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Inordinate delay in extension of 7th Central Pay Commission benefits to the Pensioners/family pensioners of Statutory/ Autonomous bodies.

CCCGPA, Karnataka writes to the Joint Secretary, Department of Commerce after the Chairman's meeting with him in Delhi on 7-9-2017. The letter is reproduced below.

Shri Santosh Kumar Sarangi, IAS
Joint Secretary,
Ministry of Commerce and Industries
Department of Commerce, Udyog Bhavan,
New Delhi-110107

Sir,

We invite your kind attention to the discussions held on 7-9-2017 between your good self and the representatives of the Coordination Committee of Central government Pensioners' Associations, Karnataka, Bangalore and the representatives of the Pensioners' Associations of Statutory and Autonomous bodies on the subject cited above. In furtherance of the discussions held and with regard to the views expressed in the course of the interactions, we furnish the following information and also submit the following documents in support of our pleadings before you on 7-9-2017, urging for initiation of

immediate action to extend 7th CPC benefits to pensioners/family pensioners of Autonomous bodies and to grant them Dearness relief on par with other Central pensioners.

2. We would also like to bring to your notice that we had written 2 letters to you on 8th September 2017, on the basis of the discussions held on 7-9-2017, explaining therein the need for taking immediate action on (1) extension of 7th CPC benefits and grant of Dearness relief (2) extension of the provisions of Department of Pension and Pensioners' Welfare OM dated 6-4-2016 delinking 33 years of service for grant of pension to the pensioners of Coffee Board. We hope that our requests are under your active consideration. In the meanwhile, we wish to place the following materials before you to facilitate a positive decision being taken in the matter at the earliest.

* The Ministry of Commerce and Industry, has already approved extension of benefits of the 7th Central Pay Commission to the **servicing employees** of the Statutory and Autonomous bodies and their pay has been fixed in 7th CPC Pay Matrix.

* **The following Autonomous organisations have revised the pension of their pensioners** in terms of Department of Pension and Pensioners' Welfare OM dated 4-8-2016 issued in implementation of the recommendations of the 7th CPC

- (1) Indian Council of Agricultural Research
- (2) Central Power Research Institute
- (3) Council of Scientific and Industrial Research Bureau of Indian Standards,
- (4) Coir Board

* **The following Autonomous organisations under the Ministry of Commerce have not extended 7th CPC benefits to their pensioners** (to quote only a few)

- (1) Coffee Board (2) Tea Board (3) Rubber Board (4) Spices Board (5) Tobacco Board (6) Silk Board (7) MPEDA

3. It can be seen from the details furnished above that there is no uniformity in extension of 7th CPC benefits by the Autonomous organisations.

While some have awarded the 7th CPC benefits to their Employees and pensioners as well, some others have favoured only their employees while denying the same benefits to their pensioners, thereby showing utter discrimination between their employees and pensioners.

4. An anomalous situation has emerged due to the disparity shown by some Autonomous organisations between their employees and pensioners as narrated here under.

4.1. An employee whose pay has been fixed under 7th CPC Pay Matrix, on his retirement, will have his pension computed at 50% of the revised pay and will be entitled to other benefits admissible as per the modifications introduced to the pension rules subsequent to 7th CPC.

4.2. A Pre-2016 pensioner of the same organisation who has been denied revision of his pension in terms of 7th CPC recommendations will continue to get his pension under the 6th CPC regime resulting in huge disparity in the amount of pension paid to the pensioners retiring from the same cadres of the same organisation.

5. The anomalous situation explained above will divide the pensioners who belong to a homogeneous group into two different groups, one group drawing pension under the 6th CPC regime and the other under the 7th CPC. Such a division of pensioners, is totally at variance with the judgement of the Hon'ble Supreme Court delivered on 17th December, 1982 in writ petition No.5939-41 of 1980, D S Nakra & others *versus* Union of India, famously called and referred to as "NAKRA JUDGMENT". We quote para Nos.42 & 43 of the judgment which lay down that **classification of pensioners in to two groups violates Article 14 of the Constitution.**

Quote :

Para 42 : If it appears to be undisputable, as it does to us, that the pensioners for the purpose of pension benefits form a class, would its upward revision permit a homogenous class to be divided by arbitrarily fixing an eligibility criteria unrelated to purpose of revision and would such classification be founded on some rational principle ? The classification has to be based.....traumatic effect. The division is thus arbitrary and unprincipled. Therefore the classification does not stand the test of Article 14.

Para 43:- Further the classification is wholly arbitrary because we do not find a single acceptable or persuasive reason for this division. This arbitrary action violated the guarantee of Article 14

Judgement: When revised pay scales are made applicable to the existing employees who had entered in to service prior to the date of such revision, revision of pension

of pensioners who had retired prior to the date of revision cannot be denied.

Quote :

Para 46:- Revised pay scales are introduced from a certain date. All existing employees are brought on to the revised scale by adopting a theory of fitment and increments for past service. In other words , benefits of revised scale is not limited to those who enter service subsequent to the date fixed for introducing revised scales but the benefit is extended to all those in service prior to that date. This is just and fair. Now, if pension as we view it, is some kind of retirement wage for past service, can it be denied to those retired earlier, revised retirement benefit being available to future retirees only?

Unquote:

6. We request you please to recall the discussions we had with you on 7-9-2017 during the course of which we had made a reference to the “Nakra Judgement” and had requested that pensioners of Autonomous organisations should not be treated differently from their employees and that since employees have been given 7th CPC benefits, Pensioners should also be extended the benefits. Your good self desired that we send a copy of the judgment. Hence, we have enclosed a copy of the same for your information and for taking further necessary action.

7. When the issue of sharing of pension expenditure between the government and Autonomous bodies was under discussion, we brought to your notice that with regard to sharing of pension liability of BSNL pensioners and family pensioners, Ministry of Communications, Department of Tele communications, in July 2016 rescinded the condition that the annual pension liability shall not exceed 60 % of the annual receipts to government from BSNL and decided that the liability towards pension benefits including family pension to the BSNL employees **shall lie with the government of India**. With this

decision, whereas hitherto, the pension liability was being shared by the government and BSNL in the ratio of 60: 40 respectively, hereafter the government will bear 100% of the pension expenditure in respect of BSNL pensioners. A copy of letter No 40-13/2013-Pen (T) Dated 20-07-2016, of Gol, Ministry of Communications, Department of Tele communications is enclosed as desired by you.

8. We urge the Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Department of Commerce, to consider (on the analogy of BSNL) meeting the entire expenditure for payment of pension benefits to pensioners and family pensioners of Statutory/Autonomous bodies which are not in a position to meet the additional expenditure, so as to facilitate extension of 7th CPC benefits to them.

9. On generation of funds by the organisations

9.1. In the meeting we were informed that the Ministry of Finance, Department of Expenditure, feels that when the Autonomous bodies/Boards are not generating any funds, how the Government can continue to bear the expenditure on payment of pension and salary in respect of pensioners and staff of those organisations.

9.2. Responding to the observation of DoE, we had stated that Rubber Board and Coffee Board were generating funds by collecting Export Duty and Cess earlier, which have now been dispensed with. As result, the scope of generation of funds internally has become very limited. Moreover, these organisations are service oriented organisations constituted for the purpose of educating planters in the matter of promoting cultivation of their crops and therefore, these Boards cannot be expected to generate income to meet the entire expenditure. We stressed on the point that the employees of the Boards especially the pensioners are in no way responsible for the financial crunch faced by the Boards and for this reason alone there should not be undue

delay in grant of 7th CPC benefits, leave alone the question of denial of the benefits to them and the government as a model employer, must aid the Boards in meeting the additional expenditure. However, we had volunteered to come out with some suggestions later with regard to the ways and means of generating funds by the Boards. We have, ventured to offer hereunder, a few suggestions on resource mobilisation by the Coffee Board.

10. Measures to augment Internal Extra Budgetary Resources (IEBR) of Coffee Board: (Courtesy: Coffee Board Pensioners' Association)

The Coffee Board established prior to the Indian independence, have accumulated adequate Capital assets, infrastructure and technical competence and is in a position to generate adequate internal funds / finances to augment the financial support being extended by the Govt. of India for the continued functioning of the organization as well as to meet the requirement of funds for pension benefits of the retired Coffee Board employees. The financial resources generation of the Coffee Board essentially comes from the following sources:

1. Incomes from Coffee Farms produce.
2. Sale of technologies including Seed coffee.
3. Interest generation from Corpus fund and Pool fund.
4. Sale proceeds from existing India coffee houses.
5. Reintroduction of export cess on coffee
6. GST generation from domestic coffee sales
7. Rent generated from various buildings/ premises of Coffee Board leased out/ rented out.
8. Leasing out excess farm land of Research Stations to private sector.

1. Income from Coffee Farms produce: The Coffee Board has Coffee farms in CCRI (100 hectares), CRSS Chettally (150 hectares),

RCRS Thandigudi, Tamil Nadu (10hectares), R.V.Nagar, Andhra (80 hectares), RCRS Chundale, Kerala (30 hectares), Diphu, Assam (10 hectares). Apart from this, Coffee Board has its own technology evaluation coffee growing centres (TECs) in Mudigere, Saklespur, Gonicoppal, Chikmagalur, Kalpetta, Idukki, Manantavadi, Bodinayakanur, Gudalur, Yercaud, Koraput, Agarthala, Imphal, Arunachal Pradesh, Diphu and Mizoram. All the TECs put together have an approximate coffee Area of about 100 hectares. Overall, Coffee Board has an area of about 480 hectares under coffee plantation. Assuming a national composite yield average (of Arabica and Robusta) of 850 kg per hectare and similarly assuming a composite average price of (of Arabica and Robusta) Rs. 200 per kilogram or Rs.2 lakh per tonne, the annual earnings from total coffee produced accounts for **Rs.9.60 crores**.

2. Sale of technologies including Seed coffee distribution: Primarily the main generation of funds from sale of technologies comes from 'Seed coffee' produced and distributed to growers. On an average about 10 metric tonnes of Seed coffee is produced and sold by the Board. Calculating the present selling price of Rs.500/- per Kg of seed coffee, the income would be Rs.50 lakhs. Sale of other technologies like soil sampling, leaf sampling, supply of predators/parasites, and minion produce (Pepper etc) would amount about Rs.50 lakhs. Hence total would be **Rs.100 Lakhs or Rs.1 crore**.

3. Interest generation from Corpus fund and Pool fund: A Pension corpus amount of Rs.82.44 crores and also a surplus pool funds of Rs.5.6 crores, totalling about Rs. 88 crores have been deposited with the Nationalized banks. Considering the present lower rate of interest, it is suggested that total corpus funds may be placed in Government Bonds so that it may fetch higher rate of interest (8%) and an annual income of about **Rs.7 crores**.

4. Sale proceeds from existing India coffee houses: Presently Coffee Board is operating

10 India Coffee Houses across the country. **Rs. 5 Crores** is assumed as annual income/receipts from all Coffee houses put together.

5. Rent generation from various buildings/premises of Coffee Board: The Coffee board has leased out its excess premises /buildings available at Head office Bangalore, Cochin Port, Chennai and other locations in North India. **Rs.1.5 crores** is assumed as annual income generation from this head.

6. Suggestion to levy an export cess for Coffee: Till the beginning of the new millennium (around 2002) the Coffee Board was levying a notional export cess of Rs.0.50 per kilogram of coffee exported out of India which was meant for monitoring of exports, providing export promotion support, participation in International trade fairs etc. However, as the international and domestic coffee prices plunged to below production cost levels during early period of new millennium, the export cess was abolished to give whatever little competitive edge the Indian coffee exporters had during that period. But now, the coffee prices have become quite remunerative and are expected to remain so at least in the medium term, and therefore there is ample justification for reintroducing the old export cess of Rs.0.50 per kg or Rs. 500 per metric tonne. These funds could be successfully utilized for promotion of Brand specific coffees, region specific coffees, Organic coffees, eco friendly coffees, Specialty coffees and monitoring of

coffee exports. Assuming an average annual Coffee export of about 3 lakh tonnes from India, the income generation from out of Export cess would be **Rs. 15 Crores per annum.**

7. GST generation from domestic coffee sales: Presently, the domestic coffee consumption is placed at about 1,20,000 tonnes per annum comprising a general mix of 70,000 tonnes of Arabica and 50,000 tonnes of Robusta (in green bean terms). Averaging a composite price of Rs.350 per kg, it would amount to Rs.4200 crores. Assuming the recently announced GST rate of 5% on sale of domestic coffee, the income from GST would be 210 crores, of which, 1% of GST generated could be used for operations of Coffee Board i.e. **Rs.2.10 crores**

7. Leasing out excess farm land of Research Stations to private sector: As stated earlier, Coffee Board Research Department is operating about 480 hectares of coffee farms all over India. Especially main Coffee Research Farms like CCRI, CRSS, Chethalli, RCRS, Chundalee and RV Nagar, works out to over 360 hectares, which is a very large and unwieldy area for management. Hence it is suggested, by keeping a minimum required area of about 60 hectares for research purposes, the remaining 300 hectares could be leased out to private players on long term lease basis for commercial cultivation which could generate an annual lease income of at least **Rs.5crores** .

Abstract of total forecasted IEBR Generation of Coffee Board per annum		
SI No.	Items for IEBR generation	Amount (Rs.in Cr)
01	Income from Coffee Farms produce	9.60
02	Sale of technologies including Seed coffee	1.00
03	Interest generation from Corpus fund and Pool fund	7.00
04	Sale proceeds from existing India coffee houses	5.00
05	Rent generated from various buildings/premises	1.50
06	Export Cess (Rs.500/- per tonne for 3 lakh tonnes)	15.00
07	1% of GST generation from domestic coffee sales:	2.10
08	Leasing excess land of Research Stations to private sector	5.00
09	Total IEBR generation per annum	46.20

11. Note on Liberalised Pension Rules 1950 [LPR-1950] and Central Civil Services (Pension) Rules, 1972 [CCS (Pension) Rules,1972

We have been given to understand that doubts have now been expressed in some quarters about applicability of CCS (Pension) Rules,1972 to the employees of the Autonomous bodies and extension benefits of 7th CPC to pre-2016 pensioners of Autonomous bodies on the plea that the Rules and Regulations of the Autonomous bodies, provide for grant of pension and other retirement benefits under Liberalised Pension Rules 1950 only. We wish to emphasise that with the promulgation of the statutory “**CCS (Pension) Rules,1972**” which came in to force from 1st June,1972 the “*Liberalised Pension Rules 1950*” which did not have a statutory backing were rendered **redundant** and hence were **‘repealed’**. Thus with effect from 1st June,1972 all pensioners, **including the pensioners of Autonomous bodies** who were earlier governed by the Liberalised Pension Rules, automatically came to be governed by the CCS(Pension)Rules,1972. *A detailed note on the subject is annexed to this letter for your information and perusal.*

12. We fervently appeal to your good self to view the matter in its entirety, keeping in view the submissions made by us in the foregoing paragraphs, and cause issue of necessary instructions to all the organisations under the administrative control of your department for initiating immediate action with regard to:

A) Revision of pension of their pensioners/ family pensioners in terms of OMs dated 4.8.2016 and 12.5.2017 issued by the Department of Pension and Pensioners’ Welfare in implementation of 7th CPC recommendations and commence payment of the revised pension at least with effect from September 2017 onwards and arrears on account of this revision with effect from 1.1.2016 to 31.8.2017, if absolutely necessary, may be paid in two or three installments on release of additional funds required by these organisations from the Ministry

B) Grant of Dearness Relief on par with other Central pensioners and release the DR due to them from 1-7-2016, 1-1-207 and 1-7-2017

C) Implementation of orders contained in Department of Pension and Pensioners’ Welfare OM dated 6.4.2016 on delinking of 33 years of service for fixation of pension in respect of **Coffee Board Pensioners**. (All other Boards have already implemented the OM dated 6-4-2016)

Thanking you Sir,
Dated: 18.9.2017

Yours faithfully
K.B. Krishna Rao
Chairman, CCCGPA,Karnataka

Enclosures :

1. Copy of “Nakra Judgement” (referred to in Paras 5 &6)
2. Copy of the Department of Tele communications O.M. No 40-13/2013-Pen (T) Dated 20-07-2016, on pension liability (Referred to in para 7)
3. Note on Liberalised Pension Rules 1950 [LPR-1950] and Central Civil Services (Pension) Rules, 1972 [CCS (Pension) Rules,1972 (referred to in para-11)

ALL INDIA CONSUMER PRICE INDEX					
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
July 17	285	3328	277.33	6.09	139.57

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

BSNL IDA

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

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



'Ground breaking ceremony' to mark commencement of Construction of the annexe building was held on 27th August 2017. K P&T PA earnestly requests

Members and Subscribers, **who are yet to respond** to donate liberally to the building fund. 13th 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.

We intend writing personal letters to our members who have not yet paid their contribution to the building fund

Income Tax exemption: 50% of the amount of donation made to K P&TPA, is eligible for deduction in the Gross total Income 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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Postal Pensioners – Karnataka

The information with us is that about 3000 revised PPOs have already been issued and the work is in progress. Additional staff has been deployed for the work. Some of the Postal divisions have not yet sent the details of notional pay fixation to the office of the Director of Accounts (Postal), Karnataka, Bengaluru, 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 PPOs and arrears have been paid to them by the HPOs.

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) has not yet commenced by any concerned authority even after elapse of 4

months from the date of issue of DoP&PW OM dated 12-5-2017 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 and Shri Changappa, Circle Secretary, AIBSNLWPA, met the Chief General Manager, BSNL, Karnataka on 30-8-2017 and brought to his notice the undue delay in commencement of revision of pension. A letter by KP&TPA was handed over to the CGMT wherein suggestions for completion of the work within a time frame were given. The issue was discussed with the Chief Accounts Officer, O/o CGMT and the Joint Controller of Accounts, DoT, Karnataka also.

The letter dated 30-8-2017 addressed to the CGMT, BSNL, Karnataka is reproduced in the next page.

All India BSNL Pensioners' Welfare Association takes up the issue of Pension Revision of DoT Pensioners with DoT.

Com. D Gopalakrishnan, Vice president and Com. P Gangadhara Rao, Dy. General Secretary, AIBSNLWA met the Member (Finance), DoT, New Delhi on 12-9-2017 and discussed the issue with her and explained the difficulties in ensuring early revision of pension. Member (F) informed the leaders that it is the responsibility of BSNL to furnish the notional pay particulars to CCA. She asked them to take up the matter with BSNL to transfer all service records of DoT pensioners to CCAs and also to provide the required space for preservation. The leaders told her that the service records of BSNL IDA pensioners also should be transferred to CCAs and all records should be digitalized. She agreed with the suggestion. CHQ AIBSNLWPA would request the circle secretaries to take up this issue seriously with respective CGMs at the earliest

Latest on DoT pensioners

K.B. Krishna Rao, Secretary, KP&TPA with Shri P Gangadhara Rao,

Dy.General Secretary, AIBSNLWA and Shri Changappa, Circle Secretary, AIBSNLWPA met the General Manager, Finance, O/o the CGMT, Karnataka and the Chief Accounts Officer on 20-9-2017 and requested them to seriously pursue the matter with the PGM and SSAs concerned since there is no progress in issue of revised PPOs and O/o the CCA is not receiving the particulars of notional pay required for revision of pension. GM Finance informed the delegation that SSAs have commenced the work and they will be reminded and the progress will be monitored on fortnightly basis.

K P&T PA thanks S/s Gangadhara Rao & Changappa for extending their support to the Association in pursuing the matter with the Authorities concerned.

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

**7th CPC
Revision of
Pension**

Extract of the letter written to the CGMT, BSNL, Karnataka on delay in revision of pension of DoT pensioners in terms of DoP&PW OM dated 12-5-29017

Respected Sir,

Subject: Revision of pension of Pre-2016 DoT Pensioners

Reference: (1) Department of Pension and Pensioners' Welfare OM No.38/37/2016-P&PW(A) dated 12-5-2017

We are constrained to bring to your kind notice that the order of the Department of Pension and Pensioners' Welfare, cited above as per which the pension of Pre-2016 DoT Pensioners has to be revised with effect from 1-1-2016, seems to have not been acted upon in Karnataka Telecom Circle even after elapse of more than 3 months from the date of issue of the said OM and DoT & BSNL endorsing the OM for its implementation, since many of the DoT retirees, who are members of our association, have informed us that they have not received revised pension payment authorities so far.

2. We have extracted below the relevant paragraph of the OM which requires the Pay and Accounting Offices (SSAs) to fix the notional pay of the pensioners under 7th CPC and the Pension Accounting Office, (CCA, Karnataka) to issue revised pension payment authorities (PPOs) authorizing the pension disbursing banks and post offices to pay the revised pension .

Para 18 of DoP&PW OM dated 12-5-2017.

It shall be the responsibility of the Head of Department and Pay and Accounts Office attached to that 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 01.01.2016 in accordance with these orders and to issue a revised pension payment authority. The

Pension Sanctioning Authority would impress upon the concerned Head of Office for fixation of pay on notional basis at the earliest and issue revised authority at the earliest. The revised authority will be issued under the existing PPO number and would travel to the Pension Disbursing Authority through the same channel through which the original PPO had travelled.

3. Though we hope that the SSAs will give priority to the work and furnish the required information to CCA, we are afraid that due to non availability of relevant records in respect of all pensioners with the SSAs concerned, they may find it difficult to complete the work within a time frame which may ultimately result in inordinate delay in revision of pension.

5. Therefore, with a view to ensure avoidance of any possible delay, we suggest the below mentioned process for speedy revision of pension of DoT pensioners.

Suggestions:

1. All the SSAs may please be instructed to immediately commence the work connected with notional pay fixation of pensioners whose service records are available with them, and furnish pay particulars to the CCA.

2. In respect of those pensioners in whose case the service records are not readily available with the concerned offices, officials from the O/o CGMT /Bg TD/SSAs may be deputed to the O/o CCA, to retrieve details required for fixation of notional pay from the pension files maintained by the O/o CCA and thereafter fix the notional pay admissible to each pensioner under 7th CPC Pay Matrix and furnish the details to CCA for further action with regard to issue of revised pension payment authorities.

3. All the SSAs / Pension Sanctioning Authorities may please be advised to initiate immediate action for revision of pension of DoT pensioners in close coordination with the O/o CCA, so that the work is completed within a time frame. Deputation of Officials and coordinated efforts will, to some extent help in completion of the extra work involved.

We request your good self to accept the

suggestions given above and issue necessary instructions in this regard to all concerned at an early date which will go a long way in assuaging the feelings of about 5900 DoT pensioners all of whom are above 76 years of age (most of them above 80) and have been eagerly awaiting for enhancement of their pension in terms of the OM dated 12-5-2017.

Thanking you Sir

Yours' faithfully

**7th CPC
Revision of
Pension**

Indian Council of Agricultural Research Krishi Bhavan, New Delhi

F.No. FIN/10/02/2017-Pension, dated the 31st August, 2017.

Revision of Pension/family pension and other retirement benefits in terms of 7th Central Pay Commission - regarding

The undersigned is directed to state that the Competent Authority has approved the proposal for implementation of the decision of the Government of India for revision of pension/family pension and other retirement benefits in terms of the Council's Pensioners/family Pensioners in respect to pre-2016 Pensioners/family Pensioners and those having retired/died in harness after 1.1.2016 and up to implementation of 7th CPC in Council whose pay has been revised in terms of Council's O.M. F.No. FIN/21/01/2017-CDN (A&A) dated 19.01.2017.

2. It has been decided to initiate action to revise pension/family pension of Council's Pensioners/family Pensioners according to the recommendations of 7th CPC. The payment of revised pension/family pension may be made w.e.f. August, 2017 onwards.

3. The payment of arrears on account of revision of pension/family pension for the period 1st January, 2016 to 31st July 2017 will however be subject to specific budgetary provision by the Council, for which orders will be issued separately.

4. This issue with the approval of the Competent Authority.

BSNL Concessional Telephone facility

Shri P Gangadhara Rao, Dy General Secretary, AIBSNLWA, after contacting the concerned authorities in ITPC Offices, has informed us as below:

“Modification Order dated 16-8-2017 regarding Free calls in the Night “from Free Local Calls to Free calls”

Finally, after continuous persuasion with Authorities concerned, the above modification is made effective from 01-09-2017

It will be reflected in September Bill. All RBSNL category retirees will now get the benefits of:

- 1) Full utilization of eligible free calls for Local/STD/ISD etc and
- 2) Night free calling facility from 9 PM to 7 AM with effect from 1-9-2017.

(Except on Sundays).

**7th CPC
DoP & PW
Order**

Gol, Ministry or Personnel, PG & Pensions, Department of Pension & Pensioners' Welfare, O M No.38/37116-P&PW(A)(iii) Dated, the 11th September, 2017

Implementation of Government's decision on the recommendations of the Seventh Central Pay Commission - Revision of pension of pre- 2016 retired medical officers.

The undersigned is directed to say that in implementation of the decision taken on the recommendations of the 7th CPC, orders were issued vide this Departments' OM No. 38/37/2016-P&PW(A)(ii) dated 04.08.2016 for revision of pension of pre-2016 pensioners/family pensioners w.e.f 01.01.2016 by multiplying the pre-revised pension/family pension by a factor of 2.57. Subsequently, vide OM No. 38/37/2016-P&PW(A) dated 12.05.2017, it has been decided that the pension/family pension w.e.f. 01.01.2016 in respect of all Central civil pensioners/family pensioners, who retired/died prior to 01.01.2016, may be revised w.e.f. 01.01.2016 by notionally fixing their pay in the pay matrix recommended by the 7th CPC in the level corresponding to the pay in the pay scale/pay band and grade pay at which they retired/died. This will be done by notional pay fixation under each intervening Pay Commission based on the Formula for revision of pay.

2. In the case of medical officers, the emoluments reckoned for calculation of pension include Non-practicing Allowance (NPA). The pay of the medical officers is revised in accordance with the specific provision made in the Revised Pay Rules. The manner in which the pay of the medical officers is to be revised w.e.f. 1.1.2016 is prescribed in Rule 7 of the CCS (Revised Pay) Rules, 2016.

Accordingly, for the purpose of revision of pension of pre- 2016 retired medical officers in accordance with this Department's O.M. dated 12.05.2017, their pay will be notionally revised w.e.f 1.1.2016 based on the formula for revision of pay as applicable to the medical officers in the 7th CPC as well as in the intervening Pay Commissions. NPA at the rate as applicable as on 01.01.2016 shall be added to such notional pay as on 1.1.2016 to arrive at pension/family pension of retired medical officers w.e.f. 1.1.2016.

3. NPA to serving medical officers has been revised @ 20% of basic pay w.e.f. 1.7.2017. Accordingly, the pension/family pension of retired medical officers shall be further revised w.e.f. 1.7.2017 by adding NPA @ 20% to the notional pay as on 1.1.2016, instead of the NPA admissible as on 1.1.2016.

4. The revision of pension/family pension of retired medical officers in the above manner will be further subject to the condition that the notional pay as on 1.1.2016 plus NPA does not exceed the average of basic pay of the revised scale applicable to the Apex Level and the level of Cabinet Secretary

5. This issues with the approval of Ministry of Finance, Department of Expenditure vide their I.D. No. 136/EV/2017 dated 25.8.2017.

Harjit Singh, Director

BSNL Pension revision

Com. D Gopalakrishnan, Vice president and Com. P Gangadhara Rao, Dy. General Secretary, AIBSNLWA met Shri Ananthkumar, Minister for Parliamentary Affairs on 12-9-2017 in New Delhi. Thereafter, they met Shri Manoj Sinha, Minister for Communications and submitted a memorandum on Pension Revision with fitment formula recommended by Seventh CPC.

Sri Manoj Sinha went through the memorandum and also gave a patient hearing. The Minister assured the Representatives that he would look in to the demands.

Courtesy: P.Gangadhara Rao

Eligibility of divorced daughters for grant of family pension - clarification

Provision for grant of family pension to a widowed/divorced daughter beyond the age of 25 years has been made vide OM dated 30.08.2004. This provision has been included in clause (iii) of sub-rule 54 (6) of the CCS (Pension), Rules, 1972.

2. As indicated in Rule 54(8) of the CCS (Pension) Rules, 1972, the turn of unmarried children below 25 years of age comes after the death or remarriage of their mother/father, i.e., the pensioner and his/her spouse. Thereafter, the family pension is payable to the disabled children for life and then to the unmarried/widowed/divorced daughters above the age of 25 years.

3. It was clarified, vide this department Office Memorandum of even number, dated 11th September, 2013, that the family pension is payable to the children as they are considered to be dependent on the Government servant/pensioner or his/her spouse. A child who is not earning equal to or more than the sum of minimum family pension and dearness relief thereon is considered to be dependent on his/her parents. Therefore, only those children who are dependent and meet other conditions of eligibility for family pension at the time of death of the Government servant or his/her spouse, whichever is later, are eligible for family pension. If two or more children are eligible for family pension at that time, family pension will be payable to each child on his/her turn provided he/she is still eligible for family pension when the turn comes

4. It was clarified that a daughter if eligible, as explained in the preceding paragraph, may be granted family pension provided she fulfils

all eligibility conditions at the time of death/ineligibility of her parents and still on the date her turn to receive family pension comes. Accordingly, divorced daughters who fulfil other conditions are eligible for family pension if a decree of divorce had been issued by the competent court during the life time of at least one of the parent

5. This department has been receiving grievances from various quarters that the divorce proceedings are a long drawn procedure which take many years before attaining finality. There are many cases in which the divorce proceedings of a daughter of a Government employee/pensioner had been instituted in the competent court during the life time of one or both of them but none of them was alive by the time the decree of divorce was granted by the competent authority

6. The matter has been examined in this department in consultation with Department of Expenditure and it has been decided to grant family pension to a divorced daughter in such cases where the divorce proceedings had been filed in a competent court during the life-time of the employee/pensioner or his/her spouse but divorce took place after their death provided the claimant fulfils all other conditions for grant of family pension under rule 54 of the CCS (Pension) Rules, 1972. In such cases, the family pension will commence from the date of divorce.

7. This issues with the concurrence of Ministry of Finance, Department of Expenditure, vide their ID No. I(1)/EV/2017, dt. 11 July, 2017.

(D.K. Solanki),

Under Secretary to the Gol

Central Government Holidays in October 2017.

1. Muharram 1st October, Sunday
2. Mahatma Gandhi's Birthday, 2nd October, Monday
3. Deepavali/Naraka Chaturdashi 18th October, Wednesday

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former Karnataka Lokayuktha**
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on Tuesday, 17th October, 2017 at 10-30 a.m.
All pensioners are welcome

News from Affiliates

Karnataka Income-Tax Dept. Pensioners' Association (R), Banagalore.

Held its 5th Annual General Body meeting on 13-09-2017 at Cauvery Hall Central Revenue Building, Bangalore.

Shri. R B Deshpande, President, delivered welcome address and paid tribute to the members who expired during the year and recorded their services to the department and association.

In his welcome address, the President, touched upon the 7th CPC issues, up-gradation of pay scale of ITOs and ITIs from 21-04-2004, Mumbai CAT decision and about the writ petition pending in the Bombay High Court filed by the department. He also highlighted the efforts made by our association to ascertain the status of the case. He also spoke on Centralization of Service records, revision of pay on the basis of the modified option 1. In regard to the health care, he spoke on the necessity of extending CGHS facility to Mysore and Hubli also.

The minutes of the last general body meeting, Secretary's report and audited accounts were approved in the meeting.

Shri K B Krishna Rao, Chairman of Co-ordination committee of Central Govt. Pensioners associations, Karnataka addressed the General body meeting. He briefly spoke

about 7th Pay Commission issues and implementation of DoP&PW OM dated 12-5-2017. In regard to our demand for CGHS facility for Mysore and Hubli, he said that we require the information about the number of central Govt. employees and pensioners residing in those places to take up the issue with the Govt. He appealed to the members from Mysore, who were attending the AGB, to help CCCGPA in collecting statistics about the number of pensioners and also the employees working there. The meeting concluded with the vote of thanks by Shri Srinivasa Setty, Treasurer.

OPPEN SESSION: After the general body meeting open session was started with invocation rendered by Shri K V Ramakrishna. Shri.O M Bhaskaran, Secretary, Welcomed the gathering. He expressed satisfaction about the speed with which revision of pension work is going on. He also said that pensioners should be involved in the programmes like Independence Day, Republic Day, and Income-tax day programme. Shri Rajanish Kumar, Principal Chief Commissioner was the Chief Guest. In his address he complimented that association for its functioning and promised that the work with regard to revision of pension will be completed by the end of the month. The following members who are of the age of 75 years were honoured by the Chief Guest.

S/s R Raghothaman, C M Kariappa, Aftab Ahammed and D P Benagi

Ms. Nutan Woder retired Principal Chief Commissioner of Income-tax was the guest of honour. The association lauded the work of Ms. Wodeyar in allotting a room for the Association, conducting Pensioners Adalat and centralization of Service Registers. In her address she appreciated the services rendered by the association to the pensioners.

Shri P R Raghuraman, former Secretary of ITEF was the guest speaker who spoke on the efforts of the KITEA for acquiring the Infantry Road property. Smt. Usha Shantharam, proposed vote of thanks.

The meeting attended by more than 200 members ended with lunch.

O. M. Bhaskaran,
Secretary, KITDPA

Our Members write

1. Sir, Kindly refer to the contribution under the heading 'A NOVEL IDEA', by our former President Mr. Sadashiva Rao. We appreciate his Write-up of facts. The sufferings of 80+ pensioners in the CGHS welfare centres should be seen to be believed. This is not a complaint against CGHS Doctors who are very nice persons.

If the scheme followed in Banashankari Welfare Centre is followed in all the welfare centres in Bangalore, it will be of a great help to the Pensioners who are 80+

P.S.Narasimhan (aged 85)
LM-1939

2. I was very sad to read the news in Pensioners' Champion, July 2017 issue on the passing away of our beloved Com D Gnanaiah at Coimbatore. Com Gnanaiah and Com A Piramanathan, affectionately called 'Prem' were colleagues hailing from Madurai. Both studied at American College, Madurai during 1936 and joined war service. On return from war service, Com Gnanaiah joined Coimbatore Head Post Office as postal clerk and Com Piramanathan, Madurai H.P.O. Both were veteran Trade Union Leaders, most popular among P&T and Central government employees.

S N Kanakiraman,
Madurai

3. I was thrilled to read the biography of Vaadhyaar Soundararajan in March issue of Pensioers' Champion. I should congratulate you and other friends who travelled to Nagapattinam to meet him. Shri Soundararajan, a highly qualified and knowledgeable Guru for hundreds of his friends and disciples has been making use of his skills, knowledge and money for the service of fellow citizen especially those who are in need of help.

I know him since 1963 and cherish the moments we worked together. His high thinking and simple living is worth emulating.

K.P. Rangan, LM 721

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Central Information Commission Decision on Application from Pensioners

(CIC/BS/A/2016/001238, dated 30/03/2017)

APPLICATIONS PERTAINING TO PENSION TO BE CONSIDERED AS REQUEST FOR INFORMATION CONCERNING LIFE OR LIBERTY

The Commission held that all request for information relating to delay in fixation/payment of pension and also arrears shall be dealt with urgently considering them as requests for information concerning 'life or liberty' under section 7(1) of RTI Act. Any grievance regarding these issues also should be treated as 'right to life' under Article 21 of the Indian Constitution and the public authorities shall do all the needful to address the issue within 48 hours.

The Commission also required that as per Section 19(8) (a) (i,iii&iv) of RTI Act, the public authority should consider pension related information as life and liberty related information to provide quick access to information, publish necessary guidelines to deliver the pension related information and circulate amongst all CPIOs, and train them to provide such information concerning pension within 48 hours and the FAAs should initiate hearing proceedings within 48 hours.

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