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RESPECTFUL HOMAGE

Sri B Sadashiva Rao, IPoS (Retd.) founder President of Karnataka Posts and Telecommunications Pensioners' Association and founder Chairman of the Coordination Committee of Central Government Pensioners' Associations, Karnataka and Advisor to both, passed away on 19th February, 2022 at the age of 90 years.

2. Born on 21-10-1931 in Puttur, Dakshina Kannada Dist, he was the 3rd among 5 brothers, all employees of the Department Posts and Telecommunications. Recruited as Sorting Assistant, in the RMS wing of the Department of Posts, he rose to the level of an Officer of Indian Postal Services Group-A(IPoS) and retired as the Senior



Superintendent RMS, Bengaluru Sorting Division.

3. Before his retirement, he held several important positions in the Department of Posts viz. Superintendent of Post Offices, Pithorghar (UP) and Tumakuru in Karnataka, Assistant Director, and Assistant Postmaster General in the O/o. the Chief Postmaster General, Karnataka.

While in service, he was well known for his efficiency and proved

to be an adept officer who commanded respect of his higher-ups in the Department and colleagues in the office. Hundreds of his former colleagues, who had worked with him, including the writer of this piece, revered him as their "GURU".

4. Earlier in his career, he had involved himself in Employees' Unions also in that he had held the post of the Secretary, AIRMS & MMSE U Group-C, Mangaluru Branch, Secretary, IRMs & ASRMs Association, Karnataka. He had forayed into the Co-operative sector also and headed the P&T Employees Housing Co-operative Society as its Secretary.

5. Sri Sadashiva Rao, founded "RMS Pensioners' Association Karnataka" in 1994 along with the Veteran P&T Trade Union Leaders viz. Sri N Bhaskaran, N Muthusubramanian, M.M. Belliappa and many other leaders and headed it as its first President. The Association was rechristened "Karnataka Posts and Telecommunications Pensioners' Association" in 1996. He steered the association to greater heights as its President for 2 decades and stepped aside in November 2013 after turning 80. His contributions in establishing a credible Association are many. To mention a few:

- a. He played an important role with Sri N. Bhaskaran in establishing the Coordination Committee of Central Government Pensioners' Associations, Karnataka (CCCGPA) in 1998. Number of affiliates now has reached 30.
- b. He single-handedly, drafted the Memorandum of Association and Rules and Regulations for the Apex body of Pensioners' Associations named "Bharat Central Pensioners' Association" (BCPC) which was considered in the meeting of Pensioners' Leaders held in New Delhi on 27-4-2008 and Sri Rao was elected as Vice-Chairman (South) and entrusted with the responsibility of preparing the final draft of MOA & RR.
- c. Another important assignment given to him by the CCCGPA was to draft the "Common Memorandum of Pensioners" submitted to the VI Central Pay Commission.
- d. During his term as President of the Association, he offered his advice to many P&T Pensioners who sought his help in

settlement of their grievances regarding pension and CGHS matters.

- e. As an Advisor to the Association, he guided it in its effective functioning by tendering his advice on crucial issues. His another contribution worth recording was his resolve and perseverance to ensure acceptance of the Income Tax returns of the Association for the years of 2013-14 & 2014-15 which were initially, not accepted by Income Tax Dept. for technical reasons. But for his timely advice and pursuance of the matter, the association would have been forced to pay income tax of about 4 lakh rupees for non-filing of some reports on due dates.
- f. Sri Sadashiva Rao's commitment to ensure acceptance of the Income Tax return was so strong that, he, in spite of his severe illness, pursued it till 17th February 2022, just 2 days before his death on 19th and the most satisfying aspect is that the order accepting the IT Returns for 2014-15 reached him before his admission to the hospital and he had shared his joy with the Secretary.

He was honoured by the Association and CCCGPA at his residence on 21-10-2021 on his attaining 90 years. He attended the last Executive Committee meeting on 12-2-2022, participated in the discussions and gave his advice on issues raised.

Sri Sadashiva Rao's death is a colossal loss not only to the organisations that he had established and headed earlier but also to the Pensioner Community, in consideration of the fact that he was instrumental in drafting the MOA & RR of many pensioners associations and Common Memorandum submitted to 6th CPC. He has left a void that is hard to fill.

The Executive Committee KPTPA expresses its heartfelt condolences and dips its banner in the memory of the departed illustrious leader.

K B Krishna Rao
Secretary

The Coordination Committee of Central Government Pensioners' Associations, Karnataka and Karnataka P&T Pensioners' Association Paid their last respects to Sri B Sadashiva Rao on 20th February, 2022 at his residence and expressed deep condolences to the members of the family. Garlands were placed on behalf of CCCGPA, Karnataka and KP&TPA by Sri S. Radhakrishna, GS, CCCGPA and K.B. Krishna Rao, Secretary, KP&TPA. S/s N. Bhaskaran and M. Ramiah, Advisors, KP&TPA, T.V. Suryaprakash, Secretary, Coffee Board Pensioners' Association & Jt.GS CCCGPA, V. Murugan, Jt. Secretary, KP&TPA S.V.Venugopalachar, Vice President, KCGPA and B.L. Channappa former EC member, KP&TPA were present.

Condolence Messages

- ◆ Com. C. Chandran Pillai, former Secretary General, National Federation of Postal Employees
- ◆ Com. K. Ragavendran, General Secretary, All India Postal and RMS Pensioners' Association, CHQ, Chennai
- ◆ Shocked to hear the demise of Veteran Administrator & Advisor of KPTPA. Despite ageing he was active, articulate Commanding in his write ups & guidance. Really he was so Commanding, Majestic, Considerate to Staff Problems when he was in Service as well as, as President KPTPA. A nice matured Personality. Our Association & Pensioners have lost. Pray, Peace & Sadgathi to the departed Soul. Ram.Ram.
V Muthukumar, Ex-Circle Secretary, AIPEU-C,NFPE, Karnataka Circle
- ◆ Very Very shocking news. In the last January meeting he had expressed whether he will be there attend the Next AGB. He was good administrator, sincere and devoted. He worked with conviction to discharge his duty as SSRM. After his retirement, he was working as Comrade-in arms with N. Bhaskaran in our Association. My heartfelt condolences to

the bereaved family members and friends.

H.S. Manjunatha, EX- Circle Secretary, AIRMSEU- Group-C, NFPE, Karnataka Circle

- ◆ Very sad to read this shocking news. He has contributed a lot to the department and after retirement, KPTPA had a very active personality for all the functioning of KPTPA. It is really a great loss to the family as well as the KPTPA. pray god for his sadgathi. My heartfelt condolences to the bereaved family as well as our KPTPA.

D. Venkatesalu, Ex-Circle Secretary, NURMSEU-Group C, FNPO, Karnataka Circle

- ◆ Shocking news. Colossal loss to pensioner community. He has left a void that can never be filled. Our pensioners association is ever indebted to him for showing us a path to protect as well as fight for our interests. My humble tributes to a great leader and an able administrator. Prayers for his pious soul to attain salvation.

S.K. Rave, Ex- Divisional President, AIRMSEU-Group-C, NFPE, Bangalore Sorting Dn.

- ◆ Very shocking and sad news. It's an irreparable loss to the entire pensioners community. The services rendered by him as the founder President & thereafter as Advisor to KP&TPA will ever remain in the heart of every pensioner. He was a very good Administrator with conviction to duty. Conveying my heartfelt condolences to his bereaved family members. May his soul rest in peace.

V. Murugan, Ex-Divisional Secretary, AIRMSEU-CNFPE, Bangalore Sorting Dn.

Representatives of Pensioners' Associations spread far and wide have expressed their condolences on the demise Sri Sadashiva Rao. The names of some of them are mentioned below.

- ◆ S.C Maheswari, Secretary General, Bharat Pensioners Samaj, New Delhi
- ◆ G.M Halwadia, President, Telecom Pensioners' Association, SIHOR (Gujarat)
- ◆ Madan Mohan Kapur, Working President, Bharat Pensioners Samaj, New Delhi

- ♦ Sashibhusan Mahapatra, General Secretary, CGPA, Bhubaneswar, Odissa
- ♦ D.D. Mistry, General Secretary, All India BSNL & DOT Pensioners' Association, Ahmedabad
- ♦ ShrirangTambe, Baroda Central Pensioners' Association, Vadodara Gujarat
- ♦ Kulbhusan Jindal, Central Govt. Pensioners' Association, Jammu
- ♦ Ajay Shankar, MESRCOWA , Lucknow
- ♦ Girish Kanagotagi, President, KCGPA, Bengaluru
- ♦ P.S. Raman Kutty, National President, AIBSNLPWA
- ♦ D. Gopalakrishnan, Vice President, AIBSNLPWA, Chennai
- ♦ P. Gangadhara Rao, General Secretary, AIBSNLPWA, Bengaluru
- ♦ Visvanathan, Secretary, JIMPER Pensioners' Association, Puducherry
- ♦ N.M. Muninarayanappa, President, Central Excise and customs Pensioners' Association, Bengaluru
- ♦ S.S. Ramanatha Rao, Ex-President, KCGPA, Bangalore
- ♦ Selvanayagam, President, Dept of Space Retired Employees Association, Nagercoil, T.N.
- ♦ K.C. Malik, President, EDEWA, Balasore
- ♦ T.P. Balakrishnan, AERWA, Mumbai
- ♦ S.P. Chakravarty, President, CGPWA, Ambarnath
- ♦ Retired Officers of IAAD, Chandigarh
- ♦ Dr.Mohan S. Dashora, CGPA, Rajasthan, Jaipur
- ♦ Ajay Shankar, MESRCOWA, Lucknow
- ♦ T.V. Suryaprakash, Secretary, Coffee Board Pensioners' Association
- ♦ Com. A.N. Dhal, State Secretary, AIPRPA, Odisha Circle

Many individuals have also expressed their condolences.

S/s. G. Babu, N. Bhaskaran, M. Ramaiah, M.S. Venkataramaiah,

B.L. Channappa, H.S. Manjunatha, K.K. Gangadharan, K.G. Kulkarni, K.S. Ramanathan, K. Sethumadhavan, R.S.N. Murthy, B.B. Poddar, V.M. Shetty, K. Obaiah, V.K.S. Murthy, A.N. Venkatesh, Smt. B.G. Manjula, B.K Gundu Rao, T.V Srinivasa Murthy, M.R.V. Nath, K.S. Sridhar, Munnoji Rao, K.G. Bhuvanendra, V.R. Joshi, R. K. T. Sasthri, Smt. Rama , Sakthidharan, C. Ramakrishna Reddy, J.N.L.Sharma, A.Prakash, V.S. Naik, V. Muthukumar, C.Srinivasa Murthy, M.N. Gopinath, P.Kanniyappan, N.R. Anantha, Viswanatha Rao, V.Murugan, D.Venkatesalu, T.R. Narayana, V.Gopal, S.K. Rave, N.L. Krishna, C.A. Narayana, T.G. Chandrasekhara, S. Ramesh, K.R. Anantha Ramu, M. Mahalingaiah, N. Gopalakrishna, K. Nagesh, L. Prakash, B. Nagaraju, Manohar Shenoy, S. Karnik, S. Mohankumar, M. Ramakrishna, Smt. Rukmini Pai.

Writeups on Sri Sadashiva Rao

Multifaceted BSR :

Unwinding multifaceted capabilities of demised Sri B. Sadashiva Rao(BSR), will be an endless sagacity of him. BSR had a reputation of being an excellent workaholic although his career while in service and, after retirement, befittingly formed a group along with Sri N. Bhaskaran, who himself was dynamic union leader while in service and founded the Pensioners' Assn. under the banner of Karnataka P&T Pensioners' Association, which has, now, risen to the pinnacle of glory as the years passed by. BSR successfully mooted & encompassed all other Central Pensioners Associations in our state, under one umbrella. He also played a stellar role in unifying all Pensioners' Associations of our country and excellently drafted 'A Common Memoranda' for submission to the 6th Pay Commission constituted by the Govt. of India. He also Spearheaded the meetings periodically held with the CGHS for bettering the medical

facilities to the central pensioners. "BSR's role in innumerable other issues in the recent past, with founder-members stepping down, had his hall-mark". Incidentally, BSR's demise is in a way a personal loss to me as he had played an important role in detection of mind-boggling fraudulent cases that took place in Mysore RMS, way-back in 1969, when I had a stint as IRM there. Narration of the cases have been scripted in a book, being shortly released for supplementing KP&TPA's building fund.

- M. Ramiah, Advisor, KP&TPA

In the passing away of B. Sadashiva Rao we have lost the doyen of pensioners' movement. It was only recently that we celebrated his 90th birthday.

Pensioners Champion had made a special mention of his achievements in every field. I send my condolences to his sorrowing wife and other members of the family and friends.

S.K. Subramanian who died in the early hours of the following day was a great friend of mine. His devotion to duty was legendary. His death has taken away from us a blessed soul. My deep feelings of grief go with his family and friends.

R. Soundararajan, LM 710

He taught me lessons of life :

Sri Sadashiva Rao, was the first officer from RMS to get the honour of being designated as "IPS" now IPoS

Though I have not witnessed this incident, the memories inspire me even today. This anecdote was passed on from seniors to juniors in RMS office in Bangalore City Railway Station premises. What makes the incident unique is that it was narrated by the driver of MMS van himself. The driver refused to park the van at the backside of the building to facilitate easy loading of mail bags. The issue was escalated to Head of the office and the argument continued. The driver's plea was that it was impossible to take two 90 degree turns within 60 feet to reach the backside of the office building.

This issue was put to rest once and for all, when Sri Sadashiva Rao, the then Sr. Superintendent RMS, visited the office. He asked the driver to get down from the van. The driver did get down wondering what SSRM was up to. Sri Sadashiva Rao got in to the van and drove the van to the backside of the building. The driver and the staff were left speechless. After that never in the history of the RMS office drivers refused to drive the MMS van to the backside of the building.

G. Vishwanath, Supdt. of Pos, Mandya Retd

BUDGET 2022- KEY HIGHLIGHTS

- ◆ Gareeb Kalyan: Gas, Housing, Tapped water, Internet to every village home.
- ◆ 80 lakh free houses for poor; Rs 2 trillion outlay for MSMEs; Rs 2.37 trillion MSP direct payments; addition of 25,000 km in NHAI; 2000 kms of railway network. 400 new-generation Vande Bharat trains will be developed and manufactured in the next three years.
- ◆ All 1.5 lakh post offices in India will be connected to the core banking system that will enable people to access their account online and transfer money within post office accounts and to other banks
- ◆ There is no change in tax rates for Individuals, HUF, Firm, LLP and Company.
- ◆ Waiver of penalty under section 234F
- ◆ National Digital Health Centres
- ◆ E-Passport facility from this year
- ◆ Anywhere registration of documents facility
- ◆ Digital Rupee with Bit coin Technology

New Chief Postmaster General (CPMG), Karnataka Circle

Sri S Rajendra Kumar, IPoS, has assumed charge as the Chief Postmaster General, Karnataka Circle vice Smt. Sharada Sampath, IPoS, retired on 31-01-2022.

A graduate in Metallurgy from IIT, Madras, Sri Rajendra Kumar, who hails from Mangaluru, Karnataka, started his career in BHEL as Research Engineer before serving in various Managerial positions in the Department of Posts in Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh, and Telangana Postal Circles. From 2010 to 2015 he was with the Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI)



Karnataka P&T Pensioners' Association extends a warm welcome to the new CPMG and hopes that during his term as Head of the Circle, he will ensure extension of pensioner friendly services to Postal Pensioners and also in timely resolution of their grievances.



Gol, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Department of health and family welfare
LOK SABHA, Unstarred Question NO: 639, Answered on 04th February, 2022

“Cashless facilities to CGHS Beneficiaries”

639:Shri Shanmuga Sundaram K. Shri Velusamy P.

Will the Minister of Health and Family Welfare be pleased to state:-

- Whether the Government is aware of the fact that several private hospitals empanelled under the Central Government Health Scheme (CGHS) decided to suspend cashless services to the beneficiaries of the healthcare programme;
- If so, the details thereof and the pending amount to be paid to the hospitals both private and Government category;
- Whether the cashless services to Ex-Servicemen Contributory Health Scheme is also suspended by the hospitals in private sector; and
- The steps taken by the Government to ensure un-interrupted cashless services to the beneficiaries?

ANSWER

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (Dr.Bharati Pravin Pawar)

(a) to (d): Under the Central Government Health Scheme(CGHS), empanelled Health Care Organizations (HCOs) are required to provide cashless facilities to the eligible CGHS beneficiaries. However, there have been reports that some hospitals are not providing cashless facilities. Suitable action is taken against them whenever such cases come to notice. AMRI Hospital, Bhubneshwar, M/s. Charnock Hospitals Pvt. Ltd., Kolkata, Rabindranth Tagore International Institute of Cardiac Sciences, Kolkata and Utkal Hospital, Bhubaneshwar, Fortis Healthcare Limited, Shalimar Bagh, New Delhi and Amar Eye Centre, Naveen Shahdara Delhi have submitted notice to opt out of CGHS.

Under CGHS, during the current Financial Year, HCOs' bills worth Rs. 1200 crore (approx.) have been paid and bills amounting to Rs. 1100 crore (approx.) are received for payment.

Regarding Ex-Servicemen Contributory Health Scheme (ECHS), as per the information provided by the Ministry of Defence, 174 Health Care Organizations (HCOs) have stopped giving cashless services to ECHS beneficiaries.

CGHS is the first contact point health care service- Direct consultation with Specialists in CGHS empanelled Private Hospitals now available to beneficiaries aged 75+ cannot be extended to all beneficiaries. Health Minister's letter dated 24-01-2022 reproduced below.

Dear Shri Ram Niwas Goel Ji,

Please refer to your letter No. F.1(1)/SVS/2021/1198 dated 15 December, 2021, forwarding therewith a representation received from Shri Samrul Hassan, General Secretary, Retired Government Officials Welfare Society, Delhi regarding extension of facility for all retired employees to visit directly the empanelled hospitals of CGHS without any referral on the pattern of facility given to retired employees of age 75 years and above.

2. I would like to state that Central Government Health Scheme (CGHS) is primarily the first point contact healthcare service, based on the principle of Primary Health Care. The referral service is a part and parcel of the Primary Healthcare. Ideally, the patient has to approach

the first contact point which is the CGHS Wellness Centre. Further, the patient may not be able to know the medical aspects of his/her problem. In other words, the single medical/health problem of a patient may fall in the domain of so many medical specialities. Therefore, this option of direct consultation should not be generalized. Otherwise, this may amount to scrapping the primary healthcare system, which is the backbone of healthcare all over the world.

3. However, in emergency, the patient irrespective of his/her age can consult doctors of any hospital (public or private) without referral from CGHS Wellness Centre.

With regards
Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya

CGHS – Removal of HCOs

(1) The name of **Apollo Hospitals** (A unit of Apollo Hospitals Enterprise Ltd.), No 1, Old No.28, Platform Road, near Mantri Mall, Seshadripuram, Bengaluru-560020 stands removed from the list of empanelled hospitals under CGHS Bengaluru with effect from 15.03.2022, as requested by the hospital vide its letter dated 10.02.2021 addressed to the Addl. Director.

Reference: Additional Director, CGHS, Bengaluru Office Order No. 19-3/2021/ADMIN. (129) dated 16-02-2022

(2) **Elbit Medical Diagnostics** Ltd, No.1, & 1/2, Queens Road, Bengaluru- 560 001 stands removed from the list of empanelled Diagnostic Laboratories under CGHS, Bengaluru with effect from 16.02.2022, since the Diagnostic Centre has not onboarded on HEM Portal despite repeated reminders by CGHS

Reference: Additional Director, CGHS, Bengaluru Office Order No. 19-3/2021/ADMIN. (129)/ dated 16-02-2022

International Women's Day: 8th March

The theme for International Women's Day, 8th March 2022(IWD 2022) is, "**Gender equality today for a sustainable tomorrow**" recognizing the contribution of women and girls around the world, who are leading the charge on climate change adaptation, mitigation, and response, to build a more sustainable future for all. The theme focuses on empowerment of all women and girls, intends for a world free from bias and discrimination. Karnataka P&T Pensioners' Association extends its warm greetings on the occasion.

**Requirement of Accommodation on rent
for Relocating CGHS Wellness Centre at
Banashankari, HBR Layout, Jayanagar, Ganganagar**

CGHS Bangalore invites offers from interested parties from suitable accommodation for relocating of 4 nos. Wellness Centre in Bangalore to spaces preferably in and around Banashankari 3rd Stage, HBR Layout, Jayanagar, Ganganagar, Sanjaynagar.

A. Covered Area:

- * Approx. 2500 Sq.ft (232.2 Sq. Mtr.) with adequate waiting space

B. Location:

- * Preferable Ground Floor

C. Total no. of Rooms.

- * Space for 10-12 rooms with wash basin
- * Electrical/Power points 7-10 in each room
- * Waiting area should accommodate sitting arrangement for 30-40 beneficiaries at a time.
- * Rooms and covered area should be well ventilated and having access to ample natural light.

D. Other facilities

- * Space for storage of medicine having an area of about 150-180 Sq.ft.
- * 3-4 Toilet/Wash Rooms for male, female and disable friendly
- * Adequate parking space to accommodate 20 vehicles at any time
- * Provision of 24/7 water supply to be provided by owner
- * 3 Phase electricity connection
- * Provision for telephone connection

E. Accessibility

Should be in central location with easy access to public transport system

F. Documents required along with application

- * Copy of the sanctioned plan with area of plot, building plans, layout plans, sections and elevations of proposed building for lease/rent.
- * Calculation sheet of covered area, carpet area of proposed building for lease/rent
- * Completion Certificate of the concerned civic agencies including fire clearance certificate and other local body approval
- * Structural stability certificate
- * Proof of undisputed ownership.

G. Other General Requirements:

- * All renovation if required to be carried out by owner of the house before actual possession
- * Consent of the landlord for installation of LAN wiring for computer connectivity in the buildings and any minor alteration required
- * In case, the rentable part is on the higher floors facility for lift and / or Ramp is required.
- * Should not be in commercial area.
- * No basement for dispensary purpose

H. Rent shall be determined on the basis of CPWD norms.

Interested owners/landlords willing to let their House/Building on rent as per the aforesaid specifications may submit their Technical and Financial bids along with building plan to the "Additional Director, CGHS, E-Wing, 3rd Floor, Kendriya Sadan, Koramangala, Bangalore-560035" latest by 15.3.2022.

Dr. M. Revathy
Additional Director, CGHS, Bengaluru

BSNL One time subscription paid by BSNL pensioners who switch over from BSNL MRS to CGHS before 31-3-2022 will be reimbursed within one month of submission of the claim for reimbursement.

There shall be no cut-off date to switch over to CGHS

BSNL Corporate Office order reproduced below.

No: BSNLCO-ADMN/12.2.2022-ADMN

Dated: 14.2.2022

To,

The Chief General Managers/Administrative Heads,
All Telecom Circles/Metro Districts
Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited

Time Bound reimbursement of one time payment of CGHS subscription to eligible Optees upto 31.3.2022.

- Ref: 1. This office letter No. BSNL/Admn.I/14-15/09 (pt) dated 2.4.2014
2. This office letter No. BSNL/Admn.I/14-15/09 (pt) dated 29.7.2016
3. This office letter No. BSNL/Admn.I/15-12/18 dated 8.5.2020.
4. This office letter No. BSNL/Admn.I/15012 dated 19.6.2020

BSNL vide letter under reference (1) above, has extended the CGHS facilities to retired BSNL employees who are in receipt of Central Civil Pension in recognition of their services rendered in DOT/BSNL. Subsequently, vide letter under reference (2), BSNL Management has approved reimbursement of one time payment of CGHS subscription paid by eligible retired BSNL Employees on surrendering their BSNLMRS facility. Vide letter under reference (3) above, CGHS facility has been enumerated as one of medical facility option to eligible retired BSNL Employees. Vide letter under reference (4) above, it was

clarified that there shall be no cut off date for switching over to CGHS i.e. retired employee may opt for CGHS facility at any time.

In this regard, BSNL Management has decided that those Retirees/VRS Optees who have not opted CGHS facility so far, if they switch over to CGHS by 31st March, 2022, reimbursement of one time payment of their CGHS subscription will be paid within one month of submission of their claim in BSNL.

This is issued with the approval of the Director (HR).

We Welcome the Following Newly Enrolled Members

Sl.No.	Name (Smt./Sri)	Designation & Office in which last worked	Type & No.
1	M.N.Srirangappa	Head Sorting Assistant, HSG II, Bangalore City RMS	LM 3134
2	F.Shivanna	Postman, Tumkur Head Post Office Tumkur	LM 3135
3	G.Venda Bai	LSG Supervisor, Bangalore City RMS, Bangalore	LM 3136
4	C.S.Kumbar	Senior Grade Announcer, All India Radio, Dharwad	ALM 3137
5	R.Jayamma (Family pensioner)	W/o late T Ravanaiah, Postal Assistant, Bangalore GPO,	LM 3138

LM: Life Member

ALM: Associate Life Member

BSNL IDA
w e f: 1-1-2022

Gol, Ministry of Finance, Department of Public Enterprises,
Department of Public Enterprises
OM No. W-02/0002/2014-DPE (WC)-GL-II /2022 dated 24th January, 2022

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. 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. 01-01-2022 for 2007 pay scales is 184.1%

2. The above rate of DA i.e. 184.1% 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

REVISION OF PENSION OF ABSORBED BSNL PENSIONERS

Smt. Vanga Geetha Viswanath, Hon'ble Member of Parliament (LS), Kakinada, Andhra Pradesh, raised the issue in the Lok Sabha on 10-02-2022 during zero hour, when Members of Parliament can raise issues of Urgent Public Importance and urged the government to take immediate action to revise the pension of absorbed BSNL pensioners from 1-1-2017 as per 7th CPC recommendations.

Continuing with her efforts in this regard, the M P met Shri Ashwini Vaishnav, Minister

of Communication and Information Technology on 15-2-2022 and submitted a memorandum to the Minister on the issue. She also called on the Secretaries of the Department of Telecommunications and Department of Pension & Pensioners' Welfare on the same date.

BSNL pensioners are grateful to the MP for the initiatives taken by her in the cause of their welfare

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
Dec 21	125.4	125.4x2.88= 361	4216	351.33	34.39	34% from January, 2022

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

* DR Expected w.e.f. 1-1-2022 : 34% (Order expected)

BSNL IDA

IDA From 1-10-2021 : 179.3 % (5.5% increase from July 21 rate of 173.8%)

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

'Samanvaya Kavi' Dr. Chennaveera Kanavi passes away

A prominent figure in modern Kannada literature, often referred to as 'Samanvaya Kavi' (Poet of Reconciliation) passed away in Dharwad on Wednesday the 16th February, 2022 at the age of 93.

Born on June 18, 1928 at Hombal village in Gadag district, Sri Kanavi bloomed into a poet at Karnatak College under the guidance of then principal V.K. Gokak, a Jnanapitha Award winner. He joined the publication wing of Karnataka University as Secretary. He served the university for 31 years and retired as Director of the publication wing in 1983.

Dr. Kanavi's poetic journey began with the publication of 'Kavyakshi' in 1949. Subsequently, he added 25 more collections of poems. Although recognised more as a poet, Mr. Kanavi is also credited with 28 books in other genres.

Dr. Kanavi was bestowed with several prestigious awards at the State and national level, including the Sahitya Academy award, Karnataka Sahitya Academy award, Karnataka Rajyotsava award, and Pampa award.

An introduction on the poet brought out by the Sahitya Academy states: "His poems sing the joys and sorrows, loves and hates, good and evil, which are the stuff of normal human fate. The poems indicate Kanavi's great craftsmanship, linguistic mastery and imaginative insight. Kanavi's poetry is a unique blend of romantic imagination and classical discipline. He is a poet who has lived intensely and passionately recording with rare poetic skill of his life, including mundane events. His sonnets articulate the philosophy of life that accepts life but also questions it critically."

The Kannada literary world has suffered a huge loss in Dr. Kanavi's death. Karnataka Posts and Telecommunications Pensioners' Association pays its respectful homage to the departed "Samanvaya Kavi"



OBITUARY

Sri R Natarajan, LM 770, Retd. Wireless Operator, Madras P&T W/L Station, expired on 15-1-2022 at the age of 94 years.

Sri N Venkataraman, ALM 2543, Retd. Senior Marketing Officer, Ministry of Agriculture, expired on 15-2-2022 at the age of 88 years.

Sri S K Subramanian, LM 87, Retd. Assistant Director, Postal Services, O/o. the CPMG, Karnataka Circle, expired on 20-2-2022 at the age of 92 years

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

Central Government Holiday in MARCH 2022

Maha Shivarathri : 1st March Tuesday

Legendary singer, Lata Mangeshkar, hailed as the “Nightingale of India” passed away in Mumbai on 6th February, 2022 at the age of 92 years

Lata Mangeshkar was born in Indore and raised in Kolhapur in a musical family.

Her father, Dinanath Mangeshkar, was a towering personality in Marathi theatre. He acted, produced and sang songs in plays that would change the face of Marathi theatre. He was one of the foremost exponents of Natya Sangeet and an accomplished Hindustani classical singer from the Gwalior gharana. He was Lata Mangeshkar's first Guru.

The classically-trained musician rose to fame in India's film industry as a “playback singer”, providing the singing voice to Bollywood's movie stars over the course of a career which spanned more than half a century. For decades, the “Nightingale of Bollywood” was the country's most sought-after singer. Audio cassettes with her songs spanning numerous genres were sold in tens of thousands.

The Melody Queen started singing in movies by the age of 13 in 1942. Between 1950 and 2000 she lent her voice to scores of actors in not only Hindi and Marathi movies, but in languages as diverse as Bangla, Assamese, Gujarati, Tamil, Kannada, Telugu and Bhojpuri, among at least 25 others. Over a career spanning many decades, as per an accepted data, she sang close to 30,000 songs.

Lata Mangeshkar received several accolades and honors throughout her career. In 1989 the Dadasaheb Phalke Award was

bestowed on her by the Government of India. In 2001, in recognition of her contributions to the nation, she was awarded the Bharat Ratna, India's highest civilian honour; she is only the second female singer,



after M.S. Subbulakshmi, to receive this honour.

With the passing away of Lata Mangeshkar, India not only lost one of its most prolific singers, but a musician who transformed the craft of film singing and became a benchmark for successive generations to emulate.

In passing away of Lata Mangeshkar, the country has lost not only one of its most prolific singers but a legendary playback singer, and a towering personality in the world of Indian music and film industry. Her passing away marks the end of an era and has created a void in the world of music.

Karnataka Posts and Telecommunications Pensioners' Association condoles her demise and pays its respectful homage to the departed legendary playback singer

Age-related Additional Pension

Parliamentary Standing Committee on Personnel, Public Grievances, Law & Justice in its report presented in the Rajya Sabha on 10.12.2021 had recommended that the Govt. should sympathetically consider the demand of Pensioners Associations **for payment of 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.** (Report was published in January 2022 issue of this journal)

As a follow-up, Department of Pension and Pensioners' Welfare vide its letter dated

20-01-2022, addressed to the Department of Telecommunications, Department of Posts, Controller General of Accounts, Ministry of Finance, Controller General of Defence Accounts and the Financial Advisor & CAO, Ministry of Railways has called for information regarding the number of pensioners belonging to the different age groups and the amount of pension paid for December 2021 to work out the financial implications.

We hope that a decision favourable to pensioners will be taken by the government after assessment of financial implications.

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. 63rd 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

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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 - 63rd List January - February 2022

SI No.	Name Sri/Smt.	Membership No.	Amount Rs.	Receipt No.	Progressive Total of donation
1541	Basant Kumar Pal	3034	10,000	5078	-
1542	M.K.Patwari	S-348	5,000	5063	
1543	D.K.Joshi	S-150	500	5077	
1544	R.Thanikachallam	2166	320	5073	4520

Subscription received for Pensioners' Champion During January-February 2022

Rs.120/- Smt./Sri	Rs.180/- Smt./Sri	Rs. 200/- & 255/- Smt./Sri	Rs.480/- & Rs.540 Smt./Sri
S-284 M.M. Shettar	1956 G L Shivaswamy	2745 T.F.Kanavalli 255	S-337 C.H.S.Sharma
Rs.180/-Smt./Sri	2016 R.D.dixit	2748 G.S.Sindagi 255	S-261 R.S.Nagabhushana
694 Smt. Chandra Seshachalam (3-12-2021)	2107 S.Vijayagopal	2780 P Hussain 20 (9-1-2022)	Rao 480
833 A.Hanumantha Rao	2166 R.Thanikachallam	3059 T.S.Arunkumar 255 Babu	1766 M.Manickaraj 540
921 Mrs.James George	2670 M.S.Krishnamurthy		2529 P.Yadunatha Rao 540
1141 Smt. Mamatha Neelagopal (29-12-2021)	2739 K.Lokanathappa	Rs.360/- Smt./Sri	3034 B.K. Pal 540
1322 Smt. Indiar Devappa (7-12-2021)	2858 Vageesha Varada	658 M.Narayan Rao	Rs.900/- & Rs.975 Smt./Sri
1447 N.M.Hegde	3009 H.P.Venkatesh	1181 V V Jacob	1574 C.Shivashankara 900
1828 Abdul Rasheed (5-10-2021)	3021 G.Udayashankara Rao	1756 J Sugumaran	1964 M.C.Kalkura 900
	Rs. 200/- & 255/- Smt./Sri	1799 K.Vittoba Rao	1321 V.N.Shivakumar 975
	1576 K.F.Nazareth	1813 M.Ramachandran	2303 M.R. Srinivasa 990
	S-348 M.K.Patwari	1851 T.V.Seshadri	Rs.1000/- Smt./Sri
	2244 M.N. Hammigi	2267 K.S.Gowrambike	1500 N.Gopalakrishna 1000
	2744 P.D.Kulkarni 255	2714 G.K. Meera	S-298 N.Pushpavalli 1020

Payment of family pension in respect of a child suffering from a disorder or disability of mind through the person nominated by the Government servant/pensioner/family pensioner

I am directed to say that in accordance with the Central Civil Services (Pension) Rules, family pension is payable for life, subject to certain conditions, to a child of a deceased Government servant/pensioner, who is suffering from any disorder or disability of mind or is physically disabled so as to render him or her unable to earn a living even after attaining the age of twenty-five years,

2. As per Rule 50(9)(h)(iv) of the Central Civil Services (Pension) Rules, 2021 (earlier clause (iii) of second proviso to Rule 54(6) of the Central Civil Services (Pension) Rules, 1972), family pension shall be paid to a son or daughter, who is suffering from any disorder or disability of mind including the mentally retarded, through the guardian as if he or she were a minor.

3. Rule 50(9)(h)(vii) of the CCS (Pension) Rules, 2021 (earlier clause (vi) of second proviso to Rule 54(6) of the CCS (Pension) Rules, 1972), however, provides that in the case of a mentally retarded son or daughter, the family pension can be paid to a person nominated by the Government servant or the pensioner, as the case may be, and in case no such nomination has been furnished to the Head of Office by such Government servant or pensioner during his lifetime, to the person nominated by the spouse of such Government servant or family pensioner, as the case may be, later on. The Guardianship Certificate issued under section 14 of the National Trust Act, 1999 (44 of 1999), by a local level Committee, shall also be accepted for nomination or appointment of guardian for grant of family pension in respect of the person suffering from Autism, Cerebral Palsy, Mental Retardation and Multiple Disabilities as indicated in the said Act.

4. It has been brought to the notice of this Department that in some cases, the Pension

Disbursing Banks are not allowing family pension in respect of a mentally retarded child through the person nominated by the pensioner or his/her spouse in accordance with Rule 50(9)(h)(vii) of the CCS (Pension) Rules, 2021 (earlier clause (vi) of second proviso to Rule 54(6) of the CCS (Pension) Rules, 1972) in spite of the fact that such nomination has been duly incorporated in the Pension Payment Order issued to the mentally retarded child. These banks insist for payment of family pension through a person having a guardianship certificate issued by a court of law.

5. Clause (vii) in the Rule 54(9)(h) of the CCS (Pension) Rules, 2021 is intended to avoid any hassles to the child suffering from a mental disability in obtaining the guardianship certificate from the court and in claiming family pension after the death of his/her parents. As per this rule, a Government servant/pensioner or his/her spouse can nominate a person to receive family pension payable to a mentally retarded child. In cases where such nomination is submitted by a Government servant/pensioner/family pensioner, a guardianship certificate issued by a court of law is not necessary.

6. Accordingly, in cases where a nomination made by the Government servant/pensioner/family pensioner has been incorporated in the Pension Payment Order issued to child suffering from a mental disability, it is incumbent on the Pension Disbursing Banks to disburse the family pension in respect such child through the person so nominated. Insisting for a guardianship certificate by the Banks in such cases would defeat the very purpose of such nomination and would also amount to violation of the statutory provisions of the CCS (Pension) Rules, 2021.

7. It is requested that suitable instructions

may be issued to the CPPCs/Pension Paying Branches of your Bank for payment of family pension in respect of a mentally retarded child through the person nominated by the Government servant/pensioner/family pensioner in accordance with the statutory provisions of CCS (Pension) Rules and not to insist for a

guardianship certificate issued by a court of law in such cases. All Pension disbursing branches also be asked to acknowledge receipt of these instructions.

8. This issues with the approval of Competent Authority.

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Gol, MoF, Dept of Revenue, CBDT Circular No. 01/2022 dated 11th January 2022

Extension of timelines for filing of Income-tax returns and various reports of audit for the Assessment Year 2021-22.

On consideration of difficulties reported by the taxpayers and other stake holders due to COVID and in electronic filing of various reports of audit under the provisions of the Income-tax Act, 1961 (Act), the Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT), in exercise of its powers under Section 119 of the Act, provides relaxation in respect of the following compliances:

The due date of furnishing of Return of Income for the Assessment Year 2021-22, which was 31st October 2021 under sub-section (1) of section 139 of the Act, as extended to 30thh November 2021 and 15th February 2022 by Circular No.9/2021 dated 20.05.2021 and Circular No.17/2021 dated 09.09.2021 respectively, **is hereby further extended to 15th March, 2022**

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