered on 13th April 2018 and in supersession of the earlier guidelines as per the details given under:

Medical Claims not requiring Special approvals

Pensioner CGHS beneficiaries shall submit the Medical Claims to the CMO I/C of the CGHS Wellness Centre, where the CGHS Card is enrolled. CMO I/C of CGHS Wellness Centre issues Serial Number and sends the claim papers to the office of the Addl. Director, CGHS for processing. The Bills shall be processed by the Dealing Assistants and CMO and after the approval by the Additional Director, the bill for payment shall be sent to the Pay & Accounts Office for payment to the beneficiary by ECS. The payment shall be

completed within 30 days of submission of the Medical claim papers at the CGHS Wellness Centre

Medical claims requiring approval of higher authorities

Total time within 45 days in Delhi Total time witin 60 days in other cities

Medical claims requiring opinion of specialists

Total time 45 days

- 2. Chief Medical Officer in charge shall throughtly check the papers initially for the completeness of the requisite documents before accepting the claim papers to ensure that the claim papers are not returned subsequently for want of some documents.
- 3. If approval of Directorate or Ministry is involved, the Addl. Directors shall submit only e-file with self-contained note and recommendation, enclosing only relevant scanned documents. Care shall be taken not to reject medical claims of pensioner CGHS beneficiaries on minor technical objections if, they fall under procedural lapses, which can be condoned.

Sri N S Ananda Rao, LM-533, Retired Section Supervisor, O/o CPMG, Karnataka, expired on 24-5-2018 at the age of 93 years. He is survived by 2 sons and a daughter.

Sri D A Sudarshanam, ALM-2243, retired Technical Officer LRDE, expired on 19-7-2018 at the age of 77 years. He is survived by his wife, a son and a daughter.

We convey our heartfelt condolences to the bereaved families

ALL INDIA CONSUMER PRICE INDEX					
Month CPI 12 Months' Base Total 2001=100			Monthly Ave.	% increase over 261.42	% increase over 115.76
				7th CPC	6th CPC
Dec 17	286	3374	281.20	7.57	142.92
Jun 18	291	3446	287.17	9.85	148.07

7th CPC: Expected DA/DR w.e.f. July 2018: 9% (2% increase over Jan-2018 rate of 7%)

6th CPC: Expected DA/DR w.e.f. July 2018: 148% (6% increase over Jan-2018 rate of 142%)

BSNL IDA

From 1-7-2018: 128% (0.8% increase over April 2018 rate of 127.2%)

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CGHS Order

CGHS Beneficiaries permitted for OPD Consultation at Private Hospitals

Gol, Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Department of Health & Family Welfare, O M No. Z 15025/64/2018/DIR/CGHS Dated the 31st July, 2018.

Clarification / modification of the guidelines issued regarding simplification of referral system under CGHS vide OM dated Z 15025/117/2017/DIR/CGHS dated 15/01/2018

With reference to the above mentioned subject the undersigned is directed to draw attention to the guidelines issued vide OM No. Z 15025/117/2017/DIR/CGHS dt. 15/01/2018 under para no (i) and to state that the matter has been reviewed by Competent Authority and it is now decided to modify para (i) in supercession of the earlier guidelines of the above referred to OM as under

(i) All CGHS beneficiaries (in all CGHS Cities) shall be permitted for seeking OPD consultation from Specialists at Private Hospitals empanelled under CGHS after being referred by any Medical Officer of CGHS Wellness Centre. The referral may be mentioned

on the computer generated prescription slip. After consultation at empanelled hospital, beneficiary shall report back to concerned Wellness Centre, where MO/ CMO would endorse listed investigation / listed treatment procedure and issue medicines as per the guidelines mentioned in the OM dated 15.01.2018. For unlisted investigations/unlisted treatment procedures CMO Incharge shall submit the prescription to Competent Authority for consideration in case of pensioner beneficiaries. Serving employees shall seek permission for unlisted investigation/unlisted treatment procedure from their department as per prevailing guidelines.

The other terms and conditions of OM No. Z 15025/117/2017/DIR/CGHS Dated 15/01/2018 shall remain unchanged.

Dr. Atul Prakash, Director, CGHS

(Pension)

Gol, Ministry of Finance, Department of Expenditure Central Pension Accounting Office CPAO/IT & Tech/Bank Performance/37 (Vol-111)/2018-19/22 dated 15.5.2018

Non-acceptance of Nomination Form for Life Time Arrear (LTA)

It has been observed that Pension Paying Scheduled Bank branches are not accepting Nomination Form for "Life Time Arrear" on the pretext that their branch has not received any instructions from their head office

As per para 23 of the Scheme Booklet on acceptance of Nomination Form for Life Time Arrears provides that where the Nomination for the payment of arrears does not exist then the Authorized Bank will seek instructions of the CPAO, who will in turn, refer the matter to AG/CCA/CA/Dy. CA for obtaining the requisite sanction of Head of the Office. As such, the claimant can also approach the Head of Office where the pensioner served

before his/her retirement/death.

Moreover para 4.5.7 of the Scheme Booklet clearly states the "CPPCs may ensure that the responsibilities assigned to Home Branches are enforced so that the pensioners are not redirected to CPPC for redressal of grievances and information needs. Necessary performance measures and monitoring mechanisms, in co-ordination with the respective administrative structures to achieve the desired level of service delivery in Home Branches as well as CPPCs may be instituted by the Bank".

This issues with the approval of Chief Controller (Pensions).

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BSNL MRS

Review of extension of without voucher facility to Retired Employees

OM No. BSNL/Admn.1/15-22/14 dated July 13, 2018

Ref: 1. No. 7-8/2010EF/Part/I dated 5.9.2011

2. OM No. BSNL/Admn. 1/15-22/14 dated 11th April, 2017

3. OM No. BSNL/Admn. 1/15-22/14 dated 25th April 2018

Medical Allowance without voucher facility, in lieu of reimbursement of outdoor medical claims with voucher, for retired employees was revived vide this office OM of even no.dated 11th April 2017. While extending the facility it was decided that the decision will be reviewed after six months.

- 2. The issue was reviewed, there has been an increase in expenditure on this account. As a measure to control the expenditure and continue the facility it is decided to reduce quantaum of allowance from 50% to 25% of the annual celling w.e.f. 1.4.2018, subject to a minimum allowance (without voucher) payable would be Rs. 12,000/- per annuam payable in four equal quarterly instalments. Retired employees can continue to opt this facility or switch over to reimbursement of outdoor claims with voucher facility. The option can be exercised in the beginning of the financial year and cannot be changed during that financial year. Retired employees who have not sought any outdoor claim with vouchers during the financial year can exercise the option.
- 3. This issues with the approval of the competent authority.

BSNL Pension Revision

Members of All India BSNL Pensioners Welfare Association conducted massive DHARNA all over the country on 18-7-2018 demanding revision of pension with 7th CPC formula. Joint forum of MTNL Retirees and AIBSNLPWA has demanded delinking of pension revision from pay revision and delinking it from fiscal performance of BSNL and MTNL since Government of India is now paying pension after ending the 60 :40 condition of sharing pension liability vide G.O. dated 20-7-2016.

Sri P Abhimanyu, General secretary, BSNLEU has also written to the Prime minister demanding pension revision for BSNL retirees It is understood that DoT has agreed to refer the matter to Department of Pension and Pensioners' Welfare

Our Readers write

I am happy to inform you that I have received my revised PPO and arrears of pension after protracted correspondence with all concerned. Many thanks for the interest shown and the help extended by the Association in this connection.

I am extremely happy to mention that 'Pensioners' Bhavan' will ever remain a monument of dedication and service of the former and the present office bearers of KP&TPA. It is a unique achievement of the Assn.

H N Huli, LM- 1920

N L Krishna, ALM- 988

Subscription list correction - July List			
B. Sadashiva Rao read Rs. 240 as Rs. 120			
Add LM 544 B.N. Rao Rs. 120			

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Donation for the Building Fund - 24th List

SI No.	Name Sri/Smt.	Membership No.	Amount Rs.	Receipt No.	Progressive Total of donation
1032	V.Gopal	2157	25000	3648	75000
1033	Jalaja Keshava Devadiga	2595	25000	3610	
1034	V.Radhanath	S-252	25000	3666	
1035	B.R.Shankar Rao	2379	15100	3639	25600
1036	K.V.Bhima Rao	616	15000	3591	25000
1037	Sunanda.N.Pai	2293	15000	3592	25000
1038	K.Malathi Krishna Rao	Well wisher	15000	3644	25000
1039	B.Sadashiva Rao	4	14000	3619	75000
1040	P.Narayanan Kutty	125	12345	3617	
1041	H.R.S.Rao	527	10100	3630	40200
1042	M.N.Gopinath	1085	10000	3662	50000
1043	V.S.Bhandari	1227	10000	3593	20000
1044	B.Mohan	1426	10000	3589	
1045	H.A.Bharathi	1981	10000	3669	20000
1046	B.S.Latha Bai	2524	10000	3627	
1047	K.Shanmugavelu	2601	10000	3612	
1048	A.Ananda	2635	10000	3649	
1049	Sahakaranagara Credit Co-Op Society Ltd		10000	3623	
1050	N.L.Krishna	988	8000	3647	10000
1051	G.Suresh	2487	6000	3636	
1052	Jayashankara Rao	1271	5100	3626	10100
1053	N.G.Joshi	2113	5001	3637	10002
1054	A.G.Doraiswamy	32	5000	3665	75100
1055	H.N.Padma(FP)	239	5000	3588	
1056	M.S.Venkataramaiah	442	5000	3641	20001
1057	Suguna Sampath	608	5000	3614	
1058	K.Kempaiah	1049	5000	3645	6000
1059	B.N.Nagaraju	1084	5000	3624	7000
1060	N.G.Govinda Rao	1246	5000	3621	10000
1061	C.L.Lingaiah	1428	5000	3604	10000
1062	K.G.Bhuvanendra	1561	5000	3625	25001
1063	S.G.Vittal	1849	5000	3605	25000
1064	S.Mahadevaiah	1883	5000	3643	

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Donation for the Building Fund - 24th List (Contd.)

SI No.	Name Sri/Smt.	Membership No.	Amount Rs.	Receipt No.	Progressive Total of donation
1065	A.R.Jayakrishnan	1902	5000	3586	8000
1066	N.Veerabhadraiah	2005	5000	3631	10000
1067	K.R.Anantha Ramu	2062	5000	3671	50000
1068	V.Ravinder	2648	5000	3642	26000
1069	M.V.Srinivas	Well wisher	5000	3640	
1070	K.S.Ranganatha	69	3000	3638	5000
1071	T.V.Srinivasa Murthy	129	3000	3622	6000
1072	P.N.Jayalakshmi	301	3000	3615	6000
1073	K.S.Krishna Murthy	1160	3000	3607	6000
1074	P.S.Narasimhan	1939	3000	3595	
1075	Subhadra.J.Shenvi	2131	3000	3635	10000
1076	Doddamadiah	2234	3000	3601	5000
1077	K.S.Gowrambike	2267	3000	3613	5000
1078	B.Manorama(FP)	60	2500	3628	
1079	K.Rangaswamy	1427	2500	3606	5000
1080	T.Sridhar	1938	2500	3661	5000
1081	S.Devapala	2430	2001	3668	
1082	P.Madhava Rao	2553	2001	3616	
1083	K.Seshadri	1011	2000	3620	
1084	H.M.Savithri(FP)	1114	2000	3658	
1085	M.M.Bhat	1443	2000	3590	4000
1086	G.K.Shanmugam	1952	2000	3587	
1087	N.Vinoda	2514	2000	3634	
1088	M.Santhu Peter	2550	2000	3611	
1089	Sesha Sastry	2577	2000	3646	
1090	T.V.Ramamurthi	2467	1222/1111	3552/3670	3333
1091	M.S.Thirumalachar	88	1001	3600	
1092	C.M.Karunakaran	1257	1000	3598	
1093	N.S.Krishna Murthy	1560	1000	3629	5000
1094	K.R.Ananthakrishnan	958	500	3659	1500
1095	H.K.Ramanna	2356	500	3663	2500

REVISED ANNUAL ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR 2017-18 WILL BE PRESENTED IN THE AGB ON 9.9.2018.

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Subscription received for Pensioners' Champion in JULY-AUGUST 2018

Rs.60/- Smt./Sri Rs.120/- Smt./Sri		Rs.150/- Smt./Sri	Rs.240/- Smt./Sri	
2118	M.R.V. Nath	1673 D.D.Tilakaraj	S-21 John Kor	921 James George
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69	K.S.Ranganatha	1778 C.N.Krishnamachar	S-101 V.Padmanabhan	1560 N.S.Krishnamurthy
84	R.Gopalakrishna	2005 N.Veerabhadraiah	S-150 D.K.Joshi	1912 N.Venkatachalapathy
179	K.N.Murthy Rao	2006 V.Anantha Rao	S-158 D.Mohan	2457 MD.Khaja Moinudin
375	M.N.Shenvi	2007 N.Prabhakar	S-290 R.Selvarani	2544 C.N.Upendra Rao
442	M.S.Venkataramaiah	2123 V.S.Ramamurthy	S-292 V.Viekanandam	Rs.300/- Smt./Sri
542	V.S.Burge	2131 Subhadra.J.Shenvi	S-302 M.Suresh	S-284 M.M.Shettar
544	B.N. Rao	2201 S.C.Bhavi	S-315 L.Jothilingam	S-313 L.V.N.Murthy
603	T.Chandrasekaran	2275 N.Subramanian	Rs.200/- Smt./Sri	Rs.360/- Smt./Sri
1084	B.N.Nagaraju	2326 P.K.Nirmala	1237 Dr.Radha Mony L	1902 A.R.Jayakrishnan
1087	A.Tulasidas	2356 H.K.Ramanna	Rs.240/- Smt./Sri	Rs.450/- Smt./Sri
1109	K.S.Shetty	2368 V.Y.Ankad	466 S.Rajalakshmi	S—252 V.Radhanath
1171	Roddom Subramanya	2383 MSKrishna Murthy (Rs.125)	· ·	Rs.500/- Smt./Sri
1230	R.Bhuvaneshwari	2398 K.R.Ramachandra Rao	574 H.S.Krishnaswamy	239 H.N.Padma(FP)
1257	C.M.Karunakaran	2516 M.Krishnappa	576 D.Nagaraja Rao	Rs.600/- Smt./Sri
1273	Y.L.N.Chetty	2558 B.S.Satyanaarayana	616 K.V.Bhima Rao	1829 K.Sreerama Murthy
1358	N.D.Devadiga	2577 Sesha Sastry	632 G.S.Leelavaatahi(FP)	Rs.1400/- Smt./Sri
1427	K.Rangaswamy	S-229 Gopuraja Mouli	832 M.G.N.Moorthy	1939 P.S.Narasimhan
1558	Shamsundar	Rs.150/- Smt./Sri	862 S.P.Venkatesh Jois	Rs.1500/- Smt./Sri
		1909 G.Megharajan		S-288 M.S.Jayaram

	Newly Enrolled Members					
	Name (Smt./Sri) Designation & Office in which last worked		Type & No.			
1	M.N.Srikantaiah	Dy.Postmaster, HSG I, Mysore Head Post Office	LM	2650		
2	B.T.Chandrashekar	APM (Accounts), Davanagere Head Post Office	LM	2651		
3	B.M.Bhavasar	AGM(DI), O/o CGM Telecom, Gujarat Circle, Ahmedabad	LM	2652		
4	Sadashiva Naik	Superintendent of Post Offices, Karwar Division	LM	2653		
5	M.Durairaj	Asst. Supdt. of Post Offices, Gokak Division	LM	2654		
6	M.C.Krishnan Kutty	BCR Sorting Assistant, Bangalore PSO	LM	2655		
7	Y.Krishnaiah	MACP III Sorting Assistant HSG II, BG City RMS	LM	2656		
8	D.Kothandapani	HSG II Supervisor, AHRO III BG City RMS	LM	2657		
9	C.Munikannan	Mail Guard HRO BG, RMS Bangalore Sorting Division	LM	2658		
10	PKanniyappan	General Manager(Finance), BSNL, B'lore Telecom Dist.	LM	2659		
11	V.Devaraja	Technical Officer, LRDE, DRDO Bangalore	ALM	2660		
12	S.D.Gajendra Rao	Technical Officer, LRDE, DRDO Bangalore	ALM	2661		
13	B.S.Wama	Public Relation Inspector, Vijayapura Head Post office	LM	2662		
14	B.Shivaswamy	HSG Sorting Assistant, HRO, RMS 'Q' Division, Bangalore	LM	2663		

LM: Life Member ALM: Associate Life Member

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CHARTER OF DEMANDS

Finalised in the National Executive Committee Meeting of National Coordination Committee of Pensioners Associations (NCCPA) held in Chennai on 5-8-2018

1) Implement Option No. 1 as a pension fitment formula as recommended by the 7th CPC and Grant MACP benefit w.e.f 1.01.206 as per the Supreme Court judgment. (2) Revise the Pension of BSNL absorbed retirees immediately with 15% fitment, recommended by the 3rd PRC and approved by the government from 01-01-2017, delinking the wage revision in BSNL.(3) Revise pension of Central Autonomous Body pensioners. (4) (a) Provide notional fixation of pension under Option No. 3 on the basis of the pay scale/pay level of the cadre or grade from which the pensioner retired. (b) Provide fixation of pension in the case of all pre 2006 pensioners on the basis of the grade pay/pay level or pay scale of the post or cadre from which one has retired as per the judgments of Courts. (5) Extend the benefit of CS(MA) Rules to all pensioners who are not covered by CGHS. (6) Increase the FMA to Rs. 2000 as has been granted to PF Pensioners. (7) Raise the minimum pension to 60% of the Minimum wage. i.e. Rs. 10,800 p.m. (8) Restore the commutation portion of pension after 10 years. (9) Provide increased rates of pension on attainment of 70 years onwards. (10) Scrap the New Contributory pension scheme and restore the defined benefit pension to all CGEs irrespective of their date of entry into the Government service.

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Addendum to Item 11. "Our Publications"

There is inordinate delay in receipt of necessary permission from RNI on our request for a change of the Editor and Publisher of our journal 'Pensioners; Champion'. On the request of the EC, Sri N.Bhaskaran Founder Secretary has agreed to continue as the Publisher & Editor of the journal. We thank him.

Attention of Members of 75 years and above

Lists of members to be felicitated in the AGB on 9-9-2018 have been published in June and July 2018 issues of the journal. Many are yet to confirm their participation in the AGB. They are requested to respond immediately so that necessary arrangements for their felicitation can be made by the association.

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