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DEMONSTRATION BY PENSIONERS ON 5-4-2022

Demonstration was staged by the Coordination Committee of Central Government Pensioners Associations, Karnataka, Bengaluru, in association with the Karnataka P&T Pensioners' Association, Bangalore, IA & AD Pensioners' Association, Karnataka, and other affiliates of CCCGPA including Pensioners Associations of Autonomous/ Statutory Bodies of Central Government, Karnataka, Bengaluru, on 5.4.2022 at 11 a.m. in front of Bengaluru General Post Office, (GPO)



In response to the call by the National Coordination Committee of Pensioners' Associations, (NCCPA) New Delhi, to all the Central Government Pensioners' Associations, to organise demonstration in front of the Central Government Offices on 5.4.2022 in order to



highlight the submission of the 110th report by the Parliamentary Standing Committee to the Government and to demand implementation of the recommendations made therein, without any delay, the Coordination Committee of Central Government Pensioners' Associations,

Karnataka, (CCCGPA) Bangalore, in association with its affiliates, organised a peaceful demonstration in front of Bengaluru General Post Office on 5.4.2022 at 11 A.M under the leadership of its President, Sri KB Krishna Rao and General Secretary, Sri S. Radhakrishna.

More than 100 pensioners from different Pensioners' Associations, Viz. Karnataka Posts and Telecommunications Pensioners' Association, IA&AD Pensioners' Association, Survey of India Pensioners' Association, Karnataka Income Tax Pensioners' Association, All India BSNL Pensioners Welfare Association, All India Central Ground Water Board Pensioners' Association, Karnataka Central Government Pensioners' Association, Coffee Board Pensioners' Association, National Union of BSNL Workers (FNTO), Karnataka Circle, NCSM Pensioners' Association participated in the demonstration under the banner of CCCGPA and its affiliates. The participants also displayed the posters demanding immediate implementation of the recommendations made in the 110th report of the Parliamentary Standing Committee Viz.

- Payment of Age-related additional pension on attaining 65 years of age instead of the present 80 years
- Increase of Fixed Medical Allowance(FMA) from the existing Rs.1000 to Rs.3000 per month
- Extension of CS (Medical Allowance) Rules 1944 to Pensioners living in non-CGHS areas.
- Reimbursement of the cost of hospitalization in hospitals not empanelled under CGHS as ordered by many courts.

Sri K.B. Krishna Rao, President, CCCGPA, and Sri Radhakrishna, General Secretary, CCCGPA addressed the pensioners' and informed them that the demonstration has been organised based on the call given by the National Coordination Committee of Pensioners Associations, New Delhi, to highlight the contents of the 110th Report of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on

Personnel, Public Grievances & Pension, Law and Justice consisting of 30 Members of Parliament, - 10 from Rajya Sabha and 20 from Lok Sabha headed by Sri Sushil Kumar Modi, which was submitted on 10.12.2021, and to demand immediate implementation of the recommendations on payment of age related additional pension at 65 years and increase of Fixed Medical Allowance from Rs.1000 to Rs.3000 per month.

They further brought to the notice of the participants that the Committee has recommended increase of FMA from Rs.1000 to 3000, based on the request made by the Pensioners' Associations and also after taking note of the fact that many of the pensioners, who are residing in Non-CGHS areas, are unable to meet their Medicare expenditure from their pension. The Committee also took note of the fact that the FMA of Rs.1000 was a very meagre amount for an old age pensioner and was not enough even to meet Doctor's consultation charges.

The participants were also informed that the Committee has also recommended to the Government that either the provisions for medical facilities available to the serving employees needs to be extended to the pensioners or instead of increasing Fixed Medical Allowance year after year, the DoP&PW may moot a proposal for introducing Cashless Health Insurance facilities for such pensioners in nearby private hospitals in lieu of FMA on voluntary basis.

The Committee has also recommended to the Government that it should sympathetically consider the demand of Pensioners' Associations for 5% additional quantum of pension on attaining the age of 65 years, 10% on 70 years, 15% on 75 years and 20% on 80 years to the pensioners and has further recommended to the Department of Pension and Pensioners Welfare to pursue vigorously with the Finance Ministry and apprise the Committee of the outcome.

They further brought to the notice of the participants that the Department of Pension and Pensioners Welfare has called for details from the Central Government Departments, Defense and Railways regarding the number of pensioners belonging to the different age groups and the amount of pension paid for December 2021 in order to assess the financial implications.

Sri K.B. Krishna Rao, at this juncture, recalled that though the 7th Pay Commission had recommended enhancement of Fixed Medical Allowance and also grant of additional pension at the age of 75 years, the Government did not accept the recommendations of Pay Commission.

Sri Suryaprakash, General Secretary of Pensioners Associations of Autonomous/ Statutory Bodies of Central Government, suggested that the CCCGPA has to request the Government to extend enhancement of FMA from Rs.1000 to 3000 and also grant of additional pension, as recommended by the Parliamentary Standing Committee to the Pensioners of Autonomous/Statutory Bodies of Central Government whose pension and other benefits are regulated in terms of CCS (Pension) Rules, 1972, which has now been

replaced by CCS (Pension) Rules 2021 and as they are getting pension and other related benefits for more than six decades.

Sri H.S. Manjunatha, former Circle Secretary, All India RMS&MMS Employees Union, Karnataka Circle, and Sri P.S. Prasad, Working President, Confederation of Central Govt Employees and Workers, Karnataka State and General Secretary, All India Central Ground Water Board Pensioners' Association addressed the gathering.

Sri G. Babu President, represented Karnataka P&T Pensioners' Association

Sri K.B. Krishna Rao requested the affiliates to send an E-mail to Dr. Jitendra Singh, Hon'ble Minister of State, Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions and he read out the contents of the E-mail as under:

"Solicit your kind reference to the 110th report of the standing committee of parliament on pension related problems and appeal to you that the concerned departments may be directed to take immediate steps to implement those recommendations".

The demonstration ended with slogans: 'NCCCPA ZINDABAD, 'CCCGPA ZINDABAD' and Pensioners' Unity ZINDABAD



Grant of Dearness Relief to Central Government pensioners family pensioners - Revised rate effective from 01.01.2022.

The undersigned is directed to refer to this Department's OM No. 42/7/2021-P&PW(D) dated 27.10.2021 on the subject mentioned above and to state that the President is pleased to decide that the Dearness Relief admissible to Central Government pensioners/family pensioners shall be enhanced from the existing rate of 31% to 34% w.e.f 01.01.2022.

2. These rates of DR will be applicable to the following categories:-

- i. Civilian Central Government Pensioners/ Family Pensioners including Central Govt. absorbee pensioners in PSU/Autonomous Bodies in respect of whom orders have been issued vide this Department's OM No. 4/34/2002-P&PW(D)Vol.II dated 23.06.2017 for restoration of full pension after expiry of commutation period of 15 years.
- ii. The Armed Forces Pensioners, Civilian Pensioners paid out of the Defence Service Estimates.
- iii. All India Service Pensioners
- iv. Railway Pensioners/family pensioners
- v. Pensioners who are in receipt of provisional pension
- vi. The Burma Civilian pensioners/family pensioners and pensioners/families of displaced Government Pensioners from Burma/ Pakistan, in respect of whom orders have been issued vide this Department's OM No. 23/3/2008-P&PW(B) dated 11.09.2017.

3. The payment of Dearness Relief involving a fraction of a rupee shall be rounded off to the next higher rupee.

4. Other provisions governing grant of DR in respect of employed family pensioners and re-employed Central Government Pensioners will be regulated in accordance with the provisions contained in this Department's OM No. 45/73/97-P&PW (G) dated 2.7.1999 as amended from time to time. The provisions

relating to regulation of DR where a pensioner is in receipt of more than one pension will remain unchanged.

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

6. It will be the responsibility of the pension disbursing authorities, including the nationalized banks, etc. to calculate the quantum of DR payable in each individual case.

7. The offices of Accountant General and authorised Pension Disbursing Banks are requested to arrange payment of relief to pensioners etc. on the basis of these instructions without waiting for any further instructions from the Comptroller and Auditor General of India and the Reserve Bank of India in view of letter No. 528-TA, II/34-80-II dated 23/04/1981 of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India addressed to all Accountant Generals and Reserve Bank of India Circular No. GANB No. 2958/GA-64 (ii) (CGL)/81 dated the 21st May, 1981 addressed to State Bank of India and its subsidiaries and all Nationalised Banks.

8. In so far as the persons serving in Indian Audit and Accounts Department are concerned, these orders are issued in consultation with the Comptroller and Auditor General of India, as mandated under Article 148(5) of the Constitution of India.

9. This issues in accordance with the Ministry of Finance, Department of Expenditure's OM No. 1/2/2022-E.11(B) dated 31.03.2022.

Charanjit Taneja
Under Secretary to the Government of India

Board level and below Board level posts including nonunionised supervisors in Central Public Sector Enterprises (CPSEs)- Revision of scales of pay w.e.f. 01.01.2007 - Payment of IDA at revised rates.

The undersigned is directed to refer to the Para 6 and Annexure-II(B) of DPE's OM dated 26.11.2008 wherein the rates of DA payable to the Board level and below Board level executives and non-unionized supervisors of CPSEs have been indicated. The rate of DA payable to the executives and nonunionized supervisors of CPSEs w.e.f 01-04-2022 for 2007 pay scales is 185.3%

2. The above rate of DA i.e. 185.3 % would be applicable in the case of IDA employees

who have been allowed revised pay scales (2007) as per DPE O,Ms. dated 26.11.2008, 09.09.2009 & 02.04.2009

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

4. This issues with the approval of the Competent Authority

Samsul Haque, Under Secretary

BSNL – MRS- Without Vouchers

Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited, Corporate Office, Office Order
No.BSNLCO-ADMN/12/2/2022-ADMN-Part(1) dated 01-04-2022

Revision of Annual Ceiling for reimbursement of outdoor treatment for Retired BSNL Employees

Ref: This office letter No.BSNL/Admn-1/15-12/18 dated 08-05-2020

Kindly refer to above referred letter on the subject matter. Approval of the competent Authority is hereby conveyed for revision of Annual ceiling for reimbursement of outdoor treatment for Retired BSNL Employees by modifying para 2(b) of the above referred letter as under

Para 2(b): Annual Ceiling for reimbursement of outdoor treatment for Retired BSNL Employees is 12 days pay with vouchers (Basic pay at the time of retirement + DA as on 1-4-2020

The above modification will be effective from 1-4-2022 till further orders

Rajiv Kumar Sharma, DGM(Admn)

ALL INDIA CONSUMER PRICE INDEX						
Month	CPI Base 2016=100	CPI base 2001=100	12 Months total	Monthly average	7th CPC	DR due
					% increase over 261.42	
June 21	121.7*	121.7x2.88= 350	4115	342.91	31.17	31% from July 2021
Feb 22	125.1	125.1x2.88= 360	4257	354.75	35.70	34% from January, 2022

* linking factor for conversion of the index numbers of 2016 base year to 2001 base year: 2.88

* DR Due w.e.f. 1-1-2022 : 34% (DR Order in page - 4)

CGHS- Prescription of Medicines

Gol, Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Directorate General of CGHS
File No.69-1/2019-20/CGHS/MSD/E-Part(3) 172 Dated, the 29th March, 2022

Prescription by Brand Name by Specialists of Government Hospitals:

With reference to the subject cited above, the undersigned is directed to say that Medical Store Depot (MSD) under CGHS, Delhi is procuring cancer medicine viz. Tab Nilutamide (brand name Zandron&Ziluta) for CGHS beneficiaries suffering from Prostate Cancer on the prescription of Urology Specialist. The specialists of RMLH and SJH are prescribing the aforesaid medicine by brand name which leads to a lot of dissatisfaction among patients if medicine is provided by different brand name.

2. Attention is invited to Government of India's policy which stipulates doctors especially in Government Hospitals for prescribing medicines by generic names.

3. It is, therefore, requested to issue necessary instructions to Urologists of your hospital for prescribing medicine by generic name Tab Nilutamide, so that L1 brand is issued to the beneficiaries.

(Dr. Nikhilesh Chandra)
Director (CGHS)

CGHS

Gol, Ministry of Health and family Welfare, Directorate General of CGHS Office
Order No.S- 10045/36/2012/CGHS(HEC) dated 29th March 2022

Extension of validity period of already empanelled Health Care Organisations (HCOs) under CGHS

With reference to the above subject, attention is drawn to Office Order dated 27th September 2021, whereby empanelment of all existing empanelled Health Care Organizations were extended till 31st March 2022

In this regards, it has now been decided to further extend the Empanelment of all Health Care Organizations (HCO's) already Empanelled under CGHS for a period of Six Months w.e.f. 1st April 2022 to 30th September

2022 or the next empanelment whichever is earlier, on the same Terms, Conditions and Rates on which they are presently empanelled.

Additional Directors of Concerned CGHS City shall ensure that the PBG is valid

This issues with the approval of AS & DG (CGHS)

Dr Nikhilesh Chandra
Director CGHS

BSNL IDA

IDA From 1-01-2022 : 184.1 % (4.8% increase from Oct. 21 rate of 179.3%)

IDA From 1-04-2022 : 185.3 % (1.2% increase from Jan. 22 rate of 184.1%) IDA Order in page 5

Central Government Holidays in MAY 2022

Idu'l Fitr : 3rd May, Tuesday

Buddha Purnima : 16th May, Monday

Arrears of Pension - Nomination

Gol, Ministry of Personnel, P.G. & Pensions, Department of Pension & Pensioners' Welfare,
No. 1/2(40)/2022-P&PW (E) Dated April 6, 2022

To The CMDs of Pension Disbursing Banks CPPCs of Pension Disbursing Banks **Nomination by pensioners under the Payment of Arrears of Pension (Nomination) Rules, 1983 for payment of life-time arrears.**

In continuation of DoP&PW Letter of even number dated 31.03.2022, the undersigned is directed to enclose a copy of Notification No GSR-235 dated 28.03.2014 wherein Form-A has been prescribed for Nomination by a pensioner for life time arrears. This Form is to be used for submission of nomination to Head of Office as well as Bank. Therefore, Form-B which was being used for submission of nomination/modification to the Bank before 28.03.2014 no longer exists.

2. References/representations have been received in this Department mentioning that Pension of deceased pensioners is not often revised based on recommendation of Pay Commission etc and arrears of pension in respect of deceased pensioner are not paid by the Pension Disbursing Bank to the nominee. It is clarified that revised pension payment authority is required to be issued in respect of all pensioners/family pensioners who were alive as on 01.01.2016 and lifetime arrears is required to be paid to the families of such pensioners/family pensioners who died after 01.01.2016.

3. Payment of Arrears in respect of deceased pensioner, in whose case; a valid nomination exists with the Pension Disbursing Authority/Bank. In this connection, attention is invited to para 21.5.1 of the new Scheme Booklet, (5th Edition, July 2021) which is reproduced below:-

21.5.1- Cases where valid nomination exists:

The CPPC will enter the date of death of the pensioner in the disburser's portion of the PPO and will retain this information on its database with suitable audit trail and in the register maintained in their software in the form as Annexure-IX. An entry for date of death of the pensioner will be made in pensioner's half by PAHB. The pensioner's half of PPO will then be

returned to the nominee if family pension stands authorised through the same PPO; otherwise it will be returned by CPPC to CPAO along with the disburser's half. The CPAO will up-date its record and transmit both halves of the PPO after keeping necessary note in their records to the PAO/AG who had issued the PPO for similar action and record. For payment of arrears to the nominee, he/she will be asked to apply for the same to the PAHB along with the pensioner's half of the PPO showing the period of arrears. The PAHB, after verifying the fact that the payment is actually due to the deceased pensioner, and also the particulars of the nominee as given in the nomination, will intimate the CPPC along with pensioners portion of PPO for making payment by crediting the account of the claimant. The provision of this rule will apply mutatis mutandis to cases where the family pension ceases to be payable either due to death of the family pensioner, his/her remarriage/marriage or on the pensioner attaining the maximum age prescribed in the rules.

21.5.2- Cases where valid nomination does not exist:-

In the absence of any nomination made by the pensioner, the arrear of his/her pension are paid as per procedure prescribed in the Government of India, Ministry of PPG & Pensions, Department of Pension & Pensioners Welfare New Delhi OM No. 1/22/2012- P&PW (E) dated 10.07.2013.

4 The above instructions may be circulated widely for strict compliance by all concerned.

5. This issues with the approval of Competent Authority.

Sanjoy Shankar
Deputy Secretary to the Government of India

BSNL- Revision of pension

An update on revision of pension of BSNL Pensioners given by Sri P. Gangadhara Rao, General Secretary, All India BSNL Pensioners Welfare Association CHQ is reproduced below



On 25-3-2022, Com. D Gopalakrishnan, VP CHQ, Anupam Koul AGS, T S Vittoban Treasurer CHQ veteran leader Com. M K Bagchi and myself met Parliamentary Affairs Minister Shri Pralhad Joshi and requested his help. He immediately phoned Minister of Communications (MoC) and requested him to meet the delegation. So, We met Hon'ble MoC, Shri Ashwin Vaishnavji and handed over letter on PENSION REVISION. He was very positive and assured to help because the demand is genuine. When we told him that we are waiting for the past five years he told "I am sorry".

Later we met Sri Rajaraman, Telecom Secretary in Electronics Niketan and presented a detailed four pages letter. We explained the issue and the stand taken by DoT, hitherto. We requested him to review the decision taken by establishment section, which had the approval of even the then Secretary. We also informed him about our meeting with MoC. He asked how many pensioners would get the benefit. After hearing our explanation he marked the letter to Member (S). He also assured to take necessary action and revert back to us.

P. Gangadhara Rao, GS

Our Readers Write

Enduring fame:

The glorious tributes paid to the late B.Sadashiva Rao (Pensioner's Champion March'22) speak volumes for the popularity he gained, friendliness he maintained and the stature he commanded among the fraternity. His nobility could be guessed from the facts that he guarded others interests as his own.

R.Soundararajan, LM 710

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Recovery of excess paid pension

Gol, Ministry of Finance, Department of Expenditure, Central Pension Accounting
Office No. CPAO/IT & Tech/Clarification/13 Vol. III A/7380/2022-23 /03 dated 5-4-2022

Recovery of excess payment made to pensioners

Recovery of excess payment made to pensioners should be dealt with in accordance with Rule 66 (4) of the CCS (Pension) Rules 2021:

Attention is invited to the Reserve Bank of India's circular dated 21st January, 2021 regarding withdrawal of circulars on Recovery of excess pension made to pensioners. The RBI decided that the following circulars issued by the Department of Government and Bank Accounts, Reserve Bank of India related to recovery of excess pension made by agency banks stands withdrawn from effect from the date of the circular-

- Circular No. DGBA.GAD.No. 2960/45.01.001/2015-16 dated March 17th, 2016
- Circular No. CO.DGBA (NBS) No. 44/GA.64 (11-CVL) 90/91 dated April 18, 1991
- Circular No. CO. DGBA (NBS) No. 50/GA. 64 (11-CVL) 90/91 dated May 6, 1991

View: Withdrawal of circulars on Recovery of excess pension made to pensioners: RBI Notification

It was further stated that agency banks will seek guidance from respective Pension Sanctioning Authorities regarding the process to be followed for recovery of excess pension paid to the pensioners, if any.

The Department of Pension and Pensioners' Welfare has clarified (copy enclosed) that the question of recovery or waiver of recovery of any excess payment on account of an error in initial authorization or revision of pension by the office is to be dealt with in accordance with rule 66 (4) of the CCS (Pension) rules 2021.

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

Anang Rawat
Dy. Controller of Accounts

1. All the Heads of CPPCs of all the Authorised Banks

2. All the Heads of GBDs of Authorised Banks

Gol, Ministry of Personnel, PG & Pensions,
Department of Pension & Pensioners' Welfare
letter No. **38/18/2018-P&PW(A)(5130)**

Dated: 08.02.2022

To
Central Pension Accounting Office
Ministry of Finance, Department of
Expenditure
Trikoort-II, Bhikaji Cama Place,
Rama Krishna Puram,
New Delhi- 110066

Recovery of excess payment made to pensioners.

I am directed to refer to your letter No. CPAO/IT&Tech/Clarification (Recovery)/13 Vol-III(A)/7380/173 dated 23.12.2021 on the above cited subject and to say that this Department has, on 20.12.2021, notified the CCS (Pension) Rules 2021 in supersession of CCS (Pension) Rules 1972. As per rule 66(4) of the said CCS (Pension) Rules 2021:

2) xxxx

(3) xxxx

(4) If, consequent on revision of pension or family pension under sub-rule (2), an excess payment of pension or family pension is found to have been made to the pensioner or family pensioner and if such excess payment is not on account of any misrepresentation of facts by the pensioner or family pensioner, the administrative Ministry or Department shall examine in consultation with the Ministry of

Finance (Department of Expenditure) whether or not recovery of such excess payment can be waived off and issue appropriate orders in accordance with the relevant rules and instructions in this regard.

2. Thus, the question of recovery or waiver of recovery of any excess payment on account of an error in initial authorization or revision of pension by the office is to be dealt with in accordance with rule 66(4) of the said CCS (Pension) Rules 2021, which is in the spirit

of the Apex Court's judgement in RafiqeMasih's case and DoPT's OM dated 2.3.2016. Therefore, there does not seem to be a need for issuing further instructions in regard to dealing with excess payment to pensioners on account of an error on the part of the office.

3. Therefore, CGA/CPAO may take a decision in this regard in consultation with Department of Expenditure/Financial Services, if necessary.

APPEAL FOR DONATIONS FOR THE BUILDING FUND

We appeal to our **Members who have not yet paid** their contribution to the building fund please to remit their donation. 65th list of donations is published in this issue.

New members are also requested to donate generously to the building fund

Amount may please be remitted by *crossed cheque* payable to "Karnataka P&T Pensioners' Association". Cheques may please be sent to: K.R. Anantha Ramu, No 1158, 7th Main, 7th Block, HMT Layout, Vidyanarayapura, Bangalore-560097 (Mob: 9448477129) or

Preferably, be directly credited to the Association's Bank Account:

Name: Karnataka P&T Pensioners' Association;

Bank: State Bank of India, Branch: HMT Layout branch, Vidyanarayapura, Bangalore

Current Account No. **64209078453, IFSC:SBIN 0040659**

INCOME TAX EXEMPTION: 50% of the amount of donation made to K P&T PA, is eligible for deduction in the gross total Income of the assessee under Section 80-G of Income Tax Act.

Please invariably inform us of the details of credit through a message or phone call on Phone No.09448477129 or 09483467750 to enable us to acknowledge the receipt of the amount and to send you a receipt.

Donation for the Building Fund - 65th List March - April 2022

Sl No.	Name Sri/Smt.	Membership No.	Amount Rs.	Receipt No.	Progressive Total of donation
1550	Attavar Yoganand	644	10,000	5099	60,100
1551	Attavar Yoganand	644	10,000	5106	70,100
1552	M.S.Krishnamurthy	2670	5,000	5082	10,000
1553	L.V.Nagarajan	1459	500	5108	1,750
1554	S.K.Bhagamadia	Well wisher	500	5111	
1555	Operation Khedda		4,440		

We Welcome the Following Newly Enrolled Members

Sl.No.	Name (Smt./Sri)	Designation & Office in which last worked	Type & No.
1	Raghu	Section Supervisor, O/o. PMG N.K. Region, Dharwad	LM 3140
2	K.S.Ganesh	Deputy CGCA, (JAG), Controller Gen. of communications, New Delhi	LM 3141
3	K.Subramanyaraje Urs	Office Supdt., South West Railway, construction wing, Bg. Cantt.	ALM 3142

LM: Life Member

ALM: Associate Life Member

SRI ATTAVAR YOGANAND, CENTENARIAN HONOURED BY THE ASSOCIATION On 4-4-2022 in BENGALURU



Sri Attavar Yoganand, member KP&TPA, ALM 644, a Centenarian, resident of Pune was in Bengaluru to attend his grand daughter's wedding. He attained 100 years in Aug 2021. We had published a write up about this in our journal for Aug 2021. We could not felicitate him then as he resides in Pune.

On 4.4.2022, S/s G. Babu, President, K.B.Krishna Rao, Secretary, V. Murugan, Jt. Secretary, K.R.Anantha Ramu, Treasurer and B.Nagaraju EC member called on Sri Attavar at his relative Sri Vijaya Kumar's residence in Rajajinagar, Bengaluru at 11.30 a.m. and felicitated both Sri Yoganad and his wife.

The couple was very delighted to see us all and was overwhelmed by the Felicitations extended to them by the association. Many members of Sri Yoganand's family and his other relatives were present.

Sri Attavar Yoganand who had donated Rs. 15,000 on 27.3.22, when Anantha Ramu and Nagaraju met him in his grand daughter's wedding,

wanted to donate more telling us "*I don't want to send you empty handed*". When the President and the Secretary told Sri Yoganand that he had already made a big contribution and there is no need for him to donate every time the EC members met him, he insisted on paying the donation telling "*I have very*

recently contributed some money for the renovation of a temple in my village; the association is my 2nd temple; that is why I am making this donation. I wish that the 2nd floor of Pensioners' Bhavan is built as originally planned.

He paid Rs.10,000 increasing his total donation for the building fund to Rs.70,100

The Association recalls the hospitality extended to its Representatives by Sri Yoganand's relatives on the day and places on record the greatness of the centenarian in calling the association as his '2nd temple' and his generosity in making frequent contributions to the building fund of the association.



Sri Attavar Yoganand's response to the felicitation extended by the association

Dear Krishna Rao

I am truly overwhelmed by the wonderful gesture shown by you all during my visit to Bengaluru. I consider this a memorable milestone in my life and reminds me of the importance of dedication, personal relationships and mutual love, affection and respect in every walk of life, be it professional or personal. This felicitation is an enormous honour for me and my family and I am indebted to all those who lent a helping hand to get me where I am today. I wish and pray that the Pensioners' Association ascends all heights of achievements in its endeavour to serve the

government employees. I have no doubts what so ever that the association is in safe hands. Thanks to the selfless service rendered by esteemed office bearers. Our honourable president, secretary and all committee members coming to my place of stay was an unprecedented show of abundant love, affection and regard for me. I am not sure whether I deserved such veneration. My prayers to the almighty to bless you all with good health and fitness to continue the good work and Yeoman Service.

Yours Sincerely
Attavar Yoganand, Pune.

32nd Meeting of SCOVA 12-04-2022

Highlights of the discussions on the Agenda items of the 32nd meeting of SCOVA held on 12.4.2022.

(As communicated by some Pensioners' Associations whose representatives attended the meeting)

Item-2: Periodical Health check- up for Pensioners

Decision: Guidelines will be issued for periodical check-up for pensioners who are aged 75 years and above

Item-6: Payment of arrears of DR for 18 months from 1.1.2020 to 30.6.2021

Decision: Not accepted citing huge financial implications of Rs.34,400Crores.

The item was treated as closed.

Item-7: Enhancement of pension at 1% every year so that the Pensioner gets 20 % increase 20 years after retirement or alternatively , increase of pension at 5% every 5 years .

Decision: This will be considered after receipt of the report called for from the Departments of Gol on the number of Pensioners in different age groups.

Item-8: Enhancement of fixed medical allowance (FMA) from Rs.1000 to Rs.2000

Decision: Under review and active consideration

OBITUARY

Sri D.S. Srinivasan, LM 2235, Retd MTS, Bangalore City RMS expired on 15-11-2021 at the age of 76 years

Sri M. Chikkamuniyappa, LM 2520, Retd HSG I HSA, Bangalore TD Sorting expired on 29-3-2022 at the age of 79 years

Sri N.Krishna Swamy, ALM 2605 Retd. Audit Officer, AG's Office expired on 31.03.2022 at the age of 91 years

The Executive Committee of K P&T PA conveys its heartfelt condolences to the members of the bereaved families

RESTORATION OF OLD PENSION SCHEME

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2518
(ANSWERED ON 24.03.2022)

2518: SHRI MD. NADIMUL HAQUE:

SHRI DEEPENDER SINGH HOODA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

- (a) Whether Government propose to reintroduce the Old Pension Scheme (OPS) following the demands for same that has risen from various quarters
- (b) If so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor
- (c) Whether Government is aware that experts have pointed out that under the National Pension System (NPS), economic down turns can affect pensions as it is market-linked
- (d) Whether Government is aware that under NPS, there is no proper safety net for retired employees as under the OPS
- (e) Whether Government propose to adopt any measure to address these issues and
- (f) If so, the details including timeline regarding the same?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY
OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES
AND PENSIONS AND MINISTER OF
STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S
OFFICE**

(DR. JITENDRA SINGH)

(a) & (b): The National Pension System (NPS) was introduced for Central Government employees w.e.f. 01.01.2004 vide Ministry of Finance (Department of Economic Affairs) Notification No. 5/7/2003-ECB & PR dated 22.12.2003 for all new recruits joining the Central Government service (except armed forces) from 01.01.2004.

On introduction of the National Pension System, the Central Civil Services (Pension) Rules, 1972 were amended. Accordingly, the benefits of old pension scheme under the Central

Civil Services (Pension) Rules, 1972 are not admissible to the Central Government civil servants appointed on or after 01.01.2004, under the amended rules.

There is no proposal to reintroduce old pension scheme to Central Government civil employees joined on or after 01.01.2004 under consideration of Government of India.

(c) to (f): NPS is now regulated under PFRDA Act, 2013 and regulations framed there under by PFRDA and Department of Financial Services. As per information furnished by Department of Financial Services:

The returns being market linked is a basic design feature of the National Pension System (NPS), however, pension being a long term product also enables the investments to grow with decent returns, despite short term volatility. Further, the prudential guidelines stipulated by the Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (PFRDA), the skills of the professional Fund Managers chosen through a rigorous process, and choice of asset allocation across various asset classes (Equity, Corporate Bond, Government Securities) enable the subscriber's accumulations to grow over the long term, riding over the short term volatility.

To safeguard the interest of the subscribers against any possible erosion of the pension wealth in times of an economic downturn, the exposure of equity/ equity linked instruments have been limited to only 15 % in the default scheme, which is made available to the Government subscribers in a default mode. Equity exposure exceeding this limit of 15% is only available for the subscribers who choose to exercise individual investment choice while moving out of the default scheme. Further, risk averse subscribers can also choose to invest their entire contribution (100%) in Government bonds.

Source: RajyaSabha

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B Srinivasan, Chief Postmaster General (Retd) A P Circle, Hydrabad

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Theodore Baskaran, Former CPMG, Tamil Nadu

Mr Ramiah, congratulations for the excellent book written by you. MrChaitanya Dev has done a marvellous job. I received the copy today and felt like holding the new born baby.

I wish that more officers write their memoirs like you and Mr Pandit. Please tell some of your friends in Pensioners' association to attempt memoirs. Mr Krishna Rao can write very beautifully about his life in RMS, the strikes etc.

Dr Charles Lobo, Former Member, Postal Services Board

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As on 31.03.2021**

Sl. No.	Pensioner/Family Pensioner	Number of Pensioners including Family Pensioners
A	Pensioners (including Family Pensioners) of all Ministries/Departments under the Accounting jurisdiction of Controller Genl of A/c, M/O Finance. (Central Pension Accounting Office (CPAO), Deptt of Expenditure, Ministry of Finance is responsible for maintaining the pensioners' data & incurring expenditure on payment of pension/family pension. Civil Ministries include all the CAPFs viz. BSF, CRPF, Assam Rifles, SSB, CISF, ITBP under MHA as well.)	11,06,000 (FP3,50,000)
B	Defence Pensioners (including Family Pensioners) (The data and accounts etc. of these pensioners are maintained by Controller General of Defence Accounts (CGDA), Ministry of Defence.	34,10,567 (FP 9,36,192)
C	Railway Pensioners including Family pensioners (The data and accounts etc. of these pensioners are maintained by Ministry of Railways)	15,54,585 (FP 6,59,483)
D	Telecom Pensioners (including Family Pensioners) (The data and accounts etc. of these pensioners are maintained by Deptt of Telecommunication)	4,67,751 (FP1,16,000)
E	Postal Pensioners (including Family Pensioners) (The data and accounts etc. of these pensioners are maintained by Deptt of Posts)	3,23,562 (FP 99,133)
	GRAND TOTAL OF PENSIONERS (including Family Pensioners)	68,62,465
	GRAND TOTAL OF FAMILY PENSIONERS ONLY	21,60,808

* As per the data received from the CPAO, Defence, Railways, Telecom & Posts.

Pensioners : 47,01,657 + Family pensioners: 21,60,808 Total : 68,62,465

Source : Answer to Unstarred question No. 2324 in Lok Sabha answered on 16-3-2022

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