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Central Budget 2021

Suggestions made by the Co-Ordination Committee of Central Government Pensioners' Associations, Karnataka, Bangalore to the Hon'ble Finance Minister in its letter dated 31-12-2020

1. Release of Frozen DR:The Gol citing strain on the economy due to the pandemic covid19, has frozen the Dearness Relief payable to pensioners at 17% till 30-6-2021. In view of the reported improvement in the economy during the past 2-3 months, it is requested that the frozen Dearness Relief may please be ordered to be released immediately and the arrears due from January 2020 may also be paid.

2. Allotment of sufficient funds to CGHS: Private Hospitals empanelled under CGHS, very often, either demand cash payment by the pensioners or refuse admission even in case of emergency citing the reason of delay in settlement of bills submitted by them to CGHS. It is suggested that sufficient funds may be allotted to CGHS, under the Budget,

so as to facilitate clearance of bills by CGHS within a reasonable time frame

3. Enhancement of fixed medical allowance: The allowance payable to pensioners/family pensioners of Central Government and Autonomous/Statutory Bodies of Central Government may be enhanced from Rs.1000/- to Rs.5000/-, per month : At present, all the pensioners/family pensioners of CG residing in non-CGHS areas and Autonomous/ Statutory Bodies of CG are being paid Fixed Medical Allowance of Rs.1000/- per month, which is not all enough even to pay the consultation charges to the Doctors. Further, the pensioners have to meet expenses towards purchase of medicines and hospitalisation, from their own savings, the interest on which has

been drastically reduced. In view of this, we strongly urge the Government to enhance the FMA to be paid to the pensioners, from Rs.1000/- to Rs.5000/-.

4. Setting up of day care centres for the senior citizens in the rural and urban areas:

To facilitate the senior citizens to assemble, discuss and engage themselves during the day time, day care centres may be setup. This experiment has been found to be very useful in the pilot projects which were conducted in the rural and semi-rural areas

5. Setting up of geriatric clinics for the senior citizens in all medical colleges and district Hospitals.

6. Lowering of the qualifying age limit for super senior citizens from 80 years to 70 years for income tax exemptions.

7. Enhancement of basic Income tax exemption limit for senior citizens from Rs.3 lakhs to 5 lakhs and for super senior citizens from Rs.5 lakhs to 7.5 lakhs.

8. Introduction of Health Insurance Scheme for all pensioners/senior citizens, irrespective of their age in case of their hospitalisation. About 75% of premium to be paid by them have to be met by the Government and rest by the concerned senior citizens. Exempt GST of 18% payable on the insurance premium by the senior citizens. Senior Citizens should be allowed to avail reimbursement of medical expenses from Insurance Companies without any waiting period of 3 to 4 years for their pre-existing diseases.

9. Exemption of medical reimbursement from income tax in full: As the pensioner incurs the expenditure on his and his dependents medical treatments out of his pension amount which is already taxable if the amount of reimbursement exceeds the prescribed limits and if the amount of reimbursement is also taxed in full, the pensioner ends up in paying tax twice on the same amount. Further, the amount is only

reimbursement of the money spent by the pensioner on medical treatment and not an income as such. Hence this request.

10. Increasing the exemption limit on income from family pension: Under Section 57 of the IT Act, income from Family Pension is chargeable to tax under the head: "Income from other sources" after allowing an exemption of 33.33% or 15,000, whichever is less. A majority of the family pensioners are women, who deserve better financial support to lead a normal life after losing their spouses. Standard deduction up to Rs.50000/- provided under Section 16 of the IT Act which is allowed for individuals with income from salaries is also not admissible to an individual with income from 'family pension' since that income is chargeable under the head "income from other sources. As such, we appeal to the Government that the exemption limit under Section 57 of the IT Act may be increased to Rs.50000 from the existing limit of Rs.15000, which will be on a par with the Standard Deduction admissible to individuals with salary income. However, in respect of individuals, whose annual income comprises of both salary income and income from family pension, the exemption limit may be retained at the existing level of Rs.50000/- plus exemption under Section 57, ie. Rs.15000/-

11. Revision of the amount of deduction allowed for medical expenditure under Section 80-D: Section 80-D allows deduction of medical expenditure incurred by the Assesse apart from the deduction in respect of health insurance premium paid by an individual. At present, even in respect of a senior citizen, the maximum deduction allowed for medical expenditure incurred is Rs.50,000/-. There are many senior citizens/pensioners/family pensioners, who are not covered under any Health Scheme formulated by the Government, and, therefore, are forced to meet the expenses incurred by them for their medical treatment from their own resource. Many of the pensioners/family pensioners/senior citizens,

who are beyond 70 years of age, have not subscribed to any health insurance scheme because, as per the policies of Insurance Companies, they are not entitled to be covered under Insurance Scheme because of age restriction. In view of this, they are not holding insurance policy for getting cashless treatment or reimbursement. It is, therefore, suggested that the deduction allowable under Section 80D for medical expenditure be increased to Rs.3,00,000 in case of hospitalisation provided the assessee has not availed cashless benefit from any Health Insurance Company or is not a beneficiary of any health schemes of the Government.

12. Deduction under section 80TTB of the Income Tax Act, 1961 to be enhanced from Rs.50,000/- to Rs.1,00,000/-.

13. Tax deducted at source: Tax at 20% of the interest earned on bank deposits during a year is made by the deductor/bank in respect of all the depositors who do not have Permanent Account Number (PAN). From FY-2019-20, in the case of senior citizens, TDS is not to be made for interest earned up to Rs.50000 per annum. It is there requested that, in respect of senior citizens, whether they have PAN or not, tax deducted at source may be made at a uniform rate of 5% of the interest earned on the bank instead of the existing rate of 10% for deposits with PAN and at 20% for deposits without PAN.

14. Pensioners/Family Pensioners of Central Government and Autonomous/Statutory Bodies of Central Government may be exempted from payment of tax on the Fixed Medical Allowance received by them.

15. Pension and other related benefits be paid to pension/family pensioners of Autonomous/Statutory Bodies of Central Government from Consolidated Fund of India:

At present, pension and other related benefits are being paid to the pensioners/family

pensioners of Autonomous/Statutory Bodies of Central Government, which are established by an Act of Parliament, from out of the grants sanctioned under consolidated Fund of India to the respective Autonomous/Statutory Bodies through their Administrative Ministries of Central Government. All these pensioners are being paid pension and other benefits in terms of CCS (Pension) Rules, 1972 as amended from time to time. For all practical purposes, these Autonomous/Statutory Bodies also serve the Government for promoting its schemes and programmes. In view of this, the Government is urged to pay their pension and other benefits directly from out of the Consolidated Fund of India and their welfare also may be looked after by the Department of Pension and Pensioners Welfare as has been done in the case of other CG pensioners.

16. Interest rate agreed to be paid at the time of making Fixed Deposits by the senior citizens should not be lowered during the rest of their life time. Further, whenever there is a hike in the interest rate, in future, that interest rate should be allowed to be availed by the senior citizens, as they all depend on the interest income to meet their livelihood and medical expenses.

K.B. Krishna Rao,
Chairman

S. Radhakrishna,
General Secretary

LIFE CERTIFICATE

**To be Submitted
before 28-02-2021**

GOI, Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances & Pension, Department of Pension and Pensioners' Welfare vide OM No.18/1/2020-P&PW (H)-Vol-III-6786, Dated: 23rd November, 2020 has extended the period for submission of life certificate till February 28, 2021. During this extended period, pension will be continued to be paid by the Pension Disbursing Authorities (PDAs) uninterrupted.

Counting of induction training period for grant of financial up gradation under TBOP/BCR

Gol, Ministry of Communications, Department of Posts, Personnel Division,
No.X44/2/2011-SPN-II dated 18-11-2020

To All Heads of Circles

Counting of induction training period for grant of financial upgradation under TBOP/BCR scheme in accordance with directorate's letter number 44-2/2011-SPB-II dated 05-05-2016 Vide Directorate's letter of even number dated 05-05-2016, it was conveyed to all circles to count the induction training period undertaken under by PA/SA(Direct Recruits) working in operative offices, prior to 1986 for the for the purpose of TBOP/BCR scheme. Subsequently, various clarifications relating to the above instructions were sought by postal Postal Circles, which had been clarified vide letter dated 7-2-2018

2. It has been brought to notice of the directorate by some circles that there are cases of the officials whose training /service records are not available/traceable as the officials have retired from service since long. It has been it has also been intimated that in in some cases entry for the training period is not recorded in respective service books which were being maintained from the date of entry in the department at that time.

3. Accordingly all Circles were requested to intimate the period of induction training that has been counted whose documentary proof are available in their Circles

4. The issue has been examined and a decision has been taken by the Competent Authority that a period of 75 days induction training of such officials whose documentary proof are not available shall be counted for TBOP /BCR scheme in terms of letter of even number dated 05-05-2016 with following conditions;

- (i) Official will be required to give an Undertaking that he/she had actually undertaken induction training prior to 01-01-1986

- (ii) If any official raises objection towards number of days of induction training he/she may be asked to submit the documentary proof for the same

Editor's note:

The above order dated 18.11.2020 of DO Posts, is in continuation of the orders issued earlier and specifically with reference to the order dated 5.5.2016 which was not implemented in many Postal Circles even after elapse of 4 years, citing reasons of non-availability of service records or entries in service books.

- ❖ *The benefit of adding induction training period to service for financial up gradation under TBOP and BCR schemes is applicable only to direct recruits.*
- ❖ *Not applicable to financial up gradation under the MACP Scheme introduced w.e.f.1.9.2008*
- ❖ *Initially, the benefit was extended to PAs/SAs recruited on or after 1.1.1986.*
- ❖ *Subsequently, when staff unions pursued the matter, the Directorate, on 5th May 2016 issued the order extending it to pre 1986 recruits also*

When the order dated 5-5-2016 was not implemented in many Circles for many years due to nan availability of records, Employees Unions and Pensioners associations suggested to Postal Department to order addition of 3 months of induction training period to service of the employees straight away since induction training was mandatory for Postal assistants and Sorting assistants, without insisting on production of relevant records by the concerned employees /pensioners as was being demanded by some divisional offices.

It is to be noted that whereas the total induction training period which was 90 days (75 days institutional + 15 days practical) when

the scheme was introduced, subsequently the period was revised to 105 days (90 days + 15 days).

But the order now issued provides for addition of 75 days only.

Who will be benefitted by the order?

TBOP - It will not be beneficial / applicable to those who were recruited prior to 1.8.1967 because they would have completed more than 16 years of service as on 1.11.1983, the date of introduction of TBOP, and adding 75, 90 or 105 days of service would not alter the original date of financial up gradation under TBOP scheme.

BCR- it would not be applicable / beneficial for those who were recruited before 1.7.1965 as they would have completed 26 years of service as on 1.10.1991, the date of introduction of BCR.

Therefore, cases of only those officials/pensioners who were recruited after the dates mentioned above need to be reviewed in light of the latest or earlier orders on the subject.

Important

The above information is only general and each individual case should be reviewed

separately before deciding on the advantage or otherwise of the Directorate's order under reference.

For some officials/pensioners, the order is advantageous and results in advancing their dates of up gradation under TBOP / BCR, payment of areas of Pay & allowances and revision of pensionary benefits also.

But, for some others, specially in respect of those whose date of financial up gradation moves to 1995 from 1996 and to 2005 from 2006 after counting the induction training period for placement in TBOP / BCR, it may not be advantageous and may also result in recovery of overpaid pay and allowances.

There is no provision to opt out, since the order is applicable to all irrespective of the result of its implementation.

In conclusion, it cannot be generalized and said that the order is either beneficial to all or disadvantageous. Each case must be reviewed in its entirety with reference to the date of entry in to service, date of financial up gradation and placement in TBOP/ BCR schemes earlier and the revised dates after counting the period of induction training etc.

We Welcome the Following Newly Enrolled Members

Sl.No.	Name (Smt./Sri)	Designation & Office in which last worked	Type & No.
1	M.N.Rajagopal	Postal Assistant, Saraswathipuram Head Post Office, Mysuru	LM 3040
2	B.V.Chandrashekar	Sorting Assistant, SRO, RMS 'Q' Division, Shivamogga	LM 3041
3	B.V.Ramesh	Chief Basket Ball Coach, Sports Authority of India, NSSC, Bg.	ALM 3042
4	E.Narasimha Murthy	Dy. Controller of Communication Accounts, Bangalore	LM 3043
5	Poornima.J.Rao	Postmaster, Grade II, West of Chord Road Post Office, Bangalore	LM 3044
6	N.Prakash	Senior Superintendent of Post Offices, Mysuru Division	LM 3045
7	M.S.Ravi	BCR Postal Assistant, Channapatna Head Post Office	LM 3046
8	K.T.Rajashekar	Assistant Postmaster, Mysuru Head Post Office	LM 3047
9.	Annatray R. Tanna	Chief Telephone Supervisor, Bhavanagar Telephone Disrict, Gujarat	LM 3048

LM: Life Member

ALM: Associate Life Member

**Notional Increment – Pre 2006 June 30th retirees
instructions of Department of Posts to defend cases in courts**

Ministry of Communications, Department of Posts [Establishment Division/PAP Section]
F.No.2-14/2020-PAP dated 01-01-2021

Court cases relating to grant of one notional increment to employees who have completed one year of service as on their retirement on superannuation falling on 30th June of various years and further revision in basic pension and pensionary benefits there of

This is regarding various court cases on the above mentioned subject filed by retired employees of this Department before various Tribunals. This section is also in receipt of representations from retired employees on the similar subject matter. Department of Personnel and Training has issued some guidelines and instructions on the subject matter. The same was circulated to all HoDs by pension section vide letter No.100-10/2018-Pen dated 20-01-2020.

2. In the meantime some circles have forwarded the decisions of various Tribunals for seeking further guidance for implementation of orders etc. The whole issue has been examined in the light of guidelines and instructions issued by nodal ministry DoPT in such cases.

3. In this regard, I am directed to forward copy of the Department of Personnel and Training OM NO.1411665/2020-Estt(Pay-I) dated 18-2-2020 requesting to defend/challenge the cases on behalf of Union of India keeping the observations of DoPT in view.

4. It is requested to defend/challenge the cases in consultation with Government Counsel, keeping the observations of DoPT in view. Individual representations/referred cases in this regard may be addressed as per the guidelines of DoPT. It is also requested to keep this Directorate apprised about further development in these cases periodically.

D.K. Tripathi,
Asst, Director General (Estt)

Editor's note:

The above order issued by the Dept. of Posts, advising Heads of Circles to challenge the orders issued by CAT/court on grant of notional increment for pensionary benefits to pensioners who retired on 30th June after rendering 365 days of service from the date of earning their last increment, is in consonance with similar orders/instructions issued by other Departments of the Govt. of India.

To quote a few, Ministry of Finance, Dept. of Revenue, Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs vide letter NO.A-230011/36/2013-Ad.II-A, dated the 18th October, 2019 addressed to all Chief Commissioners, after consultation with the Department of Personnel and Training, had advised them to defend all pending /future court cases keeping in view the observations made by the Department of Legal affairs that "the judgement of Hon'ble High Court of Madras passed in Ayyamperumal case is in "personam" and not in rem" .

Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs vide letter No. A-230011/36/2013-Ad.IIA dated the 20th November, 2020 quoting several rules and judgements passed by various benches of CAT and High Courts reiterated its advice to all Chief Principle Commissioners to defend the cases.

In view of the orders cited above, it is apparent that the government will not issue a general order, extending the Hon'ble High Court of Madras order passed in Ayyamperumal case in WP No. 15732/2017 on 15-9-2017, upheld by the Hon'ble Supreme Court to all similarly placed Pensioners.

Therefore, KP&TPA in coordination with the Coordination Committee of Central Government Pensioners' Associations, Karnataka, (CCCGPA) wishes to explore the possibility of filing a writ petition in the High Court of Karnataka.

the writ petition. So far, 40 members have responded and have furnished details. The Secretary, Defence Accounts Pensioners Association, Bangalore has sent a list of 50 pensioners. Response from other Pensioners Associations is awaited.

The Association had called for details from members who had retired on 30th June to arrive at the number of probable applicants in

In the meantime, CCCGPA, Karnataka will seek legal opinion in the matter.

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 19		316	3673	306.08	17.08	17% from July 2019 Being Paid
Dec 19		330	3809	317.41	21.42	21% from Jan. 2020 (Frozen)
Nov 20	119.9*	119.9x2.88 345	4008	334	27.76	24% from July 2020 (Frozen)

* linking factor for conversion of the index numbers of 2016 base year to 2001 base year=2.88
DA/DR wef 1-7-2020 : 24% - FROZEN Vide MoF, DoE, OM dated 23-4-2020.

Accumulated percentage DA/DR expected to be released on 1-7-2021: from 1-1-2020 : (17+4) from 1-7-20 (17+7) [increase will be restored prospectively from 1-7-2021 & No arrears will be paid as per the OM dated 23-4-2020]

Expected DA/DR from 1-1-2021 - 28%. Accumulated percentage of DA/DR expected to be released on 1-7-2021: 11% (17% up to July 2019 + 11% increase in the year 2020)

Update: Cabinet Secretary has informed Sri Shiva Gopal Mishra, Secretary, Staff Side, NC JCM, in the meeting held on 18-01-2021 that freezing of DA/DR will not continue after 30-6-2021. Therefore, it is, hoped that the DR at 28% due from 1-1-2021 and the DR that would become due from 1-7-2021 will be released. (JCM Letter in Page-16)

Our Members Write

Congratulations for conducting the Annual General Body Meeting through video conferencing. Kudos to you and your team. Thanks to Sri K Ragavendran, the Chief Guest, for his speech covering all issues concerning pensioners.

Bandigaiah, LM 541, Mysuru

Introduction & Welcome speech by the Secretary itself was very nice. Speech of the Chief Guest was an inspiring one.

Ramakrishna, LM 2989

Thank you very much for your prompt, educative, detailed and in-depth analysis of the order on counting of induction training period for promotion under TBOP/BCR. Your vast knowledge and the way of communicating the same to members is exemplary and commendable. Kudos to your efforts and trouble taken.

S. Ramesh, LM 968

Message from the Chief Guest for the AGB on 19.12.2020 Com. K Ragavendran, Former Secretary General NFPE & General Secretary, All India Postal & RMS Pensioners Association, CHQ.

Thanks for your kind message. Your endorsement of my appeal for unity of all pensioners' organisations enthuses me a lot. I am confident that we can work under NCCPA for bringing the desired unity of all pensioners in our defence. Thanks again to your esteemed organisation for the opportunity given to me to share some of my thoughts.

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

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As suggested by Com K.K.N. Kuty, Secretary General, National Coordination Committee of Pensioners' Associations, New Delhi a meeting of CCCGPA, Karnataka was held on 9-1-2021 to discuss the proposals of NCCCPA on Health Insurance Scheme. On the basis of the decisions arrived at in the meeting after detailed discussion, a revised draft on Health Insurance Scheme, as hereunder was prepared and sent to NCCCPA for consideration and for inclusion of the suggestions in the draft that NCCCPA proposes to submit to the government.

Health Insurance Scheme

- The proposed Health Insurance Scheme shall cover all the pensioners/family pensioners of Central Government, who are residing in non-CGHS areas and could not avail CGHS facilities for want of empanelled hospitals in those cities, and all the pensioners/family pensioners of all the Autonomous/Statutory Bodies of Central Government who are drawing pension and other benefits as per the CCS (Pension) Rules, 1972, as amended from time to time and the Government of India Rules and Regulations and other orders thereon and their family members as per the definition of family under CGHS irrespective of age. In other words, there shall not be any age restriction.
- The proposed Health Scheme shall be made applicable to the pensioners of Central Government, who are already covered under CGHS, in case they decide to opt.
- The annual premium payable by a pensioner/family pensioner will be

equivalent to 75% of the Fixed Medical Allowance per annum. This premium shall be for both pensioner and his or her family members as per the definition of family under CGHS.

- The annual premium payable is the same for all pensioners/family pensioners irrespective of age.
- The sum insured shall be Rs.15 lakhs for a premium of Rs.9000/- per annum and the policy coverage shall be the same for all the beneficiaries under the Scheme.
- The insurance premium payable will automatically increase as and when the Fixed Medical Allowance payable to the pensioners/family pensioners is enhanced by the Government. In such case, sum insured or coverage should also be increased proportionately.
- The Scheme is applicable to all the pensioners/family pensioners of Central Government, who are residing in non-CGHS areas and could not avail CGHS facilities for want of empanelled hospitals in those cities, and for all the pensioners/family pensioners of Autonomous/Statutory Bodies of Central Government who are drawing pension and other benefits as per CCS (Pension) Rules, 1972. This Scheme shall be optional for those Central Government pensioners/family pensioners who are covered under Central Government Health Scheme and if they do not opt, they will be continued under CGHS.
- The Scheme shall cover all pre-existing diseases as on the date of issue of Health Policy. There will be no medical examination. There will be no waiting

- period for availing the facilities under the Scheme and the policy will commence from the very next day of issue of policy.
- The Scheme shall cover expenses towards purchase of medicines/lab tests as an outpatient for which an additional reasonable premium can be collected from pensioners/family pensioners, if they so desire.
- Under this Scheme, the insured would get cash-less treatment facilities anywhere in India in the pre-approved hospitals/nursing homes. In cases where approved hospitals are not available or under emergency conditions the pensioners/family pensioners can avail the health facilities in any other hospitals available in that place and reimbursement of expenses can be claimed from the Insurance Company. Reimbursement of medical expenses so claimed has to be reimbursed within a reasonable period of 30 days by the Insurance Company.
- The Scheme shall cover all expenses to be incurred by the insured during the period of his/her one month of pre-hospitalisation and two-months of post-hospitalisation treatment/diagnosis.
- The Scheme shall cover all day care hospitalisation.
- The insured pensioner/family pensioner shall not be treated as a defaulter for non-receipt of the premium on account of administrative lapses on the part of the Government or the Employer as the case may be. The Insurance Company may think in terms of penal clauses where by the employer will have to pay compensation to the Company in case of default.
- All policy holders shall be given identity cards by the Insurance Company which will enable them to get admission and inpatient treatment in the hospitals on cashless basis.
- The Scheme must have a residency period initially for five years and renewed thereafter on fresh terms and conditions which are mutually agreed upon by the Insurer and Insured with the approval of the Government.
- In the case of pensioners/family pensioners suffering from chronic diseases, they shall not be charged any higher premium and those patients will get the post hospitalisation medicines including other health check-ups at cost price.
- The Government as the employer will function as regulator and shall co-ordinate with a view to bring in larger number of policy holders in the Group.
- This policy can be supplemented to any other Health Policy with any insurance company. Claims can be made under both the policies one after another subject to actuals and admissibility.
- As the insurance is covered for pensioner and dependent family members, in case any of the family member is hospitalised, the member or the pensioner can claim medical facilities within the sum assured. There shall not be any internal restrictions as regards the utilisation of health benefits from the sum insured covered by the policy.
- GST of 18% payable by on the Premium Amount has to be exempted in the case of Pensioners/Family pensioners and their Family Members as per the deifinition of family under CGHS.

**Members with the following membership numbers are requested
please to renew their subscription:**

193, 314, 323, 358, 541, 696, 840, 944, 945, 954, 963, 980,1009,1010, 2947, 2948, 2949,
2950, 2951, 2952, 2954, 2956, 2957

Revision of rate & guidelines for reimbursement of expenses on purchase of Hearing Aids under CS(MA) Rules, 1944 and CGHS.

The undersigned is directed to refer to the Office Memorandum No. S.14025/10/2002/MS dated 26th May, 2015 on the above mentioned subject and to state that on the basis of recommendations of an Expert Committee, it has been decided to revise the rates and guidelines for hearing aids reimbursement under CS(MA) Rules, 1944 and CGHS.

2. The revised ceiling rates fixed for various types of hearing aids (for one ear) are as under:-

Digital. BTE Rs.8,000/- [Eight thousand only]

Digital ITC/CIC Rs.9,000/- [Nine thousand only]

The above revised cost of hearing aids shall include all taxes, including GST and shall carry three years' warranty. The cost of BTE type hearing aids shall also include the cost of hearing mould. The cost of ITC/CIC type hearing aids shall also include the cost of customized shell.

Body worn/pocket type category and Analogue BTE category with ceiling **rates Rs.3000/- per ear and Rs.7000/- per ear** have been excluded, since they have become obsolete.

3. Beneficiaries covered under CS(MA) Rules/CGHS shall be eligible to obtain hearing aids as per the following guidelines:

- i. Patients/Beneficiaries should be properly referred to ENT Specialist of CGHS/ Government Hospital/CGHS empanelled Hospital by Medical Officer of CGHS from CGHS wellness centre/AMA in case of CS(MA) beneficiary.
- ii. It would be mandatory to carry CGHS beneficiary's identity Card (in original)

whenever the CGHS beneficiaries visit the CGHS/Government ENT Specialist/ Specialist of CGHS /CS(MA) empanelled Hospital for consultation and Audiometric test.

- iii. The ENT specialist of CGHS/Government hospital/CGHS/CS(MA) empanelled hospital shall then recommend a hearing aids on basis of Audiometric and Audiological assessment, specifying the type of hearing aids most suited for the beneficiary. The 'Audiogram. Report' shall be authenticated by the ENT specialist. The recommendation shall be as per the categories approved under CGHS and not as per any Brand name.

- iv. The permission to procure hearing aids shall be granted by the Additional Director(Zonal) of CGHS-Zonal Office in case of CGHS pensioners beneficiaries, and by the Head of Department/Office in case of serving employees and CGHS beneficiaries of Autonomous bodies on the basis of recommendation of a CGHS/ Government ENT specialist/ ENT Specialist of CGHS/CS(MA) empanelled hospital, and an 'undertaking' that the beneficiary has not been reimbursed the cost of hearing aids in the preceding five years.

4. Reimbursement claim shall be submitted to CGHS Zonal Office through the CMO, In-charge of the Concerned dispensary by CGHS pensioner beneficiaries and to concerned Ministry/Department/Office in case of serving employees and to concerned Autonomous Body(AB) in case of beneficiaries of ABs in the prescribed medical reimbursement claim form along with the following documents

- a. Permission Letter for purchase of Hearing aids in original.
- b. Copy of CGHS Card.
- c. Bill / Receipt (in original) carrying details of the hearing aids seller.

- d. Empty Box/boxes or the carton (s) with label showing details of the hearing aids supplied.
- e. Reimbursement shall be limited to the ceiling rate or actual cost of the hearing aids, whichever is less.
5. Records of permission granted for procurement of hearing aids shall be maintained by CGHS in respect of pensioner CGHS beneficiaries and by the concerned Ministry / Department/Office in respect of other beneficiaries.
6. Replacement of hearing aids may be permitted after five years. Henceforth, there will be no requirement of submission of condemnation certificate by the beneficiary at

the time of requesting the replacement of a hearing aid that has completed its five years mandated life.

7. Maintenance and repair and cost of batteries will be the responsibility of the beneficiary.

8. The revised rates and guidelines shall come into force from the date of issue of this O.M. and shall be valid till further revision and shall supersede all the earlier orders issued on the subject.

9. This issues with the approval of Integrated Finance Division (CD No.1486 dt. 29.09.2020) of Ministry of Health & Family Welfare.

Dr. Anil Ranga
Director, CGHS-Policy

CGHS

*Gol, Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Directorate General of CGHS,
O.M. No. Z15025/12/20201DIR/CGHS, Dated the 29th December, 2020*

**Reimbursement of cost of OPD Medicines:
Special Sanction in view of COVID-19- till 28th February 2021**

In view of the Corona Virus Disease(COVID-19) , all out efforts are made by the Government to contain its impact by instituting measures at community as well as at individual level.

2. In this regard the undersigned is directed to draw attention to the OM of even number dated 27.03.2020, 29.04.2020, 29.05.2020, 24th August 2020 and 30th September 2020 vide which an option has been provided to CGHS beneficiaries getting medicines for Chronic diseases, to purchase medicines based on the prescription held (prescribed by CGHS Medical Officers/CGHS Specialists / other Govt. Specialists/ Specialist of empanelled hospital) till 31st December 2020, irrespective of Non-Availability certificate from CGHS or otherwise. However, several representations are received in the Ministry seeking extension of the period in view of the COVID-19 Pandemic.

3. The matter has been reviewed by the Ministry and it is now decided , in continuation of the earlier OM on the subject, that CGHS beneficiaries getting medicines for Chronic diseases shall be permitted to purchase medicines based on the prescription held (prescribed by CGHS Medical Officers/CGHS Specialists /other Govt. Specialists/ Specialist of empanelled hospital) **till 28th February, 2021** on the same conditions as per the earlier OM dated 27.03.2020. It is also clarified that the CGHS Wellness Centres are functional and CGHS beneficiaries also have the option to collect medicines through CGHS Wellness Centres as per normal practice, instead of purchasing from market.

4. Issued with the approval of Integrated Finance Division, MoHFW vide CD No 2255 dated 29.12.2020.

Dr.Arvind Kumar
Addl. Director(HO), CGHS

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Sri B.S. Subba Rao, LM 756, retd. CAO, BSNL, Bangalore TD Bangalore expired on 17-11-2020 at the age of 81 years. He is survived by his wife.

Sri Gnanadeva Rao B.N., LM 1986, retd. BCR SA Bangalore City RMS, expired on 27-11-2020 at the age of 68 years

Sri A Kalaimani, Retd. HSG-I SA, Bangalore TD Sorting, expired on 29-11-2020 at the age of 75 years. He is survived by his wife and 3 daughters.

Sri R.Satvaji Rao, LM 86, retd. HSA, Bangalore TD Stg. Bangalore expired on 3-12-2020 at the age of 84 years. He is survived by 3 daughters and 3 sons.

Sri A.G. Doraiswamy, LM 32, retd. HSA, Bangalore City RMS expired on 30-12-2020 at the age of 95 years. He is survived by 3 daughters and 3 sons.

Sri T. Chandrasekaran, LM 603, retd. Head Record Officer, RMS 'HB' Dn, Hubballi expired on 4-01-2021 at the age of 81 years. He is survived by 2 sons.

Sri S Balasundaraman, LM 81, retd. Head Record Officer, RMS 'HB' Dn, Hubballi expired on 14-1-2021 at the age of 87 years. He is survived by his wife, a son and 2 daughters.

Sri V.V. Balan, former ASRM, RMS Bangalore Sorting Dn, expired on 24-1-2021 at the age of 87 years.

The Executive Committee, KP&T P A conveys its heart felt condolences to the bereaved families.

Holidays to be observed in Central Govt. Offices in Karnataka During the year 2021

S.No.	Holiday	Date	Day
1	Makara Sankranti (Pongal)	14-01-2021	Thursday
2	Republic Day	26-01-2021	Tuesday
3.	Good Friday	02-04-2021	Friday
4.	Ugadi	13-04-2021	Tuesday
5.	Mahavir Jayanti	25-04-2021	Sunday
6.	Id-ul-Fitr	14-05-2021	Friday
7.	Buddha Purnima	26-05-2021	Wednesday
8.	Id-ul-Zuha (Bakrid)	21-07-2021	Wednesday
9.	Independence Day	15-08-2021	Sunday
10.	Muharram	19-08-2021	Thursday
11.	Ganesh Chaturthi	10-09-2021	Friday
12.	Mahatma Gandhi 's Birthday	02-10-2021	Saturday
13.	Dussehra/ Vijayadashami	15-10-2021	Friday
14	Prophet Mohammad's Birth day (Id-e-Milad)	19-10-2021	Tuesday
15	Diwali (Deepavali)	04-11-2021	Thursday
16.	Guru Nanak 's Birthday	19-11-2021	Friday
17.	Christmas Day	25-12-2021	Saturday

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. 50th list of donations is published in this issue.

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**

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Donation for the Building Fund - 50th List

SI No.	Name Sri/Smt.	Membership No.	Amount Rs.	Receipt No.	Progressive Total of donation
1466	Kalpana	1910	3000	4797	14000
1467	D M R Panthalu	2133	500	4777	2000

CGHS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Name, Mobile phone number and email i.d. of Pensioner-nominees of the Coordination Committee of Central Government Pensioners' Associations, Karnataka, (CCCGPA) for the Advisory/ Grievance Committees of CGHS Wellness Centres and Polyclinic in Bengaluru, for the two-year term January 2021 to December 2022.

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IDA From 1-1-2021 : 171.5 % (6.1% increase from Oct. 2020 rate of 165.4 %) FROZEN vide DPE OM dated 19-11-2020.

Ministry of Heavy Industries & Public Enterprises, Department of Public Enterprises, Vide OM dated 8-1-2021 has clarified that the order regarding freezing of DA/IDA issued vide its OM dated 19-11-2020 shall be applicable in case of Executives and Non-unionized Supervisors of CPSEs drawing 2017, 2007, 1997, 1992 & 1987 IDA pay scales **and other employees including workmen of CPSEs are not covered under the order.**

BSNL has not yet issued any order on the above subject.

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No.NC/JCM/2021

Dated: January 18, 2021

To

All Members of the Staff Side,
National Council(JCM)

Dear Comrades,

**Brief of the meeting held today with the
Cabinet Secretary (Government of India)**

Met today with the Cabinet Secretary (Government of India) and handed him over a copy of our letter dated 16th January, 2021, expressing our anguish over freezing of Dearness Allowance/Dearness Relief payable to the Central Government Employees and Pensioners/Family Pensioners. I also demanded for payment of Dearness Allowance/Dearness Relief with arrears since 01.01.2020.

During the course of discussion, the Cabinet Secretary said that the country was passing through an unprecedented situation that is why, Government had to take such an action, but he further said that, there should not be any doubt that freezing of Dearness Allowance/Dearness Relief will continue even after 30th June, 2021.

I also asked him that, no action has been taken our letter dated 11th January, 2021 (Reg. undue delay in settling the issues discussed in the meeting of the Standing Committee of NC/JCM and 47th meeting of the NC/JCM). He immediately called Additional Secretary(Esstt.), DoP&T, and asked her to organize all the meetings due as well as to get implemented the issues agreed in the meetings of the NC/JCM referred to above.

Comradely yours,
Shiva Gopal Mishra, Secretary

Sri Shiva Gopal Mishra, Secretary, NC JCM, vide his letter No.NC/JCM/2021 Dated: January 21, 2021 to the Members of the Staff Side, clarifying the position on DA/DR freeze, has stated that the **"Cabinet Secretary, in the meeting on 18-1-2021, never mentioned that freezing of DA/DR will be continued after 30th June, 2021"** and states that NC JCM, therefore, hopes that, DA/DR will be paid after 30th June, 2021.

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