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CONSTRUCTION OF ANNEXE TO PENSIONERS' BHAVAN COMMENCED



**Ground breaking ceremony for construction of Annexe to Pensioners' Bhavan,
in Telecom Layout Bengaluru held on 27th August, 2017**

Cutting the first sod



Founders of the Association, Office bearers and other guests are seen in cutting the turf to mark commencement of construction of the annexe.

Construction of an Annexe to Pensioners' Bhavan, Association's Building in Telecom Layout, Bengaluru

An APPEAL

FOR DONATION TO THE BUILDING FUND OF THE ASSOCIATION



Construction of the annexe building has since commenced with the 'ground breaking ceremony' held on 27th August 2017. (Photos pages 1 & 2) K P&TPA earnestly requests Members and Subscribers, **who are yet to respond** to donate liberally to the building fund. 12th List of donors is published in this issue.

Pre-2016 pensioners are being paid arrears of pension consequent to revision of their pension in terms of DoP&PW OM dated 12-5-2017. We appeal for liberal donations from those who have not yet remitted their contribution. Other members also may please consider paying additional amounts to facilitate construction of a meeting hall in the 2nd floor of the Annexe.

Members who have donated above Rs 5,000 but less than 10,000 and those who have donated above Rs.10,000 but less than 25,000 may please consider raising their donation to Rs.10,000 & Rs.25,000 respectively, so that their names may be included in the boards

Donation can be made in instalments also. Progressive total of donations made will be indicated in the list published in the Association's Journal *Pensioners' Champion*, 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 of the new building and of those who donate Rs. 10,000 and above but less than Rs.25,000/-, will be printed on the boards to be provided in the main hall

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 cheque** payable to **"Karnataka P&T Pensioners' Association"**.

Cheques may please be sent to:

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Donations to the Association

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| 1) H.V. Ramanatha | LM 1083 | Rs. 5000/- (to be utilised for charitable purposes) |
| 2) H.R. Sathyanarayana | LM 2367 | Rs. 5000/- (to be utilised for educational purposes) |

7th CPC**Procedural action for revision of pension****Implementation of Government's decisions on the recommendations of the 7th Pay Commission-Revision of Pension of pre-2016 pensioners/family pensioners etc- Procedural actions for revision.**

Gol, Ministry of Personnel Public Grievances and Pension, Department of Pension and Pensioners Welfare, OM No. F No. 4/23/2017-P&PW(D) dated 25th July, 2017

The undersigned is directed to say that orders for revision of pension of pre-2016 pensioners/family pensioners by notional pay fixation in the 7th Central Pay Commission Matrix have been issued vide this Department's O.M. No. 38/37/2016-P&PW(A) dated 12.5.2017. Subsequently, concordance tables for fixation of revised pay and pension/family pension of pre-2016 pensioners/family pensioners have also been circulated vide this Department's O.M. No. 38/37/2016-P&PW(A) dated 6.7.2017

2. Attention of Ministries/Departments is invited to Para-18 of this Department's O.M. 38/37/2016-P&PW(A) dated 12.5.2017 whereby responsibility has been cast on Head of Department and Pay and Accounts Office attached to the office from which the Government servant had retired or was working last before his death to revise the pension/family pension of pre-2016 pensioners/family pensioners with effect from 1.1.2016.

3. It has, however, come to the notice of this

Department that the process of revision of pension/family pension of pre-2016 pensioners/family pensioners has not yet been started by a large number of Ministries/Departments/Organizations/Offices. It has also been brought to the notice of this Department that pensioners/family pensioner are being asked to make a formal application for revision of their pension/family pension. The instructions issued by this Department do not provide for submission of application by individual pensioners/family pensioners for revision of pension/family pension. Ministries/Departments, etc, are therefore, once again requested to suo moto proceed to process the revision cases immediately to avoid delays in issuance of revised PPOs of pre-2016 retirees.

4. All the Ministries/Departments are also requested to furnish the status of revised cases as on 16.8.2017 in the enclosed proforma so as to reach this Department latest by 31.8.2017.

(Proforma not extracted - Editor)

7th CPC**Revision of pension not to be delayed for want of Aadhaar & PAN numbers**

Gol, Ministry of Finance, Department of Expenditure, Central Pension Accounting Office O M No. CPAO/IT&Tech/Revision (7th CPC)/19.Vol - III (a) /2017-18/97 dated 16/17-8-2017

7th CPC Pension Revision

A reference is invited to CPAO OM No. CPAO/IT & Tech./Revision (7th CPC)/19.Vol- III/2016-17 /37 dt.25/05/2017 regarding revision of pension under 7th CPC forwarding the prescribed format of SSA for pre-2016 cases to be issued by PAOs.

As per format various financial & non-financial details of the pensioners were required to be provided by the PAOs while revising the pension under 7th CPC such as basic pension, revised pension, last pay drawn, PAN No., Aadhaar No. etc. After issue of this OM various offices raised some doubts regarding essentiality of providing Aadhaar number and PAN number.

In view of the doubts raised, it is clarified that no field in the format is mandatory except those which are required to process the pension case.

Therefore, while it is advisable to provide Aadhaar number and PAN number of the Pensioners wherever available for better quality of data base, no case for 7th CPC pension revisions should be delayed for the want of Aadhaar number and PAN number of the pensioners. This issues with the approval of the competent authority.

Md. Shahid Kamal Ansari,
Asstt. Controller of Accounts

7th CPC**Status of revision of pension of pre-2016 pensioners
in terms of DoP&PW dated 12-5-2017****Postal Pensioners – Karnataka**

The information with us is that the work in connection with fixation of notional pay was commenced in right earnest by the Head Post Offices of the Circle and the notional pay details have been sent by the Heads of Postal Divisions, the Pension Sanctioning Authorities, to the office of the Director of Accounts (Postal), Karnataka, Bengaluru, the Pension Accounting Office, for issuing the revised authorities. Some of the members of KP&TPA have informed us that they have since received their personal copies of the revised pension payment authorities authorising payment of revised pension and payment of arrears.

DoT Pensioners – Karnataka

We regret to note that the work in connection with revision of pension of DoT pensioners in Karnataka numbering about 5870 (except that of about 25 pensioner of O/o CCA) had not been commenced by any concerned authority even after elapse of 3 months from the date of issue of DoP&PW OM dt.12-5-2017 on revision of pension of pre-2016 pensioners and even after DoT endorsing the Order for its implementation vide its letter dated 19-5-2017 K B Krishna Rao, Secretary, KP&TPA with Shri P Gangadhara Rao, Dy.General Secretary, AIBSNLWA met the Joint Controller of Accounts, DoT,

Karnataka on 8-7-2017 and impressed upon him about the need to take the initiative by his office which is the Pension Accounting Office for DoT pensioners for ensuring immediate commencement of the work for revision of pension of DoT pensioners, most of whom are above 80 years of age. The duo met the Chief Accounts Officer, O/o the CGMT, Karnataka on 18-8-2017 and urged him to cause issue of necessary instructions from CGMT to all the SSAs concerned for taking immediate action in the matter of fixation of notional pay and furnishing of the particulars to CCA, DoT for issue of revised pension payment authorities. The matter was pursued again with the Jt.CCA and CAO O/o CGMT on 19-8-17, 21-8-2017 & 22-8-2017 and we are glad to learn that our efforts have borne fruit and CCA, DoT, has since sent a list of 5873 DoT pensioners to the office of the CGMT, Karnataka and in turn the O/o CGMT has furnished the list of DoT pensioners to the SSAs concerned directing them to fix the notional pay of the pensioners in terms of DoP&PW OM dated 12-5-2017 and furnish the particulars to the CCA, DoT for taking further necessary action for revision of pension of DoT Pensioners. We hope that the SSAs will give priority to the work and furnish the required information to CCA as quickly as possible.

K B Krishna Rao, Secretary, K P&T PA

7th CPC**Pension revision should be done suo-moto by PAOs without seeking
particulars from pensioners****Implementation of Government's decisions on the recommendations of the 7th Pay
Commission - Revision of Pension of pre-2016 pensioners/family pensioners etc.****Procedural actions for revision.**

*Gol, Ministry of Personnel PG&Pension, Department of Pension
and Pensioners Welfare, OM No. 4/23/2017-P&PW(D) dated 7th August 2017.*

This Department had issued orders for implementation of recommendations of 7th CPC for revision of pension of pre-2016 pensioners/family pensioners, vide this Department's O.Ms mentioned below:

- (i) O.M. No. 38/37/2016-P&PW(A) dated 12.5.2017
- (ii) O.M. No. 38/37/2016-P&PWA) dated 6.7.2017

2. This Department vide O.M. of even No. dated 25.7.2017 has also emphasised upon all Ministries/Departments etc. to suo-moto proceed to process the revision cases immediately to avoid delays in issuance of revised PPOs of pre-2016 retirees and also send the status of revised cases as on 16.8.2017 in the prescribed proforma so as to reach this Department latest by 31.8.2017.

3. However, it has again come to the notice of this Department that some Ministries/Department/Organizations are seeking applications from pre-2016 pensioners/family pensioners for revision of their pension or asking these pensioners to provide additional information/documents including PPO, proof of date of birth, date of retirement, name of bank and address etc for the purpose of processing their cases for revision of pension.

4. The Ministries/Department are therefore requested to sensitise the official dealing with pension cases to suo-moto process the pension revision cases of pre-2016 pensioners/family pensioners forthwith based on details available with Head of Office/PAOs without Insisting submission of any additional information or documents from them.

**Coordination Committee of Central Government
Pensioners' Associations, Karnataka (R)**

(Regd. Under the Karnataka Societies Registration Act 1960: Regn.No.1070/98-99)

No. 212,"Kaveri", 7th 'A' Main, Hampinagar, Bengaluru-560104.

**Justice Shri Santhosh N Hegde Retd. Judge, Supreme Court
and former Karnataka Lokayuktha**

will address Pensioners at Uday Bhanu Kalasangha, Gavipuram Extension,
Bengaluru-560019 on Tuesday, 17th October, 2017 at 10-30 a.m.

All pensioners are welcome

Minutes of the Annual General Body Meeting of CCCGPA held on 2.7.2017

The Annual General Body Meeting of the Coordination Committee of Central Government Pensioners' Associations, Karnataka was held on 2.7.2017 at 10.30 AM in the Auditorium of Udayabhanu Kala Sangha, Gavipuram Choultry Road, Ramakrishna Matt Layout, Kempegowda Nagar, Gavipuram, Bengaluru 560019.

The Agenda for the meeting:

1. Confirmation of Minutes of the Annual General Body Meeting held on 3.7.2016
 2. Consideration & Approval of the General Secretary's Report and Audited Accounts for the year 2016-17
 3. Modified option I formula, OM dated 12.5.2017
 4. Revision of pension of pensioners of Autonomous and Statutory bodies and other related issues
 5. SCOVA meetings
 6. Court cases – latest position
 7. Health care- CGHS and Non-CGHS areas
 8. Pension Adalat-Review
 9. Any other subject with the permission of the chair
2. Shri S.Radhakrishna, General Secretary, CCCGPA welcomed the gathering and invited Shri K.B. Krishna Rao, Chairman to preside over the AGB. As per the Chairman's suggestion, the members present introduced themselves one by one. The General

Secretary, in his welcome speech, specially mentioned about the presence of Shri M S Panikker, General Secretary, CCRH Pensioners Welfare Association, who had come from Kerala; and welcomed the Permanent Advisor Shri N. Bhaskaran, the office bearers on the dais and all the members, including the representatives of the new affiliate i.e. NIT Suratkal Pensioners' Associations.

3. The GS presented the minutes of the last AGB held on 3.7.2016 for confirmation of AGB. He said that report was emailed to all the affiliates, but gave a brief review again. AGB confirmed the minutes without any correction.

4. Annual Report and Audited Accounts for the year 2016-17 were read out by GS and Treasurer respectively. Shri Gurudas, KCGPA, referring to the captions of the Annual report, said that it is not correct to use the term 'draft annual report'. The Chairman explained that the report is presented to the AGB for its approval and that until it is approved, it is only a draft. Shri Bhaskaran, Advisor concurred with the Chairman's observation. The Treasurer presented the Annual accounts and Auditor's report and also mentioned that a small correction is to be made in the accounts. Annual report and Accounts were approved. Shri Gurudas, suggested that draft Annual Report should be prepared prior to AGB and circulated so that the members can study it beforehand and discuss. The Chairman agreed and promised to do so from next year.

5. GS intimated that, the expenditure of the

meetings i.e. AGB and 3 Quarterly Management Committees and any other meetings like CGHS etc., are being shared by the CCCGPA with affiliates. One affiliate Association would host the lunch of each meeting by turn. Instead, he suggested that we may create a fund for the meeting expenses. Now, every year, each Association pays Rs.1000/- as membership fee. GS suggested that, along with the fee, all Associations may pay another Rs.1000/- for the expenses fund. AGB approved the suggestion with the condition that amounts should be accounted for separately.

6. At this juncture, the Chairman announced the sale of Compendium and a supplement or the Ready Reckoner for 7th CPC, prepared by KP&TPA and released in the AGB held on 17.6.2017. The Compendium is @ Rs.250/- and the supplement will be given free with it. Or, the supplement can be bought separately @ Rs.90/-. GS stated that this highly useful volume is solely the work of Shri Krsihna Rao and thanked him for bringing out the Ready Reckoner. Shri Rao said that he prepared the RR with the help of KPTPA members. He also paid compliment to Shri Padubidri President, Udupi Dist Pensioners' Association for assisting him in preparation of the ready reckoner.

7. Modified option 1 formula- GS gave the background of the CPCs and the issue of parity in pension. He called it the modified option 1 since it differed from the original recommendation of 7th CPC. The Chairman explained the implications of DoP&PW order 12.5.2017 on revision of pension of pre-2016 pensioners. He said that it is definitely beneficial but not as beneficial as the option1 suggested by 7th CPC. He gave the details of the SCOVA meeting dated 6.10.2016, where this was suggested by the Committee formed for examining the feasibility of implementation of option-1 recommended by 7th CPC. He said that since the order clearly states that 'last pay drawn' should be the basis for fixation of notional pay as on 1.1.2016 and not 'average

emolument', it benefits more people. Still, the issue of upgraded posts as on 1.1.2006 has not been solved. Shri Padubidri explained that the order is very difficult to implement in cases of pensioners retired prior to 1996. Shri Radhakrishna said that Department of Expenditure is bringing out its own Ready Reckoner and complimented KP&TPA for doing the job much earlier. He explained that the Government has issued an order on 20.5.2017 that all CPAOs should upload the basic information of all the pensioners and it is being monitored weekly. The cases of DoT pensioners, who retired prior to 1.10.2000 i.e. the formation of BSNL, will be worked out by CCAs. Shri Rao expressed the hope that the work will be completed by August end by all the Departments.

8. Autonomous Bodies: Shri G.S.Radhakrishna introduced the subject of non-implementation of 7th CPC for pensioners of Statutory and Autonomous Bodies. He said that CCCGPA has addressed another letter to the Hon'ble Prime Minister to intervene in the matter. Shri Suryaprakash, Secretary, Coffee Board Pensioners Association & Jt. Secretary CCCGPA explained the plight of the Autonomous body pensioners. He said that Associations have sent several petitions to the concerned authorities by using email, social media, but the reply is the same. MPs and Ministers have been contacted but though assurances are given, nothing concrete has happened. He asked how the pensioners are responsible for the so called 'financial non viability'. There is the issue of CGHS also. Some ABs in Delhi have got CGHS benefits, but it is denied for others. Even for that also, the Government gives the standard reply. He requested that CCCGPA, NCCPA and BPS should take up this issue with CPCs in future. In reply to a suggestion by a member, Shri Radhakrishna explained that court is not a suitable option right now. He gave examples as to how the JCA refuses to discuss any issue once it goes to Court/CAT and said that

it should be the last resort. He said that MPs have promised to raise the issue in the next Parliament Session. He hoped that some material result would emerge. Shri N.Bhaskaran intervened and said that Bengaluru units of AB Pensioners' Associations are very active and suggested that the expenditure incurred by the Associations in connection with Dharna and other agitations should be shared by CCCGPA and delegations to the Ministers should have one representative from CCCGPA. His suggestion was unanimously approved.

Shri A.N.Balaram, Chairman, Coffee Board Pensioners Association spoke and thanked CCCGPA for the Dharna on 23.6.2017 at Freedom Park. He expressed the confidence that they would definitely get the benefits in the end. Shri P. Gangadhara Rao, Jt.Secretary CCCGPA said that, in Karnataka, about 95% of the PPOs in the case of merger of 78.2% IDA with pay/pension of pre-June 2013 BSNL Pensioners have been issued, but the cases in r/o delinking of 33 years of service for full pension have not been touched. The Chairman thanked him for pursuing the matter.

9. SCOVA: The Chairman explained that KP&TPA has finished its third term as SCOVA member in 2017. The next reconstitution is due. There will be one from each state and if not KP&TPA, some other Association will get the membership. He said that Railways Pensioners Association, Mysuru has been newly recognized for Pensioners' Portal in addition to KP&TPA and KCGPA.

10. Court cases: The Chairman said that the Court case about full pension to PSU absorbees has been won. Vide order dated 26.6.2017, they will get 100% pension. DoP&PW is yet to reply to an email sent seeking clarification on applicability of the Orders to all PSU absorbees.

11. Health care: Wellness Centre 3, Basavanagudi has been shifted to a new premises in Banashankari III Stage. Shri N.Ramaiah complained that it is far away

from bus stop and demanded that a stop should be introduced. Shri Radhakrishna said that BMTC has its own policies and if residents of the locality petition for new stop, they will consider. However, he assured that this would be taken up. There is no progress in relocation of other WCs.

13. Any other subject:

a.) The Chairman invited the Secretary of the new affiliate NIT PA, Suratkal to speak. The latter explained that till 2004, the non-teaching staff of Regional Engineering College, Suratkal, as it was called then, were getting the salary of the State Government employees. In 2004, the Central Government took over all RECs (about 30) and renamed them as 'National Institute of Technology', declaring them Autonomous Bodies and ordered that non-teaching staff will get the Central Government pay. However, the pensioners did not get the 6th CPC benefits and they are not getting the 7th CPC benefits either. The Administration of NIT is most unhelpful in refusing to intervene, saying that pensioners are not employees. The Secretary requested CCCGPA to guide as to what they should do to get the justice. Shri Radhakrishna expressed utmost sympathy and advised the Secretary to send all relevant documents like MoU, Byelaws, copies of correspondence etc. He also promised to meet them when he next visits Mangaluru in October.

b.) The Chairman invited Shri M S Panikker from Kerala to speak a few words.

c.) Shri K.B.Krishna Rao announced that KP&TPA is donating Rs.5000/- towards building fund of Udayabhanu Kala Sangha.

News from Affiliates

1. Karnataka IA&AD Pensioners' Assn.(R)

The Seventh Annual General Body meeting of Karnataka IA & AD Pensioners' Association was held on 15 July 2017 at Rangamandira Eastern Quadrangle O/o The Accountant General (A&E), Bangalore. Nearly

330 members attended the meeting. The AGM adopted Annual Report and Accounts. There were no elections to the EC. Tenure of the present Committee ends in 2018

The open session which commenced at 12 p.m. was inaugurated by Shri BK Mukharjee IA&AS, Accountant General (E&RSA), Bengaluru. After invocation by Shri A Krishna and lighting of lamp by chief guest and Guest of honour Shri KO Manjunath, Sr. DAG (Admin) of O/o AG (A&E) the Secretary in his brief report explained the aims and objectives of the Association. He also thanked the AGs of both Audit and A&E offices for constituting Cell to revise the pension of pre-2016 retirees. He mentioned that the Association conducted Cultural Fest on 17 June 2017 to its members, their spouse and grandchildren. He also mentioned that Association is taking up many charitable and social activities for the welfare of society. 5 senior members above 80 years were honoured in the open session. Inaugurating the 'Open Session' Chief Guest appreciated the good work being done by the association to the society and to welfare of its members. He assured all help to the Association. Sr. DAG greeted the meeting and assured that revision of pre-2016 retirees will be completed expeditiously. There was a festive mood and it looked like family get together. Many of the members had also come with their family members. It was pleasure for everyone to meet their old friends and colleagues and recollect the pleasant past and discuss their present activities. The AGM

concluded at 1.30 PM with National Anthem.

2. Dakshina Kannada District Postal & Telecommunication Pensioners' Assn., Mangaluru

The Association held its Annual General Body meeting on 28-5-2017 at the meeting hall of hotel "Srinivas" Mangaluru at 10.30 a.m. "Senior Citizen Day" was also observed on the same day. Shri D.V. Padubidri, Retd. Dy. Controller of Communication Accounts, DoT, and President Udupi Dist. P&T Pensioners' association, Udupi was the Chief Guest. Shri M A N Naik President of the Association presided. Shri V G Shettigar, Secretary of the association, presented the annual report for the year 2016-17. Annual accounts were presented by Shri D D Purusha the treasurer.

18 members of the association who had attained 75 years of age were honoured. Each one of them was presented with a shawl, garland and a fruit basket. Shri P Seshagiri Rao spoke about the significance of the "Senior Citizen Day" and in his speech mentioned about the benefits that the pensioners got in the recent past due to judicial intervention. Shri Padubidri, the Chief Guest, spoke elaborately on 7th CPC and gave many useful suggestions to the pensioners. Shri Naik in his presidential address appealed to P&T pensioners to become members of the association. The meeting ended after vote thanks by the secretary.

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Month	CPI Base 2001=100	12 Months' Total	Monthly Ave.	% increase over 261.42	% increase over 115.76
				7th CPC	6th CPC
Dec 16	275	3292	274.33	4.94	136.98
June 17	280	3323	276.92	5.93	139.22

Expected DA/DR wef 1-7-2017 = 5% (Increase of 1%)

OBITUARY
M K Raghavendra Rao , LM 863, Retd Sub Divisional Engineer, O/o CGMT, Salem expired on 6-8-2017 at the age of 79 years. He is survived by wife.
We convey our heartfelt condolences to the bereaved family

CGHS card is valid in any CGHS Wellness Centre in CGHS covered cities all over India

KAPIL MORESHWAR PATIL

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:-

- (a) whether the Government is aware that Central Government Health Scheme (CGHS) card holders in Delhi and NCR are getting medical facilities only in enrolled dispensaries and other dispensaries are refusing medical facilities to such card holders;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government to ensure each CGHS card holder can get medical services from any CGHS dispensary in Delhi and NCR?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI FAGGAN SINGH KULASTE)

- (a) & (b): CGHS card is valid in any CGHS Wellness Centre in CGHS covered cities all over India and CGHS Wellness Centres (WCs) cannot refuse medical facilities to the beneficiaries not enrolled with the WC.
- (c): Instructions have been reiterated from time to time to ensure compliance with the guidelines for issue of medicines from any CGHS Wellness Centre all over India.

CGHS

Removal of Vasan Eye Care Hospital # 5, 20th Cross, Malagala Underpass Ring Road, 2nd Stage, Nagarbhavi, Bengaluru-91 from list of CGHS Empanelled Hospitals

OM No. 19-3/2014/ADMN.(129)/2694 Office of the Additional Director, CGHS, Bengaluru dated 2.6.2017

Ref: CGHS Bangalore OM No. 19-3/2014/ADMIN. (129)/5287 dated 13.11.2014.

With reference to the withdrawal request submitted by **VASAN EYE CARE HOSPITAL # 5, 20th Cross, Malagala Underpass Ring Road, 2nd Stage, Nagarbhavi, Bangalore-91.** vide letter dated 13.4.2017, the said hospital is removed from the list of empanelled hospitals under CGHS Bengaluru with immediate effect.

Sd/-
Additional Director CGHS

BSNL IDA

From 1-7-2017 119 % Increase : 1.9 % over April 2017 rate of 117.1 %

Central Government Holidays in September 2017.

1. Id-ul-Zuha (Bakrid) 2nd September, Saturday

2. Dussehra/Mahanavami 29th September, Friday

Extension of CGHS facilities to the pensioners of Post and Telegraph Department

We invite the attention of P&T Pensioners to MoH&FW OM dated 19th July 2017 reproduced in July 2017 issue of our journal *Pensioners' Champion* extending CGHS benefits to P&T Pensioners who were not participating in CGHS while in service and call upon those P&T Pensioners who have been issued temporary CGHS cards to be renewed every six months to apply for issuance of a permanent CGHS card in view of the Order from the Health Ministry cited above.

Application is to be submitted to the Additional Director, CGHS through the CGHS Wellness Centre where the CGHS card is registered

The information furnished below may be of use in getting a permanent card

1) Beneficiaries who have already paid their CGHS contribution for renewing their temporary cards for a period of 120 months or more

need not pay further contribution for getting a permanent card

2) Beneficiaries who have paid their CGHS contribution for renewing their temporary cards for a period of less than 120 months so far, have the following options.

- To continue to renew their cards on yearly basis by paying the contribution at applicable rates until the total period of contribution made works out to 120 months and apply for a permanent lifetime card thereafter.
- Pay the contribution at applicable rate for the remaining period to bring the total period of contribution made to 120 months and apply for a permanent /life time card.

For contribution rates effective from 1-7-2017 please refer to page -3 of *Pensioners' Champion* July 2017 issue

- Editor

Our Members write

1. Illustration on revision of pension of pre-2016 pensioners as per OM dated 12-5-2017 in May issue is very helpful

K.V. Ramana, Senior Accounts Officer, Telecom(Retd),
Vishakapatnam S-25

2. June 2017 issue of *Pensioners' Champion* is very fine and attractive with full of colour photos.

S.N. Janaki Raman, Madurai S-56

3. ವಾರ್ಷಿಕ ಸರ್ವ ಸದಸ್ಯರ ಸಭೆ ತುಂಬಾ ಚೆನ್ನಾಗಿ ನಡೆಯಿತು. ನಾನು ತಪ್ಪದೆ ಎಲ್ಲಾ ವಾರ್ಷಿಕ ಸಭೆಗಳಲ್ಲೂ ಭಾಗವಹಿಸಿದ್ದೇನೆ. ಜೂನ್ ತಿಂಗಳ ಪತ್ರಿಕೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಪುಟ 10ರ ಮೂರು ಸಾಲುಗಳು ನನಗೆ ಮೆಚ್ಚುಗೆಯಾಯಿತು.

ಎಸ್.ಎನ್. ಕೃಷ್ಣಮೂರ್ತಿ, LM 847

We would like to make this a regular column. Hence, members are requested to give their feed back.

- Editor

Subscription received for Pensioners' Champion in JULY-AUGUST - 2017

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609	S.N.Krishna Murthy	847	500	2948	1000
610	M.S.Lalitha	1296	500	2949	1000

Concession telephone facility to retired/retiring employees of BSNL

(BSNL Corporate Office, New Delhi No. 2-07/2007-PHA (Pt.) dated 16t August, 2017)

CIRCULAR No.05/2007-PHA

Concession telephone facility to retired/retiring employees of BSNL-Policy

In partial modification to the table of Par 4 of the circular No.11/2007-PHA dated 20-7-2007, the competent authority has reviewed and approved that the "Free Local Calls (Monthly)" shall now be read as "**Free Calls(Monthly)**"

All other terms and conditions of circular No.11/2007-PHA dated 20-7-2007 regarding the policy guidelines for extending concessional telephone facility to retired/retiring employees of BSNL shall remain unchanged.

(S K Bhardwaj)
AGM (Admn-PHA)

CAT Order on Modified Assured Career Progression Scheme (MACP Scheme)

Central Administrative Tribunal (CAT), Madras Bench in OA No.1088 of 2011 relying on the orders passed by CAT, Jodhpur Bench in OA 382 of 2011, has ordered that Promotion from the post of Postman to the post of Postal Assistant which the official got as a result of getting through the competitive LGOs examination, should not be considered as 'promotion earned' for the purpose of consideration of the official's eligibility for financial up gradation under *Modified Assured Career Progression Scheme (MACP)* Scheme and the requisite number of years of service in the Postal Assistant's cadre for financial up gradation in MACP Scheme should be counted from the date of appointment in that cadre. The Order of CAT, Madras was upheld by the Hon'ble Madras High Court in WP No.30629/2014 and the SLP (C) No.4848/2016 filed by the Government was dismissed by the Hon'ble Supreme Court on 16-8-2016.

Details of the case

Shri D Shivakumar, Sub Postmaster (Retd) Madras Medical College P.O. initially appointed as Group -D official in the Department of Posts on 30-2-1973 was promoted as Postman on 22-9-1973. He was promoted to the cadre of Postal Assistant from 12-11-1977 after getting through the competitive LGOs examination. On completion of 16 years of service in the cadre of Postal Assistant, he was granted TBOP wef 15-11-1993 under the *Time Bound One Promotion Scheme*. Further, on completion of 26 years of service in the cadre of Postal Assistant, he was granted financial up gradation under the *Biennial Cadre Review Scheme (BCR Scheme)* on 1-1-2004. He had completed 30 years of service in the cadre of Postal Assistant on 12-11-2007. He retired on superannuation on 31-10-2008.

Shri Shivakumar was not considered for financial up gradation - MACP-III from 1-9-2008, the date of introduction of the Scheme, though he had completed 30 years of service in Postal Assistant's cadre, since the Scheme provides for counting the promotions earned in the post carrying same grade pay in the promotional hierarchy as per the Recruitment Rules as 'promotion' to be set off against the

financial up gradations admissible to an official under the Scheme. As Shri Shivakumar had already got three advancements in his career, (1) promotion as Postal Assistant (2) Up gradation under TBOP Scheme & (3) Placement under BCR Scheme, his case for MACP- III on completion of 30 years of service in the cadre of Postal Assistant was not considered on the plea that he had already earned 3 financial up gradations in the basic grade of Postal Assistant including the one he got as result of his promotion from the post of postman to the post of Postal Assistant by getting through a competitive examination.

Aggrieved by the denial of financial up gradation MACP-III, Sri Shivakumar filed an application before the CAT, Madras praying for issue of directions to the Department of posts to grant him MACP-III as he had completed 30 years of service in the cadre of Postal Assistant. The Hon'ble CAT, Madras allowed his application and ordered that he should be granted financial up gradation MACP-III from the date from which it is due to him as ordered by Hon'ble CAT Jodhpur in a similar case ruling that "*date of joining as Postal Assistant would be relevant and his previous career advancements cannot be called as promotions within the definition of the word 'Promotion'*". The eligibility of the applicants for grant of *TBOP/BCR/MACP benefits has to be counted only from the date they were substantively appointed as Postal Assistants*". **The order of CAT, Madras has since been implemented.**

In Karnataka, Sri Rangegowda and Sri D Venkateshalu, both Executive Committee Members of Karnataka P&T Pensioners Association and Sri B N Gnanadeva Rao, Member, filed applications before the Hon'ble CAT, Bengaluru Vide Application Nos OA 170/ 808/2016, OA 170/809/2016 and OA170/ 810/2016 and their applications have also been allowed by the CAT on 28-4-2017 and the order is likely to be implemented as in the case of Shri Shivakumar of Chennai and they are likely to be granted financial up gradation MACP-III from the dates from which the same is due to them under the MACP Scheme. - Editor

Cutting the first sod



Before the Ground breaking ceremony



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ICAR PENSIONERS

President, Retired ICAR Employees Association (RICAREA), Hyderabad in his email has intimated that the Finance Ministry has approved revision of pension of ICAR pensioners under 7th CPC and office orders will follow soon. Initially, revision will be done by multiplying the 6th CPC pension by 2.57 and later with the approval of UGC, revision on notional pay would be done.

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