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Draft Annual Report for the year 2014-15 of Karnataka Posts & Telecommunications Pensioners' Association, Bengaluru

The Executive Committee of the Association is happy to place the Annual Report of the Association for the year 2014-15 before the Annual General Body Meeting of the Association to be held on Sunday the 21st June, 2015.

1.2. The undermentioned Members functioned as Office Bearers of the Association during the year under report.

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| President | : Sri G. Babu |
| Vice-President | : Sri M.N. Gopinath, |
| Secretary | : Sri K.B. Krishna Rao |
| Joint Secretary | : Sri B.K. Gundu Rao |
| Treasurer | : Sri K.R. Anantha Ramu |
| Internal Auditor | : Sri S.M.Vittal Rao |

Executive Committee Members:

S/S R.J.Chakrapani, B.L.Channappa,
V. Gopal, M.S. Krishnamurthy, A. Kanagamani,

V.Muthukumar, M.Nanjundegowda,
S. Paramasivan and M.S. Venkataramaiah.

1.3. Sri N.Bhaskaran, Founder Secretary of the Association, who was elected as President in the Executive Committee Meeting held on 27-10-2013, citing personal reasons, resigned from all the positions he held in the Association and expressed his inability to accede to the repeated requests of the Executive Committee to continue as President. The Executive Committee most reluctantly accepted his resignation. Sri G.Babu was elected as President and Sri M.N.Gopinath as Vice President. Sri V.Gopal, LM-2157 was co-opted to the Executive Committee in the vacancy caused due to the resignation of Sri Bhaskaran. Sri N.Bhaskaran was nominated as Permanent Advisor to the Association.

1.4. Resignation of Sri Bhaskaran from all the positions in the Association marks the end of an eventful era in the two decade old history

of the Association. Sri N.Bhaskaran, who was the Founder Secretary, by his selfless and dedicated service during the past 20 years, had steered the Association to greater heights and achieved many a milestone, the singular achievement being the construction of the Association's own building in Telecom Layout, off BIAL Road, Bengaluru-560064, which is regarded as unique achievement for a Pensioners' Association. Sri N.Bhaskaran strived hard to unite all the leading Pensioners' Associations in the Country to ensure that a Common Memorandum on pension matters is submitted to the 6th CPC. 7th CPC. Sri Bhaskaran has extended his full support to the new Office Bearers and is guiding the Association in all of its activities.

Condolence

Com.S.K.Vyas, a Legendary Leader of Central Government Employees and Pensioners, passed away on 13-2-2015 at the age of 86 years. He was holding the posts of the Secretary General, Bharat Central Pensioners' Confederation (BCPC) and the Secretary General of National Coordination Committee of Pensioners' Associations (NCCPA). He was the Secretary General of the Confederation of Central Government Employees & Workers for forty years from 1967 to 2006. He continued as an Advisor of the Confederation. He was also a Staff Side Member of SCOVA.

Com. Vyas as SG, BCPC, drafted the Memorandum on pension matters submitted to the 7th Central Pay Commission, called a meeting of all the Pensioners' Associations in Chennai on 14-6-2014, explained the demands included in the Memorandum, got it unanimously approved and ensured its submission to the Pay Commission in time.

His death is a great loss to the Central Government Employees and Pensioners movement in the Country. Karnataka P&T Pensioners' Association places on record the yeomen service and contributions made by

Com.Vyas in the cause of Pensioners and pays its respectful homage to the departed Leader.

The Association also pays heartfelt condolences to the bereaved families of the Members of the Association, who passed away during the year 2014-15.

2. Activities

2.1. 7th Central Pay Commission

The Central Government constituted the 7th Central Pay Commission and notified the terms of reference through a Gazette Notification on 28-2-2014. As per the terms of reference, the Commission has to submit its report within 18 months of the date of its constitution. The recommendations are to be given effect to from 1-1-2016. The Association had the privilege of attending the meeting with the Pay Commission during its visit to Bengaluru in August 2014 and submitting memoranda on pension matters prepared by the CCCGPA, Karnataka and Karnataka P&T Pensioners' Association.

The Pay Commission gave a patient hearing and its response on the submissions made on several issues was positive, except on the two issues of merger of 50% of D.R. with Pension and grant of Interim Relief. CCCGPA & K P&T PA concentrated on the core issues of Pension, Family Pension, Age-related Additional Pension, Complete Parity in Pension, Health Care, Extension of CGHS facilities to Pensioners of Statutory/ Autonomous bodies and treating BSNL Pensioners as Central Government Pensioners and extension of 7th CPC benefits to them.

As a prelude to the meeting with the 7th CPC, a meeting of Representatives of Pensioners' Associations in the Country was held in Chennai on 14-6-2014 under the auspices of Bharat Central Pensioners Confederation (BCPC), headed by Sri S.C.Maheswari as its Chairman and the late Sri S.K. Vyas as Secretary General, to finalise the draft of

Common Memorandum on Pension matters submitted to the 7th CPC. The Secretary, K P&T PA, Sri K.B. Krishna Rao and Sri S.Radhakrishna, General Secretary, CCCGPA, Karnataka, attended the meeting and submitted notes on matters to be included in the Common Memorandum. This Association is happy to place on record that most of the items suggested by it and CCCGPA, Karnataka, were included in the Memorandum submitted to the Pay Commission by BCPC. Details of the items suggested by CCCGPA & K P&T PA and a report on the proceedings of the Chennai meeting were furnished in May & June 2014 issues of *Pensioners Champion*, the Association's monthly journal.

The Pay Commission invited Bharat Pensioners Samaj & Bharat Central Pensioners Confederation for a preliminary meeting on 23-7-2014. Sri S C Maheshwari, SG, BPS & Chairman BCPC attended the meeting and explained to the satisfaction of the Pay Commission about the demands included in the Memorandum submitted by BCPC.

Bharat Pensioners Samaj was short listed to represent Civil Pensioners at 7th CPC Round-Table. Sri Maheshwari, SG, BPS attended the meeting with the Pay Commission on 17-2-2015 and had a detailed discussion on 23 issues concerning Pensioners. Report on the discussions held has appeared in the journal *Bharat Pensioner*- March 2015.

2.2. Standing Committee of Voluntary Agencies (SCOVA)

Our Association, which was included in the reconstituted SCOVA for a second term in July 2013, has completed its term of 2 years as one of the Members of the "rotating group" of Members of SCOVA. We are happy to place on record that the issues suggested by us for inclusion in the Agenda of items/issues for discussion in the meetings, received attention of the Department of Pension & Pensioners' Welfare. While in the 23rd meeting, 3 items

suggested by us were included in the Agenda, in all of the other three meetings viz., 24th, 25th & 26th, at least one item each suggested by us found a place in the Agenda of the meeting. The items suggested were;

i) Dispensing with the requirement of submission of Form 14 for sanction of Family Pension, in case where the Pensioner was drawing pension in a joint Saving Bank Account with spouse.

This item notified for inclusion in the 23rd SCOVA meeting was considered by the DoP&PW and an Order was issued on 20-9-2013.

ii) Grant of T.A. to Non-official Members attending the SCOVA meetings--Permission to perform journey by AIR and grant of actual expenses, when the journey performed is above 1,000 km

This item was taken up by the Association in the 24th meeting held on 5th February, 2014, requesting that Pensioners who travel above 1000km should be allowed to travel by AIR considering their advanced age and the strain involved in the journeys performed by train. The Dept of Expenditure, Ministry of Finance and DoP & PW considered our request favourably and an Order was issued by DoP&PW on 19-5-2014 which was published in "*Pensioners' Champion*" May 2014 issue

iii) Grade Pay of Rs. 4,600/- instead of Rs.4,200/- in PB-2 to be taken into consideration for the purpose of computing revised pension of pre-2006 Pensioners who retired in the Pay Scale of Rs. 6,500 – 10,500 (Grade S-12) in terms of para-4.2 of OM dated 1-9-2008 of DoP & PW

This request was not acceded to by the DoE, on the plea that the Grade Pay of Rs. 4,600/- was granted to the upgraded Pay Scale of Rs.7,450-11,500 and the Grade Pay admissible to the Pensioners who retired from the Pay Scale of Rs. 6,500-10,500 is

Rs. 4,200/- only. However, on our persistent requests in the subsequent meetings, the DoE, MoF has agreed to re-examine the issue

iv) *Extension of CGHS facilities to retired BSNL Employees - Issue of follow up Order by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare & fixation of rates of contribution & ward entitlement by DoT.*

This item was included in the Agenda for 25th meeting of SCOVA and the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare informed in the meeting that necessary Order had been issued on 9-1-2014 and action for fixation of rates of contribution & ward entitlement would be done in consultation with DoT.

v) *Request for giving effect to the Order dated 28-1-2013 issued by DoP&PW for stepping up of Pension/Family Pension of Pre-2006 Pensioners from 1-1-2006 instead of from 24-9-2012.*

Consequent upon dismissal of all the SLPs by the Hon'ble Supreme Court on 17-3-2015, the Order passed by CAT Principal Bench, Delhi on 1-11-2011 in OA No. 655 of 2010 on modified parity in pension has attained legal finality. The Government has sought 4 months time to implement the Order of CAT.

vi) *Provision of CGHS facility for life time to dependent Disabled/Mentally retarded children of Central Government Employees/Pensioners.*

The above item, notified by the Association, came for discussion in the 26th meeting of SCOVA held on 3-2-2015. Ministry of Health & F W stated that the matter would be examined.

The two year term of the Association in SCOVA, which ends in July 2015, may be described as "result oriented" in view of the fact that Orders have been issued on two items suggested by the Association and the other 4 items are under active consideration of the Ministries concerned. The Association places on record the support and help extended

by the Department of Pension & Pensioners Welfare during the two year term of the Association in SCOVA.

2.3. Charitable Work

2.3.1. Donation to Prime Minister's National Relief Fund

Our appeal to the Members through the journal *Pensioners' Champion* for donations to the PMNRF, to come to the help of flood affected people in the States of J&K, Andhra Pradesh and Odisha, devastated by torrential rains, floods and Cyclone, touched the hearts and souls of our honourable Members who donated liberally to the fund. A sum of Rs.1,60,000/- collected by the Association, including its own contribution, was remitted to the Prime Minister's Office. The Secretary, during his visit to Delhi to attend the 26th meeting of SCOVA on 3-2-2015, personally handed over the Demand Draft to Dr. Jitendra Singh, Hon'ble Minister of State, Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions & Minister in Prime Minister's Office. The list of Donors and the photo of the DD being handed over to the Hon'ble Minister have appeared in the February 2015 issue of *Pensioners' Champion*.

2.3.2 Distribution of Reading & Writing Materials to Students

The Association arranged a charitable function in Government Primary School, 4th Phase, Yelahanka New town on 6th February, 2015 in which fruits, note books and pencils were distributed among the Students. A report on the function with photos taken on the occasion have been published in February 2015 issue of *Pensioners' Champion*,

2.3.3 Providing meal to Cancer Patients

Free Lunch was served to the Cancer Patients at Kidwai Memorial Institute of Oncology, Bengaluru on 17-12-2014 from the donations made by the Association to the Institute.

2.3.4 Free Medical Check-up Camp

In coordination with CCCGPA, Karnataka, a Medical Check-up was conducted on 21-12-2014 on the occasion of celebration of Pensioners' Day at Udaya Bhanu Kala Sangha, Bengaluru. A team headed by Dr. Anand Bali of Sagar Hospitals conducted medical examination of about 100 persons which included Pensioners and members of the General Public.

2.4 Other Activities

2.4.1 The Executive Committee of our Association met on every 2nd Saturday of the month during the year.

2.4.2. **Pensioners' Day** was observed on 21st December, 2014 jointly by our Association and Coordination Committee of Central Government Pensioners' Associations, Karnataka. Prof. H.S.Lakshminarayana Bhatta, former Professor of Physics & Principal of Visweshwarapuram Science College, Bengaluru, a well known Kannada Literary figure, who has popularised Dr. DVG's epic "Manku Thimmana Kagga" by reciting its verses and delivering lectures on its theme, was the Chief Guest. Sri B.Sadashiva Rao, Founder Chairman and Sri N.Bhaskaran, Founder General Secretary of CCCGPA, Karnataka, were honoured on the occasion.

2.4.3. Rashtriya Swasthya Bima Yojana (RSBY) -- Health Insurance Scheme for the Poor and Workers of Unorganized Sectors.

Department of Pension & Pensioners' Welfare identified our Association in its efforts for involvement of Pensioners' Associations in monitoring the quality of coverage of Rashtriya Swasthya Bima Yojana (RSBY), a Health Insurance Scheme for the workers in the unorganized sectors and BPL families, administered by the Ministry of Labour and Employment, Govt. of India. In the State of Karnataka, the Department of Labour is the State Nodal Agency for implementation of the Scheme. The Joint Labour Commissioner,

Department of Labour, Govt. of Karnataka oversees the implementation of the Scheme as CEO, assisted by a Senior Consultant and other office staff. The Department of Pension and Pensioners' Welfare desired that Central Government Pensioners, residing in various parts of Karnataka, involve themselves in implementation of this unique Social Welfare Scheme, which has been specially designed for the underprivileged sections of the Society. Karnataka P&T Pensioners' Association called upon its Members to actively participate in implementation of this Health Insurance Scheme in their respective wards/ blocks/ villages and help the needy persons in getting the benefits admissible to them under the Scheme. 15 Members of our Association volunteered to assist the Officers of Department of Labour in implementation of the Scheme in their Wards. The Secretary along with 12 volunteer Members attended the Workshop for District Key Managers held on 27-10-2014 at the Office of the Commissioner of Labour, Govt. of Karnataka. A write up about the Scheme and a report on the Workshop have been published in September and November 2014 issues of *Pensioners' Champion*.

2.4.4. Grievances of some of our Members regarding abnormal delay in reimbursement of medical charges, delay in payment of pension on pension disbursement days, non-revision of pension in terms of OM dated 28-1-2013, delay in payment of enhanced amount of Fixed Medical Allowance were taken up with the Authorities concerned and settled to the satisfaction of our Members. A few family members of the deceased Pensioners were assisted by the Association in submitting applications for Family Pension. Pensioners drawing their pension through Post Office Savings Bank (POSB) functioning under CBS faced difficulties due to some technical problem with the computers at the Post Office. Pension was not being paid to them on the last working day of the month, but were asked to visit the P.O. on the next working day. Some Members

reported that on some occasions, the computers remained “non-functional” for one or two days in a row, thereby depriving them of getting their pension for 3 to 4 days and forcing them to make several visits to the Post Office in a month. Hence, this matter was taken up with the Chief Postmaster General, Karnataka Circle, Bengaluru suggesting that separate counters may be opened for disbursement of pension on the last working day of the month to alleviate the difficulties faced by Pensioners, especially those who are 80+ years of age. We are glad to record that the CPMG, in a prompt action, ordered opening of additional/separate counters for disbursement of pension on the last working day of the month and has instructed all Heads of Postal Divisions in the State to ensure that special attention is given to disburse pension on time. The letter written by the Association and the response from the CPMG are extracted in *Pensioners’ Champion* March and April 2015 issues.

2.4.5 Affiliation to BPS

Our Association sought affiliation to the Bharat Pensioners Samaj, New Delhi, a Federation of All India Pensioners’ Associations. Bharat Pensioners Samaj (BPS) is a conglomerate of around 650 Pensioners’ Associations of different disciplines & departments including All India Services, C.G, Rlys, Defence, EPS-95 etc.

2.4.6 CCCGPA, Karnataka

A new team of Office Bearers was elected to the Coordination Committee of Central Government Pensioners’ Associations, in its Annual General Body Meeting held on 31-8-2014. Our Association is affiliated to CCCGPA.

Shri K.B.Krishna Rao, Secretary of the Association, was elected as Chairman and Sri S. Radhakrishna, Secretary, IA&AD Pensioners’ Association as General Secretary, CCCGPA.

3. CGHS matters

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, seemed 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”. Restrictions on supply of even essential medicines were imposed and some of the existing facilities were curtailed. The Department of Health & Family Welfare, in its O.M. dated 25-8-2014, specified that CGHS shall supply from its pharmacies or through local purchase only such medicines which are included in the CGHS Formulary. Several instances of non supply of medicines prescribed by the Government Specialists and even by the CGHS Specialists were reported, causing extreme financial hardship to Pensioner CGHS Beneficiaries. Reduction of the period of supply of medicines from three months to one month was another restriction imposed. Only listed implants with a CGHS prescribed ceiling rate were permitted. Another major difficulty faced by the Pensioner CGHS Beneficiaries was 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 Bengaluru City, several empanelled Hospitals and Diagnostic Centres either stopped providing service to CGHS Beneficiaries or insisted on payment of bills by the Beneficiaries themselves.

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 Bengaluru 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 Bengaluru in empanelled Private Hospitals/ Diagnostic Centres to overcome denial of services to Beneficiaries by them on the grounds of "low Package Rates". This matter was again pursued by CCCGPA in the meeting with Dr. R. K. Jain, Additional Secretary and DG CGHS, held in Bengaluru 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 Bengaluru would be revised. Our Association, in coordination with CCCGPA, Karnataka, utilised all the forums available, to ensure resolution of the vexed problem of reduction in the number of Private Hospitals/Diagnostic Centres empanelled under CGHS. The Secretary attended the meeting of the Representatives of Health Care Service Providers in Bengaluru and the Representatives of Central Government Employees and Pensioners, arranged at the initiative of the Commissioner of Income Tax, who is the Secretary, Central Govt. Employees Welfare Coordination Committee, Karnataka, on 12-12-2014, expressed his concern over reduction in the number of empanelled Hospitals from 15 in 2013 to a mere 5 in 2014 and appealed to the Health Care Service Providers to continue to provide service by seeking empanelment under CGHS, keeping in view the fact that most of the CGHS Beneficiaries are old age Pensioners, who very often needed medical treatment. The Secretary, Confederation of Central Govt. Employees & Workers, Karnataka also pursued the matter with CGHS. Support of the Service Union Leaders at the National level was sought with the help of G.S., CCCGPA, Karnataka.

K P&T PA is happy to note that the joint efforts of all the stake holders yielded good results. The CGHS package rates were revised again in February 2015, which encouraged more number of Private Hospitals to get empanelled. In March 2015, the number of Private Hospitals under CGHS stood at 14, Diagnostic Centres at 5, Exclusive Eye Centres at 33 and Exclusive Dental Clinics at 4. We wish to place on record the invaluable help and support extended by Sri S.Radhakrishna, General Secretary, CCCGPA, Karnataka, Dr. Vatsala, Additional Director, CGHS, Dr. Raveendra, CMO, O/o AD, CGHS, Health Care Service Providers and Sri N.Bhaskaran, Advisor, K P&TPA & CCCGPA in ensuring amicable settlement of the problem of shortage of Hospitals faced by CGHS Beneficiaries.

And finally, the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare vide its OM dated 13-03-2015, withdrew its OM dated 25-08-2014, wherein several restrictions on supply of medicines and implants were imposed, thereby restoring "Status quo ante". CGHS Beneficiaries are indebted to the Ministry of Health and thank them for removing all the restrictions imposed earlier and revising CGHS package rates, which facilitated in more number of Private Hospitals getting empanelled.

4. Our role in connection with "Pensioners' Portal"

Ours is one of the Pensioners' Associations identified by the Department of Pension & Pensioners' Welfare under "Pensioners' Portal"- a mission mode project under National e-Governance Plan (NeGP). We have received Rs.75,000/- as Grant-in- Aid for the year 2014-15. During the year we registered a few grievances of our Members on line with Pensioners' Portal making use of the CPENGRAMS - the grievance redressal and monitoring system. The number of grievances registered this year is less, perhaps due to the reason that 6 years have elapsed since implementation of 6th CPC

recommendations in 2008. During the year we continued to maintain cordial relationship with the Department of Pension & PW established in the previous years.

5. Our Website

Our monthly journal *Pensioners' Champion* is being regularly uploaded to the website. We feel that there is scope for further improvement in the content of the website and the format also needs a change to make it more attractive. We request the computer savvy members to render their service to the Association in this regard.

6. Our Publications

6.1. The 8th Edition of "Compendium on Pension, CGHS and Medical Facilities for Central Government and BSNL Pensioners" updated up to June 2013, released during the AGB meeting held on 27-10-2013, is for sale in "Post Shoppe" at Bengaluru GPO in addition to the usual sale centres viz: Book Centre and S S Book Emporium. The Compendium is being given as a gift to the retiring employees of the Department of Posts, DoT/BSNL, Department of Income Tax, & Central Excise. Our thanks to the Chief Postmaster General, Karnataka, the Chief Commissioner of Income Tax, Commissioner, Central Excise, Bengaluru and Chief General Manager, BSNL, Hyderabad for purchasing the books from us.

6.2. We continue to maintain regularity in publishing *Pensioners' Champion*, through which we provide latest information on pension, CGHS & Legal matters. Members are requested to renew their annual subscription promptly without giving room for repeated reminders. Suggestions for improvement of the journal are always welcome. From the last year, we are accepting renewal of subscription for more than one year at the rate of Rs.100/- per year. As the printing cost of the journal has increased considerably, we propose to increase the rate of annual subscription.

7. Membership and Finance

7.1. Our membership has steadily increased during the year and has now reached 2,265. With the rent we get from letting out some portions of our building and the interest from the Life Membership deposited in Fixed Deposit and also the liberal donations from some Members, we have been able to achieve financial stability.

7.2. Audited Statement of Accounts for the year 2014-15 is appended to this Annual Report.

8. Our thanks to

i) Sri M.S.Ramanujan, Chief Postmaster General, Karnataka Circle and all the Officers of the O/o the CPMG for permitting us to hold the AGBM in Meghdoot Auditorium, Bengaluru GPO

ii) The Director of Postal Accounts and the Controller of Communication Accounts and their staff for their helpful attitude in redressing the grievances and problems of Pensioners and Family Pensioners in connection with revision of pension/ family pension. It is to be noted here that issue of revised Pension Payment Orders as per 6th CPC recommendations & in terms of DoP&PW O.M. dated 28-1-2013, has been completed by both Postal Accounts and Communication Accounts.

iii) The Additional Director, CGHS, Bengaluru and her staff, the CMOs in charge of Wellness Centres, including the staff in Wellness Centres for their sympathetic approach on CGHS matters in respect of Pensioners and Family Pensioners.

iv) Sri A.Rajgopal, Partner, GRSM Associates for auditing the Accounts promptly.

v) Sri A.R.Holla, Advocate for helping us in legal matters.

vi) Sri Sudarshan V. Lakvalli, Head, Product Development, M/s Mindcom Consulting Services Pvt. Ltd. for updating our website periodically.

vii) Smt. Rama, Sri Achyuta and Staff of Omkar Hi Prints for helping us to promptly release our monthly journal.

viii) S/s B.Sadashiva Rao, N.Bhaskaran and M.Ramiah, Advisors to the Association

for their guidance and support extended to the Office Bearers in effective functioning of the Association, and lastly,

ix) To all the Members for the co-operation extended to us in our activities.

Bengaluru
21-5-2015

K.B.Krishna Rao

Secretary,

On behalf of the Executive Committee
of Karnataka P&T Pensioners' Association.

One of Our Members, Sri M.N.Ramachandra Rao ALM- 1619, Director (Retd.), Geological Survey of India (GSI), wins a Court Case and gets his promotion to the post of Director (NFSG) GSI, 11 years after his retirement.

We reproduce below the letter from Sri Ramachandra Rao which is self explanatory

Dear Sri Krishna Rao,

I am herewith sending the details of the case which I have won with the help of K P&T P A.

I joined Geological Survey of India (GSI), after completing the UPSC Exam.1973 batch and joined as Geologist (Jr) Class I Officer in Sept.1974. After 11 years of service, I got my first promotion to Geologist (Sr) Senior Class I Officer during March 1985 and got my second promotion in January 2003 as Director, after another 18 years and retired on 31-5-2004.

On 6-6-2000, Department of Personnel & Training (DoPT), sent a circular to Ministry of Mines (MoM) stating that 30% of Directors of GSI are to be promoted as Directors (NFSG) instead of 15 % then prevailing, with immediate effect in all Organised Group A services. This circular, was neither circulated nor implemented to the Officers of GSI. I came to know of this circular through RTI Act in January 2009. In March 2009, MoM sent a circular referring to the DoPT Circular dated 6-6- 2000 that 30% of GSI Directors should be promoted to the post of Directors (NFSG) and it is effective from prospective date i.e., from march 2009 onwards.

Since this was an injustice done to me, I filed an Application in Sept, 2009 before the Central Administrative Tribunal (CAT), Bangalore, with the help of Sri B.Sadashiva Rao, the then President of Karnataka P&T Pensioners' Association. MoM, argued that GSI is not an Organised service (even though GSI became an Organised service in 1982 itself as per Finance Ministry's circular) and that MoM's Order is effective only from 2009 onwards. On 13-3-2012, CAT gave the judgement in my favour, directing MoM to promote me from retrospective date 1-1-2003 with all the consequential financial benefits. CAT, also said that similarly placed persons too should be considered for promotion .

MoM, filed a Writ Petition in High Court of Karnataka. Additional Solicitor General argued in favour of the Govt. The High Court upheld the CAT verdict on 21-4-2014, but said that the verdict is applicable only to the respondent and not for all similarly placed persons.

When no action was taken on the judgement, I filed a contempt petition in CAT. MoM filed a SLP in the Supreme Court on 17-10-2014. SC dismissed the Special Leave Petition. And finally, I received the Order on 8-4-2015 promoting me to the post of Director (NFSG) as per the CAT judgement.

I am really grateful to Karnataka P & T Pensioners' Association for all the guidance and help.

Thanking you,

M.N. Ramachandra Rao

Notice of the Annual General Body Meeting

Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Body Meeting of Karnataka Posts and Telecommunications Pensioners' Association, Bengaluru, will be held on Sunday the 21st June, 2015 in "Meghdoot Auditorium", Bengaluru GPO, Rajbhavan Road, Bengaluru-560001 with under mentioned Agenda.

9-30 a.m. Morning Session

1. Welcome
2. Confirmation of the minutes of the Annual General Body Meeting held on 13-06-2014
3. Presentation of the Annual Report for 2014-15 and its adoption
4. Presentation of the Audited Statement of Accounts for 2014-15 and its adoption

11.00 a.m. Open Session

5. Welcome Speech and introduction of Chief Guest
6. Inauguration of the Open Session by Er. S.C.Maheshwari, Secretary General, Bharat Pensioners Samaj, New Delhi and Chairman, Bharat Central Pensioners' Confederation, New Delhi
7. Address by the President of the Association
8. Felicitation of Members of 75 years & above
9. Vote of Thanks

1 p.m. to 2 p.m. Lunch 2 p.m. Afternoon Session

10. Discussion on 7th Central Pay Commission
11. Discussion on Issues before SCOVA
12. CGHS, CS (MA) Rules and FMA matters
13. Legal Matters
14. Any other Subject
15. Concluding remarks by Secretary and President
16. Vote of Thanks

All the Life Members of the Association including Associate Life Members are requested to attend the meeting and be present at the venue of the meeting at 9-15 a.m.

Bangalore
21st May 2015

K.B. Krishna Rao
Secretary, Karnataka P&T Pensioners' Association
For and on behalf of the Executive Committee

**Grant of full pension to pre-2006 Pensioners who had retired
with 20 or more years of service**

**Central Administrative Tribunal,
Principal Bench, Delhi, allows Applications
filed by 53 pre-2006 Pensioners, in OA
1165/2011, OA 2165/2011 & OA 247/2012,
praying for grant of Full Pension for
qualifying service between 20 and 32 years
instead of pro-rata pension on par with
post 2006 Pensioners.**

Some paragraphs of the Order are
extracted below

2. The prayer of the Applicants arises from a
clarification issued by the Department of
Pension and Pensioners Welfare dated
3.10.2008, in specific, challenging the following
provision:

The pension will be reduced pro-rata,
where the Pensioner has less than the
maximum required service for full pension as
per rule 49 of the CCS(Pension) Rules, 1972
as applicable on 01.01.2006 and in no case
it will be less than Rs.3500/- p.m.

3. The background of the case is that after the
VI Pay Commission submitted its report, the
Government issued OM dated 1.09.2008
relating to revision of pension of pre-2006
Pensioners/ Family Pensioners etc. Para 4.2
of the OM provides as follows:

4.2. The fixation of pension will be subject to
the provision that the revised pension, in no
case, shall be lower than fifty percent of the
minimum of the Pay in the Pay Band plus the
Grade Pay corresponding to the pre-revised
Pay Scale from which the Pensioner had retired.

4. Thereafter, the Respondents issued the
above mentioned OM dated 3.10.2008 in which
the clarification was issued that pension will
be reduced pro-rata where the Pensioner had
less than the maximum required service for
full pension of 33 years. The Department of
Pension and Pensioners Welfare vide
resolution dated 29.08.2008 introduced the

revised pension structure with effect from
1.1.2006. In this, the recommendation of the
Pay Commission and the decision of the
Government were elaborated. The paragraphs
relevant to this case are quoted below:

2. Linkage of full pension with 33 years of
qualifying service should be dispensed with.
Once an employee renders the minimum
pensionable service of 20 years, pension
should be paid at 50% of the average
emoluments received during the past 10 months
or the pay last drawn, whichever is more
beneficial to the retiring employee. -----
----- (5.1.33)

Accepted

3. The recommendation regarding payment of
full pension on completion of 20 years of
qualifying service will take effect only
prospectively for all Government employees
other than PBORs in Defence Forces from the
date it is accepted by the Government (6.5.3.)

Accepted

2. Para 4.2 of the aforesaid OM further provides
that fixation of pension will be subject to the
provision that the revised pension, in no case,
shall be lower than fifty percent of the minimum
of the Pay in the Pay Band plus the Grade Pay
corresponding to the pre-revised Pay Scale
from which the Pensioner had retired. It was
clarified in the OM dated 3.10.2008 that the
pension calculated at 50% of the minimum of
Pay in the Pay Band plus Grade Pay will be
reduced pro-rata, where the Pensioner had
less than the maximum required service for
full pension as per rule 49 of the CCS (Pension)
Rules, 1972 as applicable before 1.1.2006. A
Table indicating the revised pension based on
revised Pay Bands and Grade Pay was also
annexed with this Departments OM dated
14.10.2008.

5. The above OM basically reiterated the OM

dated 3.10.2008 namely, that there will be pro-rata reduction. In all the three OAs, the Applicants have challenged the OM dated 3.10.2008 claiming that it is violative of the law laid down by the Hon'ble Supreme Court in D.S. Nakara Vs. Union of India, 1983 SCC (L&S) 145. The prayer made is that their pension should be fixed in accordance with para 4.2 quoted above ensuring parity between Pensioners who have retired pre-1.01.2006 and post-1.01.2006. The question before us is, therefore, whether the date of retirement is a relevant consideration for eligibility when a revised formula for computation of pension is ushered in and made effective from a specified date. This was precisely the point which was before the Hon'ble Supreme Court in D.S. Nakara (supra). The question that was raised by their Lordships of the Hon'ble Supreme Court in para 2 of the judgment reads as follows.

2. Do Pensioners entitled to receive superannuation or retiring pension under Central Civil Services (Pension) Rules, 1972 form a class as a whole? Is the date of retirement a relevant consideration for eligibility when a revised formula for computation of pension is ushered in and made effective from a specified date? Would differential treatment to Pensioners related to the date of retirement qua the revised formula for computation of pension attract Article 14 of the Constitution and the element of discrimination liable to be declared unconstitutional as being violative of Article 14?

Learned counsel for the applicants also cited V. Kasturi Vs. Managing Director, State Bank of India, Bombay and another, (1998) 8 SCC 30 in which the Hon'ble Supreme Court held as follows:

If the person retiring is eligible for pension at the time of his retirement and if he survives till the time of subsequent amendment of the relevant Pension Scheme, he would become eligible to get enhanced pension or would

become eligible to get more pension as per the new formula of computation of pension. He would be entitled to get the benefit of the amended pension provision from the date of such order as he would be a member of the very same class of Pensioners when the additional benefit is being conferred on all of them.

8. The learned counsel for the Respondents has filed detailed reply primarily explaining how pension of pre-2006 and post-2006 retirees has to be fixed. It is reiterated that the Government had accepted the recommendation regarding payment of full pension on completion of twenty years service, prospectively. Therefore, this cannot be given retrospective effect now. It is further stated that in the order dated 6.03.2012 (Annexure A-7), disposing of the OAs No. 937/2010 and 2101/2010, this Tribunal (Full Bench) made the following observations/directions in regard to the prayer of the Applicants seeking complete parity with post-2006 retirees:-

2. One of the reliefs sought for by the Applicants in those OAs is that pre-2006 Pensioners may be allowed a total parity with post 1.1.2006 Pensioners by notionally revising their pay as on 1.1.2006 and then fixing pension at 50% of that notional Pay.

3. At the outset, it may be stated here that the issue regarding admissibility of pension/family pension to the pre 1.1.2006 retiree Officers belonging to S-29 scale and also whether the 2006 Pensioners are entitled to the pension/family pension at par with post 2006 retiree Officers has been considered and decided by the Full Bench of the Tribunal in Central Government SAG (S-29) Pensioners Association and another Vs Union of India and another (OA 655/2010 with connected matters) decided on 1.11.2011 after taking into consideration the decisions of Apex Court in D.S. Nakara Vs. S.P.S. Vains (2008)9 SCC 125) and the said relief has been rejected. The Full Bench of this Tribunal in the aforesaid

judgment has held that pre-2006 retirees cannot claim benefit at par with post-2006 retirees, who are governed by the separate set of Scheme.

9. The respondents further argue that in its order dated 1.11.2011 in the OA No. 655/2010 referred to in the aforesaid order dated 6.3.2012 in the OAs No.937/2010 and 2101/2010, this Tribunal (full bench) decided that the challenge made by the Applicants based upon the judgment in D.S. Nakara that pre-2006 retirees should be extended the same pensionary benefits as that of post-2006 retirees cannot be accepted. It is stated that in para 9 of the judgment, this Tribunal also rejected the prayer for grant of full pension on completion of 20 years of qualifying service at par with post-2006 retirees and observed that the pre-2006 retirees cannot claim benefit at par with post-2006 retirees, who are governed by the separate set of Scheme.

10. It is further added on behalf of the Respondents that the Applicants in the above mentioned OAs No.937/2010 and 2101/2010 filed writ petitions being WP No. 4572/2012 and WP 7342/2012 in the High Court of Delhi. Hon'ble High Court of Delhi in its order dated 19.8.2013 (Annexure A-9) passed the following order:

8. Keeping in view the aforesaid facts, none of which are disputed by learned counsel for the Respondents, with consent of learned counsel for the parties we set aside the impugned decision(s) dated March 06,2012 and simultaneously we restore OA No.937/2010 and OA No.2101/2010 for fresh adjudication on merits by the Tribunal on the claim of the Petitioners for full parity.

11. We have gone through various judgments of the Hon'ble Supreme Court in various cases and also this Tribunal's Order dated 20.11.2014 in OA 937/2010 with OA 2101/2010. The law has by now been well settled by the Hon'ble Supreme Court that the date of retirement

cannot form a valid criterion for classification.

The operative part of the judgement is extracted below

13. In view of the judgments of the Hon'ble Supreme Court in D.S. Nakara (supra), V. Kasturi (supra), T.S. Thiruvengadam (supra) and Order of the Full Bench of the Tribunal in OA 937/2010 with OA 2101/2010 dated 20.11.2014, we are of the opinion that the prayer in the OAs is fully justified. We, therefore, quash and set aside the impugned orders dated 3.10.2008 and 19.03.2010 being violative of law laid down by the Hon'ble Supreme Court and direct the Respondents that the qualifying service for earning full pension will be treated as twenty years also for those who retired from the Central Government service on or before 31.12.2005 and were alive on that day. The Respondents are also directed to modify/amend all relevant Government Orders/ Letters/ Notifications in accordance with the above decision. It is made clear that this parity of pension between pre and post-1.01.2006 Pensioners (on the question of eligibility of minimum pensionable service of twenty years) would apply both as regards pension and family pension. The respondents are granted three months time from the date of receipt of this Order for implementation of directions contained in this Order.

(Raj Vir Sharma) (P.K. Basu)
Member (J) Member (A)

ALL INDIA CONSUMER PRICE INDEX

| Month | CPI Base 2001=100 | 12 Months' Total | Monthly Ave. | % increase over 115.76 |
|-----------|-------------------|------------------|--------------|------------------------|
| Dec. 14 | 253 | 2963 | 246.92 | 113.30 |
| March. 15 | 254 | 3010 | 250.83 | 116.68 |

By. K.B. Krishna Rao

Interest rate for Senior Citizen Savings Scheme revised

Interest rate for SSS revised from 9.2 to 9.3% from 1-4-2015. Gol., MoF, O.M. No.6/01/201-NS.II dated 31-3-2015

7th Pay Commission recommendations likely this year: Jaitley

Friday, April 24, 2015, New Delhi: The recommendations of the 7th Pay Commission on pay revision of the Central Government Employees is expected to be submitted to the Government this year, the Lok Sabha was today informed.

Responding to a supplementary, Finance Minister, Sri Arun Jaitley said, Additional revenue share for the States being provided by the Centre from this year and the recommendations of the Pay Commission—that are expected to be made this year—are bound to put additional burden on the fiscal situation. “Keeping this in mind, we have opted to extend the deadline from two to three years for attaining the targeted mark of fiscal budgetary deficit,” he said.

Presently, the Government’s annual income is around Rs. 11.5 lakh crore against the expenditure of around Rs 17.5 lakh crore leaving a budgetary deficit of about Rs 5 lakh crore. – UNI

7th Central Pay Commission update

On the invitation of 7th CPC, a

delegation of NFRPA, Guwahati, an affiliate of BPS led by Com. Kanji Lal tendered its evidence before the 7th CPC on 10th May, 2015 at Shillong. Main inferences drawn are as follows:

1) Pay Commission will submit its report within the timeframe. 2) Proposed ratio of 1:8 between Minimum & Maximum Pension paid, taken note ofseems to be under consideration. 3) While fixing the quantum of pension, recommendations of 5th CPC will be kept in view. 4) Parity in Pension: One rank one pension is under active consideration. 5) For ex-gratia beneficiaries reasonable increase will be recommended 6) No comment on New Pension Scheme, 2004. 7) Increase in Gratuity is under consideration. 8) Period of restoration of commuted portion of pension - - seems to be under review 9) Health Care suggestions as per BPS Memorandum taken note of. The response of the Pay Commission was satisfactory.

S.M.Kanjilal.

General Secretary

(A) NFRPA

Source: email from BPS

DONATION TO NEPAL EARTHQUAKE RELIEF FUND

Karnataka P&T Pensioners’ Association donates

Rs.10,000/- to Nepal Earthquake Relief Fund.

Amount remitted by D.D to Prime Minister’s Office, PMNRF.

Association appeals to its Members to donate generously to the Fund and remit their donation directly to Prime Minister’s National Relief Fund by Bank Demand Draft. Banks do not charge commission for issue of DD. Section 80-G of Income Tax Act provides for deduction of 100% of the donation made to PMNRF from the Annual Income of the Assessee.

Address to which D.D is to be sent

Prime Minister’s National Relief Fund

Prime Minister’s Office, New Delhi-110011.

*Names of Members who inform us of their Donatin to PMNRF
will be published in the Journal*

BSNL Order**BSNL makes pan-India calling free at night.**

To boost landline business, State-run Telecom Operator, BSNL, has announced unlimited free calling scheme during night hours from its fixed line phones to any operator including mobile phones anywhere in the Country from May 1.

The Scheme would be operational between 9 PM & 7 AM and would cover all type of connections, BSNL said in a statement.

"BSNL has introduced unlimited free calling during night hours from its landline phones to all landline phones and mobile phones of all Service Provider's network on all India basis from 1st May," BSNL said.

Under the Scheme, all major landline general plans of rural and urban areas, landline special plans as well as all major combo (landline with broadband) plans are covered.

As per latest Trai data, BSNL, which dominates landline market was the biggest loser of fixed-line customers in February while Airtel emerged as top gainer. The Company had over 1.66 crore landlines at the end of February.

Even after losing 162,556 landline customers in February, the Company dominated the market with 62.26% share.

BSNL Order

I D A w.e.f. 1-4-2015, 100.5% (increase of 0.20%)

Legal Matters**1. Modified parity in pension- implementation of DoP&PW OM dated 28-1-2013 from 1-1-2006.**

OA 655/2010 , with MA 3857/2014 of Principal Bench New Delhi – The case which came up for hearing on 9-4-2015 was adjourned with directions to 27-5-2015

2. Grant of full pension to pre-2006 Pensioners who had retired with 20 years of qualifying service

OA 1165/2011, OA 2165/2011 and OA 247/2012 with MA 265/2015 & 2353/2014, before CAT Principal Bench, New Delhi. -- **Application allowed, Orders Pronounced on 21-4-2015. Extract of relevant paras in page- 11**

3. BSNL**Anomaly in fixation of pay of BSNL employees who retired between 1-10-2000 and 31-7-2000 ie. within 10 months of formation of BSNL**

O.A.NO.2173/2014 before CAT, Principal Bench, Delhi. Came up for hearing in Principal Registrar's Court on 21-4-2015, listed under "completion of pleadings". Adjourned with directions to 25-5-2015

4. Complete parity in pension between pre-2006 & post 2006 retirees.

OA.937/2010 filed by All India S-30 Pensioners' Association & OA 2101/2010 were allowed by a common Order passed by CAT, Principal Bench, New Delhi ,on 20-11-2014. Extract of the Order given in page 4 of *Pensioners' Champion*- December 2014.

Government has filed a Review Application. RA 10/2015 came up for hearing on 6-5-2015 before the CAT Full Bench. Adjourned with directions to 8-7-2015

KARNATAKA POSTS AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS PENSIONERS' ASSOCIATION (REG)

Reg.Off :1397, 23rd Main, Banashankari II Stage, Bangalore-560070

Receipts and Payments Account for the Period Ended 31st March 2015

| Previous Year(13-14) | RECEIPTS | 31/03/2015 | | Previous Year(13-14) | PAYMENTS | 31/03/2015 | |
|----------------------|----------------------------------|------------|---------|----------------------|--|------------|---------|
| | | | | | | | |
| 283,888 | To Opening Balance | | | | | | |
| 1,574 | Cash at Bank | 141,910 | | 10,640 | By Donations | 3,000 | |
| | Cash on Hand | 11,987 | 153,897 | 10,000 | Others | 160,000 | 163,000 |
| | To Subscriptions | | | | PM's National Relief Fund | | |
| 157,660 | Pensioners' Champion | 145,061 | | 134,099 | By Printing Charges of Journals | 148,835 | |
| 9,180 | Annual Subscription | 7,400 | | 168,653 | Pensioners' Champion | - | 148,835 |
| 93,330 | Sale of Compendium | 103,293 | 255,754 | - | Compendium | 39,000 | |
| | To Donations | | | - | By Refund: Rent Advance | 2,000 | 41,000 |
| 46,701 | Building Fund | - | | 57,000 | Excess amt recd for sale of Compendium | | 19,500 |
| 102,709 | Association | 47,551 | | 34,020 | By Honorarium | | 20,997 |
| | PM's National Relief Fund | 147,148 | 194,699 | 37,831 | By Postage & Telephone | | 14,463 |
| | To Bank Interest | | | 23,519 | By Printing & Stationery | | 5,056 |
| 6,488 | on S.B Account | 8,550 | | - | By Professional Fees | | 14,886 |
| 110,779 | on F.D Account | 112,239 | 120,789 | - | By Charitable function at Govt school | | 8,000 |
| 200,000 | To Fixed Deposits Matured | | 200,000 | 555 | By Subscription to Periodicals | | 1,057 |
| 39,000 | To Security Deposits | | 35,000 | 9,585 | By Travelling Expenses (TA) | | 17,985 |
| | To Refunds of Telephone Deposits | | 2,342 | 500,000 | By Fixed Deposits | | 500,000 |
| 1,000 | To Dividend | | 500 | - | By Shifting of records | | 2,615 |
| 840 | To Admission Fees | | 830 | - | By Websites Charges | | 15,995 |

KARNATAKA POSTS AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS PENSIONERS' ASSOCIATION (REG)

Reg.Off :1397, 23rd Main, Banashankari II Stage, Bangalore-560070

Receipts and Payments Account for the Period Ended 31st March 2015

| Previous Year(13-14) | RECEIPTS | 31/03/2015 | Previous Year(13-14) | PAYMENTS | 31/03/2015 |
|----------------------|-------------------------|------------|----------------------|-------------------------------------|------------|
| 201,602 | To Rent | 227,717 | 26,419 | By building Maintenance | 3,450 |
| 44,630 | To Life Membership Fund | 44,970 | 1,320 | By Renewal of Registration of Assn. | 2,820 |
| 1,132 | To Bank Charges/Refunds | - | 55,461 | By Annual General Body Meeting | 55,441 |
| | To C/F | 1,236,498 | 9,307 | By Execute Committee Meeting | 10,841 |
| | | | 2,430 | By Affiliation Fees | 1,727 |
| | | | - | By Bank Charges & M.O | 968 |
| | | | 35,151 | By Conveyance | 29,596 |
| | | | 23,280 | By Building Expenses | - |
| | | | 626 | By Clearing Charges | - |
| | | | 500 | By Contribution to CGHS | - |
| | | | 3,700 | By Gifts | - |
| | | | 270 | By Electricity charges | - |
| | | | 2,250 | By Pensioner's Day Meeting | - |
| | To B/F | 1,236,498 | | By C/F | 1,078,182 |
| | | | | By B/F | 1,078,182 |
| | | | | By Closing Balance | |
| | | | 141,910 | Cash at Bank | 156,035 |
| | | | 11,987 | Cash in Hand | 2,281 |
| 1,300,513 | TOTAL | 1,236,498 | 1,300,513 | TOTAL | 158,316 |
| | | | | | 1,236,498 |

Vide our report attached
For GRSM & ASSOCIATES
 Chartered Accountants
 F.,R., No: 008635

A.Rajgopal
 (Partner)
 M No: 205296

Place: Bangalore
 Date: 28-04-2015

G.Babu
 (President)

K. B Krishna Rao
 (Secretary)

K.R.Anantha Ramu
 (Treasurer)

KARNATAKA POSTS AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS PENSIONERS' ASSOCIATION (REG)

Reg.Off :1397, 23rd Main, Banashankari II Stage, Bangalore-560070

Income and Expenditure Account for the Period Ended 31st March 2015

| Previous Year(13-14) | EXPENDITURE | 31/03/2015 | Previous Year(13-14) | INCOME | 31/03/2015 |
|----------------------|---|------------------|----------------------|---------------------------------------|------------------|
| 55,461 | To Annual General Body | 55,441 | 840 | By Admission Fees | 830 |
| 9,307 | To EC Meeting | 10,841 | | By Donations | |
| 2,430 | To Affiliation Fees | 1,727 | 102,709 | Association | 47,551 |
| 626 | To Bank & MO Charges | 968 | - | Prime Minister's National Relief fund | 147,148 |
| 35,151 | To Conveyance | 29,596 | | By Subscription to Pensioners | |
| 10,640 | To Donations | 3,000 | 260,170 | Champion | 145,061 |
| 57,000 | To Honorarium | 19,500 | | By Annual Subscription | 7,400 |
| - | To Photograph | 14,836 | | By Sale of Compendium | 103,293 |
| 10,000 | To Contribution to PM's National Relief fund | 160,000 | | By Bank Interest | |
| - | To Shifting of records | 2,615 | 6,488 | on S.B Account | 8,550 |
| - | To Websites Charges | 15,995 | 114,411 | on F.D Account | 169,044 |
| 34,020 | To Postage & Telephone | 21,655 | 1,132 | By Bank Charges/Refunds | - |
| 37,831 | To Printing & Stationery | 14,463 | 201,602 | By Rent | 227,717 |
| | To Printing Charges of Journals | | 1,000 | By Dividend | 500 |
| 134,099 | Pensioners' Champion | 148,835 | | By Excess of Expenditure over | |
| 168,653 | Compendium | - | 514,481 | Income | 196,508 |
| 24,714 | To Professional Fees | 5,618 | | | |
| 555 | To Subscriptions to Periodicals | 1,057 | | | |
| - | To Charitable Functions Held | | | | |
| - | at Govt School | 8,000 | | | |
| 9,585 | To TA, DA & Delegation Fees | 17,985 | | | |
| 26,419 | To Building Maintenance | 3,450 | | | |
| - | To Refund of x's amt recd for sale ofcompendium | 2,000 | | | |
| - | To Renewal of Registration of Assn. | 2,820 | | | |
| 578,302 | To Depreciation | 513,200 | | | |
| 1,320 | To Miscellaneous | - | | | |
| 2,250 | To Pensioner's Day Meeting | - | | | |
| 500 | To Contribution to CGHS | - | | | |
| 3,700 | To Gifts | - | | | |
| 270 | To Electricity Charges | - | | | |
| 1,202,833 | TOTAL | 1,053,602 | 1,202,833 | TOTAL | 1,053,602 |

Vide our report attached

For GRSM & ASSOCIATES

Chartered Accountants

F.,R., No: 00863S

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M No: 205296

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KARNATAKA POSTS AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS PENSIONERS' ASSOCIATION (REG)

Reg.Off: 1397, 23rd Main, Banashankari II Stage, Bangalore-560070

Balance Sheet as at 31st March 2015

| Previous Year(13-14) | LIABILITIES | 31/03/2015 | Previous Year(13-14) | ASSETS | 31/03/2015 |
|----------------------|---|------------|----------------------|--------------------------|------------|
| 1,226,519 | Corpus Fund | 712,038 | 32,000 | Computer | 12,800 |
| | Opening Balance | 4745310 | 19,200 | Opening Balance | 7,680 |
| | Add: Trf from Building Fund | 5,457,348 | 12,800 | Less: Depreciation @ 60% | 5,120 |
| 514,481 | Less: Excess of Expenditure over Income | 196,508 | | | |
| 712,038 | | 5,260,840 | | | |
| 900,983 | Life Membership Fund | 945,613 | 247,002 | Furniture | 222,302 |
| 44,630 | Opening Balance | 44,970 | 24,700 | Opening Balance | 22,230 |
| 945,613 | Add: Receipts during the year | 990,583 | 222,302 | Less: Depreciation @ 10% | 200,072 |
| | | | | | |
| 100,000 | Security Deposits of Rent | 139,000 | 5,344,023 | Building | 4,832,901 |
| 39,000 | Opening Balance | 35,000 | 23,280 | Add: Additions | - |
| | Add: Receipts during the year | 174,000 | 534,402 | Less: Depreciation @ 10% | 483,290 |
| | | 39,000 | 4,832,901 | | 4,349,611 |
| 139,000 | Less: Refund | | | CURRENT ASSETS | |
| | | 135,000 | | Fixed Deposits | 1,600,000 |
| | | | | Telephone Deposits | - |
| 4,698,609 | Building Fund | 4,745,310 | 1,300,000 | Accrued interest | 78,922 |
| 46,701 | Opening Balance | - | 3,000 | Cash at Bank | 156,035 |
| | Add: Receipts during the year | 4,745,310 | 22,117 | Cash in Hand | 2,281 |
| 4,745,310 | Less: Trf to Corpus Fund | | 141,910 | | |
| 5,056 | Professional Charges Payable | | 11,987 | | |
| 6,547,017 | TOTAL | 6,392,041 | 6,547,017 | TOTAL | 6,392,041 |

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**DoP&PW
Order**

Grant of Dearness Relief to Central Government Pensioners/Family Pensioners - Revised rate effective from 1.1.2015

(O.M. No. F.No. 42/10/2014-P&PW (G) dated 27th April, 2015. Gol, 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 29th September, 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 107% to 113% w.e.f. 1st January, 2015.

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 resorted 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 @ 113% w.e.f. 1.1.2015 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.

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) 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.

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 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 23.4.1981 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 ID No. 1(4)/E.V/2004 dated 24th April, 2015.

11. Hindi version will follow.

PENSIONERS' CHAMPION

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MAY 2015

Attention**Digital Life Certificate-- Jeevan Praman**

Karnataka P&T Pensioners' Association, in coordination with National Informatics Centre, Karnataka State, Bengaluru, has arranged for registration of Pensioners on Jeevan Praman Portal for Aadhaar based authentication to facilitate enrolment of Pensioners for Digital Life Certificate.

Enrolment will be done on 21-6-2015 from 9 a.m. at Meghdoot Auditorium, Bangalore GPO, the venue of the Association's Annual General Body Meeting.

Members of the Association, who are interested in getting Digital Life Certificate-- Jeevan Praman, may bring the following to register themselves for the Certificate.

1. Copy of Pension Payment Order
2. Copy of Aadhaar Card
3. Copy of Bank Pass Book to which their Pension is Credited

For the process of getting a Digital Life Certificate, please see details in Page 10 of Pensioners' Champion January 2015 and page 13 of April 2015 Issues.

For information required, if any - contact
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**DoP&PW
Order****Rounding off of a fraction of a rupee in regulation of Additional Pension**

(O.M. No. 38/8/15-P&PW(A) Gol, Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances & Pensions, Department of Pension & Pensioners' Welfare dated the 16th April, 2015.)

The undersigned is directed to say that vide this Department's OM No. 38/37/08-P&PW(A) dated 1.9.2008 and OM No. 38/37/08-P&PW(A) dated 2.9.2008, instructions were issued for grant of Additional Pension/Family Pension @ 20% to 100% to old Pensioners/Family Pensioners of the age of 80 years and above.

2. A question has been raised as to how the amount of Additional Pension is to be regulated in case the Additional Pension results in fraction of a rupee. The matter has been examined in consultation with Ministry of Finance (Department of Expenditure) and it has been

decided that the amount of Additional Pension as finally calculated may be rounded off to the next higher rupee. In cases where the Pension/Family Pension of Old Pensioners has been fixed/ revised without rounding off the Additional Pension, in those case also, the Additional Pension may be rounded off to the next higher rupee hereafter. However, no arrears for the period from 1.1.2006 on account of such rounding off would be paid in those cases.

3. This issues with the approval of Ministry of Finance (Department of Expenditure) ID No. 157/EV/2015 dated 30.3.2015.

OBITUARY

Sri L R Raja Rao, LM-1305 retired JTO, DoT, Ahmedabad, expired on 17-10-2014 at the age of 84 years. He leaves behind his wife and a daughter.

Sri R. Ramakrishnan, LM-489, Techl Supr Bg TD expired on 11-5-2015 at the age of 83 years. He leaves behind his wife and two daughters.

Our heartfelt condolences to the bereaved.

Members to be felicitated in the Annual General Body Meeting on 21st June, 2015 - 2nd List

The List consists of the names of Members who are 75 years & above as on 31-3-2015 It does not include the names of those Members who have already been felicitated by the Association.

(First list with names of 70 Members was furnished in April, 2015 issue of the journal)

| SI No | Membership LM / ALM | Name Smt./Sri | Designation & Office from which retired |
|-------|---------------------|----------------------|---|
| 1 | 2081 | Pahlada Rao A.R | OS Gr I., CE Railways, Bg. |
| 2 | 2084 | Saraswathamma N | CQAL, Bg. |
| 3 | 2085 | Vasudevan Nair M.C | Survey Asst. Survey of India. |
| 4 | 2091 | Sudha Bhat | SSS, Bg. TD. |
| 5 | 2092 | Rama Murthy P.H | Lecturer, PTC Mysore. |
| 6 | 2112 | Jagannath K | Scientist, LRDE, Bg. |
| 7 | 2115 | Venkatagiri T.S | 515 Army Base Workshop, Bg. |
| 8 | 2116 | Duggal S.L | Director of A/cs Postal, Punjab. |
| 9 | 2121 | Jayaraman. R | Programme Executive, AIR. |
| 10 | 2125 | Subramanian S.K | CAO, DoT, Madurai. |
| 11 | 2127 | Dhingra A.C | CAO, GMT, Jodhpur. |
| 12 | 2128 | Rajagopalan K.N | D E, BSNL. |
| 13 | 2132 | Krishna Murth K.S | RTO Engineer, HAL, DRDO. |
| 14 | 2133 | Panthalu D.M.R | Per Asst. AFHO, MoD, Delhi. |
| 15 | 2145 | Md Zackriah | CSS Telecom, Vishakapatnam. |
| 16 | 2147 | Narayana M.R | UDC, IISC, Bg. |
| 17 | 2148 | Subramanya P.K | LSG PA, Hassan H.P.O. |
| 18 | 2154 | Hirnya Singh. K | Jt.Direcror Trg, Foreman Trg. Inst. |
| 19 | 2158 | Rajeswaran. T | UDC, O/o Addl Dir. Fgn Tr., Chennai |
| 20 | 2160 | Raghavendra Nayak. P | Post Master HSG -1, Udupi H.O. |
| 21 | 2169 | Yoganarasimhan. R | Jr. Scientific Officer, CQAL. |
| 22 | 2170 | Nagaraja K.R | AE, City Telephone Exchange Bg. |
| 23 | 2175 | Patil G.D | Regional Officer, Dir of Field Pub. |
| 24 | 2182 | Krishna Guptha C.S | SPM Univercity Camp, Mysore. |
| 25 | 2199 | Ramaswamy M.T | Civilain, Gaz, IAF. |
| 26 | 2201 | Bhavi S.C | SRO, HB Dn Belgaum. |
| 27 | 2203 | Nagabhushana M.N | Foreman, Gr. B, CQAL. |
| 28 | 2207 | Mhaskar S.K | Asst A O, Defence A/cs, Pune. |
| 29 | 2208 | Shivaramakrishna. K | AO, AG, Ahmedabad. |
| 30 | 2209 | Sharma R.K | DoT, Jaipur. |
| 31 | 2220 | Joshi V.V | SPM, Lokapur, Bagalkot. |
| 32 | 2221 | Sridhara Murthy K.R | Clerk, Mysore H.P.O. |
| 33 | 2222 | Ramaswamy M.N | Foreman Gaz, DGQA. |
| 34 | 2223 | Gopalakrishna. N | BCR, Mysore H.P.O. |
| 35 | 2224 | Venkataswamy. B | DE, Phones, Mysore. |
| 36 | 2247 | Subbaiah B.V | Pr. Foreman, CQAL, Bg. |
| 37 | 2248 | Roy Chaudhuri T.B | Divisional Engineer, GSI, Kolkatta. |
| 38 | 2252 | Kasturi B.R | CSS, GMT, Mysore. |
| 39 | 2255 | Parthasarthy T.V | Sr. AO, AG's Bg. |

| Subscription of Rs. 100/- received for Pensioners' Champion in Feb-March - 2015 | | | | | |
|--|------------------|--------|-----------------|--------|-------------------------|
| LM/ALM | Name (Smt./Sri) | LM/ALM | Name (Smt./Sri) | LM/ALM | Name (Smt./Sri) |
| 48 | S.M. Vittala Rao | 1294 | S. Paramasivan | 1905 | S.S. Bhaskaran |
| 249 | K. Basappa | 1362 | T.G. Haridas | 1995 | R.J. Chakrapani |
| 726 | P. Ramaswamy | 1699 | D.N. Dhalayat | 2013 | K. Guruswamy |
| 1131 | K.B. Krishna Rao | 1894 | N. Subbaiah | 2088 | Shivanand. Y. Kutdarker |
| | | | | 2172 | B. Nagaraja Acharya |

| Subscription of Rs. 200/- received for Pensioners' Champion | | | |
|--|---------------------|--------|------------------|
| LM/ALM | Name (Smt./Sri) | LM/ALM | Name (Smt./Sri) |
| 135 | M.S. Krishna Murthy | 1621 | B.A. Shetty |
| 838 | B.L. Channappa | 1836 | C.V. Prahallad |
| 1205 | S. Indrani | 2080 | Y.V. Narasimhan |
| 1318 | U.B. Nandakumar Rao | 2105 | A. Malathi Rao |
| 1326 | K. Parimala | 2157 | V. Gopal |
| 1593 | H.L. Nagaraj | 2168 | D.G. Neethibaran |

| Subscription of Rs. 300/- received for Pensioners' Champion | |
|--|--------------------|
| LM/ALM | Name (Smt./Sri) |
| 696 | R.C.Hanumantha Rao |
| 1163 | M.P.Ramamohan |

| Subscription of Rs. 500/- received for Pensioners' Champion | |
|--|-----------------|
| LM/ALM | Name (Smt./Sri) |
| 861 | K.Akhilandam |

| Newly Enrolled Members | | |
|-------------------------------|---|------------|
| Name (Smt./Sri) | Designation & Office in which last worked | Type & No. |
| 1 B.K. Gururaja | Technical Officer Grade 'B', LRDE, Ministry of Defence, Bg. | ALM 2264 |
| 2 R. Vijayan | Sorting Assistant, BG City RMS, Bangalore | LM 2265 |
| 3 R.D. Desai | Superintending Surveyor of works DHQPO, MoD, New Delhi | ALM 2266 |
| 4 K.S. Gowrambike | LSG Supervisor, BG City RMS, Bangalore | LM 2267 |

LM: Life Member

ALM: Associate Life Member

Members with the following Membership Numbers are requested to renew their Subscription for Pensioners' Champion. Subscription was due for renewal in Dec 2014. 220, 328, 361, 593, 750, 766, 998, 1020, 1052, 1092, 1189, 1250, 1260, 1282, 1453, 1482, 1493, 1610, 1695, 1732, 1741, 1744, 1764, 1792, 1850, 1990, 2025, 2050, 2116, 2117, 2120, 2122, 2123, 2126, 2127, 2129

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Implementation of Government decision to link Aadhaar Identification for submission of Life Certificate for the purpose of disbursement of pension in addition to existing provisions.

(Gol, Ministry of Communication & IT Department of Posts:
PA Wing No. 26-41/2014-PA (PEA)/D-38-85 dated 15.4.2015.)

Kindly refer to this office letter of even number dated 21.11.2014 on the subject cited above under which instructions were issued for accepting the Life Certificate issued online by a Govt. Agency as a result of Aadhaar Biometric Authentication as a valid certificate, in respect of Central Govt. Pensioners without insisting either on personal appearance of the Pensioner or Life Certificate issued by Competent Authority.

A pensioner has approached to this office with a complaint that the Pension Disbursing Office is insisting for Aadhaar Card for disbursement of pension referring to this office letter cited supra. In this regard, it is reiterated that a Life Certificate issued online by a Government Agency as a result of Aadhaar Biometric Authentication will also be

accepted as a valid Certificate and there is no such instructions that Aadhaar Card is compulsory for the Pensioner to take pension from Post Offices.

It is therefore, requested that all Pension Disbursing Authorities may be instructed that no Pensioner should suffer due to want of Aadhaar card as this is additional facility given to the Pensioners to save them from personal appearance or submitting the Life Certificate issued by Competent Authority.

The matter may be brought to the notice of all Pension Disbursing Authorities under your control. This may kindly be accorded due priority. Acknowledgement of receipt may please be sent to this office

CPMG, Karnataka, Bangalore

No. AP/16-4/IX/Rlgs/IV dated the 21.4.2015

A copy of the letter No. 26-41/PA(PEA)/D 35-85 dated 15.4.2015 received from Director (Budget & Admn.) regarding implementation of Government decision to link Aadhaar Identification for submission of Life Certificate for the purpose of disbursement of pension in addition to existing provisions are enclosed for strictly adhering to the instructions given in the

aforesaid letter. It is reiterated that a Life Certificate issued online by a Government Agency as a result of Aadhaar Biometric Authentication will also be accepted as a valid Certificate and there is no such instructions that Aadhaar Card is compulsory for the Pensioner to take pension from Post Offices.

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