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**General Budget 2018-19 Salient features -
Income tax changes which will come into effect from April 1, 2018**

In his 2018 budget speech, Union Finance Minister, Shri Arun Jaitley, introduced various tax changes which will come into effect from 1st of April this year. These tax changes will impact the taxpayers in a number of ways. From reintroduction of standard deduction for salaried employees & pensioners, to introduction of LTCG on equities, the Finance Minister has announced various changes in the income tax. Many of these changes in the income tax are applicable from the financial year 2018-19. Mentioned below are some of the changes introduced in income tax.

1. Re-introduction of standard deduction

Till 2004, Section 16 (1) of the Income Tax Act had provided for deduction of a specified amount from the annual income of an individual as 'standard deduction'. This was omitted in the finance Act, 2005. Therefore, there was no provision to deduct any amount as standard deduction in the annual income for the years 2006 to 2017. This provision has been reintroduced in 2018. A new clause is proposed

to be inserted in section 16 so as to allow a deduction of Rs.40,000 in the annual income for the financial year 2018-19 (Assessment year 2019-20). Since the definition of salary income includes pension income also, this 'standard deduction' will be available to pensioners.

2. Relief to Senior Citizens: Exemption of Interest Income on deposits increased to Rs. 50,000

Union Finance Minister, in his budget speech said that with the objective of providing relief to senior citizens, the exemption of interest income on deposits with banks and post offices will be increased from Rs. 10,000/- to Rs. 50,000. A new section 80 TTB is proposed to be introduced. Under this new section, all types of deposits (like Savings, Fixed or Recurring) with banks, post offices, including cooperative banks, are to be aggregated and a deduction up to a maximum of Rs.50,000 is to be allowed and TDS shall not be required to be deducted on such income, under section 194A. However, the

deduction of an amount up to Rs.10,000 being allowed under section 80 TTA on interest on savings accounts (other than time deposits) will not be available from the financial year 2018-19

3. Health Insurance

Under section 80D, the limit of deduction for health insurance premium paid and/ or medical expenditure has been increased from Rs. 30,000/- to Rs. 50,000/-. All senior citizens will be able to claim benefit of deduction up to Rs. 50,000/- per annum in respect of any health insurance premium paid and/or any general medical expenditure incurred during the year.

4. Deduction for medical treatment of specified diseases

Under section 80DDB, it is proposed to raise the limit of deduction for medical

expenditure in respect of certain critical illnesses from Rs. 60,000/- in case of senior citizens (age 60 years or more) and from Rs. 80,000/- in case of very senior citizens (age 80 years or more) to Rs. 1 lakh in respect of all senior citizens.

5. Reintroduction of LTCG

Long-term capital gains tax has been introduced on equity investments on the capital gains exceeding Rs 1, 00,000 on sale of equity share or units of equity-linked funds. 10 percent tax will be applied from 1st April 2018.

6. Health and Education Cess

Education cess being levied at 3% now on the amount of income tax payable, will be renamed as 'Health and Education Cess' and increased to 4 percent from the financial year 2018-19 .

Rate of Income Tax for Financial Year 2018-19 (Assessment Year 2019-20)

For Individuals below 60 years age (including Women):

Income	Tax Rate
Up to 2,50,000	Nil
2,50,001 to 5,00,000	5% of the amount exceeding 2,50,000
5,00,001 to 10,00,000	Rs.12,500 +20% of the amount exceeding 5,00,000
Above Rs.10,00,000	Rs.1,12,500 +30 % of the amount exceeding 10,00,000

For Individuals aged 60 years and above but below 80 years (Senior Citizen):

Income	Tax Rate
Up to 3,00,000	Nil
3,00,001 to 5,00,000	5% of the amount exceeding 3,00,000
5,00,001 to 10,00,000	Rs.10,000 + 20% of the amount exceeding 5,00,000
Above Rs.10,00,000	Rs.1,10,000 + 30% of the amount exceeding 10,00,000

For Individuals aged 80 years and above (Very Senior Citizen):

Income	Tax Rate
Up to 5,00,000	Nil
5,00,001 to 10,00,000	20% of the amount exceeding 5,00,000
10,00,000 & above	Rs.1,00,000 + 30% of the amount exceeding 10,00,000

Rebate under Section 87-A: Rs.2500 for income up to Rs.3.5 lakhs

Standard deduction- Rs. 40,000

Education + Health Cess - 4% of Income Tax

Surcharge : Income 50 Lakhs to 1 crore – 10%

More than one crore - 15%

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 is in progress and has reached roof level. Cost of construction is estimated to be around Rs.50 lakhs. We are happy to note that there has been very good response to our requests for donation made through personal letters written by us to more than 1000 members. Donation collected so far amounts to Rs.41,00,000 only. We are therefore forced to repeatedly appeal for liberal donations from those of our Members and Subscribers **who have not yet responded** to our appeal made through this journal and through personal letters. 19th List of donors is published in this issue.

Most of the Pre-2016 pensioners have got 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.

Members who have donated less than Rs.2000, the minimum amount of donation that we had appealed for, may please remit additional amount to increase their contribution at least to Rs.2,000. Those who have donated above Rs 5,000 but less than 10,000 and those above Rs.10,000 but less than 25,000 may please consider increasing 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: 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**". (Not KPTPA or KP&TPA)

Cheques may please be sent to:

K.R.Anantha Ramu,

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

(Ph: 080 23642466 Mob: 9448477129)

Note: Cheques are not to be drawn in the names of either the Secretary or the Treasurer

Charitable Function held at Govt Primary School, Yelahanka, Bengaluru

By S.M.Vittal Rao, KP&TPA

Under the auspices of the Karnataka P&T Pensioners' Association, a charitable function was arranged at 10 a.m. on Saturday the 24th February 2018 at the Government Primary School Samudaya Bhavana, 4th Phase, Yelahanka New Town, Bengaluru. Shri K.B.Krishna Rao, Secretary, KP&TPA presided over the function. Sri S.M.Vittal Rao, who had organised the event was present with his family members. 13 Members of the Executive Committee of KP&TPA attended. Smt. Anusuya Devi, Headmistress, and Assistant Teachers graced the occasion. Hundreds of students studying in the school from 1st standard to 7th standard had assembled at the venue.

Invocation was rendered by the girl students. Smt. J.Gangavathamma, Teacher in her welcome address lauded the efforts being made by EC Members of KP&TPA every year to organise a function in the school in the interest of Students welfare and for distributing reading and writing materials and fruits to students. Groups of boys and girls presented cultural programmes like singing, dance, short plays and folk songs bringing to the fore their talent in extracurricular activities, which was applauded by the big gathering.

A big cake brought by Shri S.M.Vittal Rao, in memory of his late granddaughter Anisha, was cut by a group of students and distributed to all. Note books, pencils and fruits were also distributed to students by EC members and others. Mementos were given to the students who participated in cultural programmes. Gifts were given to teachers as well.

Shri K.B.Krishna Rao, Secretary, KP&TPA in his brief speech, advised the students to study hard and obey their teachers. He announced that, in order to help meritorious students, KP&TPA would continue its yearly practice of awarding cash prizes to the students of 5th, 6th and 7th Standards of the school, who score 90% marks in final exams. He praised the students for their talent and the teachers for their efforts in moulding them.

The Headmistress proposed vote of thanks and expressed her gratitude for the Association on behalf of the students and staff of the school. The function ended at 12.30 p.m.

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Pensioners' Association of a neighbouring State donates to the Building Fund

We are extremely glad to note that All India Postal Pensioners' Association, Ananthapuram-515001, has donated Rs.10,000 to the Building Fund. This is the 2nd association from Andhra Pradesh to donate after All India Postal & RMS Pensioners' Association, Ongole. We convey our thanks to the Association for the liberal donation.

All India Postal Pensioners' Association, Ananthapuram, held its annual general body

meeting on 28-01-2018 at Ananthapuram Head Post Office under the presidentship of Sri S.Chandrasekharachari. About 100 pensioners attended. The President spoke about 7th CPC and other issues concerning pensioners. Sri M.Chakrapani, Secretary presented the annual report. Sri K Venugopal Rao, Treasurer presented the annual accounts. 30 members who had completed 75 years of age were felicitated on the occasion.

**7th
CPC**

**Formula for calculation of arrears of pension
Revised basic pension - (minus) existing basic pension
multiplied by the following multiplication factors**

- 1) For calculation of arrears for the period from January 2016 to February 2018 (26 months) : multiply the difference between revised basic pension and existing basic pension by 26.76
- 2) January 2016 to March 2018 (27 months): multiply the difference by 27.81
- 3) January 2016 to April 2018 (28 months): multiply the difference by 28.86

Example A :

- a) Revised basic pension: 26000
Existing basic pension: 24395
Difference: 1605 - Arrears: Jan 16 to Feb 18: 1605 X 26.76 =42950

Example B :

- b) Revised basic pension: 38090 (basic 29300 + age-related addl pension 8790)
Existing basic pension: 35653 (basic 27425 + age-related addl pension 8228)
Difference: 2437 – Arrears: Jan 16 to March 2018: 2437 X27.81 = 67773

Note:

- (1) D R component in the above formula is at 5 %
- (2) Amount of arrears computed on the above simple formula may vary by about Rs. 10 from the amount arrived at by preparation of a month wise arrear bill due to rounding off of fraction of a rupee to the next rupee at each stage.

**Formula for Calculation of arrears with DR @ 5 % up to Dec 2017 and @ 7%from Jan 2018
Difference to be multiplied by the following factors.**

Jan 16 to Jan 2018:	25.73	Jan 16 to April 2018:	28.94
Jan 16 to Feb 2018:	26.80	Jan 16 to May 2018:	30.01
Jan 16 to March 2018:	27.87	Jan 16 to June 2018:	31.08

Central Government Holiday in APRIL 2018

1. Buddha Poornima 30th April, Monday

OBITUARY

Sri N. Parkash Raju, LM 2505, retired LSG Supervisor, O/o the CPMG, Karnataka, expired on 23-2-2018 at the age of 66 years.He is survived by wife and a daughter.

**We convey our heartfelt
condolences
to the bereaved family**

BSNL IDA
From 1-1-2018 126.9% 2.6% increase over Oct. 2017 rate of 124.3%

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
Jun 17	280	3323	276.92	5.93	139.22
Jan 18	288	3388	288.33	7.99	149.07

DA/DR from 1-1-2018: 7 % (2% increase over July 2017 rate)

6th CPC - 142% (3% increase over July 2017 rate)

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**Grant of Fixed Medical Allowance to Central Government
Civil Pensioners residing in areas not covered under
Central Government Health Schem**

The undersigned is directed to refer to this Department's OM No. 38/99/99-P&PW(C) dated 17-4-2000 on the subject mentioned above and to say that in accordance with the instructions contained therein, Central Government Civil Pensioners, residing in an area not served by any CGHS Dispensary or any corresponding Health Schemes administered by other Ministries/Departments, as the case may be, even though their places of residence may fall within the limits of a CGHS covered cities, are required to submit the following documents for claiming Fixed Medical Allowance:

a) An undertaking in the prescribed format.

b) A certificate from the Medical Authorities of CGHS or from authorities of corresponding Health Schemes of the concerned Ministries/Departments, as the case may be, that the area where the pensioner is residing is not served by any dispensary under CGHS or the corresponding Health Scheme administered by the Ministry/Department.

2. Keeping in view the difficulties being faced by the pensioners in obtaining the required certificate from the concerned Medical Authorities, the matter has been reconsidered in consultation with the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare. It has now been decided that the pensioners, residing in areas not covered by CGHS or any corresponding Health Schemes administered by other Ministries/Departments, as the case may be, would no longer be required to submit a certificate referred to in para 1 (b) above.

However, such pensioners would continue to submit an undertaking in the following format:

I, _____ a retired employee of _____ (Office Address) declare that I am residing at (Residential Address indicated in PPO), which area is not covered under CGHS or any corresponding Health Scheme administered by the Ministry/Department of, _____ (as the case may be). I have also not obtained and do not wish to obtain a CGHS Card for availing out-door facilities under CGHS/Corresponding Health Scheme of other Ministries/Departments from any dispensary situated in an adjoining area.

3. A Central Government Civil Pensioner is also required to fill the enclosed form along with above mentioned undertaking.

4. All the pension disbursing authorities are required to obtain the above undertaking along with the form, as mentioned in Para 3 above, from such pensioners before sanctioning Fixed Medical Allowance. An entry to this effect should also be made in their PPOs.

Sd- Sanjay Wadhawan)
Deputy Secretary to the Govt. of India

Option Form - page - 7

**Form for availing Medical Facilities under central Government Health Scheme
or Fixed Medical Allowance after retirement.**

1. I reside/will be residing at the following address:

Flat / House No / Bldg. Name	Street / Locality
Village & Post Office / Block	City & District
State	Pin Code

2. I opt the following facility

(Please tick any one of the following)

i.	I will be residing in a CGHS area and would be availing CGHS facility	
ii.	I will be residing in a CGHS area but would not be availing CGHS facility. I understand that I will not be eligible for Fixed Medical Allowance (FMA)	
iii.	I will be residing in non-CGHS area but would be availing CGHS facility for In-patient Department (IPD) and Out-patient Department(OPD) treatment. I will not be eligible for FMA	
iv.	I will be residing in a non-CGHS area but would be availing CGHS facility for IPD treatment only by payment of CGHS contributions. I will also avail FMA for OPD treatment	
v.	I will be residing in a non-CGHS area and would not be availing CGHS facility for both IPD treatment and OPD treatment. I will avail FMA	
vi.	I will avail medical facilities available to spouse/family member who is an employee / pensioner of Government / PSU / Autonomous Body I will not avail CGHS facility and FMA	
vii.	Avail medical facility of previous organization. I will not avail CGHS facility and FMA	

This is my one time change in option as provided in the Rules and it supersedes the earlier option given by me. I understand that I shall not be able to change this option again (Strike out this item if not applicable)

Name of the retiring employee.....

Mobile No.

(Signature of head of office)

(Signature of applicant)



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- 1) Invocation by Kum. Nidhi Hegde
- 2) Guests and others after lighting the lamp
- 3) Chief Guest Sri C K Gundanna being felicitated by Sri H.V. Ramanatha
- 4) Guest of honour Sri V.Sundararaj being felicitated by Sri S.M. Vittal Rao

- 5) Special Invitee Smt.A.Bhanumathi being felicitated by Sri H V Ramanatha
- 6) Sri N M Hegde being felicitated by Sri H N Somasekhar
- 7) Sri & Smt. C Murugesan being felicitated by Sri C S Parthasarathy
- 8) Sri V T S Sharma being felicitated by Sri Bettaiah

Get-together of RMS & MMS Pensioners on 7-1-2018



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- 9) Sri M Nagalingam being felicitated by Sri D.Venkatesalu
- 10) Sri K K Poulouse being felicitated by Sri M S Krishnba Murthy

- 11, 12, 13) Guests addressing
- 14) Sri K B Krishna Rao, Secretary, KP&TPA addressing
- 15) Sri V Gopal proposing vote of thanks
- 16) Audience

Charitable Function held on 24.2.2018 in Govt. Primary School, Yelahanka



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- 1) Welcome address by Smt. J.Gangavamma, Teacher
2, 3) Assembly of Students
4) ECMembers of KP&TPA with Teachers and others

- 5) Children cutting cake
6, 7, 8) Drama, Dance and 'Kolata' by students of the school

Photos by- Srinivas

Charitable Function held on 24.2.2018 in Govt. Primary School, Yelahanka



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9, 10, 11,) Drama, Dance and 'Kolata' by students of the school
12 to 15 Distribution of Books to Students by Sri Vittal Rao and others

16) Presentation of a gift by Vittal Rao to one of the Teachers of the School

**COORDINATION COMMITTEE OF
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**Report on the meeting held with the Assistant Director,
CGHS Bengaluru on 22.1.2018**

A meeting between the representatives of CCCGPA, Karnataka and the Additional Director, CGHS was held on 22.1.2018 at Kendriya Sadana, Koramangala Bengaluru at 3.00 PM. The following were present.

1. Dr. Anjali Rao , Additional Director, Dr. C.S.Kishore Kumar, Sr.CMO HQ, Dr.M. Revathi ,Sr.CMO SAG and Dr. Ravindra Asangi from the office of the Additional Director and CMOs in-charge of all the Wellness Centres except WC 2 .WC-3 and WC 4.
2. Representatives of the CCCGPA- Shri K.B.Krishna Rao, Chairman and Shri S. Radhakrishna, General Secretary.
3. Members of CGHS Advisory Committee- WC-2 Shri T.N.C.Sridhar; WC-3 Shri S.V.Venugopalachar; WC-6 Shri K.V. Ravindranath Tagore, WC-7 Shri N.Kasi; WC-10 Shri A. Poobalan; Polyclinic Shri Ashok S KoloIgi; from KP&TPA Shri K.R.Anantharamu and Shri B.S. Ramachandra

2. CCCGPA had notified the following items /issues for discussion.

1. Special provisions under CGHS to the beneficiaries aged 80 years and above regarding consultation with the doctor
2. Consultation with specialists
3. Validity of CGHS Plastic Cards
4. Token number display system at WC-6
5. Reimbursement of medical charges
6. Simplification of referral procedure
7. CGHS Advisory Committee meetings
8. Pulmonary Fitness Test

1. Special provisions under CGHS to the beneficiaries aged 80 years and above regarding consultations with Doctors

The Chairman, CCCGPA brought to the notice of the AD that uniform procedure is not being followed in all the WCs. The procedure followed in Polyclinic is beneficiary friendly. The arrangement made recently at WC-3 Banashankari of providing a separate chair-labelled "80 +" near the entrance of each of the consultation rooms is appreciated by the beneficiaries. Arrangement available at the polyclinic or the one introduced recently at Banashankari WC may be followed by the other WCs also so as to bring uniformity in the facilities available for beneficiaries of 80 and 80+ years of age at all the WCs

After detailed discussion, AD informed the representatives that all the facilities are being extended to the beneficiaries though the facilities may vary at some WCs depending upon the staff position available at the WCs. However, to ensure a uniform system at the WCs, a tag to identify the beneficiaries of 80+ will be supplied to all the WCs with instructions to issue the tag to the beneficiaries so that identification of 80 +becomes easier and the beneficiaries can consult the doctors without any hassles .

2. Consultation with specialists

The Chairman, CCCGPA brought to the notice of the AD that monitory ceiling for direct consultation with specialists in Central government/State government/Municipal

hospitals have been removed vide OM dated 5-12-2017. After the above said relaxation, beneficiaries can now consult the specialists at polyclinic directly without any referral from the Doctors at the WCs. Shri S Radhakrishna, G S requested that necessary instructions may please be issued to all concerned in this connection.

The AD informed that necessary instructions shall be issued to Polyclinic and all the WCs.

3. Validity of CGHS Plastic Cards

Sri Krishna Rao, Chairman, CCCGPA brought to the notice of the AD that Plastic cards issued at the time of their introduction in the year 2012 have the year of validity indicated as 2017 thereby requiring renewal of such plastic cards. However, CGHS Directorate has clarified vide para No.5 of its Circular dated 8th June 2015 that the HCOs should continue to provide medical facilities irrespective of the printed date of validity in the plastic card. However, beneficiaries who have plastic cards with the date of validity indicated on them, despite having paid subscription for issue of life time cards, are to be advised to apply for issue of a new permanent card. Private hospitals empanelled under CGHS, who are not aware of the said instructions from CGHS Directorate, may refuse admission in case of emergency citing reason of expiry of the validity of the card. Hence the instructions of CGHS Directorate may please be brought to the notice of HCOs.

The AD informed that now there is a facility for self printing of CGHS card and the beneficiary can himself/herself get the card printed from the CGHS website and the new card will not have the validity indicated on it. Dr. Kishore Kumar said that HCOs can also verify the validity through CGHS website. Hence the beneficiaries may not face any problem even if the card has validity indicated on it.

The Additional Director informed that necessary instructions shall be issued to all concerned in the matter.

4. Token number display system

The Chairman, CCCGPA Shri K B Krishna Rao brought to the notice of the AD that the CGHS Advisory Committee Members of WC-6 have informed CCCGPA that the token number display equipment has not been installed in WC-6, Jayanagar and requested that immediate necessary action may please be taken in the matter.

AD and Dr. G M Ramana, CMO in-charge WC 6 Jayanagar, assured that necessary action will be taken to install the token display system at the earliest.

5. Reimbursement of medical charges

Special provisions under CGHS provided to the beneficiaries aged 80 years and above include settlement of medical claims on priority out of turn. But, one of the members of KP&TPA who is now 80 years of age has informed that the claim for reimbursement of medical charges incurred by him for emergency treatment submitted in September 2016, has not yet been settled even after elapse of nearly 16 months. Such claims may please be settled on priority.

Dr. Revathi, CMO, SAG in charge of MRC said that ROMC cases are being disposed of as per the date of the receipt of the claim and preference is being given in deserving cases depending upon the amount involved and the urgency in settlement of specific cases. CMO was emphatic that no ROMC case as old as September 2016 is pending sanction and the Association may furnish details of the long pending case for further scrutiny of the claim.

6. Simplification of referral procedure

MoH&FW, Dept of Health &FW dated 9-11-2017 states that CGHS beneficiaries are allowed to undergo treatment at private hospitals empanelled under CGHS of specific treatment

procedures advised by a Specialist in a Central Government / State Govt. hospital or a CGHS Medical Officer without any requirement of any other referral (permission) letter. It is presumed that with the above said simplification, the referral slip, which was hitherto being issued to beneficiaries in quadruplicate for treatment in private hospitals is no longer required to be issued by the CMOs of WCs and the CGHS Specialists would themselves issue the referral / prescription slips to the beneficiaries to be produced by them at the private hospitals. Necessary instructions in the matter may please be caused to be issued to all concerned and facility required for issue of such prescription slips by the specialists may please be provided.

The Chairman initiating the discussion on the item thanked the Health Ministry and CGHS Directorate for introducing a number of beneficiary friendly measures in the last 2 years and said that CGHS beneficiaries, especially the aged, are grateful to the CGHS for simplification of the procedures for referral and relaxation of several rules. The AD in her reply, said that necessary infrastructure is available in the WCs for issue of print outs of referral slips. However, instructions have been issued to all concerned to issue either a handwritten or computer printed referral slips to beneficiaries and, therefore, the beneficiaries may not face any problems on this account.

7. CGHS Advisory Committee meetings

Sri Ashok Kololgi, CGHS Advisory Committee Member, Polyclinic stated that monthly advisory/grievance committee meetings are not being held regularly at Polyclinic. CCCGPA Representatives requested that immediate action to nominate CMO to hold the meeting regularly be taken.

It was informed by the official side that the CMO in-charge of WC 1 has been given the additional charge of administrative work in

Polyclinic and that he is finding it extremely difficult to conduct the meeting regularly in view of the fact that the number of beneficiaries attending WC 1 daily has increased considerably and that apart shortage of doctors due to absence on leave forces the CMO to give preference to his duties as a consulting Doctor in WC 1 in the best interest of beneficiaries. However, Dr. G Adishesh CMO in-charge WC-1 & Polyclinic assured that every effort will be made to hold the meeting in future.

8. Pulmonary Fitness Test

This test is to be prescribed for diagnosing COPD. Now this test, reportedly, has been deleted from the list of procedures/ investigations. Action may please be taken to restore the test as it is stated that it is the only test available to diagnose COPD cases.

Dr.Revathy stated that, though PFT is un-coded item, in case of need, on the advice of the attending doctor, necessary permission is being given by the Additional Director to the beneficiaries as done in other un-coded procedures.

Dr.Anjali Rao, AD, CGHS in her concluding remarks stated that their endeavour has always been to provide best possible medicare to CGHS beneficiaries and over the years many facilities have been extended to them. She thanked the pensioners associations for extending their cooperation to the CMOs of WCs and to her office as well. She suggested that pensioners' Associations can play an active role and nominate pensioners to manage help desks in WCs and CGHS would provide necessary facilities to manage help desks.

Shri S.Radhakrishna, GS, CCCGPA, thanked the AD for agreeing to hold the meeting sought for by CCGPA and for responding favourably on several issues raised in the meeting. He thanked all the CMOs in-charge, doctors and staff of all the WCs for providing 'the best possible service' to the CGHS beneficiaries.

**DR
Order**

Govt, Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances & Pensions, Department of Pension & Pensioners' Welfare, O M No. No. 42/06/2018-P&PW(G) dated the 22nd March, 2018

**Grant of Dearness Relief to Central Government pensioners/
family pensioners Revised rate effective from 01.01.2018.**

The undersigned is directed to refer to this Department's OM No. 4211512016-P&PW(G) dated 28.09.2017 on the subject mentioned above and to state that the President is pleased to decide that the Dearness Relief admissible to Central Government Pensioners/family pensioners shall be enhanced from the existing rate of 5% to 7% w.e.f 01.01.2018.

2. These rates of DR will be applicable to (i) Civilian Central Government Pensioners/Family Pensioners including Central Govt. absorbee pensioners in PSU/Autonomous Bodies in respect of whom orders have been issued vide this Department's OM No. 4/3412002-P&PW(D) Vol.II dated 23.06.2017 for restoration of full pension after expiry of commutation period of 15 years (ii) The Armed Forces Pensioners, Civilian Pensioners paid out of the Defence Service Estimates, (iii) All India Service Pensioners (iv) Railway Pensioners/family pensioners (v) Pensioners who are in receipt of provisional pension (vi) The Burma Civilian pensioners/family pensioners and pensioners/families of displaced Government Pensioners from Burma/Pakistan, in respect of whom orders have been issued vide this Department's OM No. 23/3/2008-P&PW(B) dated 11.09.2017.

3. These orders shall not be applicable on CPF beneficiaries, their widows and eligible children who are in receipt of ex-gratia payment in terms of this Department's OM No.45/52/97-P&PW(E) dated 16.12.1997 and revised vide this Department's OM 1110/2012- P&PW(E) dated 27.06.2013. Separate orders will be issued in respect of above category.

4. The payment of Dearness Relief involving a fraction of a rupee shall be rounded off to the next higher rupee.

5. The payment of arrears of Dearness Relief shall not be made before the date of disbursement of pension/family pension of March, 2018.

6. Other provisions governing grant of DR in respect of employed family pensioners and re-employed Central Government Pensioners will be regulated in accordance with the provisions contained in this Department's OM No. 45173/97-P&PW (G) dated 2.7.1999 as amended vide this Department's OM No. F.No. 38/88/2008-P&PW(G) dated 9th July, 2009. The provisions relating to regulation of DR where a pensioner is in receipt of more than one pension will remain unchanged.

7. In the case of retired Judges of the Supreme Court and High Courts, necessary orders will be issued by the Department of Justice separately.

8. It will be the responsibility of the pension disbursing authorities, including the nationalized banks, etc. to calculate the quantum of DR payable in each individual case.

9. The offices of Accountant General and authorised Pension Disbursing Banks are requested to arrange payment of relief to pensioners etc. on the basis of these instructions without waiting for any further instructions from the Comptroller and Auditor General of India and the Reserve Bank of India in view of letter No. 528-TA, II/34-80-II dated 23/04/1981 of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India addressed to all Accountant Generals and Reserve Bank of India Circular No. GANB No. 2958/GA-64 (ii) (CGL)/81 dated the 21st May, 1981 addressed to State Bank of India and its subsidiaries and all Nationalised Banks.

10. In their application to the pensioners/family pensioners belonging to Indian Audit and Accounts Department, these orders issue after consultation with the C&AG.

11. This issues in accordance with Ministry of Finance, Department of Expenditure's OM No. 111/2018-E.U(B) dated 15th March, 2018.

(Charanjit Taneja)

Under Secretary to the Government of India.

PENSIONERS' CHAMPION

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MARCH 2018

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Rs.120/- Smt./Sri	Rs.150/- Smt./Sri	Rs.240/- Smt./Sri	Rs.480/- Smt./Sri
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Name (Smt./Sri)	Designation & Office in which last worked	Type & No.
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3 P.Kaladharan	Store Holder, Engine Factory, Avadi	ALM 2602
4 K.Rathnamma(FP)	Family pensioner	ALM 2603
5 P.Madhava Murthy	Sr.TOA, T trunk Telephone Exchange, Davanagere	LM 2604
6 N.Krishna Swamy	Audit Officer, O/O Accountant General, Bangalore	ALM 2605
7 R.B.Bhaskari	Chief SS, O/o General Manager Telecom, Belgaum	LM 2606
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12 M.Unnikrishnan	SPA to AOC-in-C, WAC, IAF, New Delhi	ALM 2612
13 K.V.Ramana	Sr. Accouts Officer, D.O.T., Srikakulam	LM 2613
14 V.Ramakrishna Iyer	O/o Dist.Manager Telecom, Kerala	LM 2614
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16 R.S.N.Murthy	ACGDA, O/o Controller General of Defence Accounts, ND	ALM 2616

LM: Life Member

ALM: Associate Life Member

Donation for the Building Fund - 19th List

SI No.	Name Sri/Smt.	Membership No.	Amount Rs.	Receipt No.	Progressive Total of donation
805	Nagarathamma	1384	100000	3422	
806	S.M.Vittala Rao	48	50000	3406	90656
807	R.Nagaraju	1575	15000	3420	25000
808	M.Nanjunde Gowda	2109	10000	3403	25001
809	P.V.Bhat	2512	10000	3276	
810	S.N.Hiremani	2515	10000	3402	
811	All India Pensioners' Assn, Ananthapur		10000	3269	
812	G.M.Mahabal Shetti	843	6106	3293	11111
813	K.T.Chikkaswamy	791	6000	3282	12000
814	V.S.Mulgund	83	5000	3419	6000
815	M.B.Narasimhan	842	5000	3275	11001
816	James George	921	5000	3429	7000
817	M P Ramamohan	1163	5000	3434	
818	B.S.R.Murthy	1221	5000	3430	
819	Venkatagiriappa	1272	5000	3404	7000
820	G.V.Venkatanarayana Shastry	1565	5000	3284	
821	B.V.Roopakala	2348	5000	3401	
822	Nagamma	2492	5000	3297	
823	N.Venkataraman	2543	5000	3423	
824	C.N.Upendra Rao	2544	5000	3428	
825	H.V.Dasan	S-51	5000	3277	10000
826	V.T.Subramanya Sharma	1508	4000	3267	
827	A.Radhakrishna	1943	3000	3290	
828	S.N.Yewoorkar	2003	3000	3281	5000
829	K.Boraiah	2380	3000	3405	5000
830	M.Krishnappa	2516	3000	3291	
831	B.Nagaraju	2564	3000	3300	
832	D.Kalyana Rao	2226	2500	3294	
833	D.R.Shivaramaiah	2548	2500	3262	
834	B.S.Subba rao	756	2000	3288	4000
835	Sadasivaraju	961	2000	3435	4001
836	Chandrashekhar Karanth	1076	2000	3299	14111

SI No.	Name Sri/Smt.	Membership No.	Amount Rs.	Receipt No.	Progressive Total of donation
837	K.G.Naik	1164	2000	3283	4000
838	B.S.Sethuram	1288	2000	3293	
839	K.R.Anantha Ramu	2062	2000	3431	31000
840	R.Vijayan	2265	2000	3296	
841	A.T.Kulkarni	2376	2000	3289	
842	S.Yamuna	2439	2000	3265	
843	V.N.Habbu	2490	2000	3298	
844	T.Sriramulu	891	1000	3285	
845	Ananthapadmanabhaiah	1510	1000	3274	
846	R.Thanikachallam	2166	1000	3270	3000
847	S.V.Seshadri	2355	1000	3261	
848	R.M.Karkal	2466	1000	3256	
849	Smt.V.L.Devadas	521	500	3418	
850	M.S.Lalitha	1296	500	3295	2000
	T.S. Ramakrishnaiah	1698	-	-	1500

DoT Pensioners - an Important decision by DoT

1. Service books should be kept in the O/o the CCA
2. Joint /Deputy CCA shall be the Pension Sanctioning Authority

Department of Telecommunications

OM No. 7-77/2013/TA-I/6092-6125 dated 21-11-2017

The undersigned is directed to refer this office letter No. 7-77/2013/TA-I/2464 – 2488 dated 03-06-2013, wherein instructions were issued to heads of CCA for declaring Joint CCA(Admn) / Dy.CCA(Admn) as pension sanctioning authority in respect of CDA pensioners and to make systematic efforts in a phased manner to collect the service records of all DoT employees who retired on or before 30-9-2000 from BSNL/MTNL.

In partial modification to the above order, the competent authority has directed that the Pr.CCA/CCA may declare Jt. CCA(Admn)/Dy.CCA(Admn) as pension sanctioning authority in respect of CDA pensioners as well as IDA pensioners as per provisions of Rules 3&58 to 61 read with provision of the Rule 37-A of CCS(Pension)Rules ,1972.

Further it is directed that the service books of all the pensioners in respect of CDA should be collected in a phased manner and kept in the safe custody of respective offices of Pr. CCA/ CCA as contained in Rule 288(e) PHB Volume-I by 15-01-2018. Whereas the case of the IDA pensioners service books, this will be taken up at a later date which will be duly informed. The pension related records for the IDA pensioners, however, are to be collected, completed and kept in safe custody by all Pr.CCA/CCA if not available with the same by 15-02-2018.

This issue with the approval of the competent authority.

CONCESSIONAL TELEPHONE FACILITY TO POSTAL PENSIONERS

Hon'ble High Court of Kerala, Ernakulam in its Order dated 2nd March 2017 in case No. OP(CAT) 3413 of 2013(2) rules that Postal Pensioners retired before 01-04-1985 **are not eligible for concessional telephone facility.**

Para 12 of the Order is extracted below

12. Thus it is evident that the concession of telephone facility as provided under Annexure-R1 can be extended only in respect of retired employees of DoT subject to the satisfaction of the conditions specifically mentioned under Annexure-R1. It is that position which was actually clarified under Annexure-R2. The said position was clarified under Annexure-R2 in Sl.No.8. —

In the light of the said position obtained from the materials on record including Annexures-A6 and A9 we have no hesitation to hold that the finding of the Tribunal as per impugned Ext.P4 to the effect that the applicants would fall squarely under the Full

Bench order (Annexure-A6) cannot be sustained. As noticed hereinbefore, the Tribunal arrived at such a finding even without a discussion on the entitlement of the applicants with reference to the scheme as also the judicial pronouncements on that issue. When a finding is returned without any discussion at all and especially contrary to a binding judicial pronouncement on that subject, such a finding cannot be sustained. In the said circumstances, the finding of the Tribunal under Ext.P4 that the applicants/respondents 1 to 15 would fall squarely under the Full Bench order and thereby entitled to the post retirement concessional facilities of telephone under Annexure-R1 is vacated. Consequently, the directions to the petitioner and the other respondents to afford concessional facilities of telephone in respect of all the applicants/respondents 1 to 15 herein, is set aside. Consequently, the Original Petition is allowed and the Original Application stands dismissed.

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