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Frozen Dearness relief released

DR frozen at 17% for 18 months from 1-1-2020 to 30-6-2021 vide DoP&PW OM dated 23-4-2020 has finally been released vide order dated 22-7-2021 reproduced in page 3 of this journal, setting at rest, the apprehension that has been daunting the minds of pensioners that the release may be delayed further due to the prevailing Pandemic Covid-19 situation in the country.

The order dated 23-4-20 and subsequent statement in the Parliament by the MoS for Finance that the frozen DR would be released whenever a decision is taken to release the DR due from 1-7-2021, had also created doubts about its release in July itself since usually the order for grant of DR that becomes due from July is issued in September. The All India Consumer Price Index points (Industrial Workers) for June required for computation of DR due from July are published by the

Department of Labour on the last working day of July. Therefore, the percentage of DR that is admissible from 1st July would be known only after publication of the AICPI points for June. This aspect had given room for an opinion amongst some that the DR release order may come about only in August or September.

But as a major relief to pensioners, the Union Cabinet in its meeting held on 14-7-2021 approved increase of the Dearness Allowance to Central Government employees and Dearness Relief to pensioners with effect from 01.07.2021 to 28% representing an increase of 11% over the existing rate of 17% of the Basic Pay/Pension. The increase reflects the additional instalments arising on 01-01-2020 (4%), 01-07-2020 (3%) and 01-01.2021 (4%). The rate of Dearness Allowance/Dearness Relief for the period

01-01-2020 to 30-06-2021 shall remain at 17%. Hence ARREARS WILL NOT BE PAID.

This issue was discussed in the 48th meeting of the National Council, Joint Consultative Machinery (NC JCM) held on 26th June 2021. The Staff side demanded payment of arrears from January 2020 to June 2021 and the mode of payment can be discussed separately with the staff side.

The staff side also demanded to extend the benefit to those employees who retired/expired between 1-1-2020 and 30-6-2021 which would benefit the pensioners retired/expired during the said period in getting the revised gratuity and cash equivalent of leave salary for the leave at their credit. Sri Siva Gopal Mishra, Secretary Staff Side NC JCM, has stated that he would pursue these two issues with the government.

In furtherance of the demand, the Secretary, Staff Side, National Council, JCM has addressed a letter to the Cabinet Secretary and Chairman, NC, JCM on 17-7-2021 strongly urging the government to release the increase in DR due from 1-1-2020, 1-7-2020 and 1-1-2021 at 4%, 7% and 11% respectively and pay consequential arrears. The letter also mentions that the employees who have retired between 1-1-2020 & 30-6-2021 have been subjected to huge financial loss in their gratuity

and leave encashment and has urged the government to pay them the arrears.

Shri Mishra has invited the attention of the Cabinet Secretary to the judgement of the Hon'ble Supreme Court delivered on 8-2-2021 in Civil Appeal No.399 of 2021 (Arising out of SLP(C) No.12553 of 2020 whereby the Hon'ble SC has decided that salaries and pensions constitute the rightful entitlement of the employees and are payable in accordance with law. Relevant paragraph of the judgement reads:

“The direction for the payment of the deferred portions of the salaries and pensions is unexceptionable. Salaries are due to the employees of the State for service rendered. Salaries in other words constitute the rightful entitlement of the employees and are payable in accordance with law. Likewise, it is well settled that the payment of pension is for the years of past service rendered by the pensioners to the State. Pensions are hence a matter of a rightful entitlement recognised by the applicable rules and regulations”

[The judgment was delivered by the Hon'ble SC in the case of deferment of salaries and pensions of employees and pensioners of the Government of Andhra Pradesh - Editor]

RENEWAL OF SUBSCRIPTION FOR THE JOURNAL

“PENSIONERS’ CHAMPION” AT THE REVISED RATE OF Rs.180 p.a.

We are glad to note that there has been a very good response to our appeal for renewal of the subscription at the rate of Rs.180 per year and to bring all renewals to the month of July uniformly from 2021.

While some have paid the difference in the amount of subscription between the old and new rates, others have renewed it for one year at the revised rate. Many members have renewed for more than one year also at Rs.180/-p.a. We thank them all.

List with details of renewals made up to 20-7-2021 published elsewhere in the journal

We earnestly request all others who have not yet renewed their subscription. Please to renew now. We have also written letters to the members who are yet to renew their subscription. Amount of subscription may please be directly credited to the association's bank account details of which are furnished in page 5.

Revised rates of Dearness Relief to Central Government Pensioners/ Family Pensioners w.e.f 01.07.2021

The undersigned is directed to refer to Ministry of Finance (Department of Expenditure) Office Memorandum No. I/I/2020-E-II(B), dated 23-04-2020, vide which instalments of Dearness Relief to pensioners/ family pensioners due from 01-01-2020, 01-07-2020 and 01-01-2021, were frozen and to say that the President is pleased to decide that the Dearness Relief admissible to Central Government pensioners/family pensioners shall be enhanced from the existing rate of **17% to 28%** of the basic pension/family pension (including additional pension/family pension) **w.e.f 01-07-2021**. The increase subsumes the additional instalments arising on 01-01-2020, 01-07-2020 and 01-01-2021. The rate of Dearness Relief earlier determined vide this Departments OM No. 42/04/2019-P&PW(D) Dated the 21st October, 2019, shall remain at 17% of basic pension/family pension for the period from 01-01-2020 till 30-6-2021.

2. These rates of Dearness Relief will be applicable to (i) Civilian Central Government pensioner/ family pensioners including Central Govt. absorbee pensioners in PSU/ Autonomous Bodies in respect of whom orders have been issued vide this Department's OM No. 4/34/2002-P&PW(D) Vol.II dated 23-06-2017 for restoration of full pension after expiry of commutation period of 15 years (ii) The Armed Forces pensioners/ family pensioners and Civilian pensioners/family pensioners paid out of the Defence Service Estimates, (iii) All India Service pensioners/ family pensioners (iv) Railway pensioners/family pensioners (v) Pensioners who are in receipt of provisional pension (vi) The Burma Civilian pensioners/family pensioners and of displaced pensioners/family pensioners from Pakistan, in respect of whom orders have been issued vide this Department's OM No. 23/3/2008-P&PW(B) dated 11-09-2017

3. The payment of Dearness Relief involving a fraction of a rupee shall be rounded off to the next higher rupee.

4. Other provisions governing grant of DR in respect of employed family pensioners and

reemployed Central Government Pensioners will be regulated in accordance with the provisions contained in this Department's OM No. 45/73/97-P&PW (G) dated 2-7-1999 as amended vide this Department's OM No. F.No. 38/88/ 2008-P&PW(G) dated 9th July, 2009 as amended from time to time . The provisions relating to regulation of Dearness Relief wherea pensioner is in receipt of more than one pension will remain unchanged.

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

6. It will be the responsibility of the pension disbursing authorities, including the nationalized banks, etc. to calculate the quantum of Dearness Relief payable in each individual case.

7. The offices of Accountant General and authorised Pension Disbursing Banks are requested to arrange payment of relief to pensioners/ family pensioners on the basis of these instructions without waiting for any further instructions from the Comptroller and Auditor General of India and the Reserve Bank of India in view of letter No. 528-TA, ii/34-80-II dated 23-04-1981 of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India addressed to all Accountant Generals and Reserve Bank of India Circular No. GANB No. 2958/GA-64 (ii) (CGL)/81 dated the 21st May, 1981 addressed to State Bank of India and its subsidiaries and all Nationalised Banks.

8. In their application to the pensioners/family pensioners belonging to Indian Audit and Accounts Department, these orders issued under Article 148(5) of the Constitution and after consultation with the Comptroller and Auditor General of India

9. This issues in pursuance of Ministry of Finance, Department of Expenditure's OM No. I/I/2020-E.II(B) dated 20th July, 2021

Sanjeev Narain Mathur
Joint Secretary to the Government of India

Cases pending or decided by Hon'ble High Courts/Central Administrative Tribunals regarding preponement of effective date of Modified Assured Career Progression Scheme - Order of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India dated 28.4.2021 in CA No. 1579/2 1 (SLP (C) No. 15572/20 19) of Union of India v/s R.K. Sharma & others.

Cases pending or decided by Hon'ble High Courts/Central Administrative Tribunals regarding preponement of effective date of Modified Assured Career Progression Scheme Order of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India dated 28-4-2021 in CA No. 1579/2 1 (SLP (C) No. 15572/20 19) of Union of India v/s R.K. Sharma & others –

The undersigned is directed to say that vide O.M. of even number dated 30-9-2020, Ministries Departments were advised to defend all cases or challenge the Orders of Court/Tribunal, as the case may be, which are contrary to Modified Assured Career Progression Scheme (MACPS) guidelines, since the matter relating to preponing the date of effect of the MACPS from 1-9-2008 (as provided in the scheme) to 1-1-2006, was sub-judice in a number of cases pending in the Apex Court, which have been tagged with SLP No. 108 11 - 13/2018 of Uo1 v/s Ranjit Samuel, and that all similar matters were being heard together

2. Though decision in the above mentioned cases is still awaited, the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India, in a related matter, has held that benefits under the MACPS cannot be claimed w.e.f. 1-1-2006. In its Order dated 28-4-2021 in Civil Appeal No. 1579/2021 [arising out of SLP (C) No. 15572/2019] of Union of India v/s R.K. Sharma & Others, the Hon'ble Apex Court has held as under:-

“7 For a better understanding of the dispute in these cases, it is necessary to examine the judgments of this Court in Balbir

Singh Turn (supra) and M V. Mohanan Nair (supra). The point that was considered by this Court in Balbir Singh Turn (supra) relates to the applicability of the benefit of MA CPS from 01-01-2006. The Respondents therein approached the Armed Forces Tribunal which held that the benefit of ACP granted to an employee is part of the pay structure which affects the pay and also his pension. The Armed Forces Tribunal held that an ACP is not an allowance but a part of pay and therefore, in terms of the Government resolution, the employees were entitled for MACP w.e.f 01-01-2006. This Court in Balbir Singh Turn (supra) upheld the said finding recorded by the Armed Forces Tribunal. Instructions issued on 30-05-2011 were found to be contrary to the resolution dated 30.08.2008 as, according to the resolution 01-01-2006 was the effective date for implementation of MACPS in matters relating to pay and dearness allowance.

8. In M V. Mohanan Nair (supra) a three Judge Bench of this Court considered the ACPS as well as the MACPS to hold that the schemes are in the nature of incentive schemes which were brought into force to relieve stagnation. This Court was of the considered view that the Respondents therein were entitled only to the benefit of next grade pay in the pay band and not to the benefit of grade pay of next promotional post. As the MACPS is a matter of Government policy pursuant to the recommendations made by the Pay Commission, this Court refused to accept submissions of the employees that MACPS should be made applicable w.e.f. 01-01-2006

9. In view of the judgment of this Court in M.V. Mohanan Nair (supra), the Respondents and other similarly situated employees are entitled for financial upgradation under MACPS only to the next grade pay and not to the grade pay of next promotional post. It is clear from the resolution dated 30-08-2008 that the recommendation of the 6th Pay Commission was accepted by the Government and was made effective from 01-01-2006 in respect of civilian employees with regard to revised scales of pay and dearness allowances. In so far as the revised allowances other than dearness allowance, recommendation of the 6th Pay Commission were given effect from 01-09-2008. **The judgment in M.V. Mohanan Nair (supra) clinches the issue. Benefits flowing from ACP & MACP Schemes are incentives and are not part of pay. The resolution dated 29-08-2008 is made effective from 01-09-2008 for implementation of allowances other than Pay and DA which includes financial upgradation under ACP & MACP Schemes. Therefore, the Respondents and other similarly situated officers are not entitled to seek implementation of the benefits of MACPS w.e.f 01-01-2006 according to the resolution dated 29-08-2008. Moreover, the**

implementation of MACPS by granting financial upgradation only to the next grade pay in the pay band and not granting pay of the next promotional post w.e.f 01.01.2006 would be detrimental to a large number of employees, particularly those who have retired. We find force in the submission made by the learned Additional Solicitor General that uniform implementation of MACPS for civilian employees w.e.f 01-01-2006 would result in large scale recoveries of amounts paid in excess.

10. In view of the above, we set aside the judgment of the High Court and allow this Appeal

3. Accordingly, in terms of the existing MACP guidelines, and in light of above mentioned order dated 28-4-2021, all Ministries/ Departments are, therefore, advised to dispose of all pending grievances seeking grant of benefit w.e.f. 1-1-2006 under the MACP Scheme, and also to defend the various pending Court Cases or to take immediate suitable action for appealing against such judgments which are contrary to the existing policy, as upheld by the Hon'ble Apex Court in the instant case.

A. Bhattacharya, Deputy Secretary

**Transfer / Credit of Subscription/ Donation amounts
directly to the Association's Bank Account:**

SUBSCRIPTION

Name of the Account Holder : **Karnataka P&T Pensioners' Association**

Bank: **State Bank of India (SBI)** Branch: NTI Layout Branch, Vidyananyapura, Bengaluru

Current Account No. **36418697411**

IFSC: **SBIN 0009045**

DONATION FOR THE BUILDING FUND

Name of the Account Holder: **Karnataka P&T Pensioners' Association**

Bank: **State Bank of India (SBI)** Branch: HMT Layout Branch, Vidyananyapura, Bengaluru

Current Account No. **64209078453,**

IFSC: **SBIN 0040659**

Sanction of 64 Posts for 16 New Allopathic CGHS Wellness Centres

Ref is invited to OM F No Z 15025/49/2019/DIR/CGHS/ EHSS dated the 10th June 2021 vide which MoHFW conveyed the approval of DOE, Ministry of Finance for creation of 64 posts for opening 16 Allopathic Centres. These new Allopathic Wellness Centres shall be located at Ghaziabad region (2), Narela (1), Chandigarh(1), Panchkula (1) Nasik(1), Aurangabad(1), Mysuru(1), Coimbatore(1) and

Chandrapur(1) and regularization of CGHS Wellness Centres working temporarily at Gwalior(1), Kannur(1), Kozhikode(1), Sonipat (1) and upgradation of extension counters at Wadi(1) in Nagpur and Ichhapur(1) in Kolkata.

In this regard it is stated that the Additional Directors under whose administrative control the 16 Wellness Centres shall function are as given under

ADDITIONAL DIRECTOR, CGHS	CGHS WELLNESS CENTRE UNDER ADMINISTRATIVE CONTROL
North Zone, Delhi	Sonipat (regularization) and Narela
East Zone, Delhi	2 WCs in Ghaziabad region
Chandigarh	Panchkula, Chandigarh (2nd WC)
Kanpur	Gwalior
Nagpur	Up-gradation of extension counter at Wadi and Chandrapur(new)
Mumbai	Nasik
Pune	Aurangabad
Bengaluru	Mysuru
Chennai	Coimbatore
Trivandrum	Kannur and Kozhikode (regularization)

3. Additional Directors concerned take necessary steps in this regard, wherever the temporary WC are not functioning as per the Standard Operating Procedures prescribed by this Directorate.

- i. Nodal Officer – One Medical Officer may be identified to work as Nodal Officer for making the new Wellness Centres / up gradation operative. [refer Annexure 1].
- ii. Accommodation for the Wellness Centre – efforts may be made to identify Central Government / State Government

Accommodation for this purpose. Concerned authorities may be approached for this purpose.- If no Government accommodation is available action may be initiated for hiring accommodation as per the SOPs issued. This has to be completed in two months or earlier. [refer Annexure 2]

- iii. Matter may be taken up with NIC for enlisting the WC in CGHS Module and creation of the requisite User Names/ Pass word. ADs may take up the matter with NIC in consultation with Nodal Officer, MCTC, CGHS. [refer Annexure 1]

- iv. Apply for Leased Line connection after acquiring the accommodation. Procurement of Computers with requisite accessories, Distribution Switch for leased line and configuration in consultation with NIC, LAN Cabling, Fixation of electrical points may be undertaken. [refer Annexure 1]
 - v. The sanction Posts shall be taken on the strength of CGHS of City of concerned Additional Director and Staff to be posted may be identified. If more staff is needed to be posted due to patient rush then this will be done from within the sanctioned strength of the city. Further vacant posts be filled up by hiring retired officials/officers. [refer Annexure 1]
 - vi. Action may be initiated for outsourcing of Housekeeping and Security services in consultation with Under Secretary (Admin.), CGHS. Tendering be started immediately. [refer Annexure 1]
 - vii. Action shall be initiated for procurement of Furniture and other infrastructure, Necessary Medical equipment required as per guidelines may be procured. [refer Annexure 3,4,5]
 - viii. Action shall be initiated for appointment of Authorized Local Chemist and empanelment of HCOs in the new Cities, wherever they are not in place. [refer Annexure 1]
 - ix. Initial stock of medicines may be allocated from the CGHS City by concerned Additional Director. [refer Annexure 1]
4. The progress in the matter shall be reviewed every Fortnight and Directorate of CGHS

Dr.G D Paliya
Additional Dy. Director General(HQ)

CPAO Order on Credit of first pension

*Gol, Ministry of Finance, Department of Expenditure, Central Pension Accounting Office,
OM - F.No. O/o-13012(12)/3/2021-IT Technical/40 Dated: 12-07-202*

First Credit of pension on the basis of e-PPO into the account of the pensioner/family pensioner followed by subsequent verification with physical PPOs

It has been observed that the first credit of pension into the account of pensioner/family pensioner is delayed as the CPPCs of Banks await the receipt of the physical PPO for verification before starting the payment of benefits. The delay in crediting of pension to the pensioner's account due to this has been causing undue hardship to pensioners.

2. With a view to streamline the process to expedite the payment of first credit, all the Heads of the CPPCs of Authorised Banks are hereby directed to ensure that the credit of the first pension into the account of pensioner/family pensioner is carried out immediately on the basis of e-PPO and e-SSA received from the CPAO. The physical PPO booklet and related documents will continue to be sent to

CPPCs until further orders. On receipt of the same, the CPPC of Banks will verify the details and if any differences are found between the e-PPO and manual PPO, the same should be intimated to CCP, CPAO within a month for necessary corrective action.

3. It may also be ensured that the e-Scroll for all payments of pension made is submitted the same day to CPAO while intimating RBI.

4. The order shall come into effect from the date of issue of this OM.

This issues with the approval of the Controller General of Accounts.

Chief Controller,
Pension

Revalidation of BSNL Medical Card & Payment of Medical cash allowance with/without voucher facility to retired employees.

Reference:1.BSNL CO.ND letter No.BSNL/Admn/14-14/09 dated 02-09-2009

2.This office lt. No.WLF/12-39/BSNL-MRS/17-18/KW/79 dated 09-07-2021

In continuation of this office letter (2) referred above (published in ktk intranet on 12-07-2021) it is further clarified that all retired employees who have submitted their option for the financial years 2020-21 need not submit fresh options. Fresh options may be submitted by those who have the following changes.

1. Whose Bank Account Number and IFSC Code are changed because of merger of Banks
2. Who want to change the option

This has the approval of the competent authority

Asst. General Manager (SGO)
O/o the Chief General Manager, Karnataka
Telecom Circle

ALL INDIA CONSUMER PRICE INDEX						
Month	CPI Base 2016=100	CPI base 2001=100	12 Months total	Monthly average	7th CPC	DR due
					% increase over 261.42	
June 19		316	3673	306.08	17.08	17% from July 2019 Being Paid
Dec 19		330	3809	317.41	21.42	21% from Jan. 2020 (Frozen)
June 20		332	3919	326.58	24.92	24% from July 2020 (Frozen)
Dec 20	118.8*	118.8x2.88= 342	4020	335	28.15	28% from Jan 2021 (Released)
May 21	120.6*	120.6x2.88= 347	4097	341.41	30.60	

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

DA/DR wef 1-1-2021 : 28% - **FROZEN** Vide MoF, DoE, OM dated 23-4-2020 released with effect from 1-7-2021:

EXPECTED DA/DR FROM 1-7-2021 :31%

DR frozen from 1-1-2020 to 30-6-2021 RELEASED from 1-7-2021

DR Due at 28% from 1-1-2021 has been released w.e.f 1-7-2021 vide DoP&PW Order dated 22.7.2021 reproduced in page 3 of this journal. DR increases by 11% over the existing 17% from 1-7-2021. NO ARREARS FOR THE PERIOD FROM 1-1-2020 TO 30-6-2021 (18 Months).

INFORMATION ON RELEASE OF FROZEN IDA

Com.K.G.Jayaraj, General Secretary, All India BSNL-DOT Pensioners' Association had a detailed discussion with Shri.P.K.Saha, Director, Department of Public Enterprises, New Delhi on 16th July, 2021 and asked him whether the order for the restoration of the three frozen IDA instalments along with the additional instalment due from 01-07-2021 is being issued in the wake of Government decision to restore the frozen DA and DR for the period from 01-01-2020 to 30-06-2021 with effect from 01-07-2021 for the Central Government Employees and Pensioners. The Director has stated that they are waiting for the formal orders in this regard. Once they get the orders, they will start processing the case and issue the orders restoring the frozen IDA instalments along with the additional instalment due from 01-07-2021.

SB Order No. 15/2021

To

All Head of Circles / Regions

Clarification on withdrawal / closure of accounts under National Savings Schemes

As per Rule 12 of Govt. Savings Promotion General Rules, 2018 issued vide GSR No. 1003(E) dated 05.10.2018 circulated vide SB Order No. 1312/19 dated 18.12.2019, **at the time of payment of maturity proceeds or partial withdrawal or interest**, the depositor shall affix his signature or thumb impression in the presence of the authorised officer who shall verify the identity **of the person**. This implies that signature by the depositor is to be affixed in the presence of the authorized officials of the Post Office doing the transaction, which requires the presence of the depositor and no payment can be made through messenger.

2. Maharashtra Circle vide email dated 22.06.2021 stated that there is no provision in account closure forms (SB-7A & SB-7B) for messenger and requested to issue necessary guidelines.

3. It is accordingly clarified that

- i) There is no provision made for messenger in the forms notified by the Ministry of Finance in GSPR 2018 and in various National Savings Schemes 2019
- ii) As per the provisions under Rule 12 of GSPR 2018, no messenger is allowed for any type of payment viz. maturity proceeds, partial withdrawal or interest.
- iii) Even though, there is provision for messenger in withdrawal form (SB-7), **withdrawals / closure of accounts through SB-7, SB-7A, SB-7B & SB-7C** by messengers shall not be allowed.

4. Further, it is intimated that the issue has already been taken up with Ministry of Finance for relaxing this provision in case of exigencies (i.e. illness / Senior Citizen) decision from nodal ministry is awaited.

5. This may be circulated to all the Post Offices for information and necessary actions.

6. This is issued with the approval of the Competent Authority

(Vijayan Asst Director SB-I)

OBITUARY

Shri L.V. Ashwathanarayana, LM 2531, Retd. SPM, Yeshwanthapur PO expired on 20-10-2020 at the age of 68 years

Shri S. Jayaram, LM 986, Retd. General Manager, O/o. the CGMT, BSNL expired on 12-01-2021 at the age of 86 years.

Shri G Venkatasubbaiah, LM 2561, Retd. Dy. Postmaster, Jalahalli HPO Bengaluru expired on 2-5-2021 at the age of 81 years

Shri James George, LM 921, Retd. Section Supervisor, O/o. the PMGSK Region expired on 1-7-2021 at the age of 77 years. He was a former Director of the Ministry of Communications Employees Co-operative Housing Society Ltd.

Shri M.L. Kulkarni, LM 210 Retd. LSG supervisor, RLO Bangalore expired on 12-7-2021 at the age of 89 years.

Shri H S V Swamy, LM 2791, Retd. SPM, Maddur PO expired on 22-07-2021 at the age of 83 years.

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

Notional Increment for retirement benefits

Gol, Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions, Department of Personnel and Training OMF. No. 1453545/2021-Lstt (Pay-1) dated 24-06-2021

Grant of benefit of one notional increment (as due on 1st July) for the pensionary benefits to those employees who had retired on 30th of June before drawing the same.

The undersigned is directed to refer to the subject cited above and to state that the issue of grant of notional increment and consequential pensionary benefits on the rationale of the Order dated 15.09.2017 passed by the Hon'ble High Court of Madras in WP 15732 of 2017 filed by Shri P.Ayyamperumal was examined and necessary instructions in this regard were issued vide this Department's OM 19/2/2018-Estt (Pay-I) dated 03.02.2021. This OM is available at the link ([https://documents.doptcirculars.nic.in/D2/D02est/19-2-2018-Estt %20 Pay-IMVLPO.PDF](https://documents.doptcirculars.nic.in/D2/D02est/19-2-2018-Estt%20Pay-IMVLPO.PDF)) or may be accessed from this Department's website <https://dopt.gov.in> : Notifications : OMs and Orders :13. Establishment: Pay Rules. : 2. Meanwhile, Ministry of Railways have brought to the knowledge of this Department, the Order dated 05.04.2021 passed by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in a case involving same subject matter {SLP(C) No. 4722/2021}. In the case under reference (OA No170/677/2019), Hon'ble CAT, Bangalore Bench, allowed grant of notional annual increment to an employee who superannuated from service on 30.06.2014. Ministry of Railways challenged this judgment in the Hon'ble High Court of Karnataka in WP No 146967 of 2020 (S-CAT), which was rejected by the High Court on 22.10.2020. Thereafter, Ministry of Railways filed a Special Leave Petition {SLP (C) No 4722/2021} against the Order dated 22.10.2020 of the Hon'ble High Court of Karnataka. Hon'ble Supreme Court

heard the matter and issued the following directions in its Order dated 05.04.2021:

"Issue notice returnable after three weeks. In the meanwhile, there will be stay of operation of the order dated 18th December, 2019 of the Central Administrative Tribunal, Bangalore Bench in Original Application No. 170/00677/2019, affirmed by the judgment and order impugned. The Petitioners shall, however, in the meanwhile without prejudice to the rights and contentions of parties pay retiral dues of the Respondent computed on the basis of the last pay drawn by him on the date of his retirement, that is, 30-06-2014."

Ministries /Departments are requested to take note of the contents of instructions issued vide this Department's OM 19/2/2018-Estt (Pay-I) dated 03.02.2021 and the Order dated 05.04.2021 of the Hon'ble Supreme Court and defend the Court Cases similarly placed on behalf of Union of India including this Department, in consultation with this Department and other nodal Departments, if necessary, and keep the interest of this Department in view while on doing so.

Shuk deo Sah

Under Secretary to the Government of India

An Update: It is understood that the Hon'ble High Court of Karnataka has constituted a larger bench to hear the writ petition before the H C on grant of notional increment for pensionary benefits and the case is coming up on 6-8-2021.: Editor

CGHS –PLASTIC CARDS

It has been informed by one of the CGHS Advisory Committee Members that 833 New Plastic Cards are remaining uncollected by the beneficiaries in Wellness Centre No.2 Seshadripura. Beneficiaries concerned are requested to collect their cards from the WC.

Circular No. 01/2021-PHA**Policy for provision of Concessional FTTH connection to Serving/
Retired employees of BSNL**

Approval of Management Committee of BSNL is hereby conveyed for concessional FTTH Connection facility to Serving/Retired Executive as well as Non-Executive Employees in BSNL Area only

a) Concessional FTTH/Bharat Air Fibre connection may be offered to BSNL serving as well as retired employees subject to 40% concession on plan charges with ceiling of Rs 300/- per month (For example- a concession of Rs 240/- in plan 599 and a concession of Rs 300/- in plan 1200)

Concession shall be only on plan and not on any value added service over the plan. FTTH/ Air Fibre plan of FMC of 599 or above shall only be available in this concessional scheme.

b) In case of MTNL area, the existing guidelines for providing the concessional broadband only (for below JAG level servings employees) would continue.

c) In case of concessional FTTH connection, the concession shall be allowed only in plan charges and the concerned employee will require to bear cost/rent of OLT/modem, activation, installation or any other charges as applicable to any ordinary subscriber. However, no security deposit will be required from the serving employee. Retired employees shall be required to deposit prescribed Security Deposit.

d) The policy for JAG and above, serving executives may continue as per circular No. 02/2018-PHA dated 04.09.2018. However, such employees may take only the FTTH connection

i.e. either as per order dated 04.09.2018 or under this policy with 40% concession limited to Rs 300/-

e) FTTH Connections already working in private capacity under 10% concession scheme (as per CFA Cell Circular R&C-CFA No. 67/20-21 dated 15.01.2021) may be allowed to be migrated to eligible concessional plan if requested by the employee.

f) The facility of providing concessional FTTH connection to the spouse of an eligible retired BSNL employee after the death of such employee may not be provided in this policy.

g) The provision of FTTH shall be subject to its feasibility.

h) Concessional FTTH connection shall be in lieu of (i) the concessional broadband (ii) existing RSTC/CTC landline connection and (iii) Bharat Fibre service availed under 10% concession scheme (as per CFA Cell Circular R&C-CFA No 67/20-21 dated 15.01.2021) and they will be withdrawn upon provisioning of the FTTH connection under this policy.

i) GSM in lieu of RSTC/CTC provided in TNF area as per this office order dated 03.01.2020 shall also be withdrawn after provisioning of FTTH.

j) Other terms and conditions shall be governed as per existing Rules and guidelines issued for serving/ concessional connection for serving/ retired employees

Hindi version of the Circular follows

R.K.Sharma, DGM (Admin)

Central Government Holidays in AUGUST 2021

1. Independence Day : 15th August, Sunday

2. Muharram : 19th August, Thursday

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. 56th list of donations is published in this issue.

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

**Preferably, be directly credited to the Association's Bank Account:
Name: Karnataka P&T Pensioners' Association;**

Bank: State Bank of India, Branch: HMT Layout branch, Vidyaranyapura, 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 Phone 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 - 56th List June/July 2021

SI No.	Name Sri/Smt.	Membership No.	Amount Rs.	Receipt No.	Progressive Total of donation
1495	K.S.Ramanathan	1805	30,000	4907	1,25,000
1496	B.R. Rao	305	10,000	4909	35,100
1497	S. Vijaya Gopal	2107	10,000	4922	12,000
1498	S M Vittal Rao	48	5,000	4915	1,70,000
1499	G .Sathyamoorthy	2717	4,100	4927	16,140
1500	Shantha Venugopalan	796	2000	4904	12000
1501	S.N.Krishna Murthy	847	500	4924	3500
1502	H.G.Mate	2781	500	4901	2000



The Executive Committee of KP&TPA is grateful to Sri K S Ramanathan, LM 1805, Retd. Divisional Engineer Telecom, Hyderabad for donating Rs.30,000 in June, thereby increasing his total contribution to Rs.1,25,000.

Opening of CGHS Wellness Centre at Mysuru

The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare in its OM dated 10th June 2021 had sanctioned 64 posts for opening of 16 allopathic centres which included opening of CGHS centre at Mysuru also. In the OM dated 28th June 2021, Health Ministry has issued instruction to Additional Director (AD) CGHS Bengaluru to take steps for commissioning of Wellness Centre (WC) at Mysuru. The first step in this regard is "to identify Central Government / State Government Accommodation for this purpose by approaching the concerned authorities in Mysuru. If no Government accommodation is available action may be initiated for hiring accommodation as per the SOPs issued. This has to be completed in two months or earlier." The AD, CGHS, Bengaluru has already initiated steps to identify the accommodation in Mysuru. The CCCGPA has

constituted a committee of four pensioners residing in Mysuru to coordinate with CGHS authorities in identifying suitable centrally located accommodation.

Members of the committee are:

Sri P.M. Parameshwaraiah, Secretary, CGPA, Mysuru

Sri S. Devapala, Member, Karnataka P&T Pensioners Association

Sri Rajashekhar, District Secretary, BSNL Pensioners Welfare Association, Mysuru

Sri A. R. Janakinath, Zonal Secretary, Income Tax Pensioners Association, Mysuru

In Bengaluru Chairman and General Secretary of CCCGPA will coordinate with CGHS authorities for early commissioning of CGHS WC at Mysuru.

TO THE ATTENTION OF MEMBERS WHO HAVE CREDITED SUBSCRIPTION AMOUNT TO THE BANK ACCOUNTS OF THE ASSOCIATION

{AMOUNT KEPT IN SUSPENSE ACCOUNT FOR WANT OF DETAILS OF THE REMITTERS}

The following amounts received for renewal of subscriptions for the journal could not be identified with the membership numbers. Particulars as they appear in association's bank account are furnished below.

- 05/05/21 UPI/CR/112520215524/VELDAMA/UBIN/Veldamarin/Subscri Rs.150/-
- 02/06/21 UPI/CR/115313105523/Nagendra/SBIN/ardhini.na/UIP Rs.240/-
- 12/07/21 Bank of Baroda cheque No.000077 deposited Rs.90/-
- 12/07/21 Punjab National Bank cheque No.1753 deposited Rs.320/-
- 26/06/21 UPI/Cr/117797154753/T J Suma/CNRB/tjsuma199 Rs.180/-
- 30/06/21 UPI/CR/118115835256/Seetha G/SBIN/seethagiri Rs.180/-
- 02/07/21 ICIC03F0002*149943801*Girish JA NEFT/Renew Rs.180/-
- 08/07/21 Cash deposit Rs.500/-
- 09/07/21 ICICOSF002*156525682*C Muralikrishna*NEFT Rs.540/-
- 10.12/07/21 UPI/CR/119320377326/Vajjayan/HDFC/Vajjayanth/UIP Rs.325/-
- 11.16/07/21 INB renewal of pension magazine SivaramanSubrama Rs.360/-
- 12.16/07/21 Cash deposit Rs.360/-
- 13.19/07/21 Cash deposit Rs.180/-
- 14.19/07/21 UPI/CR/120082749352/Vijay KB/KARB/vijayb702@/LM 1 Rs180/-

Members/Subscribers who have credited the amounts are requested to furnish details to the Treasurer Sri Anantha Ramu on mobile 9448477129.

Subscription received for Pensioners' Champion During June-July 2021

Less than Rs.150/- Smt./Sri	Rs.150/- Smt./Sri	Rs.180/- Smt./Sri	Rs.180/- Smt./Sri
574 H.S.Krishna Swamy 30	1076 Chandrasekhara Karanth	1447 N.M.Hegde	2594 V.S.Sortur
833 Hanumantha Rao 30	1207 K.Sunithi	1456 M.S.Subramanian	2638 T.V.Lakshmidevi
1588 K.M.Gopinathan 30	1304 Kalappa Devira	1602 S.Sudarshan	2645 Pashupathinathan
2107 S.Vijayagopal 30	1565 G.V.Venkatanarayana Sastry	1802 A.Sambamurthy Rao	2646 Theresa Manoharan
2616 R.S.N.Murthy 30	2246 D.L.Pushpa	1874 S.Radhamani	2681 R.Chandrashekar
2718 B. Surendra Naik 30	2927 Parashurama	1909 G.Megharajan	2690 J.K.Anantha
7 M.S. Narayanamoorthy 60	2940 Purandara Hebbar	1933 D.P.Anantha Padmanabha Rao	2698 N.P.Shanmugam
207 S.H.Raghothama Rao 60	Rs.180/- Smt./Sri	1952 G.K.Shanmugam	2712 T.N.Seetharamaiah
1320 G.V. Lakshminarayana 60	1 K Armugam	2011 M.V.Chayapathi Rao	2728 G.S.Lakshminarasimhaiah
1426 B.Mohan 60	120 C.Vasudeva Rao	2038 S.R.Ramanna	2752 K.V. Thimmanna
1593 H.L.Nagaraj 60	127 K.R.Subbanna	2063 S M Hadalagiri	2761 Mazher Ahmed
1944 D.Rangaswamy 60	221 M.K.Venkatesh	2070 N. Subbanarasimhaiah	2793 Munoji Rao
1966 V.R.Joshi 60	305 B.R.Rao	2093 H.T.Govinda Gowda	2797 N.L.Shakunthala
1999 B.S.Narayana Swamy 60	401 H.V.Shivaswamy	2095 K.Chandran	2822 C.Somashekarappa
1457 N.Manjunatha Adiga 70	542 V.S.Burge	2146 K.Lakshmi pathy	2825 P.Vittala Murthy
2813 N.Srikanta Karaba 70	597 N.Subbalakshmi	2162 S.A.Kumbar	2828 R.Srinivasa
2908 M.T.Andamma 75	710 R Soundara Rajan	2170 K.R.Nagaraja	2840 R.Rangamma
762 A.Sadananda 90	781 V.S.Balasubramanian	2190 R.Muddaiah	2873 G.Thyagarajan
838 B L Channappa 90	824 A.R.S.Sharma	2202 P.Sundara Murthy	2882 Shakunthala
987 C.S.Anandatheerthachar 90	829 S.N.Honnalli	2203 M.N.Nagabhushana	2883 B.Ramachandra
1561 K.G.Bhuvanendra 90	847 S.N.Krishnamurthy	2204 Vamana.G.Shettigar	2909 K. Hanumanthan
2252 B.R.Kasturi 90	901 R.Karthikeyan	2212 S.Jayapalan	2916 Shankar.P.Balagali
S-272 D V Sathyanarayana	958 K.R.Ananthkrishnan	2315 Indudhar.V.Patil	2919 K.Ahalya Bai
Bank of Baroda Cheque No.000077 90 (cheque deposit)	971 L.Ramachandra Hegde	2318 Mohan.R.Savadi	2989 M.Ramakrishna
301 P.N.Jayalakshmi 100	989 T.A. Gopalakrishnan	2339 John Christopher	2992 B.S.Krishna Naik
678 Kanjini Raman 105	1017 P.S.Vishwanatha	2340 G.R.Narayana Swamy	2994 W.Vijaya Rao
923 G. Hamsaveni 105	1033 R.Jayaraman	2360 K.R.Kambaiah	3015 R.Ramesh
2925 A.H. Kamalasundari 105	1109 K Sanjeeva Shetty	2446 Abdul Gaffor	3017 M.V.Premakumari
1265 K.Sivadass 120	1171 Roddom Subramanya	2467 T.V.Ramamurthy	3022 B.S.Seetharamaiah
1582 Y.Seshadri 100	1230 R.Bhuvaneshwari	2469 N.T.Srinivasa Reddy	3024 B.N.Tadkod
2208 K.Sivaramkrishnan 115	1292 V.Ranganatha Rao	2498 M.S.Shamanna	3027 A.Nagesh Rao
2466 R.M.Karkal 108	1343 B.S.Jai Parameshwar	2537 C.S.Krishna Murthy	3040 M.N.Rajagopal
2702 H.Lokeshwara 130	1348 K.R.Rajendran	2538 H.K.Nagrajan	3076 M.R.Indira Devi
2891 N.Padma 110	1358 N.D.Devadiga	2540 K S Parameshwara Bhat	x x x T.J.Suma
2900 G.Ramakrishnappa 120	1373 C.S.S.S.Prasad	2549 Babu Rao	x x x G.Seetha
Rs.150/- Smt./Sri	1389 A.Narasimha Aithal	2558 B.S.Sathyanarayana	x x x Girish J.A
349 A.Mahabaleshwara Karanth	1395 Leela. M		x x x J.Ethiraj
	W/o. M.D. Mahadev		x x x Basavaraj Shiragaddi

Subscription received for Pensioners' Champion During June-July 2021

Less than Rs.240/- Smt./Sri	Rs.360/- Smt./Sri	Rs.360/- Smt./Sri	Rs.540/- Smt./Sri
Cash deposit on 19-07-2021	783 B.R.N.Gupta	2564 B.Nagaraju	1349 B.G.Pranesh
D P Ahuja, (New member)	791 K.T.Chikkaswamy	2580 V.A. Gopalan	1491 P.P.Gopi
Rs.200/- Smt./Sri	798 R.Vaniitha	2640 K.R.Gurukar	1555 M.N.Rajeev
1086 B.L.Sathyannarayana	826 H.S.Prabhakara	2650 M.N.Srikantaiah	1706 K.G.Ramaraj
1388 G.Gopal	911 K.N.Ramaprasad	2651 B.T.Chandrashekar	1892 R.Shanmugam
2150 M.S.Bagewadi	1018 H.R.Gopala Iyengar 380	2657 C. Munikannan	1953 C.Ranjani
2179 K.Devanathan	1084 B.N.Nagaraju	2699 Sripoorna.V.Sondur	2425 B.M.Gopalakrishna
2412 K.S.Sampath	1313 H.Suresh Mallya	2701 G.L.Srikanta Sharma	2463 K.Jayaram
2615 S.Purushothaman 210	1342 R.Krishnamurthy	2703 D.Shantharaj	2553 P.Madhava Rao
2980 Ganapathy Acharya 210	1374 K.Govindaraju	2705 Bhagavan	2789 K.S.Balasubramanya
S-252 V.Radhanath 200	1461 A.H.Veeraiah	2743 L K Hegde	2948 P.Malathi
x x x Vajayanth 225	1579 A.Narayanaswamy	2941 M.Chikkalakshmana	x x x C.Muralikrishna
268 Y.Vasudeva Rao 250	1629 G.S.Kumar	2952 V.M.Bhagyalakshmi	Rs.600/- Smt./Sri
S-150 D.K.Joshi 240	1756 J Sukumaran	3019 C.S.Nagaraja Rao	1213 R.Badrinath
S-358 N.Srinivasan 240	1778 C.N.Krishnamachar	3020 V.Rajaram Mohan	1384 Nagarathnamma
1258 Keval Krishen 240	1900 G.Mathiyazhagan	x x x SivaramanSubramanya	Rs.720/- Smt./Sri
Rs.300/- Smt./Sri	1970 V.Murugan	x x x Cash deposit	1921 K.Venkateshalu
1644 V.Gopal	2002 R Vijayaraghavan -320	Rs.450/- Smt./Sri	2199 M.T.Ramaswamy
1672 A.C.Shekar	2017 N.Nadarajan	529 S.Vishwanathan	2406 M.Armugham
1838 R.Venkataramana 310	2185 Rathnamma	x x x Cash deposit	2951 Smt.R.Alli
1868 M S Radhakrishna	2206 M.Elangovan	08-07-2021 500	Rs.900/- Smt./Sri
1999 B.S.Narayana Swamy	2256 Sheila.P.Tolani	1570 Yashodamma 500	782 D.R.Balarama Gupta
2136 E.Krishnaji Rao 301	2265 R.Vijayan	1848 A.N.Desikan 500	1345 K.Bharathi
2183 M. Sridhar 260	2309 G.Rajanna	Rs.540/- Smt./Sri	1805 K.S.Ramanathan
2547 P.Subbarathanaiah 325	2314 T.S.Ramakrishnaiah	125 P.Narayanan Kutty	2096 B.Lakshmi
2729 M.B.Anavatti	2430 S.Devapala	446 K.S.Swamy	2717 G.Sathyamoorthy
2955 R.Rajamani 310	2439 S.Yamuna	652 K.Vasudeva Rao	3091 Dr. Sayeed Ahmed
2976 M.V.Nagaraj 330	2473 K.M.Chowdhary	696 R.C.Hanumantha Rao	Rs.1000/- Smt./Sri
Punjab National Bank (cheque no.1753)	2502 R.S.Karnic	845 N.P.Albert Raphael	2626 C.Ramanathan
320 (cheque deposit)	2540 K.S. Parameshwara Bhat	953 C.Narasimhaiah	2354 V.K.S.Murthy
	2542 Ramachandra.G. Kerur	1011 K Seshadri	2329 G H Gururaja 1100
		1114 H.M.Savithri(FP)	

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IDA From 1-1-2021 : 171.5 % (6.1% increase from Oct 2020 rate of 165.4 %) FROZEN vide DPE OM dated 19-11-2020

IDA From 1-4-2021 : 170.5 % (1% decrease from January 21 rate of 171.5%) FROZEN vide DPE OM dated 19-11-2020

IDA From 1-7-2021 : 173.6 % (3.1% increase from April 21 rate of 170.5%)

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Payment of DR by HPOs

Implementation of the Order issued by the Department of Pension and PW on Dearness Relief to Pensioners and Family Pensioners without waiting for any endorsement from the Department of Posts-

Order dated 25-06-2013 of Dept. of Posts is reproduced below

Gol, Ministry of Communications & IT, Department of Posts No.10569-2011-Pen dated 26-05-2013

Implementation of OM of DoP&PW posted in the Pensioners Portal Website for enhancement of Dearness relief for Pensioners/Family Pensioners

I am directed to refer to this Division's Circular No.100-13/2012-Pen dt. 11-10-2012, on the subject (copy enclosed) and to say that it has been brought to the notice of authorities of the Department by DoP&PW that enhancement

orders on Dearness Relief are not being implemented by some offices in the Department of Posts on the basis of OM posted in **Pensioners Portal Website by DoP&PW.**

2. It is reiterated that the OM of Department of Pension & PW posted in Pensioners Portal for enhancement of Dearness Relief from time to time for Pensioners/Family Pensioners may be given effect to by all the authorities/offices concerned in the Department of Posts **without waiting for any separate circular of this Directorate** for the purpose. This will eliminate the delay in payment of enhanced Dearness Relief which takes place on account of circulation of OMs from Directorate to Circles and below.

3. All the Heads of Circles etc. may issue suitable instructions to all the offices under their respective jurisdiction to ensure compliance in this regard.

Anil Kumar, Dy Director General (Estanlishment)

We Welcome the Following Newly Enrolled Members

Sl.No.	Name (Smt./Sri)	Designation & Office in which last worked	Type & No.
1	G.S.Lakshmana Rao	Postman, Bangalore GPO, Bangalore	LM 3082
2	M.S.Prasanna	Postal Assistant, TBOP, Bangalore GPO, Bangalore	LM 3083
3	V.Mahendran	Electrician, Mail Motor Service, Bangalore	LM 3084
4	R.A.Manjunatha	Sub Divisional Engineer, BSNL, Jayalakshampuram, Mysore	LM 3085
5	N.Lalitha	Shop superintendent, Railways, VT Mumbai	ALM 3086
6	N.H.Mallesappa	MTS, Bangalore City RMS, Bangalore	LM 3087
7	Gangadharayya.M.Hiremath	LSG Supervisor, PPC, Peenya Bangalore	LM 3088
8	K.Ashokan	MTS, Bangalore City RMS, Bangalore	LM 3089
9	Y.Hariprasanna	Postmaster, Mavalli Post Office, Bangalore	LM 3090
10	Dr. Sayeed Ahmed	Asst. Director, Ministry of Animal Husbandry & Dairying	ALM 3091

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