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Photos of the protest demonstration held by Pensioners' Associations affiliated to CCCGPA, Karnataka on 16-3-2017 in Bengaluru.



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PENSIONERS PROTEST

For the first time in the recent past, Pensioners' Associations affiliated to the Coordination Committee of Central Government Pensioners' Associations, Karnataka held an impressive demonstration in Bengaluru on 16-3-2017 in solidarity with the Central Govt Employees who were on strike under the banner of Confederation of CG Employees and Workers demanding acceptance of 21 demands included in the 'charter of demands' given to the Govt along with the strike notice on 28-12-2016. The demands, inter alia, included the demands concerning pensioners also. Important of them are (1) Implementation of option I, the only positive recommendation of 7th Central Pay Commission for pre-2016 pensioners. (2) Implementation of the 7th CPC recommendations to pensioners of Autonomous bodies and (3) Cashless medical treatment to all Central Govt employees and pensioners in all Government and recognised Private Hospitals.

The Central cabinet had accepted both the options I & II recommended by the Pay Commission on revision of pension of pre-2016 pensioners with a rider of examining the 'feasibility' of implementation of option-1 by a Committee constituted for the purpose. The Committee headed by the Secretary Department of Pension & PW, has reportedly recommended rejection of option- I and has suggested a new formula based on parity in pension recommended by 5th CPC. Staff side and Pensioners' Associations including Karnataka P&T Pensioners' Association, an affiliate of CCCGPA, Karnataka had demanded that the new formula suggested by the Committee, can be considered as another option (3rd option) in addition to the other 2 options recommended by the 7th CPC. Although the new formula, may be advantageous, to pensioners who had been promoted to higher posts at the fag end of their service, it may not benefit a large numbers of pensioners who had retired post 2006 after earning several increments in the pay scale

from which they had retired. Keeping all these facts in view, Confederation of CG Employees and workers included the issue of implementation of option I in its Charter of demands for strike.

Government of India, vide its resolution dated 4th August 2016, accepted the recommendations of the 7th Central Pay Commission on pensionary 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, in spite of elapse of 7 months, the benefits of 7th CPC recommendations have not yet been extended to **Pensioners of Statutory & Autonomous bodies** like Coffee Board, Rubber Board, Tea Board, Spices Board Tobacco Board, Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan, Khadi & Village Industries Commission, Central Silk Board and National Council of Science Museum.

All these Autonomous bodies were constituted by Acts of Parliament and they have been following the Service Rules and Pension Rules framed by the Central Govt as amended from time to time. Modifications to CCS (Pension) Rules, 1972 introduced in the past on the recommendations of Central Pay Commissions were extended by the Autonomous bodies to their Employees and Pensioners; age related additional pension recommended by 6th CPC, is an example. The inordinate delay in implementation of 7th CPC benefits to them was taken up by the CCCGPA with the PMO in Nov 2016 and the Confederation of CG Employees & Workers was also requested to include this demand in the Charter of Demands. Though Orders were issued on 13-1-2017 and 10-2-2017, the provisions of DoP&PW OM dated 4-8-2016 on revision of pension of pre-2016 pensioners, have not yet been extended to the Pensioners

of Autonomous bodies. Even the increase in Dearness Relief due from 1-7-2016 has not been paid to them.

The Management Committee of CCCGPA, Karnataka in its meeting held on 20-2-2017 decided to hold a demonstration on 16-3-2017 to extend solidarity to the striking Central employees and to urge the Govt to accept the above said demands of pensioners.

In the demonstration held at Freedom Park, Bengaluru, about 12 Pensioners' Associations affiliated to CCCGPAs and about 250 pensioners were present. A galaxy of trade union leaders, past & present, extended their support to the pensioners by their presence in the venue throughout the proceedings. As a gesture of comradeship, many serving employees especially from the RMS, who were on strike, joined the pensioners in the demonstration.

Sri S.Radhakrishna, General secretary, CCCGPA after welcoming all those present in the venue, spoke about the demands and the unhelpful attitude of the Govt. in resolution of the grievances of the employees in general and the pensioners in particular, which has compelled even the pensioners to resort to agitations to get their just demands accepted by the Govt. He was apprehensive about acceptance of the new pension revision formula reportedly suggested by the Pension Committee in place of Option-1 recommended by the 7th CPC.

Sri K B Krishna Rao, Chairman, CCCGPA expressed his happiness over the presence of many veteran leaders of P&T Trade Union Movement in the venue, some of whom despite their advanced age, responded to the call of CCCGPA and were participating in the demonstration. He spoke in detail on the demands, the action taken by KP&TPA and CCCGPA and the response of the Department of Pension, Dept of Expenditure and the PMO to the memoranda submitted to them.

Sri P.S.Prasad, General Secretary, Confederation of CG Employees and Workers, Karnataka Unit who addressed the gathering, extended Confederation's support to the pensioners and informed that the strike was successful in the State with the participation of employees of many Central Govt. Departments in the strike.

Sri A.Srinivasa, Circle Secretary, All India RMS&MMS Employees' Union Group-C, Karnataka extending his greetings informed that the strike in RMS offices in the State was near total and some of the offices are closed. He was glad that a good number of pensioners were participating in the demonstration.

Sri N.Bhaskaran, a veteran P&T Trade union Leader, former Circle Secretary, AIRMSEU, Karnataka, who is the founder of K P&T PA & CCCGPA, was reminiscent of the strikes that took place in 1960 & 68 and spoke about the sacrifices of the Trade Union Leaders of his times who were victimised for leading strikes.

Sri G.Babu, President, K P&T PA, and Vice President AIBSNLP WA, who was in the fore front of DoT & BSNL Employees Unions in 1960s and 1970s and lead many struggles while he was in service and is now closely associated with many Educational, Social and Cultural organisations, addressed the gathering and extended his support to the striking employees & pensioners.

Sri Changappa, Circle Secretary, AIBSNLPWA, Karnataka, said that the Govt's intention is to put an end to payment of pension to ever increasing number of Pensioners. Contributory pension scheme *National Pension System* introduced from 1-1-2004, which by no means is beneficial and does not ensure even a minimum guaranteed pension, must be scrapped. He thanked CCCGPA for championing the cause of BSNL pensioners before the 7th CPC.

Sri H S Manjunatha, former Circle Secretary, AIRMSEU, Group-C, Karnataka, speaking about the importance of Employees Unions and Pensioners' Associations in achieving their demands lauded the efforts of CCCGPA, Karnataka in focusing attention on the demands of pensioners and for holding demonstration in pursuance of their demands.

Sri A N Balaram, President, Coffee board Pensioners' Association, a nonagenarian expressed his anguish over the inordinate delay in implementation of 7th CPC recommendations to Pensioners of Autonomous bodies and opined that seeking judicial intervention is not advisable at this stage.

The following representatives of the Affiliate Pensioners' Associations addressed the gathering.

(1) Sri P V R Murthy, Vice Chairman CCCGPAs and Secy., Retired railway officers' Association, (2) Sri. Mirza Naseem Akthar Secy., Karnataka Khadi & Village Industries Commission Pensioners' Association, (3) Sri B B Poddar, Jt. Secy., Karnataka Central Govt. Pensioners' Association, (4) Sri O.K.Suryanarayana, Secy., Indian Institute of Management- B, Welfare Association, (5) Dr. S. Raje Urs, President, Central Silk Board Pensioners' Association, (6) Sri Sadananda, Treasurer, Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangatan Retired Employees' Association, (7) Sri.C. S. Krishnegowda, Secy., N.C.S.M. Pensioners' Welfare Association.

Sri TV Suryaprakash, Jt. Secretary, CCCGPA and Secretary Coffee Board Pensioners' Association, who had made all the arrangements for holding the demonstration at freedom park and had coordinated with all the Pensioners' Associations to ensure presence of a good number of pensioners and representatives of Associations, in his speech explained the untiring efforts made by the Associations of Autonomous bodies since August 2016 and emphasised on the need to consolidate the strength of Associations further

to achieve their justified demands. He thanked the Confederation of CG Employees & Works, CCCGPA Karnataka, BPS & NCCCPA for championing the cause of pensioners. The demonstration ended at 1-30 p.m. after vote of thanks proposed by Sri Suryaprakash.

The following Resolutions were passed unanimously

Resolution -1

Pensioners' Associations affiliated to the Coordination Committee of Central Government Pensioners' Association, Karnataka in the Protest Demonstration held on 16th March 2017 at Freedom Park, Bengaluru, here by resolve to strongly urge the Government of India to implement Option-1 recommended by the 7th CPC in para 10.1.67 of its report on revision of pension of pre-2016 pensioners and accepted by the Govt. vide its resolution dated 4th August, 2016 and to consider the new formula reported to have been suggested by the Committee constituted to examine the feasibility of implementation of option-1, **as an additional option(option-3).**

Resolution -2

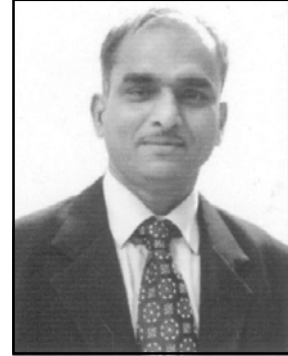
Pensioners' Associations affiliated to the Coordination Committee of Central Government Pensioners' Association, Karnataka in the Protest Demonstration held on 16th March 2017 at Freedom Park, Bengaluru, having taken notice of the inordinate delay in extension of the provisions of Department of Pension and Pensioners' Welfare OM dated 4.8.2016 which was issued for implementation of the recommendations of 7th Central Pay Commission on revision of pension of pre-2016 Central Civil Pensioners, **TO THE PENSIONERS OF STATUTORY/ AUTONOMOUS BODIES**, here by resolve to strongly urge the Government of India to immediately order implementation of the 7th CPC recommendations on pension to the pre-2016 pensioners of Statutory/ Autonomous bodies without any further delay.

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New Chief Postmaster General, Karnataka

Dr. Charles Lobo, IPS has assumed charge as the Chief Postmaster General, Karnataka vice Smt. Usha Chandrasekhar posted as Member (O), Postal Services Board, New Delhi.

Karnataka P&T Pensioners' Association extends its hearty welcome to the new CPMG and hopes that under his stewardship, Karnataka postal circle will see all-round development and Postal Pensioners in particular will receive better attention in resolution of their problems.



For the attention of Pensioners drawing their pension from post office savings Bank account

India Post has extended the facility of withdrawal of money in POSB account from ATM of ALL BANKS

Post Office Savings Bank Account - Anywhere Anytime

FREE ATM, MINIMUM BALANCE Rs.50/-only,

Cheque Book facility on minimum balance of Rs.500/-

Withdrawal facility from ATM of ALL BANKS

No worries about Tax on Withdrawals/Deposits/Minimum Balance as in other Banks.

Start using Post Office Savings Banks!

Visit your nearby/neighbourhood Post Office today.

Safety for your money Handsome returns Attractive schemes

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Well-trained staff. Hard-earned reputation Well-known dedication

Anywhere banking Anytime banking ATM card free

No hidden cost. Interoperability with other banks ATMs

Start an account today for hassle-free transactions.

K P&T PA's appeal to P&T pensioners:

Apply for ATM card for your pension SB account for a hassle free withdrawal. No need to stand in general queue on pension disbursement days before SB counters in post offices which do not open special counters for pension disbursement. You can withdraw money through ATM card at any time from any bank nearer to your residence.

An APPEAL
Donation to the Building fund
of the Association

The Executive Committee of K P&T PA thanks all the Members, Subscribers, Pensioners' Associations and Well Wishers who have so far remitted their donation to the building fund of the Association. The 7th list of the Donors is published in this issue of the journal.

Khata of the site allotted to the Association by the Telecom Employees Housing society has been registered and

approval of the Plan of the Annexe building is under process. Construction will commence on receipt of the approved plan. K P&T PA earnestly requests other Members and Subscribers, **who are yet to respond** to donate liberally to the building fund and help the Association in its endeavour.



Donation can be made in instalments also. Progressive total of donations made in instalments 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 to be 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 and BSNL Pensioners whose pension was revised after of merger of 78.2% of IDA : **Please donate liberally***

We intend writing personal letters to our Members& Subscribers who have not yet responded to our appeal.

Income Tax exemption: In computation of the taxable income, 50% of the amount of donation made to K P&T PA, 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 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, Vidyanarayapura, Bangalore-560097.

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An Appeal to Sister Pensioners’ Associations

K P&T PA invites attention of Sister Pensioners’ Associations affiliated to CCCGPA, Karnataka, to the appeal made by the Association in its letters addressed to them and reiterates its appeal to those Associations who have no yet sent their donation, to generously donate to the building fund of KP&TPA and support their Sister Pensioners’ Association in its endeavour.

Meeting a friend, philosopher and guide: a journey to Tamil Nadu

By- **K B Krishna Rao**, Secy. K P&T PA

Shri R Soundararajan, now an octogenarian, fondly called 'Vaadhyaar' meaning 'Guru' by his friends, former colleagues and hundreds of his disciples is well-settled in Nagapattinam, a historic town on the east coast of Tamil Nadu. A life member of KPTPA, he retired in 1994 from the Railway Mail Service, a wing of the Department of Posts. He used to make sojourns to Bangalore City to meet his friends and colleagues now and then. One of his visits to the city would usually be in January every year which would enable him to be present in the get-together of RMS & MMS pensioners, arranged by a group of retiree enthusiasts on the first Sunday of the New Year. He could not make it to the last few such get-togethers for some personal reasons. Three of his friends who were eager to meet him, joined by two of his *sishtyas*, set out on a tour of Tamil Nadu on 22 Feb 2017 by a brand-new Hyundai and after visiting a few places *en route*, reached Nagapattinam, the abode of Vaadhyaar on 23 Feb 2017 to spend some time with him. Sri Soundararajan, in spite of his physical disability, was seen waiting for his visitors at his residence, which is very close to the highway passing through the centre of the town. S/s T Chandrasekaran, B L Channappa, K B Krishna Rao, Rangegowda and T R Shankara Murthy were overwhelmed by the affection showered upon them by Sri Soundararajan and the arrangements made for their overnight stay at the place.

Now let me narrate the story in the first person. He took us around the places of importance in the town and the old sandy beach. He stayed with us till late in the night and guided us through for our next day's tour, giving us information about the places to see, the roads to take and hotels to eat. He was in constant touch with us over phone monitoring our journey and perhaps slept only after ascertaining our safe return to Bangalore late in the night on 24-2-2017 by SUV, owned by



Shri Rangegowda with Shri T.R. Shankara Murthy at the wheel.

This account will be incomplete if it does not touch at least briefly on the profile of Sri Soundararajan, his exemplary service in RMS, subsequently as a faculty member in Postal Training Centre, Mysore, for 15 years imparting training to hundreds of Postal and RMS staff—operative and managerial, both from India and abroad—guiding and assisting the postal authorities in various fields of activity, his post-retirement contacts with pensioners' associations in Tamil Nadu and Karnataka, his social service in his home town and his pursuit of philately, etc...

Born in Singamangalam, a remote village in Nagapattinam district, Sri Soundararajan had his initial education in nearby villages and then in Nagapattinam town where the family moved after the Second World War. After finishing his high school studies, he did graduation in Hindi and went to Hyderabad for teacher training. As the climate in his home

state was not conducive to Hindi, he chose to work for Railway Mail Service in Bangalore from 1957. While in service he attended evening college and did his master's in English literature, majoring in linguistics. He also obtained diploma in French and Kannada languages with distinction and later did post graduation in Hindi, followed by a translation course of the Ministry of Home Affairs. All this stood him in good stead in developing his writing skill. His essay on *Gandhian Thought and World Peace* (1975) was awarded the first prize by Bangalore University. He won National Solidarity gold medal for his essay *Jawaharlal Nehru, the Humanist* (1980).

Multi-faceted jobs

To diversify his job in operative and administrative units of RMS in Bangalore he joined The Postal Training Centre, Mysore. In the new assignment he had to put in strenuous work - nearly 14 hours a day - conducting classroom sessions, editing training manuals/course materials on various topics, publishing house journals, coordinating with other Central government offices in Mysore in connection with implementation of Hindi as official language and caring for the inmates of the hostel.

With the encouragement of successive heads of the institution, particularly Sri M.P. Rajan, he produced *Postal Geography* (1993) a unique venture, which was admired by all concerned in the country. *The Hindu* commented it as a 'fantastic work'. His seminal work was *Postal History* (1995). For this he had to collect background materials from many countries and several parts of India. The manuscripts relating to India's Post Office secured from the British Library, London, and the microfilms obtained from National Library, Calcutta, were some of the documents which were to be carefully deciphered and incorporated in the book. With much concentration and perseverance he accomplished the task in time. It was an instant success.

He is glad that he could meet about 15,000 students during his stay in the training centre. They were from four southern states and occasionally from other states like Bihar, Bengal and Jammu & Kashmir. Besides, trainees from abroad—mostly from African countries—and, nearer home, from Bhutan and Nepal, underwent specific training programmes. Personnel from Army Post Office and Foreign Post were also deputed to PTC, Mysore, for training. Alongside the nitty-gritty of training Sri R Soundararajan made it a point to inculcate in the trainees ethical values and professionalism.

On return to his home town Sri Soundararajan worked as a columnist for *The Hindu—Young World*. He dealt with geography, a neglected subject, and wrote on postage stamps for the youth. He rendered free service in a college for two academic years with a view to developing communication skills among rural students. His efforts helped them achieve outstanding results on the college work and projects as they began using the language with accuracy and clarity both in speech and writing.

Cleanliness campaign

On finding live germs floating on drinking water collected from a tap in a school Sri Soundararajan was shocked. He began focussing his attention on providing clean drinking water and toilet to students and staff. With the help of another likeminded person he created awareness among the people in this regard by writing to newspapers. School sanitation and hygiene were other priorities he concentrated on. He joined EXNORA International (I E), an NGO functioning as an adjunct to local self-government in solid waste management (SWM) and worked effectively to bring about clean environment in the town. Appreciating the service of EXNORA, the municipal authorities and the management of ONGC offered necessary help to the organisation. Today Nagapattinam, Tirunelveli

and Alandur are put on the map of model town for cleanliness. Presently Sri Soundararajan is the PRO of EXNORA at district level. Surely, this is a prelude to our hon'ble Prime Minister's Swachh Bharat Mission.

Sri Soundararajan played an active role in consumer protection activities. He was invited to be the associate editor of the journal *FEDCOT News* issued by the Consumer Protection Council for Tamil Nadu and Pondicherry which he accepted. This work continued for five years.

Succour to tsunami victims

It was during the tsunami that badly devastated the town and 77 villages in the district that Sri Soundararajan unleashed his full potential by helping the victims wholeheartedly. On the morning of 26 December 2004 the tsunami took a heavy toll in Nagore, Nagapattinam and Velankanni on the eastern seaboard owing to its geographical position. About 240 survivors who formed part of Samanathanpettai village were given shelter in the nearby wedding hall and food and clothing were arranged for them immediately by him. They were very well looked after by R Soundararajan until they were provided temporary shelters (read tin-huts). He wrote extensively about his experience during tsunami which was published in *Pensioners' Champion* (January 2005 issue). His selfless service was very much appreciated by the Rotary International and the district administration. He said he derived immense pleasure by serving the needy. This is an example of how one could extend help to the forlorn with a sound intellectual framework without running away from the scene.

One of his hobbies is stamp collecting. When scientifically done, it is called philately. He started collecting stamps very late in his life and classified them thematically. To encourage young collectors to undertake this hobby he went to schools and colleges and

spoke about the importance of stamp collecting. He also conducted workshops and quiz programmes on the subject. He participated in stamp exhibitions in places like Hong Kong, Chennai, Vadodara and Thanjavur and won accolades.

His other pastime is reading of books, newspapers and periodicals. He has built up a personal library consisting of 1,500 valuable books some of them are rare ones which are out of print. His collection of reference books on various subjects is noteworthy. These are all his "never failing friends"

Sri Soundararajan has a feeling of nostalgia for the accepted social mores in Bangalore where he lived for more than 20 years. Some of them are : inviting friends anytime for a cup of coffee—often 'one by two'—taking sustenance in popular masal dosa, consuming *avarekai* in the menu like *usli* and *upiittu* and enquiring of the neighbours about the quantity of *avarekai* they bought during the season to score a victory.

Simple living and high thinking has been the credo of Sri Soundararajan. What is more, **he has been donating fifty percent of his pension for the autism-affected poor students** with the hope that they would one day join the mainstream of the populace, so that his small help would bring sunshine in their life.

Let us pray for his health and long life.

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Corrections in the subscription list (February-2017)

LM-897 Smt. Revathi Mohan- Delete Rs. 240/-
Add Rs. 300/-

7th CPC- Allowances Committee

Minister of state in the Ministry of Finance answers question on Allowances Committee in Lok Sabha

Un starred Question No: 1778 : Answered on: 10.03.2017

Committee on Allowances of Seventh Central Pay Commission

Sultan Ahmed , Dushyant Chautala Will the Minister of Finance be pleased to state:-

- (a) Whether the Government has set up a Committee to examine the various allowances in the light of recommendation made by the Seventh Central Pay Commission;
- (b) If so, the details and terms of reference thereof;
- (c) Whether the said Committee on allowances has submitted its report to the Government, if so, the recommendations made by the Committee along with the follow-up action taken by the Government thereon;
- (d) If not, the reasons there for and the time by which the said report is likely to be submitted;
- (e) whether the Government proposes to give

arrear of House Rent Allowance and other allowances with effect from the month of notification of implementation of Seventh Central Pay Commission, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons there for?

ANSWER

Minister of State in the Ministry of Finance

(Shri Arjun Ram Meghwal)

(a) & (b): Yes. The Committee on Allowances has been constituted vide order dated 22.07.2016. The Committee is to examine the recommendations of the 7th CPC in regard to various allowances having regard to the representations made by the Staff Associations and the suggestions of the concerned Ministries/Departments and make recommendations as to whether any changes in the recommendations of the 7th CPC are warranted and if so, in what form.

(c) to (e): The Committee has not submitted its report to the Government. The deliberations of the Committee are in the final stages. Decisions on implementing the Report will be taken after the Report is submitted by the Committee.

Merger of 78.2 % IDA with Pay/Pension Issue of revised PPOs			
DoT reviews the position and fixes new timelines for completion of the work connected with issue of revised PPOs vide its Letter dated 7 th March 2017			
BSNL (Submission of complete pension papers & service books)		CCA (Issue of revised PPOs)	
Pre-2007 Retirees	Post-2007 Retirees	Pre-2007 Retirees	Post-2007 Retirees
15-3-2017	31-3-2017	31-3-2017	10-4-2017

Legal Matter

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.

Filing of Income Tax return for the Financial Year 2016-17 (Assessment Year 2017-18)

Every individual has to furnish the return of his income, if his total income before allowing deductions under Chapter VI-A, exceeds the maximum amount which is not chargeable to Income Tax.

In the case of a Senior Citizen (age between 60 & 79) filing of Income Tax return is obligatory if his/her total income exceeds Rs.3,00,000 for the financial year 2016-17. Very Senior Citizens (age 80 & above) whose total income for the relevant assessment year does not exceed Rs.5 lakhs are exempted from filing returns from the assessment year 2011-12 subject to certain conditions. However, if their income is above Rs. 5,00,000/- filing of IT return is obligatory.

Financial year 2016-17

Rates of Tax payable by Senior Citizens (60 years and above but less than 80 years)

1. Where the total income does not exceed Rs.3,00,000	Nil
2. Where the total Income exceeds Rs.3,00,000 but does not exceed Rs. 5,00,000	10% of the amount by which the income exceeds Rs.3,00,000
3. Where the total income exceeds Rs.5,00,000 but does not exceed Rs. 10,00,000	Rs.20,000 plus 20% of the amount by which the income exceeds Rs.5,00,000
4. Where the total income exceeds Rs10,00,000	Rs.1,20,000 plus Rs. 30% of the amount by which the income exceeds Rs.10,00,000

Rates of Tax payable by Very Senior Citizens (age 80 years or more at any time during the financial year)

1. Where the total income does not exceed Rs.5,00,000	Nil
2. Where the total Income exceeds Rs.5,00,000 but does not exceed Rs. 10,00,000	20% of the amount by which the income exceeds Rs.5,00,000
3. Where the total income exceeds Rs10,00,000	Rs.1,00,000 plus Rs. 30% of the amount by which the income exceeds Rs.10,00,000

The last date for filling IT return - 31-7-2017.

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Resolution - 3

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pension to pre-2006 pensioners without any pro-rata reduction in pension for less than 33 years of service issued in respect of pre-2006 Central Civil Pensioners, **TO THE PENSIONERS OF STATUTORY/AUTONOMOUS BODIES**, here by resolves to strongly urge the Government of India to immediately order implementation of the provisions of the OM dated 6-4-2016 ibid to the pre-2016 Pensioners of Statutory/Autonomous bodies without any further delay

Donation to the Building Fund - 7th List

SI No.	Name Sri/Smt.	Membership No.	Amount Rs.	Receipt No.	Progressive Total of donation
390	M.K.Appayya	2394	10001	2659	
391	K.R.Seshadri Iyengar	615	10000	2621	
392	K.L.Shivaram	1038	6000	2599	
393	K.G.Ramaraj	1706	6000	2613	
394	Usha Kiran	2320	5001	2622	
395	Rajalakshmi Shanmugam	598	5000	2632	
396	G.R.Parthasarathi	991	5000	2604	
397	B.K.Nagabhushanam	1562	5000	2605	
398	K.N.Sharabachar	1946	5000	2663	
399	Dr.G.K.Narayanan	2259	5000	2660	
400	Karnataka Central Govt. Pensioners' Association	-	5000	2617	
401	K.Vijayashekarana	938	4000	2643/2651	
402	Sunanda Murthy	2192	4000	2624	
403	A.K.Nagaraj	2453	4000	2607	
404	L.Gururaja Rao	1138	3000	2661	
405	K.Balan	2375	3000	2662	
406	P.N.Damodaran Nair	976	2501	2614	
407	K.Rangaswamy	1427	2500	2619	
408	S.S.Potaraj	1557	2200	2618	
409	H.Dasaratha Rao	2362	2101	2630	
410	P.S.Puttasiddaiah	2409	2101	2606	
411	S.Perumal	2236	2050	2636	
412	Chandrashekar Karanth	1076	2005	2623	6011
413	E.Krishna Murthy	171	2000	2634	
414	V.Velayudhan	553	2000	2633	
415	P.Ramanatha	825	2000	2644	
416	S.Rajagopalan	1047	2000	2647	
417	K.Sreedharan	1152	2000	2641	5000
418	Y.Subramanyam	1365	2000	2653	
419	B.R.Nagaraja	1458	2000	2652	

SI No.	Name Sri/Smt.	Membership No.	Amount Rs.	Receipt No.	Progressive Total of donation
420	C.S.Madhyastha	1871	2000	2628	
421	B.R.Sundaresha	1885	2000	2657	
422	S.N.Yeworkar	2003	2000	2598	
423	H.T.Govinda Gowda	2093	2000	2603	
424	N.G.Pandurangi	2103	2000	2593	
425	S.K.Ramachandra	2119	2000	2609	
426	Prakash.R.Kowtal	2122	2000	2626	
427	V.S.Ramamurthy	2123	2000	2627	
428	K.S.Vijayalakshmi	2151	2000	2646	
429	R.Muddaiah	2190	2000	2625	
430	M.N.Nagabhushana	2203	2000	2615	
431	Doddamadaiah	2234	2000	2667	
432	Shankaranand.G.Naik	2245	2000	2608	
433	V.Lakshminarayana	2283	2000	2611	
434	T.V.Ramachandran	2300	2000	2597	
435	D.Johnston Asirvatham	2417	2000	2629	
436	K.S.Ramachandra	2432	2000	2666	
437	M.Armugham	2406	2000		
438	C.Chinnapaiyan	2405	2000		
439	N.Murthy	2407	2000		
440	Harvey Rosario	1865	1200	2620	2200
441	M.Nagaraja	2250	1000	2000	
442	A.Lawrence	2057	1000	2631	
443	G.Kalaichelvan	2328	1000	2635	
444	H.K.Ramanna	2356	1000	2658	
445	B.M.Gopalakrishna	2425	1000	2645	
446	K.Basappa	249	500	2664	
447	G.P.Shivanna	2213	500	2665	
448	M.Devaraj	1169	500	2649	
449	B.S.Mahagaonkar	1751	500	2595	
450	T.S.Ramakrishnaiah	2314	500	2648	
451	M.S.Krishna Murthy	2383	500	2616	

MEDICAL**Reimbursement of medical claims to pensioners under CS (MA) Rules, 1944 as directed by various CATs/Courts**

Gol, MoH & FW No. S.14025/23/2013-MS.EHSS dated 29th Sept 2016

The undersigned is directed to state that various references are being received in Ministry of Health and Family Welfare on the above mentioned subject. It is hereby clarified that CS (MA) Rules, 1944 are not applicable to pensioners as on date.

2. It is further informed that following options to avail medical facilities are available to Central Govt. pensioners

a) Pensioners residing in CGHS covered areas

- 1) They can get themselves registered in CGHS dispensary after making requisite contribution and can avail both OPD and IPD facilities.
- 2) Pensioners residing in CGHS Areas cannot opt out of CGHS and avail any other medical facility (i.e. Fixed Medical Allowance). Such pensioner, if they do not choose to avail CGHS facility by depositing the required contributions, cannot be granted Fixed Medical Allowance in lieu of CGHS

b) Pensioners residing in non-CGHS areas

- 1) They can avail Fixed Medical Allowance (FMA) @ Rs. 500/- p.m.

CGHS Wellness Centre No. 3 to be shifted to new premises

CGHS Wellness Centre No. 3, Basavanagudi is being shifted to a new premises in Banashankari 3rd stage, near Vinayaka Nursing Home. Shifting may be completed by the end of April-2017. Initially, all the cards of beneficiaries attached to Basavanaudi WC will be transferred. Later on re-allocation of cards between Jayanagar and Basavanagudi WCs will be done. Review of coverage area to bring new areas under CGHS WCs is also likely to be done later.

2) They can also avail benefits of CGHS (OPD and IPD) by registering themselves in the nearest CGHS city after making the required subscription

3) They also have the option to avail FMA, for OPD treatment and CGHS for IPD treatments after making the required subscription as per CGHS guidelines.

3. In view of the above, reimbursement of medical claims to pensioners under CS (MA) Rules, 1944 as directed by various CATs/Courts need not be referred to the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare. The respective Administrative Department /Ministry may take their decision in this regard.

4. Further, all Departments/Ministries are requested to intimate their employees proceeding for retirement regarding the above options for medical facilities available to the Central Government pensioners.

5. This issues with the approval of competent authority

(Sunil Kumar Gupta)
Under secretary to Govt. of India

New affiliate of Coordination Committee of Central Govt Pensioners' Associations, Karnataka.**27th affiliate of CCCGPA**

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An Appeal to BSNL Pensioners

K P&T PA appeals to pre-June 2013 BSNL Pensioners who have been paid arrears of pension from 10-6-2013 due to merger of 78.2% of IDA with their Pay/Pension to liberally donate to the building fund of the Association.

Subscription received for Pensioners' Champion in FEBRUARY-MARCH 2017

Rs.120/- Smt./Sri	Rs.120/- Smt./Sri	Rs.150/- Smt./Sri	Rs.250/- Smt./Sri
521 V.L.Devadas	2122 Prakash.R.Kowtal	S-68 M. Chokkalingam	1946 K.N.Sharabhachar
553 V.Velayudhan(FP)	2123 V.S.Ramamurthy	S-116 K.Ramachandran	2093 H.T.Govinda Gowda
598 Rajalakshmi V.S.Shanmugam	2172 B.Nagaraja Acharya	Rs.240/- Smt./Sri	Rs.300/- Smt./Sri
829 S.N.Honnali	2177 S.Chandrasekharachari	576 D.Nagaraja Rao	897 Revathi Mohan
1092 M.Abdul salam	2234 Doddamadaiah	694 Chandraseshachalam	Rs. 360/- Smt./Sri
1799 K.Vittoba Rao	2292 R.Lalithamma	856 T.Vasantha Martin	1885 B.R.Sundaresha
1933 D.P.Anantha Padmanabha Rao	2312 D.M.Kulkarni	1751 B.S.Mahagaonkar	Rs. 500/- Smt./Sri
1960 N.Jayavelu	2328 G.Kalaichelvan	1944 D.Rangaswamy	1038 K.L.Shivaram
1971 Neeladevi	2362 H.Dasaratha Rao	2155 T.R.Shankara Murthy	2103 N.G.Pandurangi
	2394 M.K.Appayya		

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				7th CPC
June 16	277	3228	269.00	2.90
Jan 17	274	3297	274.75	5.09
Expected DR from 1-1-2017				4%

**Central Government Holidays
in April 2017.**

Mahavir Jayanthi, 9th April,

Sunday

Good Friday, 14th April, Friday

The Annual General Body Meeting of K P&T PA will be held in the month of June 2017. Notice will be published in the next issue of the Journal.

Exclusive Dental Clinics empanelled Under CGHS

Sr. No.	Name of the Exclusive Dental Centres	Address & Tel. No.	NABH / Non-NABH	Empanelled for
1.	Smiles Dental Care (w.e.f 17/11/2014)	SMILES DENTAL CARE, #74/2, Above Nagendra Medicals, Nagavarpalya Main Road, C.V. Raman Nagar, Bangalore 560093 Ph no 080 64557113 get2prashanth@yahoo.com	NON-NABH	Dental Care
2.	Chinmayi Dental and Medicare (w.e.f 17/11/2014)	Chinmayi Dental & Medicare #28, 2 main, 5th Cross, Govindarajanagar, Bangalore-560040. Ph no 080 23404380. drgirish_g@yahoo.com	NON-NABH	Dental Care
3.	Apoorva Dental Care (w.e.f 17/11/2014)	Apoorva Dental Care, hig 4/1, 80 Feet Double Road, Dollars Colony, RMV 2nd Stage, near RMV Club, Bangalore-560094. Ph.no: 080-65951922 dr:ajay.j@gmail.com	NON-NABH	Dental Care
4.	Dental Health Clinic (w.e.f 25/03/2015)	Dental Health Clinic No. 150, 5 th Cross, Koramangala, 5th Block, Next to Juice Junction, Bengaluru - 560095 Ph no. 080-65658727 Mobile no. 9845101056 prasaddent17@gmail.com	NON-NABH	Dental Care

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