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25TH ANNUAL GENERAL BODY MEETING Through Video Conferencing On Saturday the 19th December, 2020



Shri K. Ragavendran, Former Secretary General
National Federation of Postal Employees (NFPE), General Secretary,
All India Postal and RMS Pensioners Association, CHQ & Dy. SG., NCCPA,
the Chief Guest, delivering his inaugural address

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THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF KARNATAKA P&T PENSIONERS' ASSOCIATION EXTENDS ITS GREETINGS & BEST WISHES FOR A HAPPY NEW YEAR 2021 TO ALL MEMBERS & SUBSCRIBERS

Proceedings of the Annual General Body Meeting of Karnataka Posts and Telecommunications Pensioners' Association held virtually on 19.12.2020

The 25th Annual General Body Meeting of Karnataka Posts and Telecommunications Pensioners' Association was held through video conferencing on 19.12.2020. Due to the prevailing Covid-19 situation, the AGB, fixed for 14.6.2020, was postponed indefinitely. However, in compliance of the orders of the Govt. of Karnataka notified by the Registrar of Cooperative Societies, Bengaluru permitting holding of the AGB meetings through video conferencing before 25.12.2020, the 25th AGB of the association was held virtually on 19.12.2020. More than 105 participated in the VC.

2. The Agenda of the AGB.

Morning Session at 10.30 a.m.

- 1. Welcome
- Confirmation of the minutes of the AGB meeting held on 13th July 2019. Minutes have been circulated through the Association's journal *Pensioners' Champion* July 2019 issue pages 3-6.
- Presentation and adoption of the Annual Report for 2019-20 published in November 2020 issue of the journal
- 4. Presentation and adoption of the Audited Statement of Accounts for 2019-20 published in November 2020 journal
- Appointment of Chartered Accountant for the year 2020-2021

Open Session at 11 a.m.

- 6. Welcome Speech and introduction of the Chief Guest
- Inauguration of the open session by the Chief Guest Shri K.Ragavendran, former Secretary General, National Federation of Postal Employees (NFPE), Gen. Sec., All India Postal and RMS Pensioners Association, CHQ and Dy. Secretary General, National Coordination Committee of Pensioners Association(NCCPA) New Delhi.

- 8. Address by the President of the Association Shri G.Babu
- 9. Vote of thanks

Afternoon Session at 12 p.m.

- 10. Discussion on 7th CPC
- 11. Grant of notional increment for pensionery benefits
- 12. CGHS, CS (MA) Rules and FMA matters
- 13. Any other subject with the permission of the President
- 14. Concluding remarks by the Secretary and the President
- 15. Vote of thanks/National Anthem

Morning Session:

- 3. The Morning Session of the General Body Meeting started at 10.30 AM virtually under Zoom platform. President of the Association ShriG.Babu declared the AGB open and Shri K.B. Krishna Rao, Secretary, welcomed the gathering.
- 4. Shri Krishna Rao presented the minutes of the last AGB held on 13.7.2019, which had been published in the July 2019 issue of *Pensioners' Champion*. The minutes were confirmed.
- 5. He also presented the Draft Annual Report for 2019-20 for consideration and adoption. The Annual Report was published in the November 2020 issue of *Pensioners' Champion* the Audited Accounts were also published in the same issue. The salient features of the report were read out by Sri V Gopal, Joint Sec. and the report was adopted. Shri K.R.Anantha Ramu, Treasurer placed the annual accounts for 2019-20 for adoption. Accounts were adopted unanimously. The AGB also appointed M/s. GRSM Associates as Chartered Accountants for the year 2020-21.

Open Session:

6. The open session of the General Body Meeting started at 11 a.m. with the Secretary welcoming Chief the Com.K.Ragavendran, Former Secretary General NFPE, General Secretary, AIPRPA, CHQ and Deputy Secretary General, NCCPA and Com VAN Namboodiri, Veteran P&T Union Leader and Former President, BSNL Employees Union & Advisor NCCPA, New Delhi who joined the virtual meeting for a brief period in view of his other pressing engagements. Krishna Rao introduced Com. Ragavendran as a veteran leader of P&T Union movement in the country. He is Dy. S.G. NCCCPA which is a part of International Pensioners movement 'Trade Union International (Pensioners and Retirees)'. Com.Ragavendran is also the Coordinator of Trade Union International (Pensioners and Retirees) for Asia and also a member of 'Technical and Research Commission of TUI (P&R). Shri Krishna Rao said that he is glad that Com Ragavendran accepted the invitation of K P&T PA to be the Chief Guest in the virtual AGB. Sri Rao, expressed regrets that the AGB had to be arranged virtually sans all the festivities that were usually associated with it. He said that he would have been happier, if the AGB was held as usual in which the Chief Guest, Com Ragavendran was physically present. He also explained briefly about the history of KP&TPA. It was started in 1994 as 'RMS Pensioners Association' with just 20 members. Now it has over 3000 members. The Association was a member of SCOVA for 3 terms. Association owns 2 two-storied buildings, the cost of construction of which is around 60 lakhs. The expenditure was met entirely from the donations made by members, well-wishers and even children of members, both alive and deceased. He also spoke about the journal 'Pensioners Champion' and various issues taken up by the Association. He mentioned that the Coordination Committee of Central Government Pensioners Association.

Karnataka (CCCGPA), which has 29 affiliates now, was also founded by the founders of KP&TPA viz., Com.N.Bhaskaran and Shri B.Sadashiva Rao. He also welcomed representatives of Pensioners Associations from other states, CCCGPA representatives, union leaders, serving employees, all members and well-wishers. Shri Krishna Rao then requested Com.Ragavendran to inaugurate the open session of the meeting and deliver his speech. Com.Ragavendran began by thanking Shri G.Babu and Shri Krishna Rao for inviting him to be the Chief Guest in the AGB meeting. He spoke elaborately on all the issues concerning pensioners for nearly an hour which was heard by the participants in the meeting with rapt attention that the speech very much deserved. His speech is published in this issue of the journal.

7. After conclusion of the address by the Chief Guest, Com.Ragavendran, Shri Krishna Rao thanked him profusely for his speech which was focused entirely on the welfare of the pensioner community and for connecting with the audience on several issues which have been pending for years. Referring to his appeal for unity amongst the various pensioners associations in the country, Sri Rao assured Com Raghavendran that, KP&TPA is prepared to do all that it can in uniting pensioners and requested Com K R to take the lead to bring all pensioners under one umbrella and KP&TPA will endeavor to achieve unity of pensioners under his leadership. Shri G.Babu, President in his speech, thanked Com.Ragavendran for inaugurating the AGB and his excellent eloquence. The morning session came to a close at 12.15 PM. Shri Gopal, Joint Secretary proposed vote of thanks. The Secretary invited all participants to remain for the afternoon session. Com.Ragavedran left the meeting after that. There were 105 participants in the open session.

Afternoon Session:

8. Shri Krishna Rao read out the Agenda items

for the session and requested the audience to speak on 7th CPC, the first item. Shri H.S.Manjunatha suggested that since the agenda has already been circulated, the members can speak on all items and seek any information required and then their queries can be answered by the Secretary. The following members spoke on the issues mentioned below and sought the Secretary's response. S/s T.R.Narayana on Dearness Relief, Ramakrishna Karkal on Fixed Medical Allowance, D.G. Puttamadaiah, Ramaiah, G. Arivazhagan and K R Srikanta on Pension Disbursement in POs, G.Ramakrishnappa, Chandrappa and Smt D L Pushp on counting of induction of training for TBOP/BCR, K Munimadaiah, DMR Panthalu, M Ramakrishna, S Ramesh and R Krishna Murthy on CGHS and A Poobalan on the Journal Pensioners' Champion.

9. The resolution moved by Sri T R Narayana on release of frozen DR which read "KP&TPA, in its AGB meeting held on 19.12.2020, hereby adopts a resolution unanimously, requesting the Government to release the DR frozen wef 1-1-2020 at 17% since the pensioners, especially the seniors are finding it difficult to meet the expenses arising out of Covid-19 pandemic" was passed.

10.Shri Krishna Rao, Secretary, replying to various issues raised by the members furnished detailed information as follows (a) 7th CPC: orders have been implemented in all the Departments, as far as we can gather. (b) Notional Increment: Only a few pensioners, who won the legal case, have been given the benefit of increment on 30th June. The Government has issued clarification that it will not issue a general order extending the court orders to all similarly placed individuals. CCCGPA, Karnataka is collecting information from all its affiliates about the number of pensioners who are likely to benefit if notional increment is granted for pensionery benefits. CCCGPA will seek legal opinion as

to whether an application is to be filed before CAT or a writ petition can be filed in the High Court.(c) Fixed Medical Allowance: Increase of Fixed Medical Allowance is a long pending issue. Associations had demanded increase from Rs.500 to Rs.3000, but it was raised to Rs.1000. This will be pursued. (d) Disbursement of pension-Problems faced by the pensioners in getting the pension at POs: CPMG, Karnataka, on the request of KP&TPA, issued orders in 2015 to dedicate a separate counter for pension disbursement on the day or at least to ensure formation of a separate queue for pensioners. No pensioner should be made to join the common queue. Pensioners can also inform the postmaster about the extant order and request its implementation. KP&TPA will write to the CPMG requesting for reiteration of the instruction on pension disbursement.(e) Counting of induction training period for TBOP/BCR: Order issued by of the Dept. of Posts on 15-5-2016 was not implemented by many postal circles, including Karnataka, citing reasons of non-availability of service records/ entries in service books regarding induction training undergone by the officials before their regular appointment as Postal Assistant/ Sorting Assistant. Service Unions / Pensioners Associations suggested that 3 months preappointment training period may be straight away added to service without any reference to service records, as training has been mandatory from the beginning. The Postal Directorate finally agreed and issued an order in November 2020 stating that 75 days can be added to service for financial up gradation under TBOP & BCR Schemes instead of 90 days. It has, however added that, if anyone produces records that he/she had undergone 90 days training, the same may be accepted. Krishna Rao explained that this involves a lot of work for the offices like holding of DPC, fixation of pay and revision of pension, issue of revised PPO etc, which are time consuming and therefore the offices may require some

time to implement the latest order. This will not, however, be applicable to placement in MACP Scheme. Also, counting of 75 days or 90 days of training to service, may not benefit all employees/pensioners especially the placements in BCR scheme. Each individual case must be reviewed to find out the benefits that would actually accrue.(f) CGHS: Replying to suggestions of members that more private hospitals must be empanelled under CGHS, the Secretary informed that the initiative for seeking empanelment must be taken by the Private Hospitals/ Diagnostics/ Dental Clinics/ Eye clinics and CGHS will not approach any private entity to apply for empanelment. Pensioners can take interest, approach them and request them to seek empanelment. Regarding shifting of Ganganagar WC to a spacious building, he requested members to identify a suitable building in the areas nearby and inform him to take up the matter with the AD, CGHS. KPTPA has requested opening of a new CGHS WC in North Bengaluru. Shri Krishna Rao said that CCCGPA has asked for a virtual meeting with AD, CGHS. All these issues, including suggestions made by Shri Poobalan, will be included in the agenda.

He informed Sri DMR Panthalu that reimbursement of medical charges can be claimed since medical treatment for Smt.Panthalu was taken in an emergency. (a) The Secretary explained to Shri A Poobalan the problems about publishing photos of the expired members in the obituary column in the journal. (i) Shri G.N.Sortur from Dharwad intimated that today. thev Shri Prahlad Joshi, Union Minister of Parliamentary Affairs at Dharawada and submitted a memorandum to the minister with regard to opening of CGHS wellness centre at Hubballi. (h) Sri K Obaiah said that he was glad that the virtual meeting was conducted smoothly and it was a great success. He thanked and congratulated the organizers.

10. Finally, the President Shri G. Babu spoke briefly. He said that the meeting was a great success, considering it was held virtually. He hoped that the AGB in 2021 will be held physically with all the usual activities. Shri V.Gopal proposed vote of thanks. Many members expressed their satisfaction about participation in the virtual meeting. The virtual General Body Meeting lasted nearly 4 hours i.e. from 10.30 AM to 2.20 PM.

ALL INDIA CONSUMER PRICE INDEX						
Month	CPI Base 2016=100	CPI base 2001=100	12 Months total	Monthly average	7th CPC % increase over 261.42	DR due
June 19		316	3673	306.08	17.08	17% from July 2019 Being Paid
Dec 19 Oct 20	119.5*	330 119.5x2.88 344	3809 3991	317.41 332.60	21.42 27.23	21% from Jan. 2020 (Frozen) 24% from July 2020 (Frozen)

(*Linking factor for conversion of index numbers of 2016 base year to 2001 base year = 2.88)

DA/DR wef 1-7-2020 : 24% - FROZEN Vide MoF, DoE, OM dated 23-4-2020

Accumulated percentage of DA/DR expected to be released on 1-7-2021: from 1-1-2020: (17+4) from 1-7-20 (17+7) [increase will be restored prospectively from 1-7-2021 & No arrears will be paid]

BSNL IDA

All India Consumer price Index for August 2020: 338 points, increase by 2 points from 336 in July 2020. IDA From 1-10-2020 :165.4% (5.5% increase from July 2020 rate of 159.9 %) **FROZEN** vide DPE OM dated 19-11-2020.

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Inaugural Speech delivered in the 25th AGB of Karnataka P&T Pensioners Association on 19.12.2020 by Com. K. Ragavendran

I greet the Respected President Comrade Babu, Respected Secretary Comrade Krishna Rao and all members of your reputed Association and other leaders and comrades of different pensioners Associations on this great occasion of 25th AGM of K P&T PA. The COVID-19 pandemic while finished the traditional functioning of all Associations has also opened up new avenues through modern technology to interact with each other. Today all around us the world has changed into digital and we the aged pensioners are also forced to learn to keep pace with the changing technology. I am really glad that nearly hundred members could log in Zoom App to participate in this AGM.

Will India free of Pension Crisis?

However, digital world depends on availability of liquid cash. If there is no pension then there will be no respect for us in our own homes. We can use the technology only when liquid cash is put in our savings pension accounts. Imagine for a second that the Government is unable to remit the pension in our accounts; what will happen to us? Some comrades think that I am terrorizing them unnecessarily. But I like to remind all that about Corona also people were telling that it will not affect India as India is a country with certain characteristics! But what is happening? India is second in the world countries after USA in the total number of covid-19 affected.

I just want to bring the example of Greece. It is a European country. The President of TUI (P&R) Comrade **Dimos Koumpouris** was asked by me in Kathmandu during the Regional Conference of Asia about the nature of struggles launched by the Greece Pensioners against the five times reduction of basic pension in that country. He replied that not five times but 17 times the pension was

reduced in Greece by the Government. By opening the internet, we can see ourselves that the aged Greece Pensioners are seen sitting outside ATM centres in anticipation of money deposited in their accounts. We can also learn cases of suicides from Greece Pensioners because they cannot survive the delay in remittance of pension in their accounts for months. Can anyone give a guarantee that what happened in Greece will never happen in India?

Scrapping NPS is important

Moreover, what is happening to NPS Pensioners today may happen to Defined Pension drawing pensioners like us in future. There is no guarantee that the minimum pension of 9,000 rupees guaranteed under CCS Pension Rules will be available as regular pension to NPS Pensioners. We remember that the united strikes of Central Trade Unions and independent Federations only ensured the improvement for provision of Family Pension to dying NPS Employees and payment of Gratuity to them under the Gratuity Rules. But the retiring NPS pensioners may not even get the quantum of family pension under NPS.

The NPS or the National Pension Scheme was not successfully stopped by the employees and pensioners for the new entrants from 1.1.2004. We were of the complacent opinion that the NPS will be only for the new entrants and will not touch the old employees and past pensioners! But a careful reading of the PFRDA Act which was enacted in Parliament with the alliance of the then Ruling UPA and the then opposition NDA has a clause or provision that enables the Govt. to bring any other Pensioners covered by any other Scheme also under NPS just by issuing an administrative order. Therefore, let us not live in the world of utopia that our Pension is safe forever.

NPS is also a dilution of Nakara

We are celebrating Pensioners Day on 17th December every year and had celebrated the same despite pandemic this year also. We remember the great milestone judgment got from the Supreme Court by D.S.Nakara in 1982. The significance of Nakara Judgment is that it did not allow any artificial division of the same class of pensioners by a cut off date. But in my opinion the NPS is a dilution of Nakara Judgment because the CG Employees who are covered by all other conditions similarly are divided into two class of employees by a cut off date on 1.1.2004. Is it not violative of Article 14? All are receiving the same pay scale in a cadre; all are receiving DA under a same formula; all are getting MACP upgradations under the same scheme; all are covered by the same set of CCS Conduct Rules etc. But the employees recruited on or after 1.1.2004 are not entitled to defined pension! Justice Mathur (7th CPC Chairman) also asked our leaders as to why they did not prefer to file a case to challenge the NPS in the Supreme Court? I do not know what would have happened if we had filed a case in Supreme Court but our organizational activities should have been on par with the present Peasants Struggle against the moves of the Government to introduce NPS.

Funny arguments of Government

Now a days we hear funny arguments from the Government on many issues. Recently the Government has frozen our Dearness Relief for 18 months. The justification told by the Government is that it has no funds to pay our DR! It has resources to allot for constructing a new Parliament but no funds to give our Dearness Relief! It has changed the base year of CPI to 2016 which has given room for various controversies and only after 1.7.2021 a clarity will emerge. But an undeniable fact is that even during corona and while the income of people and middle classes dwindled the

assets of corporates multiplied unhindered. This is not understandable to us as to how it could happen as the widespread belief if that corona pandemic has affected all uniformly!

National Litigation Policy violated

I remember the Government declared a "National Litigation Policy – 2010" in which a vision was engraved. A vision that the Government and the Authorities will be not only efficient but also responsible litigant so as to avert unnecessary court cases! But what happened to the recommendation of 6th CPC approved by the Central Government in 2008 and gazette notified the Para 4.2 of the OM dated 1.9.2008? The OM clearly stated that the pension of all Pre-2006 pensioners shall not be lower than the 50% of the minimum of Pay in the Pay Band plus the grade pay corresponding to the pre-revised scale from which the pensioner had retired. It is very clear that after amalgamation of many scales into Pay Bands and several cadres were placed in a same pay band, various cadres were granted a higher starting point in the same pay band. Therefore, the OM dated 1.9.2008 took this factor clearly into consideration. But a learned Deputy Secretary in the Finance Ministry subsequently holds out a negative interpretation that all cadres in a pay band will get the minimum pension of 50% of the starting point of the Pay Band plus appropriate grade pay only! After all the efforts in the SCOVA failed to make the Government see its wrong stand, the Pensioners waged a bitter battle from the Principal CAT to Supreme Court for a long nine years when the Central Government had no time to correct its blatant mistake and become a responsible litigant as per its vision of the National Litigation Policy - 2010! Only after exhausting all avenues of legal battle and on the face of a contempt case in Principal Court, the Government ultimately corrected its mistake and abandoned the interpretation of the Deputy Secretary of the Finance Ministry!

Negative approach of Government

Take the example of HSG-1. The pre-2006 HSG-1 were in 6500-10500 pay scale and the 6th CPC after amalgamations the Government implemented the higher scale of 7450-11500 to HSG-1 from 1.1.2006. But the Pre-2006 Pensioners of HSG-1 were denied the benefit of higher scale for refixation of pension. Some aggrieved Pensioners have gone to court and finally the Government has implemented the higher scale only to the litigants and not extended the benefit to all other similarly placed pensioners. This is also a kind of violation of Nakara Judgment as it divides the same class of pensioners. Even today when the higher grade pay of 4600 is allowed instead of 4200 grade pay, the higher pay scale of 7450-11500 is adamantly denied.

There are many other issues on which the Government is unreasonable and adamant. The notional increment for the 30th June retirees after 1.1.2006 in which the stand of the Government that what is applicable to Ayyamperumal is not applicable to other nonlitigants is against the spirit of Nakara Judgment. MACP date of effect; Non application of Option 3 to Compulsorily retired pensioners while all other fitment formula is made applicable to them; Non-grant of three MACP Upgradations to Promotee Officials and Pensioners of Postal Department as granted to Sivakumar under Supreme Court judgment - are all the negative positions taken by the Bureaucracy and the Government despite Court castigations that the Government and the Authorities should not drag the poor officials to higher courts unnecessarily.

Importance of Health care

Lastly let me mention that similar to basic pension demands, the issues of health care are more important to pensioners. Even the COVID-19 is first attacking the senior citizens only and therefore we require proper avenues of medical care. Earlier there were

CGHS and Non-CGHS areas discrimination. The non-CGHS area pensioners were not entitled to CS MA Rules benefits and therefore no in-patient treatment was available to them. We took up the issue and as per 7th CPC Recommendations the discrimination between the other Central Government Pensioners and the P&T Pensioners regarding joining CGHS is eliminated. Now non-CGHS area P&T Pensioners also can join CGHS but what about the long travel to be undertaken for consultations in CGHS Wellness centres and for approaching empanelled hospitals that exist only in CGHS Cities? The erstwhile Postal Dispensaries are merged with CGHS but shortage of Doctors, Paramedical staff and medicines plaque our CGHS. Funds shortage is cited as reason in failure to create CGHS Wellness Centres in new cities earmarked for opening them recently. The Medical Insurance Scheme discussed in SCOVA and Standing Committee JCM are still to see the light of the day. The absence of Medical Insurance Scheme is affecting the non-CGHS are living Pensioners as there is no facility for inpatient treatment to them in their districts.

Unity of Pensioners is paramount

There are many vital issues for the Pensioners but we are unable to pressurize the powers with unity. The weaknesses amongst us is the main reason. Comrade S.K.Vyas who was the legendary leader of both CG Employees and Pensioners unified all the Pensioners Organizations for submitting a joint memorandum to the Pay Commissions during 6th and 7th Pay Commissions. He was the Secretary General of not only the NCCPA but also the BCPC a larger platform of various bigger pensioners organizations. After the demise of Comrade Vyas the BCPC is dormant. NCCPA is active but there is weakness in the CG and State government and other pensioners movement in India. The CGPAs established in some capital cities of India are not taking care of respective states only but there is a big void in many states. Comrade Vyas also pointed out that unless departmental level retired trade union leaders took care to form and mobilize the pensioners of that department in a separate Pensioners All India Associations, the NCCPA like Coordinating Committees cannot be strengthened. Similarly, the Pensioners of different State Governments, the Pensioners of various Central and State Government Public Sector are to be unified under a unifying umbrella. There is a Coordinating Committee of Central, State Government and Public Sector Pensioners Associations in Tamilnadu State. But similar platforms are absent in many states. Our task is to build a broad-based unity of all Pensioners Organizations to defend our interests. If we can all unite it will unleash a

big force and if the united pensioners can go to Delhi and sit like the peasants' struggle, then no Government can ignore the issue of Senior Citizens!

I am sure that the Karnataka P&T Pensioners Association, which has a strong image amongst the movement of pensioners can play a vital role in cementing the unity of all pensioners organizations. You can play a dominant role in reviving the BCPC and thereby the unity of various Central Government Pensioners. Karnataka P&T Pensioners Associations can increase its ties with NCCPA and ipso facto the ties with international level unity of pensioners. I greet this silver jubilee 25th AGM of your organization and wish all success in your endeavour.

CGHS

Treatment of CGHS beneficiaries especially Covid-19 +ve patients in empanelled HCOs in Delhi-NCR: Guidelines

Gol, Office of the Additional Director CGHS (HQ),CGHS Bhawan, Sec-13, Rama Krishna Puram Delhi-110066 OM File No. 6-129/2020/836-936 Dated 22.12.2020

It is observed that empanelled hospitals are refusing the CGHS beneficiaries especially Covid-19 +ve patient for admission with the excuse that no bed is available in the entitled category of ward. As per the terms and conditions of empanelment under CGHS, all Pvt. Hospitals and diagnostic centres empanelled under CGHS shall provide treatment/investigations to all CGHS beneficiaries especially Covid-19 +ve patient on the basis of CGHS card in emergency and on the basis of advice from CGHS Medical Officer/Govt. specialist in case of listed treatment procedure/investigations and with valid permission letter in case of unlisted treatment procedures/ investigations as the case may be. In case of emergency when beds are not available in the hospital then hospital should provide necessary treatment to stabilize the patient and transport the patient safely to nearest empanelled hospital for further management.

In view of the above you are directed to follow the above guidelines strictly. If any complaints on the above issue are received against you, strict action will be taken as per MOA.

Dr. Arvind Kumar Additional Director, CGHS (HQ)

- 1. All Pvt. HCOs empanelled under CGHS, Delhi/NCR.
- 2. Addl. DDG (HQ)/Addl. Director of CGHS CZ/NZ/SZ/EZ.
- 3. Nodal Officer, MCTC for uploading on CGHS website

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- 2. PS to AS & DG, Nirman Bhawan, New Delhi.
- 3. Sr. CMO (HEC), Nirman Bhawan, New Delhi

PENSIONERS DAY 17-12-2020

The Coordination Committee of Central Govt. Pensioners Association, Karnataka observed Pensioners Day on 17-12-2020 & held its AGB through video conferencing Com VAN Namboodiri, Patron, National Coordination Committee of Pensioners Association, New Delhi & Former President BSNL Employees Union, the Chief Guest, addressed the pensioners.

(Printed below is his inaugural address)

Respected Chairman Com. K.B.Krishnarao, General Secretary Com. S.Radhakrishnan, Com. C.K.Gundanna, Circle President, BSNLEU, other respected leaders of the Managing Committee, and dear Comrades!

On behalf of NCCPA and on my own behalf, I convey Warm Greetings and Best Wishes to all present in this Annual General Body meeting of the Co-ordinating Committee of Central Government Pensioners Association (CCCGPA), Karnataka! With your kind permission, I take the privilege of officially inaugurating this august session.

This AGM is being held when the entire world is facing the pandemic, Covid-19, which has already affected more than 7 crore people and taken more than 16 lakh valuable lives. In India, the people affected are about one crore. 1, 45,000 have lost their precious lives. Karnataka also has suffered seriously. My Pranams to all those passed away. It is welcome news that Covid vaccine is ready and will be available shortly. Our demand is that it should be supplied free to aged persons on priority basis considering the fact that in the developed countries as also in India, maximum casualties are among senior citizens. Let us hope that the vaccine will be supplied early.

It is most relevant that your AGB is being held on 'Pensioners' Day' which is being celebrated by the Pensioners' Organisations all over India on the 28th anniversary of the famous judgment of Supreme Court in Nakara case, which is considered as the 'Magna Carta' of the pensioners.

C e n t r a l g o v e r n m e n t employees and pensioners are observing the 60th anniversary of the five days historic strike of July 1960 in this year. The demands of need based minimum



wage and DA according to cost of living index which were raised then are still relevant. Tens of thousands of employees were arrested, jailed, dismissed, terminated and cruelly punished. Workers became martyrs, shot and beaten to death. Red salutes to all those who fought for justified demands in the biggest strike since independence!

This is the Century year of formation of AITUC, the first national trade union in the country. It is also the 100th year of the historic speech of Babu Tarapada Mukherjee, Pioneer of the P and T Trade Union movement, on the rights of workers in the Lahore All India Conference of All India Postal and RMS Union held in 1921.

Pension for central government employees in India has its own legacy. British rulers started Pension system in 1871, which was of a contributory nature. The Royal Commission in 1925 recommended that it should be statutory and based on the length of service of the pensioner. Family Pension was introduced in the 1950s.

It was in 1972 that Central Civil Services (Pension) Rules 1972 was introduced based

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on articles 148(4) and 309 of the Constitution of India. A maximum upper limit for pension was fixed, which was increased during the years. In 1979, a Liberalized Pension Scheme was introduced along with increasing maximum pension to Rs. 1500. But a cut off date was fixed, thus depriving pensioners retired before that date to the increased pension. It is against this injustice that two retired officers, Shri D.S.Nakara, a retired officer of Defence Ministry and Rear Admiral (Retd)Sathyendra Singh of Indian Navy, filed case in Supreme Court. Shri H.D.Shourie of the Common Cause, an NGO of Delhi, joined and gave financial support.

The land mark judgment in **D.S.Nakara** and others Vs. Union of India was delivered on 17th December 1982 by the Constitution Bench of Supreme Court consisting of Chief Justice Y.V.Chandrachud, Justice V.D.Tulzapurkar, Justice D.A.Desai, Justice O.Chinnappa Reddy and Justice Baharul Islam. The judgment of 64 paragraphs, not only accepted the pleas raised in the petition, but also made important comments on the right of pensioners.

The judgment clearly stated that "the pensioners for receiving of Pension form a class and there is no criterion on which classification of pensioners retiring prior to specified date and retiring subsequent to that date can provide a rational principle co-related to the object viz. object underlying payment of pensions..."

It was also pointed out "..(i) That Pension is neither a bounty nor a matter of grace depending upon the sweet will of the employer and that it creates a vested right subject to 1972 Rules which are statutory in character, because they are enacted in exercise of powers conferred by the Provisio to Art. 309 and Clause (5) of Art. 148 of the Constitution; (ii) that Pension is not an ex-gratia payment, but it is a payment for the past service rendered; and (iii) that it is a social welfare

measure rendering socio-economic justice to those who in the heyday of their life ceaselessly toiled for the employer on an assurance that in their old age, they would not be left in lurch..."

It also mentioned that "...A Pension Scheme consistent with available resources must provide that the pensioner would be able to live (i) free from want and with decency, independence and self-respect (ii) at a standard equivalent at the pre-retirement level.."

A good number of such significant comments are part of this SC judgment, giving a slap on the face of government. This historic judgment restored the self-respect and honour of pensioners. That is why pensioners all over the country celebrate the date of judgment, 17th December, as 'Pensioners' Day'.

This judgment with the comments compelled central government to issue orders for pension revision as also include the matter in the terms of reference to subsequent Pay Commissions ie. IV, V, VI and VII. Naturally, Pension Revision became a part of Recommendations of the Pay Commissions. The SC judgment also compelled the central government to introduce many reforms like Pension Adalat, SCOVA etc.

While on one side, associations have been pressurizing government to improve pensionary benefits etc., government was conspiring how to reduce its 'burden' of pension. New Pension Scheme (NPS) was introduced for employees recruited from 2004, denying them the existing defined statutory pension. The Pension and Regulatory Development Authority (PFRDA) was constituted, which can be extended to earlier pensioners also, in case government decides so.Except the then Left governments of Tripura, W.Bengal and Kerala – all state governments followed suit by introducing NPS, which is also sarcastically called by workers as 'No Pension Scheme'.

One of the major demands of NCCPA,

Confederation and Federations of State Government employees is implementation of defined statutory pension, instead of NPS, to those recruited from 2004 also.

Pension schemes in LIC, Banks, other PSUs, autonomous bodies and EPF Pension are different from that of Central Government as also different from each other. Some of them do not have revision of pension. Pension revision is denied to BSNL pensioners due from 01-01-2017 on the plea that pay revision of employees is not settled. BSNL is to settle the pay revision, while pension revision is to be done by Central Government. CCS (Pension) Rules 1972 are applicable to BSNL pensioners. Pension contribution of employees has already been remitted by BSNL to Government, that too at maximum of pay scale. AIBDPA and other associations of BSNL pensioners, as also NCCPA, have taken up the case with central government, but no action from it so far. Continuous agitational programmes have been organized in this respect. The issue is that pension revision should be implemented by government without waiting for pay revision.

Medical Reimbursement and Medical Allowance to BSNL pensioners are pending payment for about one year. How can such cruelty be shown to those who served the country meritoriously for long years?

Central Government has frozen increased DA for 18 months, due from January 2020 to July 2021, to CG employees and pensioners, in the name of covid pandemic. When pensioners require more support and assistance during Covid period, how the Centre can attack pensioners by freezing DA? We demand that the increased DA should be paid to the pensioners and employees immediately.

Another attack on pensioners and other senior citizens is cancellation of concession allowed in train charges. Railways have issued orders on 19th March 2019 withdrawing the 50% concession to women completed 58 years and 40% concession given to men who have completed 60 years. Railway Department is

silent on the representations made for restoration. In this covid period, pensioners and senior citizens have to be given priority in treatment as also in supply of medicine and vaccine.

More than 25 crore workers participated in the 26th November Strike against the antiworker, anti-people policies and actions of Central Government. Further struggles are on the anvil against pro-corporate, neo-liberal policies that are being imposed. Public Sector units are being handed over to the corporates, one after another. You, comrades of Bengaluru, have seen how prestigious PSUs like HMT, ITI and many others are being closed, sold or weakened. PSU Banks are being merged in preparation for privatization. Working hours are being increased and hard won labour rights are taken away. The 26th November Strike, participated by more than 25 crore workers, was extended solidarity and support by the pensioners, well knowing that unity of workers and pensioners/retirees are crucial.

Farmers and Kisans are on struggle demanding repel of the farmer bills, which is anti-farmer and pro-corporates. Despite threats and arrests, tens of thousands of farmers under many organisations are at the borders of Delhi for the last three weeks. Women, Children all are with them. Pensioners cannot be onlookers against such injustices. We may not be able to go on strike as employees. But we can support and extend solidarity to these struggles. Gandhiji said 'India lives in villages'. These are the people who give us food. We fully support their struggle.

I know that this is your Annual General Body and you have a lot of items in the agenda, including presentation of annual report, discussion, election of office-bearers etc. Hence I do not want to take more time. I am thankful to you all for inviting me to inaugurate this august session as Chief Guest.

Let us move forward unitedly for a better future! Warm Greetings and Thanks to all!

International Elders Day- 1-10-2020

Speech by Com KKN Kutty-Part-2

Concluding part of the speech delivered by Com KKN Kutty, Secretary General, National Coordination Committee of Pensioners Association, New Delhi (NCCPA)in the Webinar arranged by the Coordination Committee of Central Government Pensioners' Associations, Karnataka (CCCGPA) on 1-10-020 on the occasion of observance of World Pensioners' Day (Part-I was published in October issue)

Last year we observed the international day for elders in an entirely different atmosphere. Had I been an invitee to that gathering, we would have shared our bond of friendship through our palms. Corona pandemic has changed everything so drastically. The pandemic is spreading in our country by leaps and bounds Many States have no public health care system or machinery to combat this dangerous situation. Wherever existed, it has been stretched beyond its capability. In the post independent era, systematic efforts were made to improve the public health care. Primary and secondary level institutions were built Super-speciality and research centres came up thereafter. In the post 1991 days, we have systematically dismantled it paving way for the private entrepreneurs to enter into this sensitive area. They built luxurious hospitals. They could successfully convert the human misery into a lucrative business. Adding to this, the health insurance companies also came and they also made huge profit out of anxiety and agony of the people. They now charge exorbitantly for Covid treatment without any guarantee of recovery whatsoever. The Government have forgotten that there had been a social obligation clause when they allotted the prime land in urban agglomerations to the private entrepreneurs. Many of them have enjoyed the tax rebates and concessions.

The Central Government health Scheme was the product of hard negotiations. Though

it covered only a few cities, initially it was considered a very good venture. The post 1991 policies saw it dismantled. It financially was squeezed. Its expansion was arrested on the plea that the Pav



Commission has suggested an Insurance scheme. Had that institution been allowed to expand, it would have been of great help in these pandemic days not only for the Central Govt. employees but even to the society as a whole. They could have helped the meagre public health system in many States to survive. If we are unable to cope up with the spread of the pandemic and treat the patients properly, without hesitation, we can assert that the single reason is the systematic dismantling of the public health care institutions. My friend Com. Radhakrishna wanted me to speak on CGHS elaborately. What I suggest is an interactive session where specific questions could be raised and replied. Without doubt one can say that the CGHS as an institution conceived to take care of the health related problems of Central Government employees; its days are numbered.

As on today, more than 3.5 crores of people are affected by Covid 19. And it is fast spreading. More than 80 lakhs people are in our own country, of which slightly less than one lakh lost their life. The number of death is really alarming. The people have started talking about fate and destiny instead of pinning any hope either over the medical system or the Governmental efficacy, even though the health workers all over the world have acquitted themselves creditably in combating the pandemic. There appears to be only a slight degree of difference in so far as the attitude

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of the capitalist Governments are concerned with perhaps the exception of Switzerland, New Zealand, South Korea etc.

The study that was conducted over the impact of the Covid on world economy as early as in April, 2020, has stated that the disruption of supply chain of commodities due to closure of factories or reduction in the workforce will decelerate the growth by a whopping 32%. How far this study was right could be seen from the fact that the India's growth rate dipped to minus 24% in the last quarter. Some of the conclusions of the study were:

The world will have to face a severe economic crisis;

Delay of every month in combating the Covid pandemic either by preventive or curative remedies, the world GDP will have a reduction of 2.5 to 3% on an average

If the Covid continues to spread in the same rate for another 2-3 months, the world will witness the greatest recession in the past two centuries.

India specific situation is summed up as under:-

The supply chain disruption was extreme in India, as the migrant workers fled from the work-spots in the absence of any protection provided by the owner of the factories or the concerned Governments:

Demand reduction was of the order of 30% during the lock down period;

Goods movements in Port was declined by 20% and in Railways by 30%

Civil aviation sector alone registered a loss of Rs. 40 Billion dollars.

Tourism industry became the worst affected and reached its turnover to almost zero during the lock down period.

The farm goods were destroyed due to the non-availability of personnel to harvest to the extent of 37%. Of the 46 crores employed in the country, 42 crores were in informal sector. Those who lost job in rural areas was 57% and in the urban agglomerations 80%

India's manufacturing sector is predominantly in what is called the MSMEs. (Micro, small and medium enterprises) 30% of the GDP is provided by this sector. 50% of our industrial workers are in this sector. It is estimated that 40% of the Units will be closed down permanently.

Tourism, hotel, real estate, financial services, Banks, metal industry, automobile, textile, electricity, mining, food products, all have incurred heavy losses during the lock down period.

India will experience economic recession worse than what happened in 1929-30.

Before, I talk on the micro issues, referred to by Com. Radhakrishna, in his welcome address, let me mention a few facets of the 20 Trillion pandemic package of the Prime Minister.

We are witness to the global financial crisis of 2008. It is now widely recognised that the unhindered use, abuse and misuse of Bank instruments and derivatives triggered the said crisis. Profit at any cost is the single point objective of the corporate existence. If India could, despite the globalisation of its economy escaped from its terrific fall out, it was due to the PSU banks. Having recognised and having admitted that, our rulers consistently during 2008-2020 pursued the policy of privatisation of the PSU banks. In the name of consolidation, the present government has started amalgamation of various banks thereby withdrawing their presence from the market systematically. The recessionary trend in the economy which has started even before the pandemic made its entry, will now turn into a full-fledged recession. It is not that our present day rulers are not aware of it. The 20 Trillion package was supposed to avert it. But when the details were unfolded, one could find that 90% of the package was to help out the corporates. To address a production crisis some times, such stimulus package might be helpful. Even the rate of reduction of taxation rates, especially for those in the manufacturing

sector is considered a panacea. But the present day scenario or the on coming crisis is basically the off shoot of the supply chain disruption and low demand due to the obliteration of wage earners from the society. The remedial proposals ought to have been centred on the strengthening of the purchasing power of the common people. Hardly 10% of the package went in for that. The recent survey indicated that most of the Covid affected patients are from the lower rung of the society who are per force to go in search of work as the alternative is penury. It was in fact a Hobson's choice between disease or destitution. As mentioned earlier, the significant cause as to why we could not arrest the spread of the deadly disease is the weakened public health system and the unhindered foray of private players in an area which basically must have been service oriented and nor profit motivated.

As I mentioned initially, the convenor wanted me to address some of the issues he had raised. The most important in my opinion is the organisational state of affairs of NCCPA. NCCPA as the name suggests was meant to be an apex organisation of all Pensioners Associations and Federations especially of the Central Government employees. In its Ratlam conference, a decision was taken to open its doors to all organisations of the pensioners and retirees. The idea to submit a common memorandum to the 7th CPC by all Pensioners Associations of the CGEs was mooted in the National Executive Committee meeting. Due to the untiring efforts of Late Com. S.K. Vyas, that attempt had a fair chance of success. But after the convention at Chennai and preparation of a common memorandum, the enthusiasm seems to have been faded out. Many presented a reflection of a perceived superiority over others. To overcome this Com. Vyas suggested the formation of a confederation under the name and style of BCPC. After his demise, both, the idea and the organisation, he so assiduously created were abandoned. Quite a number of

impediments had come up thereafter. The registration of NCCPA as a federal set up could not be brought about. It was decided at the last meeting to seek registration under the Trade Union Act. The decision was put to practice. All papers were prepared and submitted. Now it is pending for the reasons that in order to be registered as a federation, it requires two Associations registered under the trade Union Act must be affiliated to the said federation. Steps have been taken in this direction and we hope to fulfil this condition soon.

If any organisation has to be effective and perceived to be so, it must have the capacity to raise the issues of the members before the authorities and get them resolved. The present Government has taken the decision; it appears, to give representation to only those small state level organisations in the SCOVA set up. Since both the President and Secretary General of NCCPA are members of the JCM National council and are its standing committee members, many issues were taken up in that forum and settlement brought about. That effort has continued and quite a number of issues connected with the Covid 19 treatment of CGEs could be got settled. Financially also, the organisation cannot be said to be on a sound footing. The matter came up for discussion at our Jaipur conference and it has been decided to double the rate of subscription. NCCPA has been publishing a journal, thanks to the help of our West Bengal comrades, and the same has come out uninterrupted up to March, 2020. Consequent upon the Covid and the close down of Post offices, printing presses etc., it has now been discontinued. Attempts are being made to re-commence the publication. In the meantime, the National Executive decided to bring out the journal in electronic form. The first edition of that will be released by 15th October, 2020.

As per the decision of the last conference, we had prepared a document on

health insurance. This was subjected to one round of discussion. There had been certain suggestions and certain reservation expressed by some comrades. Once this is ironed out, it could be presented to the JCM Staff side as the insurance scheme covers the working employees also.

Reduction of Bank interest will no doubt cause depletion of the income of the pensioners. The rate is fixed taking into account various factors. Consequent upon the reduction and the denial of Dearness relief, the pensioners have been put to hardship. This will have to be taken up with a view to find out a separate dispensation for senior citizens.

Autonomous organisations: On the basis of the report of the Committee set up by the Government, the functioning and funding of autonomous organisations have been reevaluated by the Government. NCCPA will take up the issue concerning pension with a view to protect the entitlements of the pensioners to whom the new scheme should not be made applicable. During the discussion earlier the Staff Side had demanded that the entitlement of the employees and pensioners must not be depended upon the performance of the organisation. It is better, that the Coffee Board Pensioners Association takes the initiative to have a meeting of all Autonomous

organisations' leaders along with the National sect. of the NCCPA.

Privatisation of many departments is on the anvil. Normally the matter is discussed with the employee's representatives in so far as its impact on service conditions is concerned. In the matter of pension entitlement, there must be a specific clause in the agreement.

The denial of DR has been objected by the NCCPA and all its affiliates. In fact we have spear headed the programmatic action as per the decision taken at the National Executive meeting. Thousands of Email messages have been sent to the Prime Minister and the same is continuing. We are in close contact with the serving employees' organisations. Whatever joint decisions are taken, we will do our best to ensure that the decisions are implemented at all centres.

I thank all of you for the patient hearing. I am grateful for the organisers for inviting me to this function to observe and commemorate the international day for elders. Millions of retired persons must have joined together to observe this day throughout the world. Let us be together in this endeavour that not a single elder person suffers in the world. Thank you once again.

K.K.N. Kutty Secretary General, NCCCPA.

DoT/BSNL Pensioners

All India Pension Adalat - 7th January 2021

All India Pension Adalat for Telecom/BSNL Pensioners is proposed to be held on 7th January, 2021 through virtual mode in view of the existing guidelines on Pandemic Covid-19 at the O/o the Controller of Communication Accounts, Kamataka Circle, Amenity Block, Palace Road, Bangalore -560 001 for those who have retired from DoT/BSNI in Karnataka Circle. Pensioners, having any grievances regarding their pension matters may submit their representations on or before

31-12-2020 by post/Fax/email (Fax:080-22350604 & E-mail: jtcca2.ka dot@gov.in) with full PP0 details. Cases involving legal/succession issues and policy matters will not be entertained.

Time and link for participants of the Adalat will be intimated directly to each applicant in due course

Dr.Rashmi R.D Jt.Controller ofCommunication Accounts

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SMS alerts

For the attention of Postal Pensioners

(1) SMS alerts on pension credit

Most of the Pensioners are now getting 2 messages.

One, indicating the total amount of pension credited and the **balance at credit**, and another, with all details such as basic pension, DR, FMA, Addl pension, Arrears, Income Tax deductions and Net pension etc., **but without the balance at credit**

Linking of mobile numbers of pensioners to their P O SB accounts is essential for the receipt of SMS alerts. Hence, such of those pensioners who are not getting SMS alters, may please check up with the concerned pension disbursing Post Office to ensure that their mobile number is linked.

(2) Message regarding acceptance of Digital Life Certificate

KP&TPA has been repeatedly requesting DO Posts to ensure sending of messages to Postal Pensioners regarding acceptance of the Digital life certificate by the pension disbursing post offices as in the case of Pensioners getting their pension from banks who receive message from the concerned bank informing acceptance of the DLC submitted through Jeevan Pramaan. This demand was pending almost for 2 years and the association had been constantly requesting the Department for necessary action in the matter. However, the issue gained momentum after Dr. Charles Lobo assumed as Member (O) D O Posts. On his advice, K P&T PA sent a detailed note to him both on SMS alerts on pension credit and the necessity regarding receipt of message (SMS) by Pensioners on acceptance of their

Life Certificate by the pension drawing and disbursing post offices (HPOs).

It is really heartening to note that our request for extension of this facility to Postal Pensioners has been accepted by the Department of Posts and messages are being received by Pensioners from November 2020. Many pensioners in Karnataka and some in other states have informed that they have received the message this time.

[Editor:- DDO :Drawing and Disbursing Office i.e. Head Post office]

Since Aaadhaar and Jeevan Pramaan ID numbers are also indicated in the message, it is sufficient and should satisfy the Postal Pensioners.

K P&T PA is grateful to Dr.Charles Lobo, former CPMG, Karnataka and Member (O) Dept. of Posts, who, on our request, took personal interest in the matter and ensured that the Postal Pensioners are also treated on a par with other Central Government Pensioners in pension disbursement and SMS alerts. KP&TPA on behalf of all Postal Pensioners thanks all the Officers in the Department of Posts for considering the request favourably and for commencing the process of sending SMS on acceptance of DLC this year.

Life Certificate

Time limit for submission of Life Certificate has been extended up to 28th February, 2021

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Calling for particulars from members who have credited subscription amount to Association's bank account

The name and membership number of the members who had credited the under mentioned amounts to the association's bank account for renewal of subscription for the journal could not be identified. Such cases are furnished below with the information as it appears in the bank account statement. Members concerned are requested please to furnish the details to the Treasurer Shri K.R Anantha Ramu - Mob:9483467750.

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3	M.Mahalingaiah	Junior Engineer, Telecommunications, DOT/BSNL	LM	3035
4.	L. Lalitha	Deputy Postmaster, HSG-I, NFG, Basavanagudi HO	LM	3036
5.	Krishnaveni S. Karanth	Postal Assistant, Bangalore GPO	LM	3037
6.	T.S. Subramaniyam	LSG Asst.Chief Postmaster, Bangalore, GPO	LM	3038
7.	M. Muniraju	Postal Assistant, Bangalore, GPO	LM	3039

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State Bank of India, Branch: HMT Layout branch, Vidyaranyapura, Bangalore Current Account No.64209078453, IFSC:SBIN 0040659

Please do invariably inform us of the details of credit to enable us to acknowledge the receipt of the amount and to send you a receipt.

Donation for the Building Fund - 49th List						
SI	Name	Membership	Amount	Receipt	Progressive	
No.	Sri/Smt.	No.	Rs.	No.	Total of donation	
1459	M.T. Rangarajan	1974	25000	4775	85000	
1460	Nagarathnamma	899	5000	4760		
1461	P.H. Shinde	1855	5000	4759		
1462	T.V. Lakshmi Devi	2638	5000	4757		
1463	C.K.N. Murthy	507	2000	4758	12000	
1464	V. Lakshminarayana	2283	2000	4728	4000	
1464	D.M.R. Panthalu	2133	1000	4742	1500	
1465	S.A.S. lyengar	2351	1000	4749	6000	

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SUBMISSION OF LIFE CERTIFICATE

Sri Changappa, Circle Secretary, All India BSNL pensioners Welfare Association, Karnataka Circle has advised all BSNL Pensioners including the BSNL VRS- 2019 retirees to submit their life certificate without waiting till the last date ie. 28-2-2021 prescribed for submission of life certificate to avoid last minute rush for submission of life certificates and also to avoid stoppage of pension in the event of non-submission of life certificate before the due date. All District Secretaries and Circle Office bearers of AIBSNLPWA are requested to give wide publicity amongst the BSNL VRS Pensioners.

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