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Items /Issues for inclusion in the Agenda to be discussed in the 29th meeting of Standing Committee of Voluntary Agencies (SCOVA) scheduled to be held shortly.

Submitted by Karnataka Posts and Telecommunications Pensioners' Association, Bengaluru.

1. Re-fixation of pension of pre-2006 Pensioners at 50% of the emoluments (Last Pay drawn) instead of Average emoluments irrespective of the number of years of service on par with post 2006 Pensioners

Pension of employees retiring/ retired on or after 1-1-2006 is computed at 50% of the emoluments (last pay drawn) or average emoluments whichever is beneficial to them.

With the delinking of 33 years of qualifying service for grant of full pension w.e.f 1-1-2006, and amendment to Rule 49 of CCS (Pension) Rules, 1972 made vide notification dated 8-6-2011, employees retiring after a qualifying service of not less than 10 years are eligible for pension calculated at 50 % of emoluments (last pay drawn) or average emoluments whichever is more beneficial.

The benefit of full pension for less than 33 years of service was extended to pre-2006 Pensioners also vide DoP&PW OM No. 38/37/ 08-P&PW (A) dated the 06th April, 2016, wherein it was stated that the revised consolidated pension of pre-2006 Pensioners shall not be lower than 50% of the minimum of the pay in the Pay Band and the Grade Pay (wherever applicable) corresponding to the prerevised Pay Scale as per fitment table annexed to Ministry of Finance, Department of Expenditure OM No. 1.11.2008-IC dated 30th August, 2008 without pro-rata reduction of pension even if the Pensioners had qualifying service of less than 33 years at the time of retirement. Para 5 of the OM dated 28-1-2013 which had provided for pro-rata reduction of pension where the Pensioner had less than

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maximum required service for full pension as per rule 49 of the CCS (Pension) Rules, 1972 as applicable before 1.1.2006 was ordered to be deleted.

In spite of extension of the benefit of delinking of 33 years of service for pension to pre-2006 Pensioners vide OM dated 6-4-2016, an anomalous position with regard to the quantum of pension admissible to pre-2006 pensioners still exists as stated below

A) In respect of Pensioners whose pension was limited to the amount indicated in the table annexed to OM dated 28-1-2013

The relaxation made vide OM dated 6-4-2016 has benefited only those pre-2006 Pensioners whose revised pension from 1-1-2006 was computed in terms of para 4.2 of OM dated 1-9-2008 read with OMs dated 3-10-2008 & 14-10-2008 and the amount of pension so computed was lower than the amount indicated in the table annexed to OM dated 28-1-2013 due to pro-rata reduction in their pension for less than 33 years of service. The provisions of OM dated 6-4-2016 have not granted the intended benefit of delinking of 33 years of service, in as much as the quantum of pension admissible has been limited to the minimum pension indicated in the table annexed to OM dated 28-1-2013 and not the amount of pension that would have been admissible to the Pensioner if his/her pension was calculated without any pro rata reduction.

B) In respect of pensioners whose pension was computed in terms of para 4.1 of OM dated 1-9-2008

Pre-2006 Pensioners who had retired with less than 33 years of service and whose pension, on their retirement, was fixed after pro rata reduction for less than 33 years of service, and whose pension consolidated in terms of para 4.1 of OM dated 1-9-2008 worked out to be more than the pension computed as per para 4.2 and the minimum pension indicated in the table annexed to OM dated

28-1-203 continue to get **pro-rata pension** only and the benefit of delinking of 33 years of service for full pension have been denied to them.

C) In respect of pensioners whose pension was fixed at 50% of the Average emoluments

Pre-2006 Pensioners whose pension was fixed at 50% of the average emoluments are getting a lower amount of pension than the amount of pension that would have been admissible to them had their pension been fixed at 50 % of the emoluments(Last pay drawn) in cases where the last pay drawn was more than the average emoluments.

In order to correct the anomalies explained above and to extend the benefit of modifications to Pension Rules introduced from 1-1-2006 Viz.(a) delinking of 33 years of service for pension and (b) computation of pension at 50 % of the emoluments (last pay drawn) or average emoluments whichever is more beneficial, to all pre 2006 Pensioners on par with post 2006 Pensioners, it is requested that the pension of all pre-2006 Pensioners may be ordered to be re-fixed at 50 % of the emoluments (last pay drawn) or average emoluments whichever is more beneficial, irrespective of the number of years of service however, subject to the condition that the pension so re-fixed shall not be lower than the amount of pension indicated in the table annexed to OM dated 28-1-2013 applicable to the corresponding pay scale from which the Pensioner had retired.

2. Implementation of recommendations of 7th Central Pay Commission to PSU Absorbees

Orders on extension of the recommendations of 7th Central Pay Commission in respect of Central Civil Pensioners who had drawn lump sum payment by commutation of 100 % of their central pension on their permanent absorption in

Central Public Sector Undertakings have not yet been issued. It is therefore requested that immediate necessary action in the matter may please be caused to be taken since several CPSU Absorbees are eagerly awaiting revision of their pension as per 7th CPC.

3. Inordinate delay in implementation of the recommendations of 7th CPC in respect of Pensioners of Statutory & Autonomous bodies

Government of India, vide its resolution dated August 2016, accepted the recommendations of the 7th Central Pay Commission on pensionery benefits and all the Central Govt Civil Pensioners have been granted the benefits of revised pension with retrospective effect from 1-1-2016 and the arrears of pension due was also paid to them on 31-8-2016 along with their revised pension for the month of August 2016.

But, the Pensioners of Statutory & Autonomous bodies like Coffee Board, Rubber Board, Tea Board, Spices Board and Tobacco Board (under the Department of Commerce, Ministry of Commerce and Industry) Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan (under the Ministry of HRD), Khadi & Village Industries Commission (under the Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises) Central Silk Board (under the Ministry of Textiles) and National Council of Science Museum (under the Ministry of Culture), whose pensionery benefits also are regulated under the Central Civil Services (Pension) Rules, 1972 on par with Central Government Civil Pensioners and who have been eagerly waiting for implementation of the pensionery benefits to them simultaneously with Central Civil Pensioners, have been disappointed by the inordinate delay in extension of 7th CPC benefits even after 4 months from its implementation to other Central Pensioners.

This issue was raised by the Staff Side in the Standing Committee Meeting of the

Joint Consultative Machinery (JCM), National Council, held on 25.10.2016. The Official side, reportedly, informed the Staff side that an overall review regarding the performance and financial viability etc. of each of the Autonomous bodies is being carried out by the Government and only after completion of the process of the review, a decision regarding extension of 7th CPC revised pensionary benefits to the Pensioners of Statutory and Autonomous bodies will be taken.

All the above mentioned Statutory and Autonomous bodies were formed by the Central Government by Acts of Parliament and they have been following the Central Civil Services Pay and Pension Rules. Recommendations of all the previous Central Pay Commissions on revision of Pay & Pension were extended to them simultaneously with the Central Civil Services Employees and Pensioners. But, now the benefits due to them in terms of the recommendations of the 7th CPC have not yet been extended to them on the plea of "review of financial viability" of each of the autonomous bodies.

It is requested that the question of "Review of Financial Viability" of Statutory & Autonomous bodies should not be linked, at this stage, with the implementation of the recommendations of 7th CPC to the Pensioners, since such a move on the part of the Government will result in further delay in granting the Pensioners of their rightful monitory/pensionery benefits and will definitely cause frustration among them, most of whom are in the evening of their lives yearning for betterment of their finances for a peaceful retired life.

It is, therefore, strongly urged that immediate action may kindly be caused to be taken to extend the recommendations of 7th CPC to all Pensioners of Statutory and Autonomous bodies pending review of the performance and financial viability of such Autonomous bodies.

4. Entitlement of Family Pension to dependent unmarried sisters

The scope of family pension under Rule 52 of CCS (Pension)Rules, 1972 was extended to the dependent disabled siblings (brothers & sisters) of Central government servants/ Pensioners vide DoP&PW OM No. 1.15.2008 - P&PW(E) dated 17th August, 2009. There are cases wherein an employee/pensioner remains unmarried and leaves behind dependent unmarried sister/sisters. Though cases of such type may be far and few, nonetheless, such hapless ladies need to be taken care of by the Government lest they should be left to fend for themselves after the death of the Government servant \ Pensioner on whom they were fully dependent before his/ her death. It is therefore expedient to include "dependent unmarried sister/sisters" in the definition of family for the purpose of grant of family pension. This may please be viewed on compassionate grounds and necessary action for inclusion of dependent unmarried sister/ sisters in the definition of "family" under Rule 54 of CCS(Pension)Rules1972 may please be taken.

5. Enhancement of Ex-gratia granted to CPF/ SRPF(C) retirees and their Families.

Ex-gratia granted to CPF/SRPF beneficiaries in June, 1988 was revised w.e.f. 1/11/1997 and was being paid to them at the following rates.

- a) CPF/SRPF beneficiaries who retired between the period 18-11-1960 and 31-12-1985 with at least 20 years of service: Rs.600
- b) Families of Pre-1986 CPF/SRPF retires/ deceased employees and Pre-1960 retirees: Rs.605

The Ex-gratia was further revised as per details below w.e.f 1.11.2006 in respect of SRPF retirees and w.e.f 4.6.2013 in respect of CPF retirees/widows and dependent children of deceased SRPF/CPF retirees.

CPF/SRPF Retirees belonging to the following groups

Group A : Rs. 3,000
Group B : Rs. 1,000
Group C : Rs. 750
Group D : Rs. 650

Widows and dependent children of deceased CPF beneficiaries: Rs. 645

These amounts of Ex-gratia are quite inadequate in these days of high inflation and spiralling prices of essential commodities. The request for revision ex gratia of SRPF/CPF (C) retirees needs to be reviewed sympathetically. The quantum of ex-gratia must be enhanced at least to an amount equal to the "group wise minimum pension" admissible to the Central government Pensioners as indicated in the Concordance table annexed to the Department of Pension and Pensioners' welfare O.M. dated 28th January, 2013 and the quantum of revised minimum pension must be revised further as per the recommendations of 7th Central Pay Commission implemented vide DoP&PW dated 4-8-2016. Further, it is to be noted that SRPF/CPF ex-gratia beneficiaries belong to a "Dwindling Group of Pensioners" and it may not be difficult for the Government to accept suggestion made regarding improvement of the amount of ex-gratia payable to them.

ANNUAL GET-TOGETHER OF RMS & MMS PENSIONERS

1st January 2017, Sunday at 10.00 am.

Venue:

Raghothaman Smaraka Bhavana

RMS Colony, RMV 2nd Stage Nagashetty Halli, Sanjayanagar Bengaluru-560094

All RMS & MMS Pensioners are invited to attend

K. K. Gangadhara, Convenor

An APPEAL

Donation to the Building fund of the Association

The Executive Committee of K P&T PA expresses its gratitude to all the Members, Subscribers and Well Wishers who have responded favourably so far for the appeal made by the Association for donation to the building fund. The 4th list of the Donors is published in this issue of the journal.

K P&T PA earnestly requests other Members and Subscribers for the Association's Journal *Pensioners' Champion who* are yet to respond to donate liberally to the building fund.



Donation can be made in installments also. Progressive total of donations made in installments will be indicated in the list as and when donations are received

Names of those who donate Rs.25,000/- and above will be engraved on granite stone to be embedded in the front wall near the main door of the new building and of those who donate Rs. 10,000 /- and above but less than Rs.25,000/-, on the boards provided in the main hall

We request the Members who have donated less than Rs. 2,000/- please to ensure payment of an additional amount to raise their donation to a minimum of Rs.2,000/-

Our special appeal to Pensioners who got arrears consequent to delinking of 33 years of service for full pension with retrospective effect from 1-1- 2006: Please donate liberally

Apart from the appeal in the journal, we have also sent SMSes to some of our Members urging them to donate to the building fund. We also intend writing personal letters to our Members& Subscribers

Income Tax exemption: In computation of the taxable income, 50% of the amount of donation made to K P&TPA, is eligible for deduction in the Gross total Income of an Individual under Section 80-G of Income Tax ACT.

Donation to be remitted by *crossed CTS cheque only* payable to "Karnataka P&T Pensioners' Association".

Cheques may please be sent to: Sri K.R.Anantha Ramu, Treasurer K P&T PA,

No 1158, 7th Main, 7th Block, HMT Layout, Vidyaranyapura, Bangalore-560097.

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Donation to the Building Fund - 4th List

SI No.	Name Sri/Smt. Membership Amount Receipt Pro			Progressive	
		No.	Rs.	No.	Total of donation
231	S.Nagendra S/o. S. Sridharamurthy	Well wisher	25000	2437	
232	A.G.Doraiswamy	32	15000	2219/2388	25001
233	Vompolu Sambasiva Rao	1034	15000	2097/2410	25000
234	K.Nathaganapathi	Well wisher	10100	2386	
235	G.Devaraj	505	10010	2387	
236	N.Lakshmanaprsad/H.Rukmini	89	10000	2439	
237	K.V.Bhima Rao	616	10000	2383	
238	C.Srinivasa Murthy	1079	10000	2406	
239	N.R.Anantha	2397	10000	2398	
240	Ananda Rao Batni	2408	10000	2423	
241	A.G.Doraiswamy (In memory of Parents- Smt.Rukmini & Sri.A.L.Govindaraj)	32	10000	2389	
242	A.G.Doraiswamy (In memory of Parents-in-law: Smt.Savithri & Sri.Srinivsan)	32	10000	2390	
243	A.G.Doraiswamy (In memory of brother - A G Ramalingam)	32	10000	2391	
244	K.Bharathi Nagendra	1345	10000	2397	
245	Dr.T.S.Sathyanarayana Rao, President, CGPA Mysuru	Well wisher	10000	2405	
246	Central Govt.Pensioners' Association, Mysuru	Sister Assn.	10000	2414	
247	Coffee Board Pensioners' Association, Bengaluru	Sister Assn.	10000	2433	
248	H.G.Kulkarni	2350	5001	2417	
249	K.Sankaranarayanan	850	5000	2412	
250	Madhavi	1252	5000	2442	
251	P.Subbaramaiah	1860	5000	2420	
252	M.Chandrasekhar	1643	4000	2418	
253	R.Mohan	1773	3000	2402	
254	K.Srinivasa Murthy	Well wisher	3000	2422	
255	G.V.Lakshminarayana	1320	2500	2419	
256	K.S.Menon	2282	2500	2428	

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SI No.	Name Sri/Smt.	Membership No.	Amount Rs.	Receipt No.	Progressive Total of donation
257	N. Canalaksiahaa			-	Total of donation
257	N.Gopalakrishna	1500	2222	2385	
258	M.N.Shenvi	375	2100	2404	
259	Paul Wilson	1841	2051	2403	
260	B.V.Ramachandran	750	2000	2408	
261	R.D.Sahane	780	2000	2382	
262	K.G.Naik	1164	2000	2424	
263	A.Prakash	1700	2000	2434	
264	N.K.Katti /Katti Narasimha	1810	2000	2407	
265	R.Vijayaraghavan	2002	2000	2409	
266	P.K.Subramanya	2148	2000	2429	
267	K.Babu Nairi	2149	2000	2438	
268	C.S.Krishna Gupta	2182	2000	2435	
269	M.N.Ramaswamy	2222	2000	2431	
270	T.V.Parthasarathi	2255	2000	2432	
271	Gopal	Well wisher	2000	2401	
272	H.Kariyanna	2296	1500	2413	
273	K.P.Rangan	21	1000	2286	
274	L.Ramaseshu	629	1000	2427	
275	Shantha Venugopalan	796	500	2430	
276	S.K.Venkatesha Murthy	1198	1000	2344/2421	2001
277	K.Sivadass	1265	1000	2384	
278	P.A.Longhinose	1526	1000	2440	
279	A.N.Ramesh	2240	1000	2441	
280	Railway Pensioners' Assn.	Sister Assn.	1000	2122	

Newly Enrolled Members

Name (Smt./Sri)		Designation & Office in which last worked	Type & No.			
1	K. Jayaram	Chief Accounts Officer, (S.E), BSNL, Bangalore TD	LM	2463		
2	B.K. Lakshmanan	Scientist 'F', GTRE, DRDO, Ministry of Defence, Bg.	ALM	2464		
3	T.M. Shivamadappa	Postal Assistant, General Post Office, Bangalore	LM	2465		
4	Ramakrishna Manjunath Karkal	Deputy Postmaster, HSG I, Bangalore City HO	LM	2466		

LM: Life Member ALM: Associate Life Member

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Report on the Proceedings of the Annual General Body Meeting of Bharat Pensioners' Samaj, New Delhi to which Karnataka P&T Pensioners' Association is affiliated

By- V.Murugan, EC Member, K P&T PA who represented the Association at the AGB held on 13-11-2016 in New Delhi

The Management Committee Meeting was held at 10 a.m.on 12-10-2016 at Bharat Pensioners' Samaj office, Jangpura "A", New Delhi 110014. Sri V. Murugan EC member attended as a visitor and observed the deliberation and discussion along with the Members/ Office bearers of the Coffee Board Pensioners Association, Bengaluru.

The 61st AGB was held at Mavlankar Auditorium, Constitution Club, New Delhi on 13-10-2016. The meeting commenced at 10.30 a.m. It was inaugurated by Com. Shivgopal, Mishra, General Secretary, National Council JCM (Staff side) and Secretary General, AIRF, New Delhi, after the welcome speech by Sri MM Kapoor, Chairman, reception committee of the 61st AGM. In his inaugural speech he elaborately spoke about the nonacceptance of the minimum wage of Rs. 26,000 as per Aykroyd formula to the serving employees by 7CPC and non-acceptance of Option (I) to the C.G. Pensioners by the Central government. Though various committees were constituted to examine the recommendations and to correct the anomalies and to suggest improvement, nothing worthwhile has come out so far in favour of the employees as well as the Pensioners. The committee constituted to examine the feasibility of implementation of Option (I) for Pensioners, is not ready to accept the recommendation on the plea of non availability of service records of about 18% of the Central Pensioner.

Another guest Dr. Sugan Bhatia in his speech criticized the economic policies of the Central government and its disinterest in protecting health and wellness of poor and Senior citizens.

Com. KKN Kutty, Secretary General, NCCPA and President, CGE&W, New Delhi

spoke in detail about the difficulties being faced and the injustice meted out to the CG employees and Pensioners and about the new economic policies enunciated by the successive Central government since 1991. NPS was introduced by the NDA Government in 1993 and the Employees recruited from 1-1-2004 have been denied pension under old pension scheme. He appealed to all to fight against non-implementation of Option (I) to Pensioners, denial of minimum wage of RS. 26,000 to serving employees d etc. He called upon Pensioners' Associations to participate in the Parliament Chalo on 15th December, 2016.

Sri. D. Balasubramanian, G.S, AIFPA, Chennai speaking on pension matters stated that the Pension department is facing difficulties in finding the service records of the Pensioners and hence it is simple to follow the recommendation of the 5th CPC instead of Option (I).

One representative each from the Punjab National Bank, New Delhi, and PORTEA (Heal at Home), the sponsors of the AGB also spoke. Members of BPS of 80 years of age were felicitated. PMES awards were presented to the outstanding Pensioners' Associations. Secretary General, BPS Com.S.C. Maheshwari placed the annual report and accounts for approval and adoption

The following are some of the important resolutions passed by the AGB:

- 1. Rise FMA to RS. 3,000.
- 2. Additional Pension and Family Pension to commence at 65 years.
- Holding of Mass Dharna at Jantar Manthar, New Delhi, during February 2017 to urge the Central Government to implement Option (I).

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4. Com. V Murugan the representative and EC member, K P & T PA spoke on the functioning of K P&T PA and about its welfare activities. On behalf of KP & TPA he upraised the house regarding the proposal to construct an annex to Pensioners' Bhavan building and the need for monitary assistance by the other Pensioner's Associations. He urged in his speech for implementation of the 7CPC recommendations in respect of Employees & Pensioners of Autonomous Bodies of Central

Government such as, Coffee Board, Tea Board, Tobacco Board, etc. Finally, Com Murugan distributed copies of the appeal for donation for the construction of the proposed annex building by KP & TPA. Sri. TV Suryaprakash, Secretary, Coffee Board Pensioners Association, Bangalore was elected as Secretary, BPS- Autonomous Bodies.

The AGM concluded with the presidential speech by Com Shyamsundar and ended with National anthem at 5.30 PM.

Legal Matters

1. Grant of upgraded Pay Scales to Income Tax Officers / Income Tax Inspectors w.e.f 1-1-1996

OA 86 /2008 filed by Income Tax Gazetted Officers Association, Mumbai was allowed by CAT Mumbai on 17-1-2012. Writ petition filed by the Government - WP 9649/2012 of High Court of Bombay, listed for hearing on 7-10-2016 Adjourned to 25-5-2017

2. BSNL

Anomaly in fixation of pay of BSNL employees who retired between 1-10-2000 and 31-7-2001 ie. within 10 months of formation of BSNL

O.A.NO.2173/2014 before CAT, Principal Bench, Delhi.

Division bench of CAT Principal Bench New Delhi heard the case on 16-12-2016 and has **allowed the OA** filed by the All India BSNL Pensioners' Welfare Association. Detailed Order awaited.

Rs.120/- Smt./Sri	Rs.125/- Smt./Sri	Rs.240/- Smt./Sri	Rs.360/- Smt./Sri
249 K. Basappa	S-245 R.S.N. Murthy	629 L. Ramaseshu	363 Devanatchi Durugaiah
549 S.L. Gopalakrishna	Do 140/ Cmt /Cri	658 M. Narayana Rao	1767 Bhagawanlal Yadav
899 K.M. Lakshminarayana	Rs.140/- Smt./Sri	945 N.L. Balakrishna	_
962 Sundersingh Edward	2458 N.K. Reddy	1252 Madhavi	2240 A.N. Ramesh
1057 R. Seetharaman	Rs.150/- Smt./Sri	1323 M.S. Raghavendra	2453 A.K. Nagaraj
1475 Leelavathi (FP)	S-272 D.V. Sathyanarayana	1400 V.R. Subramanian	Rs.500/- Smt./Sri
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1987 Chandrashekhara Rao	S-304 K.V.K. Chetty	2297 C. Devaprasad	Rs. 600/- Smt./Sri
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CGHS

Delegation of powers for settlement of reimbursement claims/Permissions ex-post-facto approval in respect of Pensioner CGHS beneficiaries.

Gol, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Department of Health & Family Welfare OM No: Z.15025/79/2/DIR/CGHS dated 05.10.2016

With reference to the above subject the undersigned is directed to state that that the matter has been reviewed by the Ministry in view of the difficulties faced by the CGHS pensioner Beneficiaries. Therefore, with a view to streamline and to simplify the procedures, it has now been decided to further delegate powers to the Addl. Directors of CGHS Cities / Zones in respect of CGHS Pensioner Beneficiaries. etc. as under:

i) Permission / ex-post facto approval in non-empanelled Hospitals / Diagnostic Labs /Imaging Centre:

Requests for permission ex-post facto approval for elective treatment / investigations in non-empanelled Hospitals/Diagnostic centres in respect of Pensioners/ex-MP's/ Freedom Fighters, etc. shall be considered by Addl. Director of concerned CGHS city / Zone subject to the reimbursement being restricted to CGHS package rates or actual expenditure, whichever is less

ii) Permission / ex-post facto approval in cases involving procedural lapse:

Requests for approval of elective treatment/investigations in empanelled Hospitals/Diagnostic centres without recommendation of Govt. Specialist or CMO and without prior permission in respect of Pensioners/ex-MPs/ Freedom Fighters, etc, shall be considered by Addl. Director of concerned CGHS city / Zone subject to the

reimbursement being restricted to CGHS rates or actual expenditure whichever is less.

iii) Delegation of Powers for Settlement of Medical Reimbursement Claims (at approved rates) of Individual Pensioner Beneficiary. etc,

Revised Delegated Powers

a) Additional Director, Rs.7,00,000 CGHS of City/Zone

b) Director, CGHS Rs.15,00,000
 c) Addl. Secretary & Rs. 25,00,000
 DG, CGHS

- 2. The revised delegations mentioned above will be subject to the conditions that it will not include any case involving relaxation of rules, irrespective of the amount involved. Further, cases where the amounts exceed the monetary limits prescribed above will have to be referred to the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare for obtaining the concurrence of Integrated Finance Division in the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare.
- 3. The above delegations are in supersession of all the earlier instructions in the matter in respect of the delegations now being conveyed.

This issues with the concurrence of Integrated Finance Division, Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, vide Dy. No C- 3373 dated 20.09.2016

Sd/-Dr.D.C.Joshi, Director, CGHS

Central Government Holiday in January 2017.

Republic Day

26th January Thursday

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Month	CPI Base 2001=100	12 Months' Total	Monthly Ave.	% increase over 115.76	% increase over 261.42
				6th CPC	7th CPC
June 16	277	3228	269.00	132.38	2.90
Oct 16	278	3279	273.25	136	4.52

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DoP&PW Order Grant of Dearness Relief to Central Government Employees who had drawn lump sum amount on absorption in a PSU/Autonomous body and are in receipt of 1/3rd restored commuted portion of pension.

Revised rate effective from 1.7.2016.

Gol, Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances & Pensions, Department of Pension & Pensioners' Welfare, OM No. F. No. 42115/2016-P&PW(G) Dated 16th Dec,2016

The undersigned is directed to refer to this Department's OMs 42/06/2016- P&PW(G) dated 11th April, 2016 and 421/5/2016- P&PW(G) dated 16.11.2016 wherein it was decided to issue separate Dearness Relief Orders to the Central Government employees who had drawn lump sum amount on absorption in a PSU/ Autonomous body and are in receipt of 1/3rd restored commuted portion of pension and to say that the President is pleased to decide that the Dearness Relief (DR) shall be enhanced from the existing rate of 125% to 132% w.e.f. Ist July, 2016.

- 2. These orders will be applicable to Central Government employees who had drawn lump sum amount on absorption in a PSU/ Autonomous body and have become eligible for restoration of 1/3rd commuted portion of pension. These employees will be entitled to the payment of DR @ 132% w.e.f. 1.7.2016 on full pension i.e. the revised pension which the absorbed employee would have received had he not drawn lump sum payment on absorption and Dearness Pension subject to fulfilment of the conditions laid down in para 5 of the O.M. dated 14.07.98 as amended from time to time. In this connection, instructions contained in this Department's OM No.4/29199-P&PW (D) dated. 12.7.2000 refers.
- 3. Payment of DR involving a fraction of a rupee shall be rounded off to the next higher rupee.
- 4. Other provisions governing grant of DR in respect of employed family pensioners and reemployed Central Government Pensioners will be regulated in accordance with the provisions contained in this Department's OM No. 45173/97-P&PW(G) dated 2.7.1999 as amended vide this Department's OM No. F.No. 38/88/2008-

P&PW(G) dated 9th July, 2009.

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

- 5. It will be the responsibility of the Pension Disbursing Authorities, including the Nationalized Banks, etc. to calculate the quantum of DR payable in each individual case.
- 6. The offices of Accountant General and authorised Pension Disbursing Banks are requested to arrange payment of relief to Pensioners etc. on the basis of these instructions without waiting for any further instructions from the Comptroller and Auditor General of India and the Reserve Bank of India in view of letter No. 528- TA, II/34-80-JI dated 23/0411981 of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India addressed to all Accountant Generals and Reserve Bank of India Circular No. GANB No. 2958/GA-64 (ii) (CGL)/81 dated the 21 st May, 1981 addressed to State Bank of India and its subsidiaries and all Nationalised Banks.
- 7. In their application to the Pensioners/Family pensioners belonging to Indian Audit and Accounts Department, these Orders issue after consultation with the C&AG.
- 8. This issues in pursuance of instructions of Ministry of Finance, Department of Expenditure vide their OM No. 1/3/2008-E.I1(8) dated 09th Nov. 2016.
- 9. Hindi version will follow.

(Charanjit Taneja)

Under Secretary to the Government of India

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Inordinate delay in implementation of the recommendations of 7th Central Pay Commission in respect of Pensioners of Statutory & Autonomous bodies

CCCGPA had requested intervention of the Hon'ble Prime Minister in resolution of the grievance of Pensioners of Autonomous bodies regarding the inordinate delay in implementation of the recommendations of 7th Central Pay Commission vide its letter dated 16-11-2016 published in page 8-9 of Pensioners' Champion, Nov 2016 issue. PMO forwarded the letter on 22-11-2016 to the Secretary, Department of Expenditure, Ministry of Finance, for taking appropriate action in the matter. DoE has disposed the issue on 15-12-2016. Status indicated in PG Portal is as given below.

"Implementation of 7th C PC in respect of Autonomous bodies is under consideration of the Government; after issue of the orders in respect of Autonomous bodies, Department of Pension & Pensioners' Welfare would issue orders in respect of pensioners of the Autonomous Institutes".

Pensioners' Day Celebration

Pensioners' Day was observed on 20.12.2016 at Udayabhanu Kala Sangha, Gavipuram, Bengaluru 560019.Com K.K.N.Kutty, Secretary General, National Coordination Committee of Central Pensioners' Associations, New Delhi was the Chief Guest. The function started at 10-45 hrs. under the Chairmanship of Shri K.B.Krishna Rao.

As part of the celebrations, an Eye Camp was organized in assn. with Dr. Agrawal Eye Hospitals, Bengaluru. Two senior members of affiliated organizations Sri M A Venkatachalam, former Secretary, DK P&T Pensioners' Assn. Mangaluru and Dr. T S Sathyanarayana Rao, President, Central Govt. Pensioners'

Association Mysuru City were felicitated on their attaining 80 years of age.

Quarterly meeting of the Management Committee of CCCGPA was also held. Representatives from several Affiliate Associations attended .The meeting, for the first time, saw a large number of members in attendance and the Auditorium was filled to its capacity.

After self introduction by the Members present in the House, Shri S.Radhakrishna, General Secretary, CCCGPA welcomed the gathering. He expressed happiness that almost all the Affiliates of CCCGPA have been represented in the meeting. He then readout the minutes of the last meeting held on 3.10.2016. The same were adopted. He also explained in brief the significance of Pensioners' Day, mentioning the famous Nakra judgement. Shri K.B.Krishna Rao read out portions of the on Pensioners' articles Day Shri B.Sadashiva Rao, former Chairman, and CCCGPA published in Pensioners' Champion November 2016 issue.

Shri Krishna Rao explained the latest position of 7th CPC. All the 4 Committees appointed in connection with 7th CPC have been given time up to 22.2.2017 for submitting their reports. However, the report of the Committee for implementation of option 1 for revision of pension is almost ready. As explained earlier, option 1 may not be accepted by the committee. Instead, parity in pension recommended by 5th CPC will be extended up to 7th CPC.

Shri Radhakrishna explained that 7th CPC recommendations have not been extended

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to Pensioners of Autonomous Bodies automatically as was done previously. To protest against this, Dharna was organized at Freedom Park on 19.12.2016. About 200 people participated. 'Parliament Chalo' was organized in Delhi on 15.12.2016. It is proposed to go on one day token strike n 15.2.2017, for which notice will be issued on 29.12.2016. Shri Krishna Rao explained that CCCGPA wrote a letter to the Prime Minister on this issue, which has been acknowledged. A communication from the Department of Expenditure has been received stating that the issue is under the Government's consideration.

Shri Krishna Rao then said that the next SCOVA meeting is likely to be held in January 2017 and K P&T PA has submitted fresh items for inclusion in the Agenda. He said that the items notified will be published in December issue of Pensioners' Champion.

Shri K.K.N.Kutty, Chief Guest who arrived at this stage was welcomed by S/s Krishna Rao & Radhakrishna. The Chief Guest was introduced, to the audience, giving brief description of his work as Union leader in the past and his present contribution to the Pensioner community as Secretary General, NCCCPA and as President Confederation.

Shri Venkatachalam, Former Secretary, Dakshina Kannada P&T Pensioners' Assn. Mangaluru and Dr. T S Sathyanarayana Rao, President, Central Government Pensioners' Association, Mysuru City, both past 80 years, were honoured on this occasion by the Chief Guest. Mementos with citations about their contributions in the service of Pensioners were read out. They were presented with shawl, garland and fruit basket.

Then Shri K.K.N.Kutty, Chief Guest was felicitated. S/s N Bhaskaran & B. Sadashivara Rao, Advisors to CCCGPA honoured him by presenting him with a shawl, garland, and a fruit basket. Sri Krishna Rao & Sri Radhakrishna jointly presented a Memento with a photo of the Leader printed on it and read the citation in the Memento praising his service in the

cause of Employees & Pensioners.

Then Shri K.K.N.Kutty, Chief Guest gave a brief but very informative speech. He touched upon the Memoranda submitted to CPCs from 4th CPC onwards (1986), wherein demands agreed upon by most of the Pensioners' organizations were included. For the 7th CPC, common Memorandum was almost unanimously agreed upon at the convention held in June 2014 at Chennai.

On implementation of 7th CPC recommendations to Autonomous Bodies, he said that some time back the Finance Ministry had called for reports from the Autonomous bodies about fund mobilization etc. They did not respond. Neeti Aaayog has now been asked to review their performance and financial viability. Therefore, there is delay in implementation of 7th CPC in respect of Autonomous bodies. Shri Kutty opined that they are also entitled to pay and pension revision and the decision to implement need not be linked to reply awaited from the units (approximately 680) or their performance or viability. As for other facilities like CGHS etc., he strongly advised the service organizations to fight for it, so that Pensioners could also get it. An apex body of Autonomous bodies should be formed. He said that BPS has agreed to hold an All India Convention of Pensioners in Delhi in March or April 2017.

On 7th CPC, he explained that minimum wages has to be raised. It is linked to revision of pension also as 2.57 fixation factor is actually the percentage of increase in minimum wages from 6th CPC to 7th CPC i.e. 18000/7000. A token strike on 15.2.2017 is decided upon. As to what part Pensioners should play may be decided later. But he urged the Pensioner community to support the struggle. He insisted that modified parity as suggested by 5th CPC is not acceptable. He also answered queries raised by members of audience. Shri Krishna Rao thanked Shri Kutty for attending the function.

Shri Suryaprakash, Secretary Coffee Board Pensioners Association spoke and said that on the advice of Shri Kutty, he approached employees of Coffee Board and now, an Association has been formed. The office bearers of the said Association greeted Shri Kutty with a bouquet and submitted a petition. Suryaprakash presented a cheque for Rs.10,000 towards building fund of K P&T PA.

Shri Krishna Rao appealed to all Pensioners present to donate generously to the building fund for construction of an annexe to the present Pensioners' Bhavan at Telecom Layout, off Airport Road. He explained that the plan is to build a big meeting hall on the second floor, which can be used for AGB meeting etc by all Pensioners' Associations. He announced that apart from Coffee Board Pensioners' Assn, Dr. Sathyanarayana Rao has donated Rs.10,000 each personally as well as on behalf of Mysore CGPA; Udupi Dist Pensioners association has donated Rs.10.000/-: Shri Balaram. President Coffee Board PA has personally donated Rs.5,000/-Shri Rao thanked all the donors and said that response has been encouraging so far.

DK P&T Pensioners' Assn, Mangalore gave a written report about Pension Adalat held at BSNL, Mangalore.

Shri Radhakrishna announced that a meeting with CGHS was arranged on 10.12.2016 and many issued were discussed. The details will be published in all journals. Mainly, Polyclinic will be shifted to BSNL premises near Vidhanasoudha. There is progress in shifting of Gangenally, Basavangudi and Domlur Wellness Centres. He said that general instructions to Doctors to prescribe generic medicines as far as possible have been issued. Nominations for CGHS Advisory Committees will be accepted till 25.12.2016.

He announced that the lunch at this function is hosted by KIA&AD Pensioners' Assn, Bengaluru. Shri.Suryaprakash proposed vote of thanks. The function ended at 2 p.m.

News from Affiliates

1.All India BSNL Pensioners' Welfare Association, Bengaluru

The Association celebrated Pensioners' Day on 17-12-2016 in the Auditorium of Telecom House, Bengaluru. About 175 BSNL Pensioners attended. Sri Ranganayakalu, President AIBSNLPWA, Bg TD presided over the function. Sri G. Babu, Vice President AIBSNLPWA (CHQ) was the Chief Guest. Sri K.B.Krishna Rao, Secretary, Karnataka P&T Pensioners' Association was the Guest of Honour. Sri Changappa, Circle Secretary, AIBSNLPWA, Karnataka, welcomed the gathering.

Sri K B Krishna Rao in his address spoke about the significance of Pensioners' Day and as to why the Pensioners should be thankful to the Judiciary. Speaking elaborately on "Nakra Judgement", quoting some of the paragraphs of the Judgment, he explained the benefits that were extended to Pensioners after passing of the land mark judgment by the Constitution Bench of the Hon'ble Supreme Court on 17-12-1982. On the demands of BSNL Pensioners, he said that K P&T PA and CCCGPA Karnataka have always supported their cause and will continue to extend their solidarity and support in the cause of welfare of BSNL Pensioners especially regarding the demand of treating BSNL Pensioners as Central Government Pensioners and extending the recommendations of 7th CPC to them and revision of their pension as per the same fitment formula.

Sri G Babu in his address stated that Pensioners should never feel that they get their pension as *gratis* from the Government but it is a reward for their service in the Government and therefore they have a right for getting their pension and its revision from time to time. He said that the "Nakra Judgment" has conferred this' right 'on the pensioners. Further, Sri Babu stressed on the need for strengthening the Association by ensuring admission of more BSNL Pensioners to the Association.

Sri Changappa in his address thanked the Members for attending the function in large numbers. Mentioning about the *Victory Day* celebrated on 12-11-2016 to mark the achievement of their demand for merger of 78.2% of IDA with pension, he thanked all the volunteers who toiled hard to make it a grand success. He informed them that work in connection with issue of revised orders for payment of revised pension after of merger of 78.2% of IDA with their pension is going on in the O/o CCA and considering the number of cases involved, which may be around 10,000, it may take some more time to complete the revision.

2. Udupi District P&T Pensioners' Association,

Observed Pensioners' Day and AGB on Sunday the 18th December 2016 at Kathyayini Mantapa Auditorium, Kadiyali, Udupi.

The Annual General Body Meeting was also held on the day. Out of the 504 Members of the Association, 214 attended the Meeting and discussed the activities of the Association. The new office bearers for the year 2017 were unanimously elected. Everybody expressed their happiness about the performance of the Executive Committee of the Association. In the beginning a minute of silence was observed to pay homage to the departed souls of members who expired during the year 2016. An attractive memento was given to each of the members who attended the meeting.

The open session commenced at 11.30 a.m. The President, Sri D.V Padubidri presided over the function. George Samuel, Secretary, welcomed all those present on the occasion. 14 Members of the Association who completed 70 years were honoured with shawl and a memento. A senior member who has completed 85 years was also honoured. The Patrons and the Guests of honour, Dr. N. Vijaya Ballal, Dharmadarshi, Sri Janardhana Mahakali Temple, Ambalpady, Udupi and Shri Murali Krishna Upadhya, Sri Kadiyali Mahisha

Mardhini Temple, Udupi were present, and graced the occasion.

Dr. Smt. Amina Meer, G.C.E.H., consulting Homeopath, of Udupi was the Chief Guest. In her speech she gave some important Health tips for the Senior Citizens.

Sri Radhakrishna, Deputy General Manager, B.S.N.L. Udupi and Sri Rajashekar Bhat, Superintendent of Post Offices, Udupi were the Guests of Honour.

4. Chikkamagaluru Dist P&T BSNL Pensioners' Association

Held its Annual General Body Meeting on 25-9-2016

The following were elected as Office bearers for the years 2016-17

President: Y. C. Nanjegowda, Vice President: M N Sathyanarayana, Secretary: G.Rudrappa, Asst. Secretary: Smt. B P Saraswathi, Treasurer: Kumaragnana Murthy, Asst. Treasurer: D N Narayana Organising Secretary: J R Srinivasa Murthy, Auditor: K.Ramaiah, Advisor: M B Damodara Achrya

5. Postal & RMS Pensioners' Welfare Association, Gulbarga Division

The Association celebrated Pensioners' day on 19.12.2016 at Kalaburagi. Sri.N.Prakash Sr.Supdt.Post offices Kalaburagi inaugurated the celebrations and Dr. Malahar Rao Malle was the Chief Guest. On this occasion he addressed the gathering "How to manage good health in old age "also briefed about ORGAN CLOCK in maintaining good health. Sri.D.Kalyan Rao Retd. SSPOs in his presidential address said that efforts should be made to enroll more Members to strengthen the Association. Sri.S.N.Yewoorker Secretary spoke about the importance of the Pensioners day and Sri.S.S.Bali, Vice President & Sri.D.M.Kulkarani Treasurer were also present.

The report of the celebration appeared in most of the leading dailies.

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Disbursement of pension through Post Office Savings Bank to P&T Pensioners

Chief Postmaster General, Karnataka, issues instructions in response to the Association's request made vide letter dated 18-11-2016 published in page 11 of Pensioners' Champion November 2016 issue. Instructions reproduced below for information of P&T Pensioners

O/o The Chief Postmaster General, Karnataka Circle, Bangalore-56001

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dated the 5/12/2016

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Disbursement of pension through POSB to P&T Pensioners for the months of November & December 2016 - reg

Please find herewith enclosed copy of a letter received from the Secretary, Karnataka Posts and Telecommunications Pensioners' Association, Bangalore which is self explanatory. I am directed to request you to open special/additional counters or separate queues on the last working day of the month for the disbursement of pension to P&T Pensioners wherever possible.

Sd/- APMG (PG&QA)

For Chief Postmaster General, Karnataka Circle, Bangalore-560001

OBITUARY

Sri M.R. Govindarajan LM - 162, former HSG-1 Postmaster, Bangalore City HPO, expired on 24-11-2016 at the age of 81 years. He is survived by wife and a son.

Sri S. Sathyanarayana Rao LM - 302, former Area Manager, BSNL, BGTD, expired on 7-12-2016 at the age of 81 years. He is survived by two daughters and a son.

Sri H.K. Devadas LM - 449, former Postmaster, Pipe Line Extn PO, expired on 22-12-2016 at the age of 83 years. He is survived by wife 2 sons and a daughter.

We convey our heartfelt condolences to the bereaved families

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