

**KARNATAKA POSTS AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS PENSIONERS' ASSOCIATION,
BENGALURU**

Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting held on 10.06.2020

Agenda for the meeting:

1. Approval of the proceedings of the E C meeting held on 9.3.2020.
2. Adoption of accounts for the months of March, April and May 2020.
3. Payment of electricity, water and telephone online from the personal account of the Treasurer or the Manager of Pensioners Bhavan and reimbursement of the amount thereof - temporary arrangement in view of lockdown and the risk involved in visiting banks or customer care centres.
4. Renewal of Association's website ktpa.org for the year 2020-21
5. Publication of the journal
6. Discussion on Silver Jubilee celebrations and the Annual General Body meeting which were scheduled to be held on 14.6.2020
7. Donations for the building fund-latest position
8. Fixed deposits in Cooperative banks
9. Donations to Karnataka CM Calamity Relief Fund to combat Covid-19 pandemic
10. CGHS matters
11. Admission of new members
12. Any other subject-permitted by the Chair

2. An online meeting of the Executive Committee of Karnataka P&T Pensioners' Association was held on Wednesday the 10.6.2020 at 5.00 PM under the chairmanship of Shri G.Babu, President. Due to countrywide lockdown from 25.3.2020 because of Covid-19 pandemic, monthly meeting could not be held for the months of April and May 2020. So, the Executive Committee meeting was held for the first time in the history of KP&TPA virtually i.e through videoconferencing ,from the participants' residence under Zoom App site. The following participated in the meeting.

1. S/S G.Babu, Prsident
2. M.N.Gopinath, Vice President
3. K.B.Krishna Rao, Secretary
4. V.Gopal, Joint Secretary
5. K.R.Anantha Ramu, Treasurer
6. B.Sadashiva Rao, Permanent Advisor,
7. N.Bhaskaran, Permanent Advisor
8. M.Ramiah, Permanent Advisor
9. H.S.Manjunatha, Legal Advisor
10. C.Ramakrishna Reddy, EC member

- 11.Smt.N.Nagalakshmi, EC member
- 12.V.Murugan, EC member
- 13.Chandrashehara Karanth, EC member
- 14.Rangegowda, EC member
- 15.B.S.Ramachandra, EC member
- 16.B.Nagaraju, EC member
- 17.M.Nanjunde Gowda, Invitee
- 18.J.N.L.Sharma, Invitee
- 19.D.Venkatesalu, Invitee
- 20.N.R.Anantha, Invitee

3. Shri K.B.Krishna Rao, Secretary welcomed the participants and said that he was extremel glad to see participation of the four Advisors in the videoconferencing , who could not have attended the meeting if it was held as usual in Pensioners' Bhavan. He said that the response was very good with 22 persons participating in the meeting. He explained why meeting could not be held after 9.3.2020 and why the virtual meeting is necessary. He said that Shri Ananatahramu, Treasurer was hosting the meeting. Also that Shri T.V.Suryaprakash, Secretary, Coffee Board Pensioners Association, offered to arrange this meeting as well as future meetings, as he has the licence to hold Zoom video conferences without any time limit. Shri Rao thanked Shri Suryaprakash for this valuable help.

4. Minutes: Shri Krishna Rao said that the minutes of the EC meeting held on 9.3.2020 at Pensioners Bhavan need not be read out, as they were posted in ECKPTPA WhatsApp group for the information of all. EC agreed and approved the minutes.

5. Accounts: The accounts for the months of March, April and May 2020 were read out by Shri Anantharamu. *Portal:* Grant-in-aid was received at March end for the full amount Rs.75000. The amount borrowed temporarily from the general accounts for expenditures was transferred back. The Secretary said that the annual report on grant-in-aid has not yet been submitted to DoPPW, since the department has not yet called for the same. He said that, as per the talk he had with the Under Secretary, DoPPW, the Government seems to be rethinking about the grant-in-aid for 2020-21. The accounts for 2019-20 in connection with sanction of grant-in-aid were submitted by only four Associations, KPTPA included. They had to be submitted in the new software PMFS-AET Module introduced recently. He was doubtful about sanction of grant for the year 2020-21 probably because of the strained economic condition due to Covid-19. He gave the credit of preparing association's accounts to Shri Anantharamu and thanked him. *General:* There were no expenses in April and May2020 as there was no meetings or publication

of the journal. SBI transferred the matured FD amount to our current account and intimated to us.

Accounts for the 3 months were adopted.

6. Payment of bills: The Secretary intimated that the electricity, water and telephone bills were not paid from April, as the cheques should be signed by both Secretary and the Treasurer and they could not meet due to the lockdown. He explained that since it is a joint bank account, the Association is not entitled to online net banking facility or a debit card. So, he suggested that, as a temporary measure, either the treasurer or the Pensioner Bhavan Manager may pay these bills online from their personal account and the same could be reimbursed to them. In fact, Shri Anantharamu had already paid one month's bills online. EC agreed to the suggestion. Amount for renewal of the website kptpa.org for the period from June 2020 to May 2021 has to be paid on line only. However, Shri Anantharamu said that the 'Bengaluru One' has opened now and he could try to pay the bills there. Some members expressed concern over the Treasurer or the Secretary moving out of their houses to pay bills etc. It was finally agreed to leave the decision to them either to pay the bills on line or by personal visits depending upon the prevailing pandemic situation.

7. Website: The Secretary intimated that the renewal of our website www.kptpa.org, started in 2012, is due-both domain and hosting. Rs.19000 was charged, but after bargaining, and opting for economy domain instead of deluxe, it was reduced to Rs.8412. The annual maintenance fee of Rs.10000, to be paid to Shri Sudarshan, is also due for 2020 which is to be paid in December 2020.. He wanted the opinions of EC members as to whether it is worth continuing the website, as the only thing we do is to upload the journal every month. Many members opined that, as the site is visited by very few, we may not renew it. However, Shri Babu, President said that he has spoken to the team that maintains the site of Telecom Employees Housing Society and they have agreed to undertake maintenance of our web site also. He said that it may not be correct to close the site in our silver jubilee year, but that we can dispense with the services of Shri Sudarshan. EC accepted the suggestion and it was decided to thank Shri Sudarshan for his past services and ask him to transfer the necessary technical information to the new team. The Secretary thanked Shri Babu on behalf of EC. A resolution to that effect was passed.

8. Journal: Shri Krishna Rao said that, as we all know, Pensioners' Champion could not be published from March 2020 onwards. The Postal Directorate has given a general permission to combine journals for the month of March, April and May and post them in June. But, since, to date, there is no intimation about

extension of the facility beyond June, if we do not post it, we may lose the concession in postage. The Press has informed that they are prepared to print the journal this month. But the proof reading and posting them at Bangalore PSO cannot be done by any of us during this period. Also, since there are no bus and train services, transshipment of mails to places in the state and other States is hampered and delivery of the journal to all readers is not assured. However, he had a talk with the RMS officials and learnt that mails are being carried now in Mail Motor Service, barring to a few places, so we can think of publishing the June issue if there is further improvement in mail movement. After detailed discussion, it was decided to go ahead, if the time is propitious. Shri M.Ramiah, Advisor, offered to make enquiries. Shri Sadashiva Rao, Advisor said that the Directorate will definitely extend the facility further. He also advised to send the material readily available with us to the Press, so that they could prepare beforehand and the Secretary agreed. Shri Krishna Rao asked Smt.N.Nagalalshmi, EC member whether she could speak to the authorities in Delhi about this and she agreed to do so.

9. AGB: The Secretary apprised EC of the position regarding Annual General Body Meeting and the Silver Jubilee Celebrations. In the last meeting, it was decided to hold AGB on 14.6.2020 and Bharath Scouts and Guides office on Palace Road was fixed as venue. Before we could book the hall with advance payment, lockdown was imposed. He said that he tried to phone their office, but there was no answer. Justice (Retd) Mr.Nagamohan Das, former Judge of Karnataka High Court, had also agreed to be the Chief Guest for the function. President G Babu informed that he had gone twice to the office of Justice Dass but he was not present in his office .Hence his PA was requested to convey the message about the indefinite postponement of the AGB. Sri C Ramakrishna Reddy had also spoken to Justice Dass. Shri H.S.Majunatha also promised to speak to him . The Annual Accounts are ready, but not audited as we could not give the accounts books to the Auditors due to the lockdown. The Annual Report is being readied. Shri Rao said that we may discuss the annual report and accounts in the next meeting and, if possible, publish it in the next journal. In the present circumstances, we have no alternative but to wait and see whether we can hold AGB this year at all. It is doubtful whether necessary permission in this regard will be granted by the State Government till such a time there is substantial improvement in the pandemic situation in the State.

10. Building and donation: The Treasurer intimated that, so far, we have received Rs.71,82,000, including around Rs.75000 in the past 3 months. Shri Rao said that a member, Shri Rangarajan, e-mailed that he has kept ready a cheque for Rs.30000 for the building fund, asking if we could collect it, as he is unable to

move out of the house. Shri Rao asked Shri Murugan, EC member, who knows his house, to collect it. But also said that there is no urgency and Shri Murugan should not take unnecessary risk, as the area is in a containment zone. Shri Nagaraju said that a prospective tenant has approached him for renting the new building. He was asked to pursue and intimate the results.

11. Fixed Deposits in Cooperative Banks: The Secretary informed EC that the FD of Rs.2 lakh in Janatha Cooperative Bank, matured in April and the maturity amount of Rs.3,88,990, was renewed automatically by the bank. Though it had been resolved in the previous meeting to take out the money and put it in SBI, because of lockdown, we could not go to the bank and they renewed it and intimated to us. Another FD is due to mature on 24-6-2020. After discussion, EC decided to maintain status quo till the Covid-19 situation eases and leave it to the Secretary to take appropriate action at the right time. Right now, we cannot do anything, as it is still not advisable for any of us to venture out. A new resolution to that effect was passed.

12. Donation to Chief Minister's Covid-19 Fund: The Secretary said that we may think of donating to Karnataka CM Calamity Relief Fund to combat Covid-19 pandemic, since, at the Centre, there already exists PM Care Fund. He invited suggestions from the members. Though there was resistance from one or two members, it was generally agreed to collect contributions from the members. The President intimated that BSNLPWA has already collected Rs.85 lakhs. A few members have individually contributed, but said that they will go by the EC decision. But, the problem of appealing to members remains as the journal is not being published. Shri Ramiah suggested that we may contribute Rs.one lakh now and collect the amount afterwards. However, it was agreed to appeal for donations to Karnataka Chief Minister's Calamity Relief Fund.

13. CGHS: The Secretary gave the information about the latest CGHS orders. The private hospitals, designated as Covid-19 hospitals by the State Government, should provide treatment to CGHS card holders. CGHS has advised patients not to attend WCs unless there is an emergency. Regular medicines can be collected by sending a relative or an acquaintance to the WC with the prescription slip / CGHS Card or purchased locally and bill submitted for reimbursement. The bill was originally to be submitted within 3 months, but now it can be submitted within 6 months. He said that Dr.Kishore Kumar has retired as AD and Dr M Revathi has taken charge. He recalled the very helpful and cooperative attitude of Dr.Kishore Kumar. Whenever we resume publication of the journal, all relevant orders will be published.

14. New Members: 9 applications for membership were received from April. They were scrutinised and admitted. (No.2977 to 2985)

15. Any other subject: a. Shri Sadashiva Rao, Advisor wanted the Secretary to remind DoPosts about the problems regarding DLC, enumerated in our journal for September 2019 issue. The Secretary agreed and said that most of the issues mentioned in the Journal have been resolved, but a few, including SMS intimation to the pensioners about DLC downloaded by the HPO, is yet to be resolved. He desired Smt.Nagalakshmi to enquire about it with the Postal Directorate. She responded by saying that she would speak to the DDG(Technical) DoPosts and Dr Charles Lobo, Member (o) Postal Services Board in this regard.

b. Shri Gopal wanted to know how many tenants are there. He was informed that all the 3 students on the ground floor rooms have gone home because of the lockdown.

c. Smt.Nagalakshmi said that Smt.Sharada Sampath, new CPMG, has taken charge of Karnataka Circle and we may write, welcoming her and meet her personally later.

16. The virtual meeting lasted for 2 and ½ hours and was described as ‘historic’ and a ‘marathon meeting’ by the Secretary. Shri V.Gopal proposed vote of thanks. He thanked Shri G.Babu for chairing the meeting; Shri Krishna Rao for conducting it and Shri Anantharamu for hosting it. He specially thanked all the 4 advisors for participating in the meeting till the end. He thanked Shri Suryaprakash for arranging it in Zoom App. All the members and invitees were also thanked for attending. He said that for some time to come, we may have to hold EC meeting through video conferencing and hoped that all would participate. The date of next meeting will be intimated.

The meeting concluded at 7.30 PM.

PRESIDENT

SECRETARY

JOINT SECRETARY

No. KPTPA/ECM/2020 /Genl dated at Bengaluru the 10th June, 2020

The Executive Committee of Karnataka Posts and Telecommunications Pensioners' Association, Bengaluru in its virtual meeting held on 10th June, 2020 ,under the President ship of Sri G Babu ,attended by all the 4 Advisors to the Association and executive committee members, hereby unanimously resolves to authorize the Secretary and Treasurer to pay the electricity , water, and telephone bills for the months of April, May and June and the renewal fee of the website of the association for the year 2020-2021 on line from their personal accounts since the Association is not having online net banking facility or a debit card. Therefore, as a temporary measure, the Secretary, Treasurer or the Manager Pensioner Bhavan may pay these bills online from their personal account and the amount spent by them may be reimbursed to them from the association's account. This temporary arrangement will be reviewed in the next EC meeting to see whether to continue with the arrangement depending upon the prevailing pandemic situation.

RESOLUTION -2

No. KPTPA/ECM/2020/Website dated at Bengaluru , the 10th June, 2020

The Executive Committee of Karnataka Posts and Telecommunications Pensioners' Association, Bengaluru in its virtual meeting held on 10th June, 2020 ,under the President ship of Sri G Babu ,attended by all the 4 Advisors to the Association and executive committee members, hereby unanimously resolves to place on record the invaluable services extended by Sri L V Sudarshan, Product Head, Mindcom Consulting Ltd, in connection with creation and maintenance of the Association's website kptpa.org from 2012 to May 2020 and conveys its grateful thanks to him for his support and service to the Pensioner Community .

Resolution -3

No. KPTPA/ECM/2020 /FD dated at Bengaluru the 10th June, 2020

The Executive Committee of Karnataka Posts and Telecommunications Pensioners' Association, Bengaluru in its virtual meeting held on 10th June, 2020 ,under the President ship of Sri G Babu ,attended by all the 4 Advisors to the Association and executive committee members, in supersession of the decisions taken in the previous EC meetings to withdraw the amount of deposit, as and when the deposits mature and deposit the amount in FD in the SBI, unanimously resolves to continue all the existing Fixed Deposits with the

Janatha Co operative Bank Ltd, Govindarajanagara branch, Bangalore560079
– auto renewed by the bank - till such a time the present Pandemic Covid-19 situation in the city eases to facilitate movement of people without the fear of contracting the infectious disease. When the Secretary and the Treasurer are in a position to visit the bank, the fixed deposits in the cooperative banks may be withdrawn and the amount be deposited in the State Bank of India.