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**120<sup>th</sup> Report of the Department related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Personnel, Public Grievances, Law and Justice on action taken report on 110<sup>th</sup> report of the Committee on Pensioners' Grievances pertaining to the Department of Pension and Pensioners' Welfare, presented to the Rajya Sabha on 8<sup>th</sup> December, 2022 & laid on the Table of the Lok Sabha on 8<sup>th</sup> December, 2022 - Highlights**

**Chapter- I: Recommendations/ observations which have been accepted by the Department of Pension and Pensioners' Welfare**

**Effectiveness of CPENGRAMS and pension Adalats - way forward**

**Recommendation/Observation**

1.0. The Committee notes the fact that the Department has identified core grievance prone areas which account for a large number of complaints lodged on CPENGRAMS portal. It appears to the Committee that majority of grievances lodged on CPENGRAMS portal

are related to delay or incorrect sanction of pension/family pension and other retirement benefits, Non-payment of arrears of pension, Revision of pension/family pension/pension payment Order, Issues related to medical facilities and other service-related issues such as fixation of pay, MACP. The Committee recommends the Department to rope in Quality Council of India and enable the agencies involved in pension authorization, sanctioning, processing and disbursement to streamline their systems so as to mitigate the volume of grievances and also to ensure citizen satisfaction. (2.12)

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## **Action Taken**

1.1 As advised by DRPSC, DoPPW has already roped in independent third parties viz, Quality Council of India as well as Indian Institute of Public Administration (IIPA) at different intervals to enable the agencies involved in Pension authorization, sanctioning, processing and disbursement to streamline their systems so as to mitigate the volume of grievances and also to ensure citizen satisfaction. This effort shall be continued.

## **Health Care**

### ***Recommendation/Observation***

1.6. The Committee notes that the Central Government provides health care facilities for both, serving as well as, retired employees. However, the Committee observes that serving employees of central government are covered under the Central Service (Medical Attendance) Rules, 1944 (CS (MA) Rules), which provides facilities for availing medical facilities outside CGHS covered areas. However, these Rules are not applicable to pensioners, and instead pensioners residing outside CGHS covered area are entitled to Fixed Medical Allowance (FMA). The Committee is of the view that non-applicability of CS (MA) Rules to pensioners residing outside CGHS areas has placed them at disadvantaged position vis-à-vis serving employees. Accordingly, the Committee feels that either the provisions for medical facilities available to serving employees also needs to be extended to pensioners or instead of increasing FMA year after year, DoPPW may moot a proposal for introducing cashless health insurance facilities for such pensioners in nearby Private Health Centers in lieu of FMA on voluntary basis. (3.23)

## **Action Taken**

1.7 Ministry of Health & Family Welfare is the administrative Department concerned with

providing health and medical facilities to the serving Government servants as well as pensioner retired from Central Civil service. Therefore, the matter was taken up with that Ministry.

1.8. Ministry of Health & Family Welfare has informed that Central Government pensioners, not residing in a CGHS city have the option to avail the CGHS facility for both IPD (indoor) and OPD (outdoor) treatment by paying the required CGHS contributions. The pensioners availing the CGHS facility for both IPD (indoor) and OPD (outdoor) treatment can have OPD treatment from a CGHS dispensary in a nearby city and indoor medical treatment in any Government hospital and empanelled private hospitals in the cities covered by CGHS. They can also get indoor medical treatment in any private hospital in emergent circumstances.

1.9. Alternatively, Central Government pensioners not residing in a CGHS city can avail CGHS facility for IPD (indoor) treatment by paying the required CGHS contributions and also receive Fixed Medical Allowance in lieu of the OPD (outdoor) treatment.

1.10. Those pensioners who are residing in a non-CGHS area and do not choose to avail CGHS facility by paying the required CGHS contributions are entitled to receive monthly Fixed Medical Allowance. At present, the amount of Fixed Medical Allowance is Rs. 1000/- per month. Department of Pension & Pensioners' Welfare has separately mooted a proposal for increasing the amount of Fixed Medical Allowance in pursuance of the recommendation No.3.21 in the 110th Report of the Parliamentary Standing Committee

1.11. Thus, the pensioners have the option to avail CGHS facility while residing in a non-CGHS area. Since serving Government servants residing in non-CGHS areas do not have the option to avail CGHS facility, they are covered by CS (MA) Rules.

## **Provision of Additional funds to Pensioners' Associations**

### ***Recommendation/Observation***

1.13 The Committee is of the view that Pensioners' associations play an instrumental role in promoting Pensioners' Welfare besides providing a platform for the retirees to project their grievances to the concerned agencies/authorities for their overall welfare. The Committee is satisfied with the reply of the Department and hopes that additional funds will be provided to deserving associations based on their previous performance and fund utilization. (3.31)

### **Action Taken**

1.14. DoPPW has decided to provide the additional funds to deserving associations. Accordingly a proposal for increase of Grant-in-Aid to Pensioners' Associations from Rs. 75000/- p.a. to Rs. 5,00,000/- has been submitted to IFD.

## **Chapter – II: Recommendations/ observations which the Committee does not desire to pursue in view of the replies given by the Department**

### ***Reimbursement of medical charges incurred by CGHS beneficiaries for treatment in Non-empanelled Private Hospitals***

2.12. The Committee notes that despite favourable decision of apex Court in a number of cases, all the expenditure incurred by a beneficiary of Central Government Health Scheme on his or her treatment in non-empanelled Private Hospitals should be reimbursed to the beneficiary, the Government has not yet issued any general instructions in this regard and the pensioners/beneficiaries have to approach the Court of law for justice by spending a lot of money and time. The Committee believes that rules and procedures are just a means to achieve a larger goal i.e. welfare of pensioners and they should not become an end in themselves. Strict adherence

and conformity to norms, rules and procedures might lead to a situation where strictly following these norms, rules and procedures instead of being means, become ends in themselves which create stumbling blocks in achieving mandated objectives/ends. The Committee is of the view there may be exigencies when the old age pensioners may directly approach non-empanelled hospitals for treatment without first approaching a Government hospital. They should not be deprived of their rightful entitlements under any circumstances. The Committee recommends the Department to play a pro-active role and pursue the matter with the Ministry of Health and Family welfare.

2.13. The Committee also recommends the Department to seek details of action taken by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare on the judgments of the Apex Court in this regard and furnish them to the Committee in its Action Taken Replies. (3.19)

### **Action Taken**

2.14. Inter-departmental consultations with Ministry of Health & Family Welfare will be held in this regard.

2.15. In so far as, the action taken by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare on the judgements of the Apex Court in this regard is concerned, it has been informed by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare that the directions of the Hon'ble Supreme Court have been complied with and a high powered committee was constituted vide MoHFW's OM dated 22.05.2018. The judgement of Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in the case WP(C) No. 694 of 2015, Hon'ble Supreme Court of India clarified that the order for reimbursement of balance amount is in respect of that particular case only

### **Opening of CGHS Wellness Centres at district Headquarters for treatment to CGHS beneficiaries.**

2.17. The Committee is in agreement with the views of Pensioners' Associations that CGHS

should not confine its operations to metro cities, state capitals and a few large urban centres only. The Government may explore opening of CGHS centres at district locations for treatment to CGHS beneficiaries. The Government may also include settlement of medical facility related grievances of pensioners on the portal of CPENGRAMS as requested by pensioners and the DoPPW should work in tandem with Health Ministry in this regard

### **Enhancement of Fixed Medical Allowance from Rs.1000 to Rs.3000**

#### ***Recommendation/Observation***

2.20. The Committee takes note of the fact that Fixed Medical Allowance is granted to pensioners who reside outside the CGHS areas for meeting expenditure on day-to-day medical expenses (OPD) that do not require hospitalization. The Committee also takes note of the request of Pensioners' Associations for enhancement of Fixed Medical Allowance from Rs.1000 to Rs.3000 per month as most pensioners are suffering from different diseases at old age and are unable to manage with meagre pension as CGHS hospital is not available in every town. The Committee recommends DoPPW to take up this issue of enhancement of Fixed Medical Allowance with the Finance Ministry as Rs.1000 is a very meagre amount for an old age pensioner and apprise the views of the Finance Ministry to the Committee in its Action Taken Replies. (3.21)

#### **Action Taken**

2.21. DoPPW will take-up the issue of enhancement of Fixed Medical Allowance with the Finance Ministry.

### **Commencement of age-related additional pension at the age of 65 years instead of 80 years.**

#### ***Recommendation/Observation***

2.26. The Committee is very much cognizant

of the social churning taking place in our society over the years. The joint family system is breaking down giving way to nuclear families. The growth of nuclear families due to geographical and social mobility have further led to rise in individualism and individualistic thinking and the generation who want to live away from shackles of joint families and patronage of elderly parents or grandparents. According to one estimate, by 2050, the share of population over the age of 60 is likely to increase significantly in the country. In view of such changes at societal level, we need to have a robust pension system for elderly which can help them survive in this world without being a burden on anyone. The Committee is of the view that the Government should sympathetically consider the demand of Pensioners' Associations for 5% additional quantum of Pension on attaining the age of 65 years, 10% on 70 years, 15% on 75 years and 20% on 80 years to the Pensioners. The Committee recommends DoPPW to pursue vigorously with Finance Ministry and apprise the Committee of the outcome

#### **Action Taken**

2.27. On the basis of the recommendation of the Committee, before the proposal was moved to Department of Expenditure, the CPAO (in respect of civil pensioners), Railway Board (in respect of Railway Pensioners), Department of Posts (in respect of Postal pensioners) and CGDA/PCDA (in respect of Defence civilian pensioners) were requested vide letter dated 20.01.2022 to furnish the information relating to number of pensioners and monthly pension disbursement to these age groups of pensioners (from 65-70, 70-75 and 75-80 years) to work out additional quantum of pension to be involved for these age groups.

2.28. Accordingly, after working out the financial implications in this regard, the proposal was sent to Department of Expenditure (DOE) on 21.03.2022 for seeking their concurrence to the proposal.

2.29. Department of Expenditure vide their ID Note dated 05.04.2022 advised as under:

*“DOPPW has not stated as to how the additional financial implications would be met by the Government. Hence, it is advised to first seek the comments of Budget Division of Department of Economic Affairs and then refer the proposal to DOE”.*

2.30 Therefore, the matter was referred to Budget Division of Department of Economic Affairs on 07.04.2022 for seeking their comments on the proposal as advised by DOE.

2.31 Department of Economic Affairs vide their OM dated 02.05.2022 observed as under:

(i) The Government's pension liabilities on account of old pension scheme are not only huge (Rs. 2.07 lakh crore in BE 2022-2023), but also increasing year after year.

Further increase in these liabilities on account of present proposal will put significant pressure on the Govt. finances, which may not be desirable, when, Govt. focus is to provide higher resources for productive investment while adhering to the path of fiscal consolidation. Further, with the improvement in health infrastructure and demographic changes, the overall life expectancy is expected to further go up.

(ii) Govt. has taken a policy decision to implement NPS for new entrants in the Govt. Service, which is based on the principle that, the Govt. won't have to bear pension liabilities of the Govt. employees covered under NPS, after their retirement. Therefore, the present proposal needs to be evaluated with careful consideration of the above fact/policy.

(iii) Further, the current proposal, if accepted is also likely to have a cascading effect on the State Finances since similar demand will arise from the retired State Govt. employees.

(iv) Therefore, from fiscal perspective, such proposal may not be desirable.

2.32. The matter was re-examined in the Department and with reference to the justifications given in the 110th Report of the Committee itself and the grounds given in the 6th CPC recommendation for additional pension to pensioners/family pensioners of 80 years and above, the proposal was again sent to Department of Expenditure to consider the proposal for grant of 5% additional quantum of Pension on attaining the age of 65 years, 10% on 70 years, 15% on 75 years and 20% on 80 years to the pensioners/family pensioners vide note dated 19.05.2022.

2.33. However, Department of Expenditure vide their ID Note dated 01.06.2022 has stated that the proposal has been examined in that Department and in line with the views offered by Budget Division of DEA considering the fiscal perspective of the Govt., the proposal is not agreed to. This has the approval of the Finance Secretary & Secretary Expenditure.

### **Notional Increment to Pensioners who retired on 30<sup>th</sup> June & grant of MACP w.e.f 1st January, 2006**

#### ***Recommendation/Observation***

2.35 The Committee feels that DoPPW should pursue the matter of implementation of MACP w.e.f 1st January, 2006 with DoPT as it will give relief to pensioners retiring in the intervening period i.e. from January, 2006 to August, 2008 as all other benefits were given to them from January 2006 as per 6th CPC recommendations. The Committee also recommends DOPPW to consider the case of Pensioners' who retired on 30th June and were denied the increment on the plea that next date of retirement is 1st July. (3.35)

#### **Action Taken**

2.36 As advised by DRPSC, the DoPPW pursued the matter with DOPT vide OM dated 19.01.2022 who, in turn, have informed that the issue of effective date of implementation of MACPS has been addressed by Hon'ble

Supreme Court of India in its Order dated 28.04.2021 in Civil Appeal No. 1579/2021 [arising out of SLP (C) No. 15572/2019] of Union of India V/s R. K. Sharma & Others wherein the Apex Court has upheld that date of implementation of the MACP Scheme is from 01.09.2008. In its order, the Hon'ble Court has also overturned the earlier decision in Balbir Singh Turn case and held that benefits under the MACPS cannot be claimed from 1.1.2006. Instructions have been issued to Ministries/Departments vide DoP&T OM No. 35034/3/2015-Estt. (D) dated 13.07.2021 to defend all matters and dispose of representations based on Order dated 28.04.2021 of Apex Court.

2.37 It is mentioned that the subject-matter of increment and retirement age/date are administered by DOPT. Therefore, the reference in this regard was made to DOPT who have examined the matter and declined the request with the following grounds:

(i) In terms of the provisions of Rule 40 of CCS (Leave) Rules, 1972, the Government servants who are on Earned Leave/Commuted Leave/Half Pay Leave/Leave Not Due etc. on the due date of their increment, are not granted the benefit of annual increment till they join duty on expiry of such leave. Accordingly, in the present case since the employees have retired from Government service on 30th June and therefore not on duty as on 1st July, the annual increment cannot be released on 1st July to these employees.

(ii) Further, as per the provisions of FR 9 (21), 9 (6), 17 (1), 22, 26 (a), 56 (a) and Rule 14 of Pension Rules, as person is entitled for pay, increment and other allowances only when he is entitled to receive pay out of Consolidated Fund of India and continues to be in Government Service. Accordingly, a person who retires on the last working day would not be entitled for any increment falling due on the next day and also payable on the next day thereafter as he shall cease to be

in Government Service. Granting him the increment earlier than the date on which it falls due and becomes payable, shall imply that he has been granted increment in the same month in which he has retired, i.e. one month earlier. Thus, the official will not complete the necessary qualifying service required for earning an increment, which shall be in contravention of the extant provisions.

(iii) Further, Hon'ble High Court of Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad in its judgement in the case of C. Subbarao in the year 2005 (WP No. 22042 of 2003) had also observed that "as per Rule 14 of the Pension Rules, a person who retires on the last working day would not be entitled for any increment falling due on the next day and payable next day thereafter, because he would not answer the tests in these Rules."

Further observation by the Standing Committee

### ***2.38 The Committee takes note of the reply.***

### **Facility of withdrawal of pension amount by pensioners aged 70 & above and with physical infirmities from the comfort of their homes**

#### ***Recommendation/Observation***

2.55. The Committee is of the view that elderly people, especially those aged 70 and above and those with physical infirmities experience inconvenience in withdrawing their pension amount from the Bank. Therefore, the Committee recommends the Department to take up the matter with Reserve Bank of India and Ministry of Finance and assess the feasibility of utilizing the Business Correspondent network to enable senior citizens to withdraw their pension amount from the comfort of their homes.

#### **Action Taken**

2.56 As advised by DRPSC, DoPPW will take up the matter with RBI and M/o Finance.

### **Chapter – III: Recommendations/ observations (7) in respect of which**

**Committee has not accepted the replies of the Department**

**Resolution of the grievances of pensioners at pre-litigation stage itself.**

**Recommendation/Observation**

3.15 The Committee believes that denial of timely justice amounts to denial of justice itself. The Committee is of the considered view that the elderly should not be forced to approach Courts to claim their rightful entitlements. The Committee accordingly recommends the Department to explore the feasibility of institutionalizing an alternative dispute resolution mechanism such as pre-litigation conciliation to resolve the grievances of pensioners at pre-litigation stage itself.

**Action Taken**

3.16 DoPPW will consult Department of Legislative Affairs and informed the Parliamentary Standing Committee

**Simplification of rules for grant of family pension to the physically disabled Children**

**Recommendation/Observation**

3.21 The Committee recommends the Department to instruct the Ministries/ Departments of the Central Government to be proactive, reach out to the family pensioners and also assist them in claiming family pension.

3.22 The Committee notes that the procedure

of obtaining medical certificate/disability certificate by children of a deceased Government Servant is Kafkaesque and needs to be simplified. (4.13)

**Action Taken**

3.23 DoPPW will instruct the Ministries/ Departments of the Central Government to be proactive, reach out to the family pensioners and also assist them in claiming family pension.

Obtaining medical certificate/disability certificate by children of a deceased Government Servant has been simplified. One can obtain disability certificate from:

(i) an authority competent to issue disability certificate in accordance with the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016 (49 of 2016), the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Rules, 2017 and the guidelines and notifications issued by the Central Government or a State Government or a Union territory administration; or

(ii) a Medical Board comprising of a Medical Superintendent or a Principal or a Director or Head of the Institution or his nominee as Chairman and two other members, out of which at least one shall be a Specialist in the particular area of disability including mental retardation.

Further observation

**2.38 The Committee takes note of the reply.**

**We Welcome the Following Newly Enrolled Members**

Sl.No.	Name (Smt./Sri)	Designation & Office in which last worked	Type & No.
1	K. Ramamurthy	Assistant Chief Postmaster, Bengaluru GPO, Bengaluru	LM 3206
2	N. Ramaswamy	Postal Assistant, Bannerghatta Road Post Office, Bengaluru	LM 3207
3	A. Maikannan	MTS, Bengaluru City RMS, Bengaluru	LM 3208
4	L. Ranganathappa	Asistant Engineer, Central Power Corporation	ALM 3209
5	K.T.Annapoorna Devi	LSG Sortiing Assistant, Bengaluru PSO, Bengaluru	LM 3210
6	K.Kotrappa	MTS, O/o PMG, SK Region, Bengaluru	LM 3211
7	M.Krishna Murthy	Assistant Engineer, Military Engineering Service	ALM 3212

LM: Life Member

ALM: Associate Life Member

**Board level and below Board level posts including nonunionised supervisors in Central Public Sector Enterprises (CPSEs)- Revision of scales of pay w.e.f. 01.01.2007 - Payment of IDA at revised rates.**

The undersigned is directed to refer to the Para 6 and Annexure-II(B) of DPE's OM dated 26.11.2008 wherein the rates of DA payable to the Board level and below Board level executives and non-unionized supervisors of CPSEs have been indicated. The rate of DA payable to the executives and nonunionized supervisors of CPSEs w.e.f 01-01-2023 for 2007 pay scales is 201.2%

2. The above rate of DA i.e. 201.2% would be applicable in the case of IDA employees who have been allowed revised pay scales

(2007) as per DPE OMs. dated 26.11.2008, 09.09.2009 & 02.04.2009

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

4. This issues with the approval of the Competent Authority

**Naresh Kumar**  
Under Secretary

**Extension of date for submission of Acceptance letters for terms and conditions of revised MoA by already empanelled hospitals under CGHS and the validity of empanelment till 28th February 2023 or till finalization of new rates whichever is earlier.**

With reference to the above mentioned subject the undersigned is directed to draw the attention to the OM No S-11011/09/2022/CGHS(HEC) dated 13th September 2022 and 14th October 2022 vide which orders were issued for submission by the HCOs already empanelled under CGHS of acceptance letter for the terms and conditions of revised MoA by 31<sup>st</sup> December 2022 to the concerned Additional Director, CGHS. Since then this Ministry is in receipt of representations from various quarters for extension of time, the matter has been reviewed by the Ministry, it has been now decided that the validity of empanelment of

CGHS empanelled HCOs, as per the existing terms and conditions of empanelment, has been extended till 28<sup>th</sup> February 2023 or till finalization of new rates, whichever is earlier.

It had also been decided that the date for submission of the acceptance letter and revised MoA has been extended till 28<sup>th</sup> February 2023.

The Additional Directors, CGHS are advised to bring the contents of this letter to the notice of all empanelled HCOs

**Nikhilesh Chandra**  
Director CGHS



# Department of Posts introduces E-Pass Book facility for National (Small)Savings Schemes account holders Viz. PO Savings Account (PO SB), Sukanya Samriddhi Account, Senior Citizens savings Account

SB ORDER No.19/2022 dated 12-10-2022

Ministry of Communications, Dept. of Posts, F.No FS-137/7/2020-FS dated 12.10.2022

**Introduction of e-passbook facility for National (small) Savings Schemes accounts holder.**

The competent authority has decided to introduce e-passbook facility w.e.f.12.10.2022 in order to provide simplified and enhanced digital facilities to National (small) Savings scheme account holders.

2. With introduction of the facility, Post Office Small Savings customers will be able to access the account details anytime, anywhere and without the need of having Net Banking and Mobile Banking access. E-Passbook facility can be accessed by an account holder through the registered mobile number. The service will be available at free of cost.

3. Facilities available under e-Passbook will be as follows –

i) **Balance Inquiry:** - In this option, user can view balance of all National Savings Schemes accounts.

ii) **Mini Statement:**-Mini Statement will be available for PO Savings Account (POSA), Sukanya Samruddhi Account (SSA) and Public Provident Fund Account (PPF) to start with and will be extended to other schemes in a phased manner. Last 10 transactions will be displayed and mini statement can be downloaded in PDF format.

(iii) **Full Statement:**- Full statement will be made available in a phased manner. Customers will be able to generate account statement for the specified date range.

4.The link for e-Passbook is made available in India Post website (at link <https://www.indiapost.gov.in/Financial/Pages/Content/Post-Office-Savings-Schemes.aspx>) and IPPB website

**www.ippbonline.com.** The facility will also be made available in PostInfoApp subsequently. Account holder may follow the process outlined below to use this facility:-

Click on e-Passbook link provided on [www.indiapost.gov.in](http://www.indiapost.gov.in) or [www.ippbonline.com](http://www.ippbonline.com)

Enter mobile number and CAPTCHA ->Login->Enter OTP->submit

- \* Select e-Passbook
- \* Select Scheme Type, Enter account number, registered mobile number and CAPTCHA->continue->Enter OTP->Verify
- \* Select option

**a) Balance Enquiry**

**b) Mini Statement**

**c) Full Statement**

- \* Balance or Mini statement or Full statement will be displayed based on the service chosen by the customer. Mini statement and Full statement can also be downloaded if required.

**Note:-** If the entered mobile number is not linked with the account, system will throw appropriate error message. In such cases account holders are requested to link mobile number to their accounts by visiting the post office where the account stands.

5. It is requested to circulate this to all concerned for information, guidance and necessary action. Adequate promotion of this functionality is to be done and the same may also be placed on notice board of the post office (s).

Sd/-

**Devendra Sharma**

Assistant Director (SB-II)

## Dr. Charles Lobo Honoured

Dr. Charles Lobo, former Chief Postmaster General, Karnataka and former Member Postal Services Board, member of Karnataka P&T Pensioners' Association, was honoured in the 86th Akhila Bharata Kannada Sahitya Sammelana held from 6-01-2023 to 08-01-2023 at Haveri, North Karnataka. The Office bearers and the Executive Committee Members of the association extend hearty congratulations to Dr. Lobo on his being honoured by Kannada Sahitya Parishat, literary body of Kannadigas, which was set up in 1915.



### CGHS Advisory/ Grievance Committee for the 2 year-term 2023-2024

**Name, Mobile phone number and email i.d. of Pensioner-nominees of the Coordination Committee of Central Government Pensioners' Associations, Karnataka, (CCGPA) for the Advisory/Grievance Committees of CGHS Wellness Centres and Polyclinic in Bengaluru, and CGHS WC in Mysuru for the two-year term January 2023 to December 2024**

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## QUESTION CORNER

### Q : Who are eligible for family pension ?

R. Soundararajan, LM 710

Ans : The family pension shall be payable in the following order to :

- (i) Widow or Widower, (including a post-retiral spouse and judicially separated wife or husband)
- (ii) Children (including adopted children, step children and children born after retirement of the pensioner)
- (iii) Dependent parents (including adoptive parents) of the deceased Government servant or pensioner)
- (iv) Dependent siblings (i.e. brother or sister) of the deceased Government servant or pensioner, suffering from a mental or physical disability

Explanation:

- \* 'Widow' and 'Widower' shall mean a spouse, legally wedded to the deceased Government servant or Pensioner.
- \* If the deceased Government servant or the pensioner is not survived by a widow or widower or if the widow or widower dies or ceases to be eligible for family pension, family pension at the rate shall be payable to the child or children who fulfil the following conditions
  - (i) In the case of a son (other than a son suffering from a mental or physical disability) (including adopted son, step son and son born after retirement of the pensioner) unmarried, below the age of twenty five years and not earning his livelihood;
  - (ii) In the case of a daughter (other than a daughter suffering from a mental or physical disability) (including adopted daughter, step daughter and daughter born after retirement

of the pensioner) unmarried or widowed or divorced and not earning her livelihood

- (iii) In the case of a son or daughter suffering from a mental or physical disability (including adopted son or daughter, step son or daughter and son or daughter born after retirement of the pensioner) not earning his or her livelihood.
- (iv) Where a deceased Government servant or pensioner is not survived by a widow or widower or a child eligible for family pension or if the widow or widower and all children cease to be eligible for family pension, the family pension shall be payable to the parents for life, if the parents were dependent on the Government servant or pensioner immediately before his or her death. The family pension, wherever admissible to parents will be payable to the mother of the deceased Government servant or pensioner failing which to the father of the deceased Government servant or pensioner.

Explanation:- Parents shall be deemed to be dependent on the Government servant if their combined income is less than the minimum family pension and the dearness relief admissible thereon

Where a deceased Government servant or pensioner is not survived by a widow or widower or a child or parents eligible for family pension or if the widow or widower, children and parents of the Government servant or pensioner cease to be eligible for family pension, the family pension shall be payable to the dependent siblings suffering from a mental or physical disability, of the Government servant or pensioner for life if the siblings were wholly dependent upon the Government servant or pensioner immediately before his or her death.

### RENEWAL OF SUBSCRIPTION FOR THE JOURNAL "PENSIONERS' CHAMPION"

We earnestly request Members/Subscribers who have not yet renewed their subscription for the year 2022-23 (July 2022 to June 2023) to renew. Amount of subscription, Rs.180 per annum, may please be credited to the association's current Account No. 36418697411 IFSC: SBIN 0009045- SBI NTI Layout Branch, Vidyaranyapura, Bengaluru 560097. Account Holder: Karnataka P&T Pensioners' Association.

## APPEAL FOR DONATIONS FOR THE BUILDING FUND

We appeal to our **Members who have not yet paid** their contribution to the building fund please to remit their donation. 74th list of donations is published in this issue.

**New members are also requested to donate generously to the building fund**

Amount may please be remitted by *crossed cheque* payable to "Karnataka P&T Pensioners' Association". Cheques may please be sent to: Sri K.R. Anantha Ramu, No 1158, 7th Main, 7th Block, HMT Layout, Vidyanarayapura, Bangalore-560097 (Mob: 9448477129) or

**Preferably, be credited to the Association's Bank Account:**

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Bank: State Bank of India, Branch: HMT Layout branch, Vidyanarayapura, Bangalore

Current Account No. **64209078453, IFSC: SBIN 0040659**

**INCOME TAX EXEMPTION:** 50% of the amount of donation made to K P&T PA, is eligible for deduction in the gross total Income of the assessee under Section 80-G of Income Tax Act.

Please invariably inform us of the details of credit through a message or phone call on Mobile **No.09448477129 or 09483467750** to enable us to acknowledge the receipt of the amount and to send you a receipt.

### Donation for the Building Fund - 74th List December 22 - January 2023

Sl No.	Name Sri/Smt.	Membership No.	Amount Rs.	Receipt No.	Progressive Total of donation
1613	M.R.Revankar	498	25000	5354	
1614	A.O.Srinivasaiah	313	10000	5318	20000
1615	R.K.T.Shastry	918	10000	5348	35000
1616	B.A.Shetty	1621	5000	5335	25701
1617	H.S. Shivanna	2731	1460	-	-
1618	Prabhakara	2599	1000	5341	54322
1619	C.N.Nagaraja Rao	1680	500	5338	1000
1620	Venkatakrishnaiah	Well wisher	500	5334	

**List of donations received up to 31-12-2022 has been uploaded to the website of the association 'kptpa.org'. Donors are requested to visit the website and check-up whether their names have been correctly mentioned and the amount donated has been correctly indicated in the list. Discrepancies, if any, may please be informed to the Secretary on Phone - 08023230545 or mobile 9483467750.**

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 22	129.2*	129.2x2.88= 372	4341	361.75	38.38	38% from July, 2022
Nov 22	132.5	132.5x2.88 = 382	4447	370.58	41.75	

\* linking factor for conversion of the index numbers of 2016 base year to 2001 base year: 2.88

DA/DR expected from 1.1.2023 - 42% (increase: 4%)

### **BSNL IDA**

IDA From 1-10-2022, 195.8% (5% increase over July, 22 rate of 190.8%)

IDA From 1-1-2023, 201.2% (5.4% increase over Oct. 22 rate of 195.8%)

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# ಅÀZÀgÀ «À®ÉÀ - Annual Get-Together



**President, Conveners and Volunteers of Madhura Milana**

The 18th "Madhura Milana" -an annual get-together of RMS & MMS Pensioners of Department of Posts, was held on 1<sup>st</sup> January, 2023, the first Sunday of the year, at 'Raghothaman Smaraka Bhavana' RMS Colony, Sanjayanagara, Bengaluru after a gap of 2 years. The annual get-together was not held during the years 2021 and 2022 due to the pandemic covid-19 sweeping across the nation claiming thousands of casualties.

"Madhura Milana" an annual meet, in which a good number of former colleagues assemble, provides an opportunity for the old friends to meet, exchange pleasantries and reminisce the times when they worked together. A good number of pensioners, about 150, attended the annual event. Sri K.B. Krishna Rao, Secretary, Karnataka Posts and Telecommunications Pensioners' Association presided. Sri H.V. Ramanatha, Sri C.S. Parthasarathy and K.K. Gangadhara were seated on the dais.

Sri H.V. Ramanatha, a very senior pensioner, who was one of those friends who planned and started this annual get-together some 18 years ago, in his speech, said that Sri S.M. Vital Rao who is the architect of this

annual event could not be present due to his old age ailments. He said that he was extremely glad to see assembly of so many friends. He appreciated the contributions of Parthasarathy, KKG and a host of volunteers who made this meet possible.

Invocation was melodiously rendered by Kum. Avishka Achar. Sri K.K. Gangadhara, Convenor of Madura Milana, a Writer who has to his credit many translation works from Malayalam to Kannada, winning several awards including the award for best translation work conferred on him by the Government of Karnataka, Kuvempu Bhasha Bharathi Pradhikara and who was recently conferred with "Anche Rathna" award by Karnataka Anche Nowkarara Sahithya Balaga" welcomed the gathering.

To mark the inauguration of the event, the President, those seated on the dais and a few senior pensioners lighted the traditional lamp. Sri M. Ramakrishna compered the proceedings of the day. A minute's silence was observed in memory of the Pensioners who passed away during the years 2020, 2021 & 2022 and victims of the pandemic covid-19. Homage was paid to the National

and State Leaders and other prominent personalities who expired during the past 3 years.

11 pensioners aged 80 years & above and 26 pensioners aged 70 years & above were felicitated on the occasion.

Sri Siddaramu, President, RMS Employees Cooperative Society, Ltd, Sri T.R. Narayana, Sri H.R. Range Gowda, Sri S. Srinivasa Murthy, and Sri D. Muniyappa, addressed the gathering.

Sri K.B. Krishna Rao, Secretary, Karnataka P&T Pensioners' Association, President of the day, in his address, speaking about KP&TPA, said that the association established by the legendary P&T Trade Union Leader Com N. Bhaskaran in 1994 has made great strides over the years and it is the biggest P&T Pensioners' Association in the state of Karnataka with more than 3200 members and 2 buildings, built from the donations made by the pensioners. Speaking about the service to pensioners by the association, he gave a detailed account of the Digital Life Certificates generated by the executive committee members, present and past, and a few members, totally 13 in number, in 23 camps organised in coordination with Coffee Board Pensioners' Association headed by Sri T.V. Suryaprakash, Secretary not only in Bengaluru but also in other cities of the State. He said that the volunteers helped more than 5000 pensioners to submit their life certificates and visited 519 houses of infirm

pensioners who were unable to move out of their residences to help them to submit their life certificates from the confines of their homes. Naming a few volunteers, he mentioned the names of S/s D. Venkatesalu, K.R. Anantha Ramu, B. Nagaraju, V. Gopal, Viswnatha Rao, A. Prakash, K. Nagesh and V. Murugan. Sri Rao, dealt at length on several issues concerning pensioners, especially on the benefits that have accrued to the Central Government Pensioners on implementation of 7th CPC recommendations.

He said that, of late, CGHS beneficiaries are facing serious problems in getting cashless inpatient treatment from the CGHS empanelled Private Hospitals. Out of 22 hospitals, 8 have withdrawn their empanelment, and out of the remaining 14, only 4 hospitals are providing cashless facilities to pensioners. CCCGPA, Karnataka has been pursuing the matter with the Health Ministry and a memorandum was submitted to Sri Tejaswi Surya Hon'ble M.P, Bengaluru South Lok Sabha on 17-12-2022, requesting him to take up the issue in the Parliament. He called upon the pensioners to become members of the P&T Pensioners Association and to subscribe to the Associations' monthly journal 'Pensioners' Champion'.

Sri N.S. Shankaranarayana proposed a vote of thanks and extended invitation to all those present to attend the next 'Madhura Milana' on the first Sunday of the year 2024.

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At the reception counter



Kum. Avishka Achar, rendering invocation song



Sri K.S. Parthasarathy lighting the lamp



Sri H.V. Ramanatha speaking about the event



Sri K.K. Gangadhara welcoming Pensioners



Sri M. Ramakrishna, compering the programme



Sri K.B. Krishna Rao, President, addressing



Sri Siddaramu, President RMS Employees Cooperative Society addressing

**Pensioners aged 80 and 70 years being honoured**



Audience



Sri N.S. Shankara Narayana, proposing vote of thanks

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**OBITUARY**

**Sri A.Ramamurthy**, ALM 668,Retd. from the O/o C E Constructions, S Railway, expired on 29-12-2022 at the age of 84 years. He was assisting the association by meticulously recording the proceedings of the AGB. He had also helped the association in bringing out the compendium on pension and CGHS matters.

**Smt. Latha.PN.**, LM 2811, Retd. Divl. Engineer Telecom, Mysore, expired on 4-11-2022 at the age of 81 years.

**Sri Ananthapadmanabaiah**, LM 1510, Retd. Manager, PSD, Bengaluru, expired on 7-7-2021 at the age of 76 years.

The Executive Committee of K P&T PA conveys its heartfelt condolences to the members of the bereaved families

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