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**Central Government Health Scheme (CGHS) - Dwindling facilities!**

The Central Government Health Scheme, considered as the best suited "health care facility", especially for the Central government Pensioners, since it provides cash less facilities in case of hospitalization, in addition to provision of free consultation and supply of medicines for outpatient treatment, of late seems to be becoming "not so beneficiary friendly" scheme, in view of several measures introduced by the Ministry of Health and family Welfare in August, 2014 on the plea of "plugging loopholes in the system" and "Streamlining the procedures" which have, to say the least, imposed restrictions on supply of even essential medicines and have curtailed some of the existing facilities which were hitherto available under the health scheme.

2. The Department of Health & Family Welfare, in its O.M. dated 25-8-2014 specifies that CGHS shall supply from its pharmacies in the wellness centres or through local purchase only such medicines which are included in the CGHS Formulary. Though the O.M. states that "for medicines prescribed outside formulary, medicines with identical formulations and /or

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and Secretary, K P&T PA

similar therapeutic effect may be supplied from CGHS formulary", several instances of non supply of medicines prescribed by the Government Specialists and even by the CGHS Specialists have been reported, the reason being "absence of the names of those medicines in CGHS formulary". Essential drugs prescribed for heart patients and medicines prescribed for neurological disorders by Govt. Specialists in some cases, reportedly have not been supplied causing extreme financial hardship to pensioner CGHS beneficiaries.

3. Reduction of the period of supply of medicines from three months to one month is another restriction imposed. This has caused much inconvenience to those who are patients of hypertension and diabetes, since they will have to make frequent visits to Wellness Centres to get their medicines. Beneficiaries who are aged 80+ years are the worst sufferers. Relaxation of the restriction in the period of supply of medicines

at least in respect of such very senior citizens who usually require the same type of medicines with no change in dosage on every visit to the Wellness Centre requires to be considered on priority.

4. The O.M. from the Health Ministry states further that hereafter, only the listed investigations/ treatment procedures for which there are prescribed CGHS rates, to be undertaken in CGHS Empanelled Hospitals/ Diagnostic Centres, will be permitted. Similarly, only listed implants/ medical devices with a CGHS prescribed ceiling rate shall be permitted and the reimbursement of medical claims in respect of investigations/ implants shall be limited to the CGHS rates, if any unlisted investigation/ implantation is undertaken. Needless to say that the beneficiaries who have to necessarily undertake unlisted procedures/implants will have to bear the brunt.

5. Another major difficulty being faced by the Pensioner CGHS beneficiaries is denial of "Credit Facility" (cashless facility) by the CGHS empanelled Private Hospitals and Diagnostic Centres on the plea that the CGHS package rates are very low and payment of bills is abnormally delayed. In Bangalore City several empanelled Hospitals and Diagnostic Centres have either stopped providing service to CGHS beneficiaries or insist on payment of bills by the beneficiary himself/herself. Some of the empanelled Private Hospitals even in medical emergencies, deny admission on the pretext of non-availability of beds in ICU. As of now, only three to four Empanelled Hospitals are providing inpatient medical treatment to CGHS beneficiaries on credit basis.

6. The Coordination Committee of Central Government Pensioners' Associations, Karnataka, (CCCGPA) represented by its Chairman and General Secretary, in their meeting with the Additional Secretary and DG (CGHS) in Bangalore held on 8-5-2014 submitted a memorandum on CGHS matters listing out various issues including the one on expediting finalization of New Package Rates for in-patient treatment/ diagnostic purposes in Bangalore in empanelled Private Hospitals/Diagnostic Centres to overcome denial of services to beneficiaries by them on the grounds of "low Package Rates" CCCGPA also

suggested putting in place a mechanism to revise CGHS Package Rates periodically on occasions of substantial increase in market rates to avoid a situation of beneficiaries getting deprived of treatment facilities, as it happened recently. The DG, CGHS assured expeditious revision of Package Rates. But, so far Package Rates in Delhi only have been revised. This matter was again pursued by CCCGPA in the meeting with Dr. R K Jain, Additional Secretary and DG CGHS, held in Bangalore on 20-9-2014 in which discussions were held on the changes brought about in supply of medicines, treatment procedures and reimbursement of medical charges vide O.M dated 25-8-2014 and the DG CGHS assured that the Package Rates in Bangalore would be revised within one week. A report on the details of the discussions with DG, CGHS appears in September, 2014 issue of "Pensioners' Champion", the journal published by Karnataka P&T Pensioners' Association, Bangalore.

7. Dr. R K Jain, AS&DG CGHS, in his interaction with the Representatives of Pensioners' Association on 20-9-2014, replying to the issue raised by the Representatives regarding non supply of medicines prescribed even by Government/ CGHS Specialists, informed them that there are already 1,447 generic and 622 branded medicines included in the CGHS formulary and a committee has been formed to review the list of medicines and some new medicines including the branded ones will be added to the formulary which would solve the problem.

8. We suggest the following interim remedial measures to overcome the difficulties stated in the fore going paragraphs being faced by the pensioner CGHS beneficiaries.

- \* Revision of Package Rates for various procedures/ treatments / implants to be undertaken at empanelled Private Hospitals/ Diagnostic Centres must be done **on top priority basis** to encourage more number of Private Hospitals to seek empanelment and to facilitate the existing empanelled Hospitals/ Diagnostic Centres to provide hassle free medical treatment to CGHS beneficiaries.

- \* Restoration of the practice of supply of medicines for a maximum period of 3 months at least to those beneficiaries who are aged 80 years and above.
- \* The period of supply of medicines to the beneficiaries suffering from hypertension and diabetes in whose case the medicines prescribed are repeated on every visit may be increased from one month to at least two months
- \* Till such a time the committee set up to review the list of medicines included in the CGHS formulary, suggests inclusion of more number of generic/ branded medicines in the formulary, medicines prescribed by Govt./CGHS Specialists which are at present not found in the formulary, must be supplied through local purchase.
- \* The Technical Committee constituted to consider inclusion/exclusion of investigations/treatment procedures/implants under CGHS must expedite submission of its report. In the interregnum, the procedure being followed hitherto, must continue.

### **Appeal for Donations to the flood-affected reiterated**

We invite attention of our Members to the appeal made by us in the last page of September, 2014 issue of this journal, calling for donations from our Members to the "Prime Minister's National Relief Fund" to come to the help of lakhs of people affected by torrential rains that lashed the State of Jammu & Kashmir in the month of Sept, 2014. It is heartening to note that a good number of our members have responded favourably to our appeal so far and we expect more to follow.

Another disaster in the form of Cyclone "Hudhud" has struck the costal districts of the States of Andhra and Odisha during this month rendering lakhs of households in the two States shelter less. Millions of our fellow citizens in the two States have suffered untold miseries as the cyclone left a trail of devastation in both the Urban and Rural costal districts of the States. Even as per the preliminary assessment made by the State Governments, a huge amount of financial assistance is required for rehabilitation of the affected and reconstruction of the damaged roads and buildings.

In view of the large scale disaster faced by the States of J&K, Andhra and Odisha, our appeal for donations to the Prime Minister's National Relief Fund, to mitigate the sufferings of the affected, assumes greater justification and urgency.

We reiterate our appeal to our Members to donate liberally to the National Relief Fund. Donation to the fund is eligible for deduction in the Annual Income of the individual under Section 80-G of Income Tax Act.

For and on behalf of the Executive Committee, K P&T PA  
**K.B Krishna Rao**, Secretary

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**Sri K.R. Anantha Ramu**, Treasurer, K P&T PA  
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HMT Layout, Vidyanarayapura,  
Bangalore-560097.

**1. Revision of pension of pre-1996 pensioners - inclusion of Non-Practicing Allowance (NPA) for revision of pension of retired Medical Officers w.e.f. 1.1.1996.**

*(O.M. No. 38/31/11-P&PW (A) dated 14th October, 2014 of Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions Department of Pension and P.W.)*

The undersigned is directed to say that in this Department's OM No. 45/10/98-P&PW(A) dated 17.12.1998, it was provided that pension of all pensioners irrespective of their date of retirement would not be less than 50% of the minimum of the revised scale of pay introduced w.e.f. 1.1.1996. In this Departments, OM No. 45/3/99-P&PW (A) dated 29.10.1999, it was clarified that in the case of retired Medical Officers, Non-Practicing Allowance (NPA) was not to be added to the minimum of the revised scale of pay as on 1.1.1996 for stepping up of the consolidated pension/family pension to 50% / 30% respectively, in terms of the OM dated 17.12.1998

2. In its judgment dated 27.11.2013 in Civil Appeal No. 10640-46/2013 and other connected matters, Hon'ble Supreme Court has observed that in accordance with Ministry of Health and Family Welfare's OM No. 45012/11/97-CHS.V dated 7.4.1998, NPA counts as pay for all service benefits including retirement benefits. Hon'ble Supreme Court has further observed that clarification issued vide this Department's aforesaid OM dated 29.10.1999 is legally unsustainable. Hon'ble Supreme Court has directed to recalculate the pension payable to the Applicants (i.e. pre-1996 retired Medical Officers,) by adding the element of NPA. The Review Petitions filed by the Government against the above mentioned judgment have been dismissed by Hon'ble Supreme Court on 31.7.14

3. It has now been decided, in consultation with Ministry of Finance, Department of Expenditure and Ministry of Law, Department of Legal Affairs to implement the judgment dated 27.11.2013 of Hon'ble Supreme Court in CA No. 10640-46 of 2013 and other connected matters. Accordingly, in the case of pre-1996 retired Medical Officers, NPA @ 25% shall be added to the minimum of the revised scale of pay as on 1.1.1996 corresponding to the pre-1996 pay scales from which the pensioner had retired, in cases where consolidated pension/family pension was to be stepped up to 50% / 30% respectively of the

minimum of revised pay-scale in terms of OM No. 45/10/98-P&PW(A) dated 17.12.1998 read with OM No. 45/86/97-P&PW(A) (Pt.) dated 11.5.2001.

4. This issues with the approval of Ministry of Finance, Department of Expenditure vide their I.D. No. 518/E-V/2014 dated 29.9.2014.

**2. Grant of Dearness Relief to Central Government pensioners/family pensioners – Revised rate effective from 1.7.2014.**

*(O.M. No. F.No. 42/10/2014- P&PW(G) dated 29th September 2014 of Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances & Pensions Department of Pension & Pensioners' Welfare)*

The undersigned is directed to refer to this Department's OM No. 42/10/2014-P&PW(G) dated 9th April, 2014 on the subject mentioned above and to state that the President is pleased to decide that the Dearness Relief (DR) payable to Central Government pensioners/family pensioners shall be enhanced from the existing rate of 100% to 107% w.e.f. 1st July 2014.

2. These orders apply to (i) All Civilian Central Government Pensioners/Family Pensioners (ii) The Armed Forces Pensioners, Civilian Pensioners paid out of the Defence Service Estimates, (iii) All India Service Pensioners (iv) Railway Pensioners and (v) The Burma Civilian pensioners/family pensioners and pensioners/families of displaced Government pensioners from Pakistan, who are Indian Nationals but receiving pension on behalf of Government of Pakistan and are in receipt of ad-hoc ex-gratia allowance of Rs. 3500/- p.m. in terms of this Department's OM No. 23/1/97-P&PW(B) dated 23.2.1998 read with this Department's OM No. 23/3/2008-P&PW(B) dated 15.9.2008.

3. Central Government Employees who had drawn lump sum amount on absorption in a PSU/ Autonomous body and have become eligible to restoration of 1/3rd commuted portion of pension

as well as revision of the restored amount in terms of this Department's OM No. 4/59/97-P&PW (D) dated 14.7.1998 will also be entitled to the payment of DR @ 107% w.e.f. 1.7.2014 on full pension i.e. the revised pension which the absorbed employee would have received on the date of restoration had he not drawn lump sum payment on absorption and Dearness Pension subject to fulfillment of the conditions laid down in para 5 of the O.M. dated 14.7.98. In this connection, instructions contained in this Department's OM No. 4/29/99-P&PW (D) dated 12.7.2000 refer.

4. Payment of DR involving a fraction of a rupee shall be rounded off to the next higher rupee.

5. 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. 45/73/97-P&PW (G) dated 2.7.1999 as amended vide this Department's OM No. F.No. 38/88/2008-P&PW(G) 9th July, 2009. The provisions relating to regulation of DR where a pensioner is in receipt of more than one pension, will remain unchanged.

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

7. 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.

8. The offices of Accountant General and Authorised Public Sector 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 23.4.1981 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.

9. In their application to the pensioners/family pensioners belonging to Indian Audit and Accounts Department, these orders issue after

consultation with the C&AG.

10. This issues with the concurrence of Ministry of Finance, Department of Expenditure conveyed vide their OM No. No. 1(4)/EV/2004 dated 26th Sept. 2014.

### **3. Competent Medical Officer/Board for issuing certificate of disability for the purpose of family pension under rule 54 of CCS (Pension) Rules, 1972.**

*(O.M.No. 1/18/01-P&PW(E) (Vol.V) dated 30th Sept. 2014 of Ministry of Personnel, P.G & Pensions Department of Pension & Pensioners' Welfare)*

The undersigned is directed to state that rule 54 (6) of the CCS (Pension) Rules, 1972 had been amended vide this Department's Notification of even number, dated 25th April, 2008 to change the Competent Authority to issue a disability certificate from "a Medical Officer not below the rank of a Civil Surgeon" to " a Medical Board comprising of a Medical Superintendent or a Principal or a Director or Head of the Institution or his nominee as Chairman and two other members, out of which at least one shall be a Specialist in the particular area of mental or physical disability including mental retardation".

2. The above amendment was made in order to comply with the guidelines, dated 18th February, 2002, issued by the M/o Social Justice and Empowerment in pursuance of Persons with Disabilities (Equal Opportunities, Protection of Right and Full Participation) Rules, 1996.

3. Subsequently, the guidelines issued vide Ministry of Health and Family Welfare Notification No. S 13020/1/2010, dated 18.6.2010 in pursuance of the Persons with Disabilities (Equal Opportunities, Protection of Right and Full Participation) Rules, 1996, do away with the Medical Board in cases other than those of Multiple Disabilities.

4. It has been decided in consultation with the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare and the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment that for grant of family pension under the CCS (Pension) Rules, 1972, the Authority competent to issue disability certificate would be as specified in the guidelines issued by the M/o Health & Family Welfare referred to in para 3 above. It has also been decided that for the past cases, the

disability certificate issued either in pursuance of the guidelines, dated 18.6.2010 or in pursuance of rule 54 (6) of the CCS (Pension) rules, 1972 shall be acceptable.

**4. Grant of Dearness Relief to CPF beneficiaries in receipt of ex-gratia payment w.e.f 01.07.2014.**

*(Dept. of Pension & PW O M F No. 42/10/2014-P&PW(G) dated 20th Oct, 2014)*

In continuation of this Department's OM No. 42/10/2014-P&PW(G) dated 7th May, 2014, the President is pleased to grant the Dearness Relief at the rate of 5th CPC w.e.f. 1.7.2014 to the following:

- (i) The surviving CPF beneficiaries who have retired from service between the period 18.11.1960 to 31.12.1985 and are in receipt of ex-gratia @ Rs.600/ p.m. w.e.f.1.11.1997 under this Department's OM No. 45/52/97-P&PW(E) dated 16.12.1997 & revised to Rs.3000, Rs.1000, Rs.750 & Rs.650 for Group A, B, C & D respectively w.e.f 4th June, 2013 vide OM No. 1/10/2012-P&PW (E) dt. 27th June, 2013 are entitled to Dearness Relief @ 212% w.e.f. 1.7.2014.
- (ii) The following categories of CPF beneficiaries 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 are entitled to DR @ 204% w.e.f. 1.7.2014.
  - (a) The widows and dependent children of the deceased CPF beneficiary who had retired from service prior to 1.1.1986 or who had died while in service prior to 1.1.1986 and are in receipt of Ex-gratia payment of Rs. 605/ - p.m. & revised to Rs 645 w.e.f 04 June, 2013 vide OM No. 1/10/2012-P&PW(E) dated 27th June, 2013.
  - (b) Central Government employees who had retired on CPF benefits before 18.11.1960 and are in receipt of Ex-gratia payment of Rs.654/ Rs.659/-, Rs.703/- and Rs.965/-.

2. Payment of DR involving a fraction of a rupee shall be rounded off to the next higher rupee. In

their application to the Indian Audit and Accounts Department, these orders issue in consultation with the C&AG.

3. This issues with the concurrence of Ministry of Finance, Department of Expenditure vide their OM No.1/40/EV/2004 dated 14th October, 2014.

**5. Revision of pension of pre-1996 pensioners - inclusion of Non-Practicing Allowance (NP A) for revision of pension of retired medical Officers w.e.f. 1.1.1996.**

*(Dept. of Pension & P.W. O M No.38/31111-P&PW (A) (Vol.IV) Dated the 21st October; 2014)*

The undersigned is directed to say that in this Department's OM of even number dated 14th October, 2014, it was provided that in the case of pre-1996 retired Medical Officers NPA @ 25% shall be added to the minimum of the revised scale of pay as on 1.1.1996 corresponding to the pre-1996 pay scales from which the pensioner had retired, in cases where consolidated pension/family pension was to be stepped up to 50% / 30% respectively of the minimum of revised pay-scale in terms of OM No.45II 0/98-P&PW(A) dated 17.12.1998 read with OM No.45/86/97-P&PW(A) (Pt.) dated 11.5.2001.

2. After Vth CPC, the maximum pension admissible w.e.f. 1996 was 50% of the highest pay, i.e. Rs.15,000/-, applicable in the Central Government. Accordingly, the maximum pension admissible in terms of this Department's OM dated 14.10.2014 would also be 50% of Rs.30,000/-, i.e. Rs.15,000/- w.e.f 1.1.1996. This may be taken into account while revising the pension of pre-1996 retired Medical Officers in terms of OM of even number dated 14.10.2014.

**Members who have not yet renewed their subscription for 2014-15, are requested to renew**

**1. Board level posts and below Board level posts including Non-unionised Supervisors in Central Public Sector Enterprises (CPSEs) Revision of scales of pay w.e.f. 1.1.1997 – Payment of IDA at revised rates.**

*(O.M. F.No. W-02/0004/2014-DPE (WC) – GL XVIII/14 dated 9th Oct. 2014 of Ministry of Heavy Industries & Public Enterprises Department of Public Enterprises)*

In modification of this Department's O.M. of even No. dated 3.7.2014, the rate of DA payable to the Executives of CPSEs (1997 pay revision) is as follows:

- a) Date from which payable: 1.10.2014
- b) Average AICPI (1960=100) for the quarter June 2014-August 2014
  - June, 2014 : 5615
  - July, 2014 : 5753
  - August, 2014 : 5773
  - Average of the quarter : 5714
- c) Link Point : 1708 (as on 1.1.1997)
- d) Increase over link point : 4006 (5714-1708)
- e) Revised DA Rate w.e.f. 1.10.2014 : 234.5%  $[(4006 \div 1708) \times 100]$

2. These rates are applicable in the case of IDA employees, whose pay have been revised with effect from 1.1.1997 as per DPE O.M. dated 25.6.1999.

3. All Administrative Ministries/Departments of the Government of India are requested to bring the foregoing to the notice of the CPSEs under their administrative control for necessary action at their end.

**2. Board level and below Board level posts including non-unionised Supervisors in Central Public Sector Enterprises (CPSEs) Revision of scales of pay w.e.f. 1.1.2007 – Payment of IDA at revised rates**

*(O.M. No. W-02/0004/2014-DPE(WC) – GL-XVIII/14 dated 9th Oct. 2014 of Ministry of Heavy Industries & Public Enterprises Department of Public Enterprises)*

In modification of this Department's O.M. of even No. dated 3.7.2014, the rate of DA payable to the Executives and non-unionized Supervisors of CPSEs (2007 pay revision) is as follows:

- a) Date from which payable: 1.10.2014
- b) Average AICPI (2001=100) for the quarter June 2014-August 2014
  - June, 2014 : 246
  - July, 2014 : 252
  - August, 2014 : 253
  - Average of the quarter : 250.33
- c) Link Point : 126.33 (as on 1.1.2007)
- d) Increase over link point : 124 (250.33 minus 126.33)
- e) Revised DA Rate w.e.f. 1.10.2014 : 98.1%  $[(124 \div 126.33) \times 100]$

2. The above rate of DA i.e. 98.1% would be applicable in the case of IDA employees who have been allowed revised pay scales (2007) as per DPE O.M. dated 26.11.2008, 9.2.2009 & 2.4.2009.

3. All administrative Ministries/ Departments of the Government of India are requested to bring the foregoing to the notice of the CPSEs under their administrative control for necessary action at their end.

**Donations received for  
“Prime Minister’s National Relief Fund” up to 25-10-2014**

Membership No.	Name Smt./Sri	Amount Rs.	Membership No.	Name Smt./Sri	Amount Rs.
1083	H.V.Ramanatha	10,001	1946	K.Sharabhachar	1,000
1753	G.A.Brahmadeva	10,001	1995	R.J.Chakrapani	1,000
375	M.N.Shenvi	5,001	2062	K.R.Anantha Ramu	1,000
706	Kamala Vijayan	2,000	2157	V.Gopal	1,000
991	G.R.Parthasarathy	2,000	1577	M.Nagalingam	600
1343	B.S.Jaiparameshwar	2,001	68	V.Nagabhushan Rao	500
1621	B.A.Shetty	1,500	69	K.S. Ranganatha	500
644	Attavar Yoganand	1,010	305	B.R.Rao	500
589	M.V.Nanjunda Rao	1,000	486	M.G.Nanjunda Swamy	500
816	C.S.Parthasarathy	1,000	687	B.K.Gundu Rao	500
838	B.L.Channappa	1,000	761	K.G.Shetty	500
928	B.Basavaiah	1,000	918	R.K.T.Shastrri	500
1015	H.S.Manjunath	1,000	1197	L.N.Vaidyanath	500
1084	Vineeth Nagaraju	1,000	1265	K.Sivadass	500
1085	M.N.Gopinath	1,000	1271	Jayashankar Rao	500
1131	K.B.Krishna Rao	1,000	1274	V.Muthukumar	500
1294	S.Paramasivan	1,000	1421	Y.C.Dixit	500
1607	V.L.Joshi	1,001	1650	B.B. Poddar	500
1841	Paul Wilson	1,001	1920	H.N.Huli	500
			1970	V.Murugan	500

**BSNL  
Matter**

**1. Anomaly in fixation of pension of BSNL employees who retired between 1-10-2000 and 31-7-2001 i.e. Within 10 months of formation of BSNL.**

*O.A 2173/2014 before Central Administrative Tribunal (Principal Bench) Delhi  
Adjourned to 30-10-2014*

**2. Merger of 78.2% of IDA with Basic Pension**

With the approval of the Finance Minister, the Dept. of Expenditure, Ministry of Finance has supported the proposal for extension of benefits of merger of 50% of DR amounting to 78.2% for the purpose of revision of pensionary benefits in respect of (1) Pre-2007 pensioners and (2) pensioners who retired between 1-1-2007 & 9-6-2013 with effect from 10-6-2013 and has advised DOT to seek the approval of the Cabinet vide its letter No.582/EV//2014 dated 15-10-2014 addressed to the Department of Telecommunications.

The proposal for revision of Gratuity, Commutation of pension & encashment of leave based on notional pay in respect of employees who retired between 1-1-2007 & 9-6-2013 and payment of arrears thereof, has not been agreed to by DoE, MoF.



**Subscription of Rs. 100/- received for Pensioners' Champion in August-September 14**

LM/ALM	Name (Smt./Sri)	LM/ALM	Name (Smt./Sri)	LM/ALM	Name (Smt./Sri)
24	S.Krishnan	1022	M. Vasudevan	1827	P.Rajalakshmi
448	K.Prabhakara Rao	1084	B.N.Nagaraju	2061	K.R.Krishnamurthy Iyer
610	A.N.Ramachandra	1165	M.V. Nagendra	2089	H.P. Kumara Raja Urs
710	R.Soundararajan	1253	A.H.Ramesh	2092	P.H. Ramamurthy
781	V.S. Balasubramanian	1475	S.K.Shamachar	2100	M.S.Yatagiri
934	N.Bheemasena Rao	1557	S.S.Potaraj	2106	T.S.Shankaranarayana Rao
965	D.R.Joshi	1636	G.Gopala Rao	2107	S. Vijayagopal
1007	Leela Edward				

**Subscription of Rs. 200/- received for Pensioners' Champion**

LM/ALM	Name (Smt./Sri)	LM/ALM	Name (Smt./Sri)	LM/ALM	Name (Smt./Sri)
325	K.N. Vasudeva Rao	1425	P.R.Raja Rao	1859	R.Venugopala Rao
918	R.K.T.Shastry	1641	N.Sivaramaiah	1948	K.S.jayaram
1239	J. Tarakeshwara	1772	A.K.Gupta	2064	H.S.Narasimhan
1371	S.M.Bastikar	1851	T.V.Sheshadri	2095	K.Chandran

**Subscription of Rs. 300/- received for Pensioners' Champion**

LM/ALM	Name (Smt./Sri)	LM/ALM	Name (Smt./Sri)	LM/ALM	Name (Smt./Sri)
496	M.R.Vishwanath	780	R.D.Sahane	1244	R.Shakunthala
763	H.S.Keshava Murthy	897	Revathi Mohan	1309	Sundaram Thyagarajan
776	P.S.Padma	969	T.N.Prabhakara Rao	1574	C.Shivashankara

**Subscription of Rs. 500/- received for Pensioners' Champion**

LM/ALM	Name (Smt./Sri)	LM/ALM	Name (Smt./Sri)
1387	K.R. Shankar	1766	M.Manickaraj
526	G.S.Gundu Rao	S-161	N.K. Kulkarni
1568	M.Vasudeva Rao		

**Newly Enrolled Members**

Name (Smt./Sri)	Designation & Office in which last worked	Type & No.
1 S.K.Mahaskar	Asst. Accounts Officer, Defence Accounts, Pune.	ALM 2207
2 K.Sivaramkrishnan	Audit Officer, AG's Office, Ahmedabad, Gujarat	ALM 2208
3 R.K.Sharma	Chief Auto Exchange Asst, PGMTD, Jaipur	LM 2209
4 Syed Saifulla	BCR Sorting Assistant, B.City RMS, Bangalore	LM 2210
5 S.Manjulamba	AAO, O/O DAP, Bangalore	LM 2211
6 S.Jayapalan	BCR Sorting Assistant, BG PSO, RMS Bhavan, Bangalore	LM 2212
7 G.P.Shivanna	Superintendent, PSD, Hubli	LM 2213
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**Minutes of the Meeting of Office Bearers held on 8-10-2014**

The first meeting of the newly elected Office Bearers of CCCGPA was held on 8-10-2014 at Coffee Board premises, Bangalore. The following Office Bearers were present in the meeting.

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| (1) Sri K.B. Krishna Rao   | Chairman,               |
| (2) Sri S.S. Ramanatha Rao | Vice Chairman           |
| (3) Sri P.V.R. Murthy      | Vice Chairman           |
| (4) Sri S. Radhakrishna    | General Secretary       |
| (5) Sri T.V. Suryaprakash  | Joint General Secretary |
| (6) Sri P. Gangadhara Rao  | Joint General Secretary |
| (7) Sri N. Bhaskaran       | Advisor                 |

The meeting was presided over by the Chairman and commenced at 11.00 a.m.

After detailed discussions the following decisions were taken:

- (i) CCCGPA to address Government regarding grant of Interim Relief and Merger of DR;
- (ii) Seek a meeting with Additional Director CGHS to ascertain the follow up action taken on the discussions the CCCGPA Representatives had with DG CGHS, in May and September 2014; and other CGHS matters;
- (iii) Explore the possibility of transferring the bank account of CCCGPA to a branch near Basveshwaranagar or Vijayanagar;
- (iv) To hold the Managing Committee meeting on 21-12-2014 along with observance of Pensioners' Day at Udhaya Bhanu Kala Sangha, Bangalore. It was also decided to honour veterans of pensioners' movement Shri B.Sadashiva Rao and Shri N. Bhaskaran on the occasion.
- (v) Secretariat to publish periodical news bulletins which will be given publicity in the journals brought out by Affiliate Associations;
- (vi) All efforts to be made to persuade all CG pensioners' Associations in Karnataka to seek affiliation with CCCGPA;
- (vii) Office Bearers to hold meeting periodically

The meeting ended at 12-30 PM.

## **Exclusivity of Central Government Health Scheme to be phased out- Health Minister ushers in new era of transparency in Departmental working**

*(Press release issued by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Govt. of India on 29-8-2014)*

Beginning September 1, 2014 the doors of 20 Central Government Health Scheme (CGHS) Wellness Centres in Delhi will be thrown open to Senior Citizens from among the Public for free consultation. Dr. Harsha Vardhan, Union Health Minister, unveiled today a pilot project with wide ramifications for the future of public health care. There was wide criticism of the CGHS' closed door policy towards people in need of medical help who were not family members of Central Government employees. "This is a pilot project for now. We will see how much demand accrues for the CGHS Clinics and the ability of the Clinics to handle demand from the General Public before extending the service to more people in more Cities," Dr. Harsha Vardhan said. The service for Senior Citizens will be available on all working days between 1-30 p.m. & 3 p.m. They will however, not to be given free medicines which are only for Central employees. On his first day in office, Dr. Harsha Vardhan had announced that governance in all the out-reach Departments of the Ministry of Health would be made transparent. Within the first three months, the CGHS has completed a thorough review of its operations with the intention of identifying vulnerable spots which often offer scope for corruption. The Minister has ordered that all information regarding medical claims that are pending for more than 30 days be put on the website, <http://msotransparent.nic.in/cghsnew//index.asp>.

Over the years complaints had been piling up over the opaqueness of the process of reimbursing claims. There were also complaints of CGHS Doctors prescribing branded drugs beyond the approved list. Taking all factors in to consideration, it has been decided that all beneficiaries and the Public at large are ought to know which drugs are on the list and so they will be on view on the above mentioned website, the health Minister stated. Dr. Harsha Vardhan, reiterated that hence forth, only 1447 generic and 622 branded medicines will be prescribed. Exceptions will be made only for patients suffering from cancer and similar diseases. Additionally, it has been decided that CGHS beneficiaries will be provided with medicines for a maximum of one month. In case they are going abroad, for extended periods, the medicines will be given for three months, he informed. The CGHS Doctors will be forbidden to prescribe investigations are implants that are not listed. A Technical Committee has been constituted to update the list of medicines, investigations, procedures, implants and other procedures of treatment. Dr. Harsha Vardhan said that he is considering broad reforms in all wings of the Ministry. "I encourage people, especially the Media to probe our affairs so that over a time, the employees realize the futility of trying to be corrupt. In addition, I will use information technology to prevent corruption at source".

### **Legal Matters**

1. Modified parity in pension- implementation of DoP & PW OM dated 28-1-2013 from 1-1-2006. OA 655/2010 of CAT, Principal Bench Delhi- **Adjourned to 7-11-2014.**
2. SLP 36148-50 before the Supreme Court- listed on 14-10-2014 was adjourned – **date of next hearing to be notified.**
3. PB-3/PB-4 Case- OA No. 4130/2013 before CAT Principal Bench Delhi. **Adjourned to 12.11.2014.**

### **OBITUARY**

**Shri B.L. Subbaramaiah**, LM-243 retired APMG, O/o. CPMG, Bangalore and a long time member, expired on 30-10-2014. He leaves behind his wife and a son.

Our heartfelt condolences  
to the bereaved.

**CGHS  
Matter**

**Issue of Medicines up to 3 Months Restored Issue of medicines/  
reimbursement of expenditure on investigations/treatment procedures/  
implants and other medical devices under CGHS**

*(Ministry of Health&Family Welfare, Dept. of Health & Family Welfare  
F.No. 2-2/2014/CGHS HQ/PPT/CGHS(P) dated 21st October, 2014)*

With reference to the above mentioned subject the undersigned is directed to draw attention to paragraphs (c) and (d) of the Office Memorandum of even number dated 25th August, 2014 and to state that in response to the representations received from CGHS beneficiaries in this regard, it has now been decided by the Competent Authority to withdraw the provisions under para (c) and para (d) of the Office Memorandum No. 2-2/2014/CGHS HQ /PPT/CGHS(P) dated 25th August, 2014 and to restore the status existing prior to the issue of above stated OM dated 25th August, 2014.

In other words medicines under CGHS can be issued for up to 3 months at a time in chronic diseases on the basis of a valid prescription and for up to 6 months for those beneficiaries who are going abroad, as was the case prior to issue of OM dated 25-8-2014.

**Rashtriya Swasthya Bima Yojana (RSBY)**

We invite attention of our Members to the article on the above Health Insurance Scheme for the poor and Workers of Unorganized Sectors published in pages 10-12 of this journal for September, 2014 and request them to involve themselves in implementation of this Health Scheme in the State of Karnataka. Their willingness may please be sent to the Secretary in the proforma in page-12.

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By- **K.B.Krishna Rao**

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