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INTO THE WILD

The Postal Department can deliver Banking services to India's ignored hinterlands

The Reserve Bank of India's policy initiative for allowing non-banking finance companies and private players to enter the banking sector has come at an apt time for the Postal Department. This is something vast swathes of the country's rural population may soon have cause to be grateful for. *As matters stand, existing banks have a combined network of some 87,000 branches, with a little more than a quarter of them in rural India. Compare this to the 1.55 lakh post offices the Postal Department can boast of already providing various financial services. More importantly, about 90% of these offices about 1.4 lakh of them are in rural India.*

This is a Godsend for the Government if exploited adequately. The low level of banking penetration has been a long-running problem, one that is unlikely to be solved by the entry of new banks. The capital costs of establishing banking networks in rural areas as well as the

fear of an inadequate customer base are likely to serve as bottlenecks. The evolution of the Postal Department into a banking entity would neatly swerve around these bottlenecks. This has already worked in countries from Germany to South Africa.

The benefits are obvious. Extending banking facilities to the hinterlands is an essential prerequisite for equitable development. And on the other side of the equation, such a move would bring a vast number of customers - the Postal department's small savings schemes have over 250 million takers-into the formal economy in one stroke, providing more assets to be piped to the markets and loaned to Corporations, catalysing economic activity. Snail mail may be turning into a thing of the past. But the Postal Department, if it can exploit this opportunity, will belong to the future.

Courtesy: "The Times of India"

Photos taken during the Annual Get-together (on 1st Sunday of the New Year) of RMS and MMS group of P&T pensioners on Sunday the 6th January 2013 at the Meeting Hall of "Raghothaman Memorial Building" Sanjayanagar, Bangalore, 560 094. Ten members who had completed 70 years of age and twelve members who had completed 80 years of age were felicitated with garland, shawl, umbrella and steel bowl with fruits. Also walking sticks were presented to members who completed 80 years of age.



The Banner - The Back drop of dais



Members present in the Get-Together



"New Year Cake" being Cut



Sri S.M. Vittal Rao, +80 Years, being felicitated

Minutes of the 22nd meeting of Standing Committee of Voluntary Agencies (SCOVA) held on 19.2.2013 under the Chairmanship of Hon'ble Minister of State (PP) at Vigyan Bhawan Annexe, New Delhi.

The list of participants is at Appendix-1
(Not reproduced)

2. At the outset Secretary (P&PW) welcomed Hon'ble MOS(PP), representatives of Pensioners Associations and the participating officers of various Ministries/Departments. He mentioned that SCOVA has been successful in achieving the objective for which it was started in 1986. Secretary (P&PW) added that the serving officers should be considerate to the pensioners as they will also join the ranks of pensioners after retirement. He praised the contributions made by the pensioners as officers during their tenure in the Government and also applauded for their present contribution as Senior Citizens. Referring to the issue of revision of PPOs he mentioned that a lot of work had been done. However, still a lot remained to be done. Efforts were on to make the procedures simple and uncomplicated.

3. Welcoming the participants, Hon'ble MOS (PP) stated that as promised last time, the SCOVA meeting was being held for the second time in a year. He mentioned that Department of P&PW is coordinating with several other Ministries/Departments to redress the grievances. The Pensioners' Portal is very user friendly. CGHS still remains a contentious issue. He also referred to the problem of Ministry of Defence where pensioners data was available manually. He urged them to switch over to the computerised system of data maintenance and calculating pension to overcome the problem of delay in sanction/revision of pension.

4. Thereafter, the Action Taken Report (ATR) of 21st SCOVA meeting and Agenda items of 22nd SCOVA meeting were taken up for discussion.

5. Action Taken Report (ATR) on the points raised in the 21st meeting of SCOVA.

i) Sl. No. 1 and 19 of ATR of para 5:

Issue of revised PPO for Pre-2006 retirees and also to communicate the amount of pension as well as Family Pension to be revised consequent to the 6th Central Pay Commission to pre 1.1.2006 pensioners.

- a) CPAO, Ministry of Railways, Department of

Posts were told to complete the work by 31st March, 2013.

- b) Department of Telecommunication informed that they had not received the latest update on revision of PPOs from BSNL and therefore the data was not up to date. The Hon'ble MOS (PP) desired that the representative who attended the meeting should be able to give the requisite information. The representative of the Department of Telecom agreed to comply with the same.
- c) Ministry of Defence informed that 6 lakh PPOs had been revised. Efforts were on to adhere to the deadline of 30.9.2013. However, slippages could not be ruled out in view of the fresh revision of pension mandated by the Cabinet decision of 24.9.2012. Some of the Associations desired that outside agencies should be involved. They also desired that the Pension Regulation should be revised in tune with changes recommended by 6th CPC and accepted by Government. The revision of PPOs pre-1990 should also be completed by 30.9.2013. Secretary (Pension) also pointed out that there were number of grievances of PCDA Allahabad in this regard and asked organization of CGDA to specifically look into this.
- d) Some Associations pointed out the long delay in the revision of PPOs after 6th CPC should be taken up urgently and requested MOS (PP) to intervene at his level to get the work completed without further delay. For this purpose they proposed that additional staff and honorarium may be considered.

(Action: CPAO. All Ministries, DoP & PW, Desk-E)

ii) Sl.No. 6,7 and 8 of ATR of Para 5:

- a) Revision of Ex-gratia amount to CPF/SRF retirees.
- b) Uniform rates of DR and
- c) Ex-gratia to those who voluntarily retired after 20 years of service in respect of

pre-1986 CPF/SRPF retirees.

- e) *Ex-gratia* should not be less than minimum pension and the same should be effective from 1.1.2006.

As regards (a), (b) and (e) the status was explained in the meeting. As regards (d) it was informed that the opinion of Railway Board is under examination in consultation with Department of Expenditure. Medical invalidation cases were asked to be looked into again in view of court judgement.

(Action: Ministry of Railways and DoP & PW, Desk-E)

iii) SI.No. 13 and 16 of ATR of Para 5:

(13) *The Orders of Ministry of Health reiterating that all the Pensioners are at liberty to opt themselves with any of the nearest CGHS Dispensary may be widely circulated. Arbitrary Orders dated 1.8.1996 and 1.9.1996 issued by Ministry of Health and Director of CGHS may be withdrawn and the benefit of CGHS facilities be allowed to the pensioners of Department of Posts and Department of Telecom as specially provided in the Order of the Department of Personnel and Pension.*

(16)-(i) *The existing Pensioners of Department of Posts and Telecom covered by P&T Dispensaries are neither considered for treatment of hospitalization facilities nor for Fixed Medical Allowance & (ii) Pensioners not falling within the limit of P&T Dispensaries /CGHS Dispensaries may be allowed to opt for P&T Dispensaries or drawal of FMA.*

Ministry of Health informed that the matter regarding withdrawal of OMs dated 1.8.1996 and 1.9.1996 (which provide that the P&T Pensioners not participating in CGHS while in service may not be extended this facility) is subjudice. Regarding merger of 19 P&T Dispensaries in 12 cities with CGHS, representatives of Ministry of Health and Ministry of Finance informed that the matter is at advanced stage of consideration and a decision is expected shortly. Department of Posts need to pursue it vigorously.

The Ministry of Health Informed that the proposal for opening of new dispensaries at Mohali/Panchkula/Chandigarh could not be agreed to due to severe resource crunch with CGHS. Ministry of Health was requested to agree

to at least opening of a new Dispensary at Panchkula as the Chandigarh Dispensary is over burdened with 23500 beneficiaries. MOS (PP) mentioned that he would take up the matter with Minister of Health and Family Welfare.

On the question of computerization of CGHS Dispensary at Jammu, Ministry of Health informed that the same would be done.

(Action: Ministry of Health & FW, Department of Posts, Department of Telecom, DoP & PW, Desk-D)

iv) SI.No. 17 of ATR of Para 5:

Inclusion of Representatives of AIRRF and SCOVA in Railway Hospital Advisory Committees.

Ministry of Railways informed that the Members/Representatives in Hospital Advisory Committee are appointed by Chief Personnel Officers of each Zonal Railway with the approval of General Manager of the respective Railway as a welfare measure. In view of the position explained by Ministry of Railways the matter has been treated as closed.

v) SI.No. 23(ii) of ATR of Para 5

Fixed Medical Allowance.

(ii) to pensioner residing beyond 2.5 kms from Dispensary.

The position regarding entitlement of FMA to non-railway civil pensioners was explained in the last meeting. It was explained that those residing within the jurisdiction of CGHS Dispensary were not entitled to FMA. Hence the item was closed.

vi) SI.No. 26 of ATR of Para 5:

Anomaly in fixation of pension to DoT employees absorbed in BSNL, who retired between 1.10.2000 and 31.7.2001

Department of Telecommunication informed that the Order was issued on 27.9.2011 to the effect that the absorbees in BSNL are also entitled for minimum of pension at not less than 50% of the minimum of the pay in the scale of pay held by them at the time of retirement. However, the DOT is still getting representations from BSNL retirees on this subject. The matter is under examination with DoT. It was decided that

DoT will take final decision in the matter by 31st March, 2013.

Action: Department of Telecommunication

vii) Sl.No. 28 of ATR of Para 5

Payment of pension to Postal retirees through Banks.

Department of Posts has finalized and issued a scheme for Payment of Pension to Postal retirees through Banks. Hence, the task has been completed. In view of the position explained by Department of Posts the matter has been treated as closed.

viii) 6.1 of Para 6

Time bound grievance redressal & real time dissemination of information are the two main ingredients of this novel venture for the welfare of Pensioners

In view of the position explained by the various Ministries the item has been dropped.

ix) 6.2 of Para 6

Dissemination of information in real time:

MOS (PP) reiterated that the DR orders of this Department should be immediately implemented by all the Ministries. Department of Pension stated that most of the Ministries/ Departments were adhering to the DR orders issued by this Department and, therefore, the item may be treated as closed. One of the Associations, however, informed that in case of Karimnagar (AP) Post Office, the same is not being followed. Department of Posts was asked to find out the same.

x) 6.3 of Para 6

Simplification of submission of Life Certificate.

The orders relating to submission of life certificate to any branch of a bank authorized for transacting government business has since been issued by the CPAO and hence the matter has been treated as closed.

xi) 6.5 of para 6

Nomination facility for Family Pensioners drawing Life Time Arrears:

The Department of Legal Affairs has examined the provisions contained in this Department OM dated 30.10.1995 and stated that the stand taken vide that OM appears to be in accordance with the intention of the makers of the extant rules are legally in order. Hence the nomination facility for family pensioners drawing life time arrears has not been agreed to.

xii) 6.7 of Para 6

Medical Insurance coverage to Pensioners.

Ministry of Health informed that the matter would be processed further after finalization of the 12th Five Year Plan which is in its final stages. In view of this the item may be treated as closed.

xiii) 6.8 of Para 6

- a) *Grievances Committees at the Additional Director (CGHS) Level of Delhi.*
- b) *A similar grievance committee at national level may also be constituted.*

Instructions have been issued to all Additional Directors of CGHS cities/zones to fix a time slot of 11.00 AM to 1.00 PM on every Wednesday for hearing and redressal of grievances of CGHS beneficiaries including Pensioners. There is no need to constitute a separate Grievance Committee at National level. In view of this the item may be treated as closed.

- c) *Central Government Health Scheme: Issues at Wellness Centres Bangalore.*
- d) *CGHS Dispensary/Wellness Centre at Jammu.*
- e) *Opening of three more CGHS Dispensaries, one at Mohali, second at Panchkula and one more at Chandigarh.*

Ministry of Health & FW intimated that there is severe resource crunch and hence several places including areas in Delhi were not covered. However, the Hon'ble MOS (PP) assured that he will take up with Minister of Health the issue of opening of CGHS Dispensary at Panchkula. Representative of Ministry for Health also intimated that computerization of these Dispensaries will be done in a phased manner.

**Action: Ministry of Health & FW,
DOP & PW, Desk-D**

xiv) 6.12 & 6.13 of Para 6:

6.12:

- i) *RELHS facilities to dependent parents:*
- ii) *On 24th February, 2010 during the budget speech Minister for Railways have stated about Railways Outpatient Department (OPD) and Diagnostic Centres.*
- iii) *Separate nominated days for Pensioners/ Family Pensioners for specialist consultation in Rly. Hospital.*
- iv) *Inclusion of representatives of identified Associations SCOVA members in Rly. Hospital grievance committees.*
- v) *Smart Card facility for RELHS beneficiaries*
- vi) *RELHS to be open ended scheme*
- vii) *Streamlining of functioning of Railway Hospitals*

6.13: Welfare measure for Railway Pensioners:

- ii) *Provision of office accommodation to Pensioner Associations.*
- iv) *Allow dependents in Widow passes*
- v) *Provision of passes to Family Pensioners other than the widow*

The concerned Federation had discussed the issues with the Ministry of Railways before attending the SCOVA meeting. In view of this the item has been treated as closed.

Fresh Agenda Items for 22nd Scova Meeting.

6. Same fitment benefit to Pre-2006 Pensioners as recommended and implemented in respect of Serving Employees by the VI CPC. Parity between Past and Future Pensioners. Stepping up of Pension and Family Pension to 50% and 30% respectively. Extension of new benefits granted to the Past Pensioners. The implementation of orders dated 1.9.2008 read with the orders dated 14.10.2008 is not correct for fixation of pension.

All these issues were part of the agenda of the National Anomaly Committee and hence it was felt that we should await the decision of National Anomaly Committee. The associations

were informed that w.r.t. stepping up of Pension & Family Pension, the Cabinet vide its decision dated 24.9.2012 has already granted the same to pre 2006 Pensioners. In view of the above the item was treated as closed.

7. Disposal of disciplinary cases against the Retired Officials:

DoP&T informed that reforms were being implemented to ensure expeditious conclusion of disciplinary/vigilance proceedings against Government servants. Though decisions on a few recommendations contained in Hota Committee Report have been taken, some recommendations are still under the consideration of Committee of Secretaries. Hon'ble MOS (PP) said the issue had been taken up by him on priority for both Serving Employees and Pensioners. In view of the position explained the matter may be treated as closed.

8. Prompt response to grievance letters Central Secretariat Manual to office procedure Para 66 & 67 page 39 Prompt response to letters received: Para 66 CSMOP reads:

Since most of the Ministries/Departments were complying with the Orders of the CS MoP the item was closed.

9. Merger of 78.2% IDA with basic pension benefit to the absorbed BSNL Pensioners:

DoT informed that the decision to merge 68.8% IDA with pension was in line with the decision taken for revision of pay in respect of serving employees of BSNL. They informed that if at any stage the benefit of merger of 78.2% IDA with pay of serving employees is given, this benefit would also be extended to absorbed pensioners of BSNL. DoT informed that the matter is under examination in that Department.

Action: Department of Telecommunication, DoP & PW, Desk-D

10. Delay in appointment on Compassionate ground:

In view of the position explained by the Department of Personnel & Training, the item was closed.

11. Extension of life CGHS membership to P&T Pensioners:

Ministry of Health informed that extension of CGHS benefit to P&T pensioners on payment

of subscription on yearly basis was allowed on the basis of a Court decision. It would not be possible for them to extend the benefit of life membership to such P&T Pensioners. Ministry of Health also mentioned that the problem will be solved to a large extent after the merger of 19 Dispensaries in 12 cities with CGHS. Hence the matter was treated as closed.

Action: D/o Posts

12. Nomination for reimbursement in CGHS:

The Ministry of Health informed that nomination for reimbursement in CGHS would not be advisable as it would create legal complications. Ministry of Health was asked to reexamine the issue in consultation with Ministry of Law.

Action: M/o Health & FW

13. Extension of duty hours of CGHS Dispensaries:

The working hours of CGHS has been extended in Delhi/NCR in order to ensure optimum utilization of scarce manpower resources of CGHS and also to improve the functioning of CGHS.

Action: M/o Health & FW

14. CGHS Plastic Smart Cards:

The work has been assigned to NICSI and they are in the process of issuing orders to private agencies for making plastic cards in other cities after following due tender process. In view of the position explained above, the item was closed.

15. CGHS sites on the net

Ministry of Health Informed that the website of CGHS is being updated from time to time. It was pointed out that the link of CGHS website available on Pensioners Portal is an older version. DoP & PW was asked to give link with the updated version of CGHS site.

Action: DoP & PW, Desk-A

16. Defence Civilian Pensioners:

The Associations raised the issue of CSD canteen facility to Defence Civilian Pensioners. Secretary (Pension) desired that the issue being specific to the Ministry of Defence, they should look into the matter. The SCOVA is not the correct forum to address these issues, in view of this the item was closed.

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair.

Renting of the two Guest Rooms in "Pensioners' Bhavan"

The two Guest Rooms in Pensioners' Bhavan at 61/1 1st Main, Telecom Layout, 11th Cross, Jakkur Cross, Bangalore-560 064, is available for rent for a sum of Rs. 300/- per day for Central Government pensioners visiting Bangalore from any part of the country for temporary duration. The accommodation should be booked in advance through landline No. 080-23620545, during office hours – i.e., Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays and 2nd Saturdays between 9.30 AM and 1 PM (except Postal holidays) – and confirmation obtained. Accommodation can also be booked through e-mail: pensionersbhavan@gmail.com and confirmation obtained. **The renting of the Guest Rooms will be restricted, for the present, to pensioners who are members of any Central Government pensioners' Association from any part of the country.**

Bus facility to "Pensioners' Bhavan", Telecom Layout.

From City Market via Majestic:	286D and 286E
From City Market via Tannery Road-Nagavara:	291 and 291B
From Majestic:	286F

By buses plying to Yelahanka from City Market, Majestic and Shivajinagar:

Alight at Byatarayanapura and get into any of bus Nos. BC9, BC 9B and BC 11 stopping at BBMP Office, Byatarayanapura. To get down at Telecom Layout Bus Stop.

1. Eligibility of disabled children for family pension after marriage and Eligibility for two family pensions-clarification regarding

(O.M. No. 1/33/2012-P&PW(E) dated 16.1.2013 of DoP & PW)

The undersigned is directed to state that the Government has decided to allow continuance of family pension to mentally/physically disabled children who drew, or drawing or may draw family pension even after their marriage. Further, the Government has also decided to allow two family pensions where the pensioner drew, is drawing or may draw two pensions for military and/or civil employments.

2. In order to implement these decisions, Explanations 1 and 3 after sub-rule 6 of Rule 54 of the Central Civil Services (Pension) Rules, 1972 have been suitably amended and subrules 13-A and 13-B have been omitted. A copy of Gazette notification, G.S.R. No. 938 (E), dated 27th December, 2012, giving effect to these amendments is enclosed.

3. For the sake of clarity, the old and new explanations 1 and 3 are reproduced as under highlighting the changes made therein:

Old: Explanation 1 - An unmarried son or an unmarried or widowed or divorced daughter shall become ineligible for family pension under this sub-rule from the date he or she gets married or remarried.

Explanation 3 - It shall be the duty of son or daughter or siblings or the guardian to furnish a certificate to the Treasury or Bank, as the case may be, once in a year that (i) he or she has not started earning his or her livelihood and (ii) he or she has not yet married or remarried. A similar certificate shall be furnished by a childless widow after her re-marriage or parents to the Treasury or Bank, as the case may be, once in a year that she or he or they have not started earning her or his or their livelihood.

New: Explanation 1 - An unmarried son or an unmarried or widowed or divorced daughter, except a disabled son or daughter, shall become ineligible for family pension under this sub-rule from the date he or she gets married or remarried.

Explanation 3 - It shall be the duty of son or daughter or siblings or the guardian to furnish a certificate to the Treasury or Bank, as the case

may be, once in a year that (i) he or she has not started earning his or her livelihood and (ii) he or she has not yet married or remarried. A similar certificate shall be furnished by a childless widow after her re-marriage or by the disabled son or daughter or parents to the Treasury or Bank, as the case may be, once in a year that she or he or they have not started earning her or his or their livelihood.

4. Sub rule 13-A regulates the grant of Family pension to a Military pensioner after his re-employment in a Civil Service or a civil post. Grant of two Family pensions had been prohibited under this sub rule. Similarly, sub rule 13-B prohibits grant of two Family pensions to a person who is already in receipt of Family pension or is eligible therefor under any other rules of the Central Government or a State Government and/or Public Sector Undertaking/Autonomous Body/Local Fund under the Central or a State Government. The sub-rules 13-A and 13-B have since been omitted vide the above mentioned Gazette notification.

5. It is clarified that financial benefits in past cases will accrue with effect from 24th September, 2012.

Obituary

Sri R. Sumantharaya, LM 1114, Retd. Postal Assistant Basavanagudi H.O. Bangalore, expired on 9.2.2013 at the age of 70 years. He is survived by his wife and a daughter

Sri H.G.Rangaraja Iyengar, LM 784, Retd. Senior Supt. of Pos, Bangalore West Division, expired on 5-3-2013 at the age of 72 years. He is survived by his wife and two sons.

Sri L.D.Bonnel, LM 836, Retd. Director General P&T and Secretary, Dept. of Posts, expired on 13-3-2013 at the age of 78 years. He is survived by his wife, two sons and two daughters.

We convey our heartfelt condolences to the bereaved.

2. Simplification of Pension Procedure - Amendment in para 15 and para 16 of "Scheme for payment of pensions to Central Govt. Civil Pensioners by Authorised Bank".

(O.M.No. CPAO/Tech/Simplification/2012-13/325 dated 18.2.2013 of CPAO, New Delhi.)

Attention is invited to the provisions contained in paras 15 and 16 of the Scheme Booklet regarding submission of life & other certificates and inter bank/intra bank transfer of pension Account.

2. Keeping in view the need to make the process of submission of certificates user friendly and in line with the technological advancement in the banking industry, it has been decided to allow pensioner/family pensioner to submit the life certificate as well as other certificates to any branch of the Bank through which his/her pension/family pension is being disbursed.

3. Further with the introduction of CBS and implementatin of CPPC, the pensioner/family pensioner who is desirous of transferring his/her pension account from one branch to another branch (whether local or out station) of the same bank should have the option of putting in his/her request at either of the two branches instead of the present dispensation wherein transfer request in entertained only at the home branch. The transfer application will require mentioning both account numbers (in the old & new branch) with both branch contact details. The branch receiving the application will sacn and register the same to CPPC. CPPC will coordinate the continuity of disbursement of monthly pension/family pension without any break.

4. All Banks are hereby directed to follow the above procedural modifications in pension process and issue necessary instructions to all concerned accordingly.

5. This issues with the concurrence of Department of Pensions & Pensioners Welfare, Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances & Pension and Department of Expenditure, Ministry of Finance.

Issue of Corr PPO in terms of VI CPC

(Circular No. 90 dtd. 2.7.2012 from PCDA(P) Allahabad file No. GI/C/0176/Vol. XV/1G/Tech dtd. 2.7.2012 to All Heads of Departments under Min. of Defence, with copy to CGDA Delhi, All pr. CsPA/CsDA/C of F&A(Fys)/CDA (Fund), All GM Fys, All CE/Nodal CE of various commands.)

The Office is now receiving lot of applications of Defence Civilian Pensioners through HOOs concerned for issue of Corr PPO in terms of VI CPC on the format prescribed by Ministry of Finance for the pensioners, whose PPO were issued by CPAO. This Office has never called for applications regarding issue of Corr PPO for Pre-2006 Defence Civilian Pensioners. It is intimated that the issue of Corr PPO regarding Pre 2006 Defence Civilians is under progress without calling for applications from pensioners through Head of Offices.

It is therefore, advised that Sub offices declared as HOOs under your administrative control may be instructed not to send such applications to this Office in order to avoid unnecessary correspondence.

Courtesy: Pensioners Counsellor

Changes in the composition of the Executive Committee of the Karnataka P&T Pensioners' Association.

Sri M.R.S. Prakasa Rao (LM 1603), EC Member conveyed his desire to be relieved from the post of E.C.Member owing to personal reasons. The meeting of the Executive Committee held on 9-3-2013 decided to accept the resignation of Sri M.R.S.Prarkasa Rao. The resultant vacancy was filled up by co-opting Sri K.R.Anantha Ramu (LM 2062) as EC Member for the remaining part of the term.

Changes in the Bharat Central Pensioners Confederation, New Delhi (BCPC).

On account of health reasons, Sri Shyam Sunder, Secretary General, tendered his resignation from the post of Secretary General of BCPC. The Working Committee of BCPC, in its meeting held on 21-1-2013, accepted his resignation and nominated Sri S.K.Vyas (who is also Secretary General of National Coordination Committee of Pensioners Associations) as Acting Secretary General. Sri S.C.Maheshwari, Secretary General, Bharat Pensioners Samaj was nominated as Advisor to BCPC.

**CGHS
Order**

1. Revision of Ceiling Rates for Stainless Steel Bare Metal Coronary Stents for CGHS / CS (MA) beneficiaries

(O.M. F.No. Misc. 1002/2006/CGHS(R&H)/CGHS(P) dated 7.2.2013 of MoH & PW)

With reference to the above mentioned subject, the undersigned is directed to draw attention to the Office Memorandum of even No. dated 31.10.2011 and to state that the ceiling rates for reimbursement of stainless steel bare metal coronary stents for CGHS/CS (MA) beneficiaries as mentioned at Para. (1) (2) (i) of the said order are hereby revised and the new ceiling rates for reimbursement to CGHS/CS (MA) beneficiaries are fixed as under:

Stainless Steel Bare Metal Coronary Stents - Rs. 10,000

Reimbursement to beneficiaries / empanelled hospitals shall be limited to ceiling rate or as per actual, whichever is lower.

2. The revised rates shall come into force from the date of issue of this OM and shall be in force till further orders.

3. Revised rates in respect of other categories of stents will be issued separately and other conditions as mentioned in the OM, dated 31.10.2011 shall continue to be in force till further orders.

2. Revision of Ceiling Rates for Coronary Angioplasty and Coronary Angioplasty with Balloon for CGHS beneficiaries

(O.M.No. F.No. Misc. 1002/2006/CGHS (R&H)/CGHS (P) dated 7.2.2013 of MoH & FW)

With reference to the above-mentioned subject, the undersigned is directed to draw attention to the Office Memorandum No. S. 11011/23/2009/Hospital Cell, dated 17.8.2010 other Office Memoranda issued subsequently whereby the CGHS package rates for Coronary Angioplasty were fixed by the Government for empanelled hospitals under CGHS in Delhi and NCR and other CGHS cities and to state that in supersession of the earlier CGHS ceiling rates, the following ceiling rates are approved for reimbursement to CGHS beneficiaries/CGHS empanelled hospitals as per the details given below:

Coronary Angioplasty : Rs. 50,000 (for semi-private ward)

Coronary Angioplasty with Ballon : Rs. 55,000 (for semi-private ward)

Reimbursement to beneficiaries/empanelled hospitals shall be limited to ceiling rate or as per actuals, whichever is lower. The other terms and conditions as regards to CGHS package rates remain unchanged.

2. The revised rates shall come into force from the date of issue and shall be in force till further orders.

3. CGHS beneficiaries / pensioners to get credit facility in the newly opened 203- bed hospital. Pradhana Mantri Swasthya Suraksha Yojana Super Speciality Hospital in Victoria Hospital Campus, K.R. Road, Bangalore-560 002.

(Letter No. PMSSY/SSH/V. YO-2/2012-13 dated 7.12.2012 from the Special Officer of the Hospital to the Addl. Director CGHS, Bangalore.)

Extension of medical facilities to CGHS beneficiaries/pensioners

(Letter No. 19-6(127)/2012/Admn-1/5254, dated 4.12.2012 of AD, CGHS)

With reference to the subject cited above, I am furnishing herewith, a list of surgical and other medical procedures done in our hospital along with their cost.

We have no objection to extend medical facilities on credit basis to your beneficiaries viz Central Govt. pensioners including IAS / IPS / IFS pensioners, Ex-Governors, former Supreme Court / High Court Judges, ex-MP's Freedom Fighters etc. and their dependents and also working CGHS Staff and their dependents. The arrangement of working Central Government employees of other departments referred by CGHS paying hospital charges and getting it reimbursed through their departments is also acceptable to this Hospital.

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4. Revision of Ceiling Rates and guidelines for various Coronary Stents for CGHS/CS(MA) Beneficiaries.

(O.M. F.No. Misc. 1002/2006/CGHS (R&H)/CGHS(P) dated 21.2.2013 of MoH & FW)

With reference to the above mentioned subject the undersigned is directed to draw attention to the Office Memorandum of even number dated 31.10.2011 and to state that ceiling rates for all DCGI approved Coronary Stents have been revised in supercession of the Office Memorandum of even No. dated 31.10.2011 of the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare as per the ceiling rates mentioned below:

S.No.	Type of Coronary Stents		Ceiling Rate
1.	Drug Eluting Coronary Stents	All DCGI and FDA approved Drug Eluting Stents	Rs. 25,000/-
2.	Bare Metal Coronary Stents	All DCGI and CE approved Drug Eluting Stents All DCGI approved Drug Eluting Stents Cobalt Stents (including Coated and other Stents)	Rs. 12,000/-
3.	Bare Metal Stainless Steel Stents	All DCGI and FDA approved All DCGI and CE approved All DCGI approved Rs. 10,000/- the rates were already notified vide OM of even number dated 7th February 2013	

Reimbursement to beneficiaries/empanelled hospitals shall be allowed subject to the ceiling rates or actuals, whichever are lower.

2. Coronary Stents shall be permitted on the advice of Govt. Specialist, of which not more than two shall be of Drug Eluting Stents (in any of the coronary stents as per the decision of treating specialist). Permission shall be granted as per the laid down procedure. If more than two drug eluting stents are implanted in an empanelled hospital and no written informed consent was obtained from the beneficiary that he/she would bear the difference in cost between the DEs and Bare Metal Stent, and the hospital has charged this amount from the beneficiary, the additional amount shall be paid to the beneficiary and shall be deducted from the pending bills of hospitals.

3. It is essential for the empanelled hospitals to quote the Batch number when a coronary/vascular stent of any type is implanted in the case of a CGHS/CS (MA) beneficiary and also enclose a copy of the relevant invoices pertaining to the procurement of the stents by the hospitals. In addition to this, the outer pouch of the Stent packet along with the sticker on it on which details of the stent are printed shall also be enclosed with the medical bill for claiming reimbursement from the Govt. In case of treatment from a private non-empanelled hospital, where the treatment was taken in an emergency, it is the responsibility of the beneficiary to obtain the batch number, invoice and outer pouches of the stent(s) before the submission of the medical claim to CGHS/concerned department, as the case may be.

4. The empanelled hospital shall submit a self certified undertaking that the hospital has not charged the CGHS/CS (MA) beneficiary more than the rate at which the stent has been procured by the hospital and in case of any detection and establishment that the hospital has overcharged, the hospital shall be removed from the list of hospitals empanelled under CGHS without any further notice.

5. UTI-ITSL, while processing the hospital bills of coronary/vascular stents shall ensure that the hospitals have enclosed copies of the relevant invoices pertaining to the procurement of the stents by the hospitals and the outer pouch of the Stent packet along with the sticker on it on which details of the stent are printed and that the prescribed rates and the guidelines have been followed, before making provisional payments to the hospitals.

6. The revised rates and guidelines shall come into force from the date of issue and shall be in force till they are revised.

7. This issue with the concurrence of integrated Finance Division vide Note dated 20.12.2012 of AS&FA, Min. of H&FW.

5. Validity of CGHS Cards in all CGHS Wellness Centres in India.

(Circular No. Misc. 6024/2007/CGHS(HQ)/CGHS(P) dtd. 7.12.2012 of MoH & FW)

With reference to the above mentioned subject the undersigned is to draw your attention to the OM of even number dtd. 16.3.2011 and to state that clarifications were already issued vide para 2 of the said OM (which is reproduced below) that the CGHS card is valid in all CGHS Wellness Centres in India.

"In response to the representations received from CGHS beneficiaries seeking clarification it has been decided to further clarify that.

"Now that computerization of all CGHS covered cities has been completed, the plastic cards are valid in all CGHS cities in India and there is no need for obtaining temporary attachment while on a visit to another CGHS city. Since the data is available online, CGHS beneficiaries are permitted to obtain medicines (including indented medicines) from any Wellness Centre located in the same city, where card is registered or from any Wellness Centre located in any other city while on a visit (Office or personal)

You are therefore directed to ensure that the instructions are adhered to and CGHS beneficiaries seeking consultation/medicine from any CGHS Wellness Centre other than the one where his/her card is registered are not put to any inconvenience.

Addl. Directors/Joint Directors of CGHS of zones/CGHS cities shall take steps to ensure that the instructions are followed by CMOs of all CGHS Wellness Centres in the Zonal city.

Courtesy: Pensioners Counsellor

6. Regarding investigations at Private Hospitals/diagnostic laboratories/Imaging Centres empanelled under CGHS, Bangalore.

(O.M. No. 12015/HOSP/MRC/2012-13/451 dated 24.1.2013 from Addl. Director CGHS, Bangalore to all CMOs of CGHS Wellness Centres, Bangalore)

With reference to the Ministry Order No. S-11045/40/2012/CGHS/HEC/CGHS(P) dated 15.1.2013 in regard to above captioned subject, the following may be complied with.

1. The Order **applies to coded investigations only.**
2. The advice for investigations is to be given in a separate prescription slip in duplicate by all CGHS Medical Officers/CGHS Specialist. One copy of the prescription slip to be maintained at the Wellness Centre. It is pertinent to mention that all the relevant information including CGHS Card No., beneficiary name, Ben. ID, date, are to be filled to ensure facilitation of investigation and reimbursement process. The prescription is valid for only 15 days.
3. The investigation slip may be generated through the "investigation" Tab. in the doctors module. Any coded investigation which is not in the list may be added by hand and countersigned.
4. Care should be taken by the prescribing Doctor to mention as **"Referred to any empanelled center"** instead of referring to any particular lab/imaging centre.
5. The Hospitals/Diagnostic Centres shall enclose the original or self attested prescription slip issued by the prescribing doctor while claiming reimbursement from CGHS through UTITSL.

6. The Hospital/Diagnostic Laboratory/Imaging Centre shall however, verify the self attested copies from the original prescription/CGHS cards, before allowing the credit facility to te eligible CGHS beneficiary.
7. However, in case of uncoded procedure or emergency investigations, the earlier procedure will continue.
8. CMOs I/C are hereby advised to get rubber stamps(seals) of all the Doctors in their WCs with name and designation in bilingual form from the imprest money. This may be issued to the Doctors which may be kept under safe custody.
9. The CGHS Specialists at Polyclinic can directly get the coded investigations done through empanelled centre by giving prescription slip addressed as "Referred to any empanelled centre". The Beneficiaries need not go to the Wellness Centre for referral forms.

7. Revival of 'Continuous Empanelment Scheme' for private Hospitals and Diagnostic Centres under CGHS

(O.M. No. S. 11011/23/2009-CGHS D.II/Hospital Cell (Part IX) dated 14.2.2013 of MoH & FW)

With a view to ensuring comprehensive health care to CGHS beneficiaries, CGHS has been, apart from the Government Hospitals, empanelling Private Hospitals and Diagnostic Centres by floating tenders periodically. The latest tender process in this context commenced in the second half of 2009. Even the already empanelled Hospitals (including Dental Clinics and Eye Centres) / Diagnostic Centres under CGHS were required to submit the bids under this tender process. Through this process, package rates for different treatment procedures and investigations were notified in 2010. As a part of this process, certain Hospitals and Diagnostic Centres which accepted these rates and also signed MoAs with CGHS were notified in CGHS covered Cities. Subsequently, with a view to empanel more Hospitals and Diagnostic Centers, continuous empanelment scheme was initiated in December, 2010 and was in operation till July 2011 in some cities & till 26th December 2011 in some other Cities.

2. However, it has been noticed that the number of Hospitals and Diagnostic Centres notified as empanelled under CGHS is not adequate to provide a satisfactory level of healthcare to CGHS beneficiaries in all areas of CGHS covered Cities.

3. Accordingly, it has become necessary to revive 'Continuous Empanelment Scheme', to empanel more Hospitals and Diagnostic Centres to take care of existing inadequacy. In this background, it has been decided to invite Private Hospitals and Diagnostic Centers to come forward and apply for empanelment under CGHS if, they are willing to accept the rates notified by CGHS in 2010 & as per OM No. Misc. 1002/2006/CGHS(R&H) / CGHS (P) dated 6/2/2013 and fulfill the same terms and condition as notified earlier under 'Continuous Empanelment Scheme' except for the following modifications:

a) Hospitals/Diagnostic Centres shall be empanelled for all facilities in all specialities available in the Hospitals including those listed under super specialities. Existing Hospitals already on panel of CGHS shall not be allowed to add selective specialities super specialities and will have to offer all available facilities (Undertaking shall be submitted on Rs. 100/- non-Judicial Stamp paper attested by Notary Public by Hospitals already on panel of CGHS that such Hospital shall abide by the terms and conditions of empanelment for the additional facilities and would provide facilities to CGHS beneficiaries in all available Specialities/Super specialities (list all the facilities available) in addition to the agreement signed earlier by such Hospitals) The empanelled Hospitals will not be permitted to add new specialities or discontinue some specialities subsequently without the approval of the Government.

b) Application under Super Speciality category or change of category to Super Speciality from already empanelled and other eligible Hospitals will be considered only if all facilities available in the Hospital are offered as per applicable CGHS rates.

c) The scrutiny of the applications and finalization of the lists of eligible Hospitals and Diagnostic Centres of a particular city shall be done by a committee under the chairmanship of AD/JD, CGHS of concerned city with two senior most CMOs of that city as members.

d) Addl. Director/Joint Director of concerned CGHS city may inform the eligible Hospitals/Diagnostic

Centres to submit the letters of acceptance of the terms and conditions of the empanelment process. ADs/JDs shall send the details of eligible Hospitals/Diagnostic Centres to Director, CGHS after signing MoA with eligible Hospitals/Diagnostic Centres and obtaining Performing Bank Guarantee so that the eligible Hospitals/Diagnostic Centres shall be notified by Ministry of Health & Family Welfare as empanelled Hospitals/Diagnostic Centres under CGHS.

4. Empanelment shall be for a period of one year from the date of notification or till new empanelment process, whichever is earlier. All the empanelled Hospitals/Diagnostic Centres shall however, have to participate in the new empanelment process, as and when initiated in order to continue their empanelment under CGHS.

5. The continuous empanelment scheme would be in force till next empanelment.

6. Further, the undersigned is directed to refer to the Office Memorandum of even number dated 15.12.2012 and to state that it has been decided to extend the validity of empanelment of presently empanelled Hospitals, Diagnostic Laboratories and Imaging Centers on the same terms and conditions under which they were empanelled for one year or till next empanelment, whichever is earlier.

**BSNL
Order**

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 1.1.2007 - Payment of IDA at revised rates - reg

(Letter No. KTK/CCA/Pen-Audit/DA/IDA dated 22.1.2013 from CCA, DoT, Bangalore to CPMG, Karnataka, and Pension-Drawing Banks)

As per the Department of Public Enterprises, F No. 2(70)/2008-DPE(WC)-GL-II/2013 dated 8.1.2013 on the above mentioned subject at revised DA rates of 71.5% w.e.f. 1.1.2013 is sent to all concerned for information and necessary action please.

1. In modification of the Department's OM of even No dated 8.1.2013, the rate of DA payable to the executive and non-unionised supervisors of CPSEs (2007 pay revision) may be as follows:

Effective Date	Average of AICP	Revised DA Rates %
1.1.2013	216.66	71.5%

The above rates of DA would be applicable in the case of BSNL IDA pensioners who have been allowed revised pay scales (2007) as per DPE OMs dated 26.11.2008, 9.2.2009 & 2.4.2009 and also to the BSNL pensioners whose pension was revised as per Pre 2007 revision orders of Dept. of Telecom OM No 40-17/2008-PEN(T)-Vol III dated 15.3.2011

2. In modification of the Department's OM of even No dated 5.10.2012, the rate of IDA payable to the BSNL pensioners retired prior to 1.1.2007 and whose pension has not been revised as per pre 2007 revision may be as follows:

Effective Date	Average of AICP	Revised DA Rates %
1.1.2013	4945	189.5%

3. IDA rates in respect of BSNL pensioners who have retired after 1.1.2007 and have been allowed the benefit of merger of 50% of IDA with basic pay for fixation of pension and whose pension is not yet revised in accordance with 2nd wage revision effective from 1.1.2007 is as follows:

Effective Date	Revised DA Rates %
1.1.2013	139.5%

This is for your information and necessary action to communicate to all Pension Disbursing Post Offices/Banks under your control.

Photos taken in connection with the Charitable function held on 6.2.2013 by the Association in the premises of Government Primary School, 4th Phase Yelahanka New Town, Bangalore.-560 106.



Organisers on the dais



Cake Being cut by Teachers and Students



The students present



Packet of fruits being distributed among students

Newly-Enrolled Members

	(Smt/Sri)	Designation & Office in which last worked	Type & No.
1.	Anasuya	AAO, O/o. Director of Accounts (Postal), Bg.	LM 2071
2.	Shivanand V. Bellurji	SDE, Microwave Station, Gulbarga	LM 2072
3.	K.B. Lakshminarayana Rao	HMG, RMS Bg., TD Stg.	LM 2073
4.	B.S. Balappa	SA, Bangalore City RMS, Bg.	LM 2074
5.	B.K. Susheela	Family Pensioner	ALM 2075
6.	M.V. Rangaiah	JTO, DoT, TDE, Karwar	LM 2076

LM: Life Member

ALM: Associate Life Member

Subscription of Rs. 100/- received for Pensioners' Champion

LM/ALM	Name (Smt./Sri)	LM/ALM	Name (Smt./Sri)	LM/ALM	Name (Smt./Sri)
559	R.H. Patil (200)	1339	Nagamani S. Rao (200)	1684	S.V. Iyer (200)
686	K.S. Panchapakesan	1383	M. Subramanyam (200)	1698	M. Ramakrishnappa
774	Martha P. Subbaramulu	1668	C. Muniswamy	1878	S.V.L.N. Sharam (300)
1004	K.N. Nagaraj	1671	N. Srinivasan (200)	1960	N. Jayavel

ALL INDIA CONSUMER PRICE INDEX

Month	CPI Base 2001=100	12 Months' Total	Monthly Ave.	% increase over 115.76
June 12	208	2395	199.58	72.41
Dec 12	219	2512	209.33	80.83
Jan 13	221	2535	211.25	82.49

Increase in DR/DA entitlement from 1-1-2013: 8%
By. K.B. Krishna Rao

Donations for Association

LM / ALM	Name (Smt./Sri)	Rs/-
201	D. Lakshminarayana Rao	101
1383	M. Subramanyam	300
2071	Anasuya	100

Donations for the Building Fund

LM/ALM	Name (Smt./Sri)	Rs.	Progressive Total
48	S.M. Vittal Rao	6,000	16,050

LEGAL MATTERS

Application on PB-3/PB-4 muddle has been filed in the Principal Bench of Central Administrative Tribunal, New Delhi on 25-2-2013 and has been admitted on 6-3-2013. The Application has been assigned No. OA:789/2013 and date for the next hearing has been fixed as 25-4-2013.

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