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**7th CPC**

**Status of revision of pension of pre-2016 pensioners in terms of DoP&PW O.M.dated 12-5-2017 – revision of pension at 50% of the notional pay in 7<sup>th</sup> CPC Pay Matrix**

**Postal Pensioners – Karnataka**

A delegation of the Office bearers of KP&TPA consisting of the Secretary, K B Krishna Rao and the Joint Secretary, V Gopal under the leadership of Sri N. Bhaskaran, founder Secretary & Advisor, met Dr. Charles Lobo, Chief Postmaster General, Karnataka, on 5-1-2018 and sought his personal intervention in the matter to ensure expeditious issue of revised authorities for payment of revised pension and arrears. Officers from the office of the Director of Accounts (Postal) viz., Sri K. Ramachandra Bhat, Deputy Director, Sri K. Ramachandran, Asst.Chief Accounts officer and Sri S.Murali Mohan, Senior Accounts Officer (pension) and Sri Narasimha Swamy, Asst.Accounts Officer, O/o the CPMG, were present in the meeting held at Circle office under the chairmanship of the CPMG. Discussions were extremely useful and

the result was to our satisfaction. The Officers from the DA(P) gave us the details of the number of postal pensioners in the Circle, revision cases disposed of so far, the number despatched to HPOs for effecting payment, number of revised authorities pending despatch to HPOs and the number of cases for which particulars of notional pay are yet to be received from Postal divisions. They assured us that apart from 8000 cases already settled, they would ensure despatch of all revised PPOs which are ready for issue.

We would like to place on record our warm appreciation for the concern shown by Dr.Charles Lobo, CPMG, for the pensioners by acceding to our request for a meeting with him, for arranging a meeting with the officers concerned, for being highly receptive and taking spot decisions on several issues that we presented in the meeting. Dr.Lobo at the end

of the meeting, instructed the officers to follow up the day's discussions with prompt action. Stressing on the need to disseminate information to pensioners, CPMG wanted the officers to ensure uploading of the status of revised PPOs issued, with details thereon, to the web site of Karnataka Postal circle, so that the pensioners can access required information from the website. The representatives of the Association were assured by the CPMG that he would personally monitor the progress.

We are happy to record that as a follow-up, CPMG has issued a note on the discussions held and the decision taken by him in the meeting. The note, a copy which was received by the association, inter alia, enjoins that (1) the revised addresses of the pensioners should be updated immediately (2) Data relating to pensioners and the progress in issue of revised PPOs should be uploaded to the website of Karnataka Postal Circle (3) Particulars of the revised PPOs received at DA(P) from the Controller of Communication Accounts, in respect of DoT pensioners drawing their pension from Post offices, should be entered in the register indicating there in the dates of receipt & disposal. (4) All Head Post offices should, without delay, pay the revised pension and arrears to pensioner immediately on receipt of the authority from DA(P). (5) HPOs should use the tool supplied by CEPT to work out the arrears (6) Heads of Postal Divisions should monitor the number of authorities received from DA(P) and disposed of by the HPOs (7) All Heads of Postal Divisions should be reminded to furnish the particulars of notional pay required for issue of revised authorities in respect of nearly 2600 pending cases.

K P&T PA, expresses its gratitude to Dr. Charles Lobo, CPMG, Karnataka for the pensioners friendly measures taken by him, which will go long way in ensuring prompt payment of the revised pension due to them.

We are extremely glad to note that there has been very good progress in issue of revised PPOs by the O/o the Director of Accounts

(Postal) and as on 18-1-2018, out of a total number of 12,984 sanctions received from the Postal divisions, more than 11,300 revised authorities had been issued and despatched to HPOs for payment. We have been informed by many members of our association that arrears of pension also has been paid to them by the Head post offices

We would also like to place on record the promptness with which the Officers of the DA(P) Bangalore initiated action as assured by them in the meeting with us, and the alacrity with which they ensured disposal of more than 4,000 revision cases within a short span of 7 working days and also uploaded the data on the website. Our grateful thanks to the DDA(P), Accounts Officers and Staff of the office of DA(P)Bg.

We hope that the remaining pension revision cases will also be settled on priority basis. We urge the pension sanctioning authorities, the Heads of Postal divisions, to furnish the notional pay particulars required for issue of revised PPOs, in respect of the remaining 2600 cases on top priority to DA(P), Bangalore.

#### **DoT Pensioners – Karnataka**

We have been informed that the O/o Controller of Communication Accounts, DoT, Karnataka has completed the work in connection with revision of pension of DoT retirees and 4097 revised PPOs have been issued by 23-1-2018. Only a few cases where records are not readily available are pending. We would like to place on record the support extended to us by Sri P. Gangadhara Rao and Sri Changappa of All India BSNL Pensioners Welfare Association, in our efforts to ensure early resolution of the matter. Our thanks to Sri A. Gnanasekaran, CCA, Sri Sathis Kumar, Jt. CCA, Karnataka, the Accounts Officers and the staff of the office of the CCA who have been extremely cooperative and have evinced keen interest in revision of pension of DoT pensioners.

**SSA wise details of Revised Authorities issued**

Belgaum-288, Bellary- 30, BG TD- 1269, Bidar-2, Bijapur-118, CGMT-1378, Chikkamagaluru-15, Davanagere-52, Gulbarga-10, Hassan-10, Hubli-299, Karwar-36, Kolar-25, Madakeri-18, Mandya-8, Mangalore-194, Mysore-207, CCA BG-21, QA BG-26, Raichur-22, RTEC-2, Shimogga-35, Tumkur-29, WMS-3 Total- 4097

**DoT pensioners who are yet to get their revised PPOs may furnish particulars of their PPO/Pay Scale/Last pay drawn etc. to the CCA, DoT, Bangalore to facilitate revision of their pension and issue of revised PPO.**

**Centralised Pension Accounting Office (CPAO), New Delhi**

We have extracted below the reply

received by Sri V.R.Janarthanam, one of our senior members, from CPAO, New Delhi on his representation to the Grievance Cell of CPAO about the delay in revision of his pension. Sir,

*As per CPAO records a pension revision order from your PAO was received on 27.12.2017. Action will be taken in due course of time on its turn. It is informed that presently the conditions at this end are abnormal due to revision of more than 12 lakhs pension cases. Now a days CPAO has been receiving above 5000 -6000 pension cases daily and due to limited resources CPAO has been able to process about 3000 cases daily. That is why cases are taking more time than stipulated. Kindly bear with us. **Waiting time in CPAO is about 2 months.***

*Grievance cell, CPAO*

**Our Members write**

The helpful attitude of the CPMG towards pensioners is really appreciable. Let us all bless him for a bright future.

**B.Sadashiva Rao, IPS(Retd)**

Former Chairman CCCGPA & former President, KP&TPA

Other Heads of Organisations have to take him as a role model in dealing with pension related matters. His concern for pensioners is very much appreciated.

**T.V.Suryprakash**

Secretary, Coffee Board Pensioners' Association

Really a good development. Hearty congratulations to the team in highlighting the issues of pensioners to the Circle Head. The outcome of the discussions is appreciated.

**M N Gopinath**

Thanks for the steps taken by KP&TPA. Dr. Charles Lobo, CPMG "ZINDABAD"

**V.Muthukumar**

Ex Circle Secretary, AIPEU-Group C, Karnataka

Nice response by the CPMG

**V.Murugan**

Ex Divisional Secretary, AIRMSEU-Group C

The Association's Journal "Pensioners' Champion" is very informative and useful to the pensioners of all Government of India departments and pensioners of PSUs and Autonomous bodies. A great service indeed to the pensioners' community by the Executive Committee of the Association. Wish the EC a happy new year.

**Smt.C J Maddhvamani LM-2342**

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

**An APPEAL**

**FOR DONATION TO THE BUILDING FUND OF THE ASSOCIATION**



Construction of the annexe is in progress. Temporary power connection has been provided. Footing for columns is completed and columns are being raised. Total built up area will be about 3,000 Sft. Cost of construction is estimated to be around Rs.50, 00,000. Donation collected so far amounts to Rs.33,00,000 only. We are therefore forced to appeal for liberal donations from our Members and Subscribers, **who have not yet responded** to our appeal for donation. We are now writing personal letters to such members. 17<sup>th</sup> List of donors is published in this issue.

Pre-2016 pensioners are being paid arrears of pension consequent to revision of their pension in terms of DoP&PW OM dated 12-5-2017. We appeal for liberal donations from those who have not yet remitted their contribution.

***Members who have donated less than Rs.2000, the minimum amount of donation that we had appealed for, may please remit additional amount to increase their contribution at least to Rs.2,000. Those who have donated above Rs 5,000 but less than 10,000 and those above Rs.10,000 but less than 25,000 may please consider raising their donation to Rs.10,000 & Rs.25,000 respectively, so that their names may be included in the boards***

Donation can be made in instalments also. Progressive total of donations made will be indicated in the list published in the Association's Journal *Pensioners' Champion*, as and when donations are received

*Names of those who donate Rs.25,000/- and above will be engraved on granite stone to be embedded in the front wall of the new building and of those who donate Rs. 10,000 and above but less than Rs.25,000/-, will be printed on the boards to be provided in the main hall*

**Income Tax exemption:** 50% of the amount of donation made to K P&T PA, is eligible for deduction in the Gross total Income under Section 80-G of Income Tax ACT.

Donation to be remitted by ***crossed cheque*** payable to "**Karnataka P&T Pensioners' Association**". (Not KPTPA or KP&TPA)

Cheques may please be sent to:

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

**BSNL  
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BSNL CORPORATE OFFICE  
Letter No. 11-04/2015-PAT((BSNL) Dated 01-01-2018

**Medical reimbursement with voucher for outdoor treatment –revised annual ceiling to be calculated on revised basic pay @78.2% fixation up to 23 days w.e.f.01-4-2018 in respect of Executives and Non- Executives of BSNL**

Subsequent to the implementation of benefit of merger of 50 % IDA effectively amounting to 78.2% as on 1-1-2007 for the purpose of fitment and pay fixation in the revised pay scale w.e.f. 10-6-2013, further instructions were issued by this office vide letters No. 1-50/2008-PAT(BSNL) dated 13-6-2013 and NO. 1-16/2010 PAT(BSNL) dated 13-6-2013 wherein, it has been intimated that all allowances like Medical reimbursement with vouchers for outdoor treatment, Professional / Skill up gradation allowance, House Rent Allowance etc. shall continue to be paid at IDA Basic Pay with 68.8% fitment till further orders.

2. Now, it has been decided with the approval of the competent authority that the annual ceiling of Medical reimbursement with voucher for outdoor treatment in respect of Executives and Non- Executives shall be calculated on revised IDA basic pay with 78.2% of fixation up to 23 days w.e.f.01-04-2018

3. Accordingly, necessary action may be taken for reimbursement of medical vouchers in case of outdoor treatment w.e.f.01-04-2018

(Sheo Shankar Prasad)  
Deputy General Manager (Estt.)

**CGHS**

**Monitory ceiling for direct consultation with Specialists removed**

*Gol, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare EHS Section OM No. S.11011/11/2016-  
CGHS (P)/EHS Dated the 5<sup>th</sup> December, 2017*

**Revision of rates of subscription under Central Government Health Scheme due to revision of pay and allowances of Central Government employees and revision of pension/ family pension on account of implementation of recommendations of the Seventh Central Pay Commission.**

The undersigned is directed to draw attention to Para 3 (F) of this Ministry's OM No. 5.11011/16/2016-CGHS (P)/EHS, dated 09.01.2017 regarding monetary ceiling for direct consultation with specialist in Central Government/State Government/Municipal Hospitals, wherein it was mentioned that "The monetary ceiling for determining the entitlement for direct consultation with Specialists in Central Government / State Government / Municipal

Hospitals will continue at the existing rates until revision of the same after consultation with Ministry of Finance.

2. The matter has been examined in consultation with Department of Expenditure, Ministry of Finance and it has been decided to remove monetary ceiling for direct consultation with Specialists in Central Government /State Government Municipal Hospitals and there is no bar on direct consultation with Specialists in Central Government/State Government/Municipal Hospitals.

3. Other contents of the above said OM will remain unchanged.

(Rajeev Attri)  
Under Secretary to the Government of India

**PENSIONERS' CHAMPION**

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**JANUARY 2018**

**Simplification of referral system under CGHS**

With reference to the above mentioned subject the undersigned is directed to state that this Ministry has been receiving representations for simplification of procedure for CGHS beneficiaries to undertake treatment at private hospitals empanelled under CGHS. The guidelines issued earlier on referral/ permission under office Memoranda No S-110/6/96-CGHS (p) dated 11.6.97 and 02/09/99, S-12020/4/97 -CGHS (P) dated. 07/04/1999, S.11011/1/200-CGHS (p) dt. 10/04/2001 and RA/cons/Hyd/09-10/CGHS-IV, dated 11/06/2010 and Z-15025/105/2017/DIR/CGHS dt. 9/11/2017 has been reviewed and it has now been decided to revise the guidelines for consultation and treatment at CGHS empanelled private hospitals as per the details given under

i) All CGHS beneficiaries (in all CGHS Cities) shall be permitted for seeking OPD consultation from Specialists at Private hospitals empanelled under CGHS after being referred by any Medical officer/CMO of CGHS wellness Centre. The referral may be mentioned on the computer-generated Prescription slip. After consultation at empanelled hospitals beneficiary shall report back to concerned wellness centre, where MO/CMO would endorse listed investigation and issue medicines as per guidelines mentioned below. For unlisted investigation/treatment procedure CMO In-charge shall submit the prescription to competent authority for consideration in case of pensioner beneficiaries. Serving employees shall seek permission for unlisted Investigation/treatment procedure from their department as per prevailing guidelines.

ii) The medicines prescribed by specialists shall be supplied by CGHS as per the available generic name at the CGHS wellness centre. In case the medicine prescribed by the Specialist is available by an alternative brand name having the same composition, it shall be supplied by the brand name available at CGHS Wellness Centre.

If, the medicine prescribed by the Specialist is not available at CGHS Wellness Centre either by generic name or alternate brand name, it shall be indented by the same brand name through Authorized Local Chemist

iii) With reference to OM Z 15025/105/2017/DIR/CCHS dated 09/11/2017, it is clarified that the validity of the advice of Central Government /State Government Specialist / CGHS Medical officer for listed treatment procedures shall be treated as valid for three months unless mentioned otherwise and no other referral (permission) letter is required to undergo the treatment procedure at any of the empanelled Hospitals. It is also clarified that once a specific treatment procedure (listed) has been advised by a Specialist of Central Government /State Government or a CGHS Medical officer, it is the option of CCHS beneficiary to undergo at any of the CGHS empanelled hospitals of his/her choice and it is not compulsory that Specialist /CGHS Medical officer shall refer the beneficiary for treatment to any CGHS recognized hospitals.

iv) In case of Haemo-Dialysis, the advice for treatment can be made up to six months and in such cases the advice shall be valid for up to six months.

v) In case of Radio-therapy/ Chemotherapy advised by a Government Specialist the advice shall be valid for all the cycles of Radiotherapy/ Chemotherapy. The specialist has to specify the specific Radio-therapy 'procedure. Self-attested (by beneficiary) photo-copy of the permission letter is required to be submitted.

vi) In case of post-operative follow up treatment in six conditions as specified in OM dated 10.04.2001, permission for follow up treatment shall be required from competent authority

vii) In case of non-listed investigations / treatment procedures permission from competent authority is required to be obtained.

2. This issues with the approval of competent authority in supersession of earlier guidelines.

**BSNL  
IDA Order****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**

Government of India, Ministry of Heavy Industries & Public Enterprises, Department of Public Enterprises  
OM No. W-02/0002/2014-DPE(WC) - GL - III/18 dated 3<sup>rd</sup> January, 2018.

In modification of this Department's O.M. of even No. dated 5.10.2017, the rate of DA payable to the executives and non-unionized supervisors of CPSEs (2007 pay revision) is as follow

- (a) Date from which payable: 01.01.2018
- (b) Average AICPI (2001=100) for the quarter Sept 2017 - Nov 2017
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|------------------------|--------|
| Sept-2017              | 285    |
| Oct-2017               | 287    |
| Nov-2017               | 288    |
| Average of the quarter | 286.67 |
- (c) Link Point 126.33 (as on 1.1.2007)
- (i) Increase over link point: 160.34 (286.67 minus 126.33)
- (j) DA Rate w.e.f. 01.01.2018 : 126.9%  $[(160.34 \div 126.33) \times 100]$

2. The above rate of DA i.e. 126.9% 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.

**CGHS  
Order****Simplification of procedure for treatment at private hospitals empanelled under CGHS/CS (MA) Rules, 1944**

Z 15025/105/2017/DIR/CGHS/EHS Gol, Ministry of Health & Family Welfare Department of Health & Family Welfare EHS Section. dated 9th November, 2017

With reference to the above mentioned subject the undersigned is directed to state that this Ministry has been receiving representations for simplification of procedure for undergoing treatment at private hospitals empanelled under CGHS. The matter has been examined and it has now been decided that CGHS beneficiaries are allowed to undergo treatment at private hospitals empanelled under CGHS of specific treatment procedures listed under CGHS rate list are advised by a Specialist in a Central Government / State Govt. Specialist hospital or a CGHS Medical Officer without any requirement of any other referral (permission) letter.

2. Private empanelled hospitals shall perform the treatment on cashless basis in respect of pensioners, ex-MPs, Freedom Fighters, Regular employees (both CGHS and CS (MA) beneficiaries) of this Ministry & other categories of CGHS beneficiaries, who are presently eligible for credit facility and shall enclose the

prescription issued by Government Specialist or a CGHS Medical Officer, in original (or a self-attested photocopy) along with the hospital bill submitted to the competent authorities.

3. Serving government employees shall enclose the prescription issued by a Government Specialist or a CGHS Medical Officer in original (or a self-attested photocopy), while submitting the medical claim to the concerned Ministry / department / office for reimbursement.

4. CGHS Medical Officer / Government Specialist shall not refer the beneficiaries to any particular empanelled hospital by name but, shall specify the treatment procedure and mention 'referred to any CGHS empanelled centre'.

5. These orders are applicable only in respect of treatment procedures for which CGHS rates are available.

6. This issues with the concurrence of IFD vide FTS No. 3130849, date 9.11.2017.

**MEMBERSHIP DRIVE - AN APPEAL TO THE MEMBERS OF THE ASSOCIATION**

Please enrol your friends/relatives who are Central Government Pensioners as members of the association. Application form printed hereunder may be used for enrolment.

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**Form of Application for Life/Associate Life Membership LM / ALM No .....**

1. Name in full (in capitals): .....
- 2.(i) Whether pensioner or Family Pensioner: .....
- (ii) PPO/FPPO No. : .....
3. Address for communication .....
4. Father's name (Husband's/Wife's name in case of family pensioner): .....
5. Date of birth : .....
6. Date of retirement: .....
- 7.(I) Name of the office where the pensioner last worked: .....
- (II) Designation: .....
- (III) Name of the Ministry/Department: .....
8. Name of the next eligible family pensioner (Wife's/Husband's Name): .....
9. Telephone number: ..... Mobile No. ....
10. Email i.d. (if any): .....



I am herewith remitting by cheque a sum of Rs.630/- being the life membership fee of Rs.500, Rs.10 towards admission fee, and Rs.120 as subscription towards the monthly journal. 'PENSIONERS' CHAMPION' for one year.

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Date:

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1. One stamp size colour photo to be affixed on this application form.
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**Minutes of the Management Committee of CCCGPA held on 17.12.2017**

The Management Committee Meeting of CCCGPA was held on 17.12.2017 at Udayabhanau Kalasangha, Gavipura, Bengaluru-19. "Pensioners' Day", was also observed on the day

2. Shri S.Radhakrishna, General Secretary welcomed the gathering and requested Shri K.B.Krishna Rao, Chairman to preside over the meeting. He also requested those Associations that had not paid the annual fee so far, to pay the fee.

3. The Agenda:

- a. Confirmation of the minutes of the previous Management Committee meeting held on 17.10.2017
- b. Abnormal delay in implementation of 7<sup>th</sup> CPC recommendations to Autonomous Bodies pensioners.
- c. 7<sup>th</sup> CPC-latest position
- d. Pension Adalat
- e. CGHS
- f. EPF 95 Pension Scheme.
- g. Any other subject.

4. Shri Radhakrishna, General Secretary read out minutes of the previous Management Committee held on 17.10.2017, and said that they had been published in the journals and the same had been emailed to all affiliates. He read the paragraphs about the speech of Justice Shri N.Santosh Hegde, proceedings of the CGHS Advisory Committee Meeting and about implementation of 7<sup>th</sup> CPC benefits to Autonomous Bodies pensioners. The minutes were confirmed unanimously.

5. **7<sup>th</sup> CPC:** The Chairman gave the latest position of Karnataka Postal Circle. The Executive Committee of K P&T PA, which met on 9.12.2017, expressed unhappiness over the delay in issue of revised PPOs and decided that it should be taken up with CPMG and DA (P). Shri N.Bhaskaran, Advisor, said that some lethargy seems to have set in O/o DA (P), because, previously, they did work promptly and that some action is to be taken by the Association. Shri M.Ramaih also supported him and said that we should meet CPMG and DA (P). Shri Sadananda also said that there is delay in settling the cases. Shri Krishna Rao, who is also the Secretary of KP&TPA, assured them that a meeting will be arranged early.

Shri Radhakrishna gave the position about AGs office. Shri O.M.Bhaskaran, Secretary, KITDPA, intimated that IT Department pensioners have started receiving arrears. Shri P.Gangadhara Rao, Joint General Secretary, BSNL Pensioners' Association spoke about the progress in DoT. Out of 5870, 3889 revised PPOs have been despatched. He met GM (Finance), CCA and said that the progress is satisfactory.

6. **Autonomous Bodies:** Sri T.V.Suryaprakash, Joint General Secretary. and Secretary, Coffee Board Pensioners' Association opened the discussion by giving the latest position about the 7<sup>th</sup> CPC benefits to Autonomous Bodies pensioners. He said Dearness Relief, as per 6<sup>th</sup> CPC rates due from 1.1.16, 1.7.16 and 1.1.17 was sanctioned. He said that the Ministries continued to give a standard replies like "the matter is under examination or "the

matter is under active consideration” and beyond that there was no progress. The Commerce Ministry agreed to extend 7<sup>th</sup> CPC benefits to the Autonomous Bodies under it and had written to the Department of Expenditure for allotment of necessary funds. But there is no response from DoE so far. The Textile Ministry is yet to decide about this. He strongly urged that we should put pressure on the Ministry of Finance instead of on the concerned Ministries. He said that 5 to 6 pensioners of the Autonomous Bodies in Kerala have filed a case in Kerala High Court on the issue and the response of the Court is not known. He termed it as unfortunate. He sought the advice of the CCCGPA and also others present in the meeting about the next course of action.

Shri B.Sadashiva Rao, Advisor spoke on the subject in detail. He said that it is most distressing that Autonomous Bodies pensioners have not got CPC benefits. The Government is so adamant. They promise but not deliver. The Central Government pensioners are enjoying the benefit, but it is denied to AB pensioners. He said that he was of the opinion that the Associations should not approach the Court yet. Because, it is likely that once a petition is filed, the matter would become sub-judice and the government might further delay the process of taking a decision in the matter. He said that a senior citizen, who has an income of Rs.65000/- and less, can individually approach the Supreme Court directly on any matter. The petition should be filed in Delhi jurisdiction. The Supreme Court itself has formed a panel of lawyers to assist them and the pensioners can seek the assistance of the Legal Aid Committee of the Supreme Court, which renders all help right from drafting the petition to arguing in the Court. He said that CCCGPA must create a ‘Legal Aid Fund’ for meeting the expenditure. The Associations and individuals can contribute.

Shri N.Bhaskaran, Advisor, said that he

completely "endorses Shri Sadashiva Rao's suggestion and thinks that it should be tried without delay" Shri A.Balaram, President, Coffee Board Pensioners' Association thanked Shri Sadashiva Rao for taking so much trouble. He said that he was happy that a course of action was suggested which he fully endorses. He requested CCCGPA Chairman and General Secretary to guide his Association in the matter. He suggested that each affiliated Association should contribute Rs.5000/- initially to LAF.

Shri Suryaprakash thanked Shri Sadashiva Rao and said that he would visit the said website and study the issue in detail. The Coordination Committee of Autonomous Bodies Pensioners' Associations would meet and take a decision. He requested Shri Krishna Rao and Shri Radhakrishna to be present in the meeting. Shri Radhakrishna said that, according to JCM leaders, the Ministries concerned had not made budgetary allocation for the implementation of 7<sup>th</sup> CPC to pensioners of AB for 2017-18. They may do so for the next financial year. He suggested that we wait till January end before filing the petition. Shri Krishna Rao said that the Ministry of Commerce has approved implementation 7<sup>th</sup> CPC to the pensioners of Commodity boards and approval from DoE is pending. He said that the Kerala Court case does not prevent the Government to consider the issue.

**7. Pension Adalat:** There was no discussion.

**8. CGHS:** Shri Radhakrishna said that CGHS Bengaluru is shortly sending the proposal to shift Halasur Wellness Centre to HBR Layout. He requested all present to email their suggestion to him or to Shri Krishna Rao. He said that a meeting with AD, CGHS will be arranged in January. Shri Krishna Rao said that in the next issue of Pensioners' Champion, the Government order on validity of Plastic Cards will be published. He explained the simplified procedure of referral system and said that the advice of a Specialist for

investigation or treatment in a private hospital need not be endorsed again by the wellness centre doctor. He also said that, regrettably, there is no response from the Government about extending the CGHS facility to Autonomous Bodies pensioners.

**9. EPF 95 Pension Scheme:** Shri Radhakrishna said that EPF 95 pensioners are getting very low pension of Rs1000/- only. The demand is for the minimum pension of Rs.9000- as in other cases and that we must support the movement.

10. Shri Suryaprakash proposed vote of thanks. The meeting ended at 1.45 PM with lunch.

#### News from Affiliates

##### Udupi District Posts and Telecommunication Pensioners' Assn.

The Association observed Pensioners' Day on Saturday, the 16<sup>th</sup> December 2017 at Jagannath Sabha Bhavan, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, Badagabettu Credit Co-operative Society Building, Udupi.

The Annual General Body Meeting was also held on the same day at 9.30 a.m. Out of the 530 members of the Association, 250 members attended the Meeting and participated in the discussions. The new office bearers for the year 2018 were unanimously elected. Members expressed their happiness on the performance of the Executive Committee of the Association. In the beginning a minute

silence was observed for the departed souls of the members who expired during the year 2017. A booklet on Pensionary benefits for Central Government Employees, titled "Know Your Pension/Family Pension and Medical Facilities" printed both in English and Kannada, compiled by Sri D.V. Padubidri, President were distributed to all the members who attended the function.

In the open session conducted at 11.30a.m., three senior members of 85+ years of age and 30 members of 70 years were honoured. Each of them was presented with a shawl and a memento. The President, Sri D.V. Padubidri presided over the function. The Patron and the Guests of honour, Dr. N. Vijaya Ballal, Dharmadarshi, Sri Janardhana Mahakali Temple, Ambalpaday, and Sri Jayakar Shetty Indrali, General Manager, Badagabettu Co-operative Society, Ltd., Udupi graced the occasion.

Dr. Tanmai Goswamy, M.D.(Ayu), consultant, Ayurveda, of Udupi was the Chief Guest. In his speech he gave some important health tips for the Senior Citizens.

Smt. Rekha B. Bhat, Deputy General Manager, B.S.N.L. Udupi and Sri Rajashekar Bhat, Superintendent of Post Offices, Udupi were the Guests of Honour.

(George Samuel)  
Secretary

#### BSNL IDA

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

ALL INDIA CONSUMER PRICE INDEX					
Month	CPI Base 2001=100	12 Months' Total	Monthly Ave.	% increase over 261.42	% increase over 115.76
				7th CPC	6th CPC
Jun 17	280	3323	276.92	5.93	139.22
Nov 17	288	3363	280.25	7.20	142.10

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

#### OBITUARY

**Sri D V Srinivasa Rao**, LM 772, retired HSG-II SA, B'City RMS expired on 10-1-2018 at the age of 67 years. He is survived by wife and 2 sons.

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

**INCOME TAX****Form No. 16 for Pensioners : Issue Certificate of Tax Deducted in Form 16 to the Pensioners****Clarifications regarding use of Form No. 16 for pensioners where pensioners are drawing their pensions through banks – CBDT Circular No.761, dated 13.1.1998**

1. The attention of the Board has been drawn to certain difficulties being faced by pensioners drawing their pensions through banks where the tax deduction at source certificate in the prescribed Form No. 16 is some-time denied to them on the ground that no employee-employer relationship exists between the banks and the pensioner. At times, objections have also been raised by the banks on the premise that Form No. 16 relates to deductions from salaries and not from pensions. In other cases, the certificates have been denied on the ground that the bank was not aware of any other income which the pensioner may have had.

2. The matter has been considered by the Board. It is hereby clarified that :—

- (a) As per section 17(1)(ii) of the Income-tax Act, 1961, the term 'salary' includes pension;
- (b) Once tax has been deducted under section 192 of the Income-tax Act, 1961, the tax-deductor is bound by section 203 to issue the certificate of tax deducted in Form 16. No employee-employer relationship is necessary for this purpose;
- (c) The certificate in Form No. 16 cannot be denied on the ground that the tax deductor is unaware of the payees' other income.

3. These clarifications may be brought to the notice of all concerned, especially the banks in your region.

*Circular: No. 761, dt. 13-1-1998, Authority: I.T. Dep.*

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## "MADHURA MILANA" of RMS & MMS Pensioners

By - K K Gangadhara

"Madhura Milana" in Kannada is a beautiful translation of the English word get-together. Pensioners retired from the Railway Mail Service (RMS) and the Mail Motor Service (MMS) of the Department of Posts, meet on every first Sunday of the new year for exchanging pleasantries with their former colleagues and to reminisce their happier times while in service.

The 15<sup>th</sup> "Madhura Milana" was arranged on 7<sup>th</sup> January 2018, at "Raghothaman Smaraka Bhavana", RMS Colony, Sanjayanagar, Bengaluru. Sri C K Gundanna of "Samudaya", a well known theatre activist and Sri V. Sundararaj, theatre personality and screen artist were the Chief Guests. Kum A. Bhanumathi, sister of the late Sri A Raghothaman was another guest. Sri H V Ramanatha presided. Sri S. M. Vittal Rao, the promoter of "Madhura Milana", and Sri Muddanna, President, BSNL&DoT Pensioners' Association were on the dais.

About 120 Pensioners, some of them with their spouses attended. After a melodious invocation rendered by Kum Nidhi Kishan Hegde, Sri K K Gangadhara, the convener, welcomed all those present and introduced the Chief Guests. Thereafter, two minutes silence was observed in memory of the members who passed away during the year 2017.

The function was inaugurated by lighting of the lamp by the Chief Guests and Some Senior Pensioners. The following pensioners who are 70 years of age were felicitated on the occasion. (1) N M Hegde (2) VTS Sharma (3) Md. Ilyas (4) Narayana Swamy (5) K G Kulkarni (6) C. Murugesan (7) K K Poulouse and (8) M. Nagalingam.

Sri C K Gundanna, the Chief Guest, spoke at length on the issues concerning the

workers in general and the pensioners in particular. In his speech he said that he had close association with the RMS Union Leaders and the late Sri A Raghothaman, the legendary P&T Trade Union Leader, was his "guru" and he learned the lessons of *trade union* from that great soul.

Sri V. Sundararaj, another Guest of the day, who had served in RMS for 11 years was reminiscent of the days of his service in RMS and said that the cooperation and support extended to him by his then colleagues and Officers helped him in pursuing his higher studies and his entry in to theatre and small screen as an actor.

Kum Bhanumathy, in her speech said that she was overwhelmed by the affection shown to her and was happy to note that the pensioners still remembered the services of her brother, the late Sri Raghothaman, to RMS&MMS employees.

Sri K B Krishna Rao, Secretary, Karnataka P&T Pensioners' Association, in his address, dealt at length about the benefits that have accrued to the pensioners because of the recommendations of the 7<sup>th</sup> Central Pay Commission and requested RMS&MMS pensioners to become members of the association.

Sri H V Ramanatha, in his presidential address, reminding the pensioners that they got all the benefits recommended by successive Pay Commissions only because of the untiring efforts of pensioners associations, said that they should strengthen pensioners' association by becoming members.

"Madhura Milana" ended after Sri V Gopal proposed vote of thanks.

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