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**Coordination Committee of Central Government
Pensioners Associations Karnataka (CCGPA)
Annual General Body Meeting 10-8-2024**



**Dr. H S Prasanna, Additional Director, CGHS, Bengaluru,
the Chief Guest delivering his inaugural speech.**

Report: 2-8



**Dr. H.S Prasanna,
the Chief Guest
felicitated**



**Sri K.B. Krishna Rao, President, who
attained 80 years recently honoured**



**Sri. R.S.N. Murthy, Internal Auditor, who
attained 80 years recently honoured**

**Minutes of the Annual General Body Meeting of the
Co-ordination Committee of Central Government Pensioners' Associations,
Karnataka, held on 10-08-2024 at 10:30 am in Udayabhanu Kala Sangha,
Gavipuram, Bengaluru – 560 019**

The Annual General Body Meeting of the Co-ordination Committee of Central Government Pensioners' Associations, Karnataka, was held on 10th August 2024 in Udayabhanu Kalasangha, Gavipuram, Bangalore – 560 019.

The following Office Bearers were Present:

Com K B Krishna Rao:	President
Com P Gangadhara Rao:	Vice President
Com S Radhakrishna:	Gen Secretary
Com T V Surya Prakash:	Jt. Gen Secy
Com P S Prasad:	Jt Gen Secy
Com Juliana R Vincent:	Jt Gen Secy,
Com S Krishnamurthy:	Treasurer

About 65 representatives from various Affiliate Pensioners' Associations were present

The meeting commenced at 10:30 AM under the Presidentship of Com K B Krishna Rao. Dr. H S Prasanna, Addl Director (I/C) CGHS Bengaluru, was the Chief Guest.

Inaugural Session

The inaugural session commenced with Com S Radhakrishna, General Secretary, CCCGPA inviting the Chief Guest Dr. H S Prasanna, Addl Director (I/C), CGHS, Bengaluru to the dais and warmly welcoming him. He also welcomed all the Office Bearers on the dais and all the member representatives of all the affiliates of CCCGPA present in the house.

Thereafter he briefly spoke about the CGHS administration and its cordial relationship with CCCGPA and pensioners. He mentioned in particular about Dr. Prasanna's commitment to CGHS beneficiaries and about his helpful nature was very positive in sorting out issues as and when needed. He then requested the President Com K B Krishna Rao to present his address before the chief guest is requested to inaugurate the open session.

Com Krishna Rao greeted the gathering and spoke on the importance of inviting those with medical knowledge as chief guests to the Pensioners' Meetings. He cited the example of Dr. C R Chandrashekar, the renowned Psychiatrist, Philanthropist and 'Padma Shree' Awardee, who was the Chief Guest at the Karnataka Posts & Telecommunications Pensioners' Association's General Body Meeting on 03-08-2024. He had spoken on mental and physical wellbeing which was very useful to all. Therefore, now having Dr H S Prasanna as Chief Guest was again a privilege as all members could directly interact with him after his inaugural address and clear whatever doubts they have.

Com Krishna Rao then mentioned that the NCCPA had directed all its affiliates to submit a memorandum on CGHS issues to the Prime Minister. It was also directed to hold a Demonstration on 6th August, 2024 in front of the CGHS Office and hand over the Memorandum to the Additional Director to forward the same to the Health Ministry. Since this could not be done on 6th August, the Memorandum is being submitted to Dr. H.S. Prasanna, Additional Director I/C, CGHS, with a request to forward the same to the Health Ministry. The President also, briefly, explained the contents of the Memorandum and handed it over to Dr. Prasanna. He then requested Dr. Prasanna to deliver his Inaugural address,

Dr Prasanna greeted the house and thanked the President & the General Secretary for all that they had said about him. He

mentioned that his interaction with the Pensioners is only through the 'Advisory Committee' meetings and he described his relationship with Pensioners' Associations as super cordial. He appreciated the behaviour of the Zonal Advisory Committee members towards the CGHS authorities during every meeting and expressed that such behaviour and attitude help CGHS to solve the issues which are within their delegated powers. He kept his inaugural address short to enable the Pensioners to have an opportunity to interact with him on issues and problems being faced by them.

Before commencing the interactive session, Com Radhakrishna informed the House that the demand for enhancement in fixed medical allowance from Rs.1000/- to 3000/- has been recommended by the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Personnel, Public Grievances, and Pensions and an increase in the Fixed Medical Allowance is expected after approval from the Finance Ministry.

Some of the issues brought up by members were:-

- * Whether a Local Committee can be formed with the State Government to approve Blood Cancer treatment etc to reduce undue delay in the present circumstances.
- * Whether the life-saving medicines for serious treatments like cancer etc can be supplied for a longer period.
- * Whether the number of empanelled hospitals can be increased.
- * Can the number of doctors and staff in the WCs be increased in order to avoid patients waiting for a number of hours in all the Wellness Centres due to shortage of doctors at all times.
- * Why Specialist Doctors in CGHS empanelled hospitals do not attend to patients when they get to know that they are CGHS beneficiaries?
- * Since many beneficiaries have experienced that the generic medicines being issued by CGHS are not effective, why can't branded medicines be issued?

- * Why are the medicines not issued for the entire period of three months and medicines which are close to the expiry date are being supplied to the beneficiaries and then directing them to come again for re-indenting and receiving the remaining medicines?
- * The status of the Medical Reimbursement Claims submitted by the beneficiaries is not known even by the Wellness Centres and Claimants do not know whom to approach to get details of their claims.

For each of the above queries Dr Prasanna shared his views and Com Radhakrishna also gave details of the cases as some of them had come up at the Zonal Committee Meetings with the CGHS Authorities.

Dr Prasanna agreed with the view that there can be a committee at the State Level which will speed up the process for review of the treatment of cancer patients etc. This suggestion is being considered at the appropriate level in the CGHS Directorate.

He said that as per the instructions of the Directorate, lifesaving drugs have to be generally issued only for one month. Further, there is no annual contract with local chemists and medicines have to be procured at the rates fixed by the Directorate. There is difficulty in local chemists supplying medicines at that rate. There is also a possibility that compositions of such medicines are changed in periodical review by treating Doctors. However, it is being ensured that beneficiaries are issued required medicines.

He also said that many of the problems faced by the beneficiaries are due to shortage of CGHS doctors. He added that some years back the number of doctors in Bengaluru was reduced and since then this reduction has affected the beneficiaries. Now it is expected that more number of doctors will be sanctioned as per the requirement submitted. If it happens, it will improve the situation.

Opening of Wellness Centres and

empanelled hospitals in every district depending on the number of beneficiaries is one of the demands from the serving staff and Pensioners. These demands are being considered, on merits, at CGHS Directorate.

The problems of patients waiting for long number of hours and available doctors having to see large numbers of patients within a given time will surely be sorted out as soon as the Government increases the number of doctors in Bengaluru, as per the requirement submitted.

Regarding the Specialist doctors not attending to all CGHS patients in the empanelled hospitals, he said that this problem can be resolved once the Government issues the revised CGHS rates which are pending for long time.

With regard to generic medicines, he said that the doctors will check the composition of every generic medicine before they prescribe the drugs and unless they are satisfied, they will not give prescriptions. Moreover, they will have to prescribe generic medicines only as per the specific instructions of the Government and they cannot issue prescription for branded medicines.

Dr. Prasanna expressed that the medicines do come to the Wellness Centres mentioning the expiry date. Therefore, medicines are issued taking into consideration the expiry date in order to ensure that the beneficiaries do not consume the medicines after the expiry date.

Regarding Medical Reimbursement Claims, he suggested that the beneficiaries can enquire through the Medical/Nursing Superintendent of Wellness Centres. He also suggested that they can check the CGHS Website and get status of their medical claims.

The General Secretary thanked Dr. H.S. Prasanna for answering all the queries raised by the Pensioners.

Thereafter, the Chief Guest, Dr H S Prasanna, was honoured by the President Com K B Krishnan Rao, Gen

Secretary Com S Radhakrishna and Com G Babu, President of K P&T PA.

Com K B Krishna Rao, who had turned 80 years recently, was honoured by the Chief Guest Dr H S Prasanna, Gen Secretary, Com S Radhakrishna and Com. G. Babu.

Shri R S N Murthy, Internal Auditor had also turned 80 years. He was also honoured by both the President Com K B Krishna Rao and Gen Secretary Com Radhakrishna.

The Open Session concluded at 12 pm with the Vote of Thanks by Shri P Gangadhara Rao, Vice President. The Chief Guest was seen off by the President, Genl Secretary and others.

Proceedings of the AGB were later held under the Chairmanship of Com K B Krishna Rao, President.

Com S Radhakrishna, Gen Secretary read the Agenda of the day and placed it for adoption. Agenda was adopted by the House.

Agenda Item No. 1 - Inaugural Session – concluded.

Before commencement of the Agenda Items, the General Secretary mentioned that all are deeply saddened by the devastating landslides and floods that swept through Waynad in Kerala during the early hours of Tuesday the 30th July 2024, causing unprecedented deaths and destruction. He also mentioned about the damage caused by the torrential rains and landslide that occurred in Shirur, Karnataka, which resulted in loss of hundreds of lives. He also referred to the sudden demise of former Vice President of CCCGPA, Mr. K.K. Gupta from Mumbai and few other members of affiliates since last AGM. He requested the members to observe a minute silence as a mark of respect to the departed members.

Agenda Item 2 Confirmation of the Annual General Body Meeting held on 2nd August 2023.

The General Secretary informed that the

Minutes of the AGB held on 2nd August 2023 had already been circulated to all the affiliates and requested that the same be approved. The House unanimously approved the Minutes.

Agenda Item No 3 - Consideration & Approval of the General Secretary's Report & Audited Accounts for the year 2023-24.

The General Secretary intimated that the Annual Report for the year 2023-24 has already been circulated and copies of the same have been given to the affiliates. The House unanimously adopted the same.

Then Shri S Krishnamurthy, Treasurer, presented the audited accounts for the year 2023-24. He mentioned that some of the Affiliates have not yet paid their affiliation fee. Shri Radhakrishna requested the Affiliates to pay the affiliation fee and donation immediately. The house adopted the Accounts unanimously.

Agenda Item No.4: Constitution of 8th CPC

The President informed that the Pensioners Associations and Employees' Unions have been demanding immediate constitution of 8th CPC since the Pay Commission usually takes two to three years to submit its report. He recalled that the Government had replied in the Parliament during the question hour that there is no proposal before the Government for constitution of 8th CPC. Though the 7th CPC had mentioned that periodical review of pension and pay must be made, the Government is in no mood to implement this. Apex Bodies of Employees Unions and Pensioners Associations have conducted periodical agitation programmes like demonstrations before offices. CCCGPA took part in the demonstrations in response to the call given by NCCPA.

The General Secretary informed that a Memorandum on this issue among others will be submitted to the Government on 5th September 2024.

Agenda No. 5 – Reduction in the period of Restoration of Commuted Part of Pension.

The President informed the House that several Pensioners' Associations including CCCGPA, have been writing to the Government with a request to reduce the recovery period of commuted part of pension from the present 15 years to 12 years. Unfortunately, the Government have not accepted this request so far. He requested Shri P.S.Prasad, Joint General Secretary of CCCGPA and President of Confederation of Central Government Employees and Workers, who had done comprehensive study of this subject, to briefly explain the need for reduction of recovery period of commutation from the present 15 years to 12 years.

Mr. Prasad, speaking on the subject said that the Central Government employees at the time of their retirement are eligible to commute up to 40% of their pension and receive a lump sum amount based on the commutation table incorporated in the CCS (Commutation of Pension) Rules, 1981. The commuted portion of pension is restored after 15 years. The factors based on which the Government had fixed the restoration period as 15 years in 1986 require revisit as nearly 38 years have elapsed since 1986. The V CPC had recommended that it has to be restored after a period of 12 years. He further stated that the commutation factor and the period of restoration of commuted portion of pension are based on three factors viz. interest rates, life expectancy and mortality rate. All these factors in this period of 38 years have undergone significant changes.

Interest Rate was 12% in 1986. When the commutation table was revised in the year 2008, the Government had adopted the interest rate of 8% as fixed by the IRDA. However, subsequently, the IRDA had revised the interest rate to 7.1% from 2020 but the commutation table was not revised by adopting revised rate of interest. The 6th CPC, while recommending a revised commutation table, had also recommended considering extending interest subsidy on commutation, but this recommen-

ation was not implemented. With a commutation factor of 8.194 (Commutation table from 1.1.2006 for the age of 61 years), the restoration period of commuted portion of pension has to be further reduced.

The mortality rate, as published by the Institute of Actuaries of India in 1973 was 0.02014, in 2004, it was 0.013073 and in 2021, it was 0.006349, which shows risk factor of less than 0.1 and Life expectancy is another factor which has a bearing on the commutation factor and the restoration of the commuted portion of pension. The statistics furnished by the Department of Census also reveal that the mortality rate is decreasing year by year while life expectancy is increasing year by year.

Calculations reveal commuted portion of pension and interest thereon are recovered in 10.85 years. But now the recovery is being continued for another 4 years. Therefore, there is no justification for continuing the recovery for four more years when the entire commutation value along with interest is recovered in 10.66 years.

Sri Prasad urged the CCCGPA to request the Government to consider restoration of commutation of pension after 12 years.

The President, Sri Krishna Rao, speaking on the subject informed that this matter was discussed in the 62nd meeting of the Standing Committee of National Council (JCM) held on 15.12.2023 under the Chairmanship of Additional Secretary (PP). The staff side demanded for restoration of commutation portion of pension after 12 years. The Department of Pension and Pensioners Welfare informed that a proposal for reduction in restoration period of commutation was referred to the Department of Expenditure. The Department of Expenditure may convene a meeting with the staff side. .

The President Sri Krishna Rao ended discussions on this subject by informing the House that the CCCGPA and the Confederation of Employees and Workers, Karnataka Unit

will pursue this issue further with the Government through JCM Staff side.

Agenda No. 6 & No. 7:- Health Care – CGHS, Non-CGHS areas and Pensioners of Autonomous & Statutory Bodies.

During discussion on the above agenda items following points came up:

- * CGHS should be liberal in passing Hospital Bills & in approving ROMC applications submitted with copies of referrals issued by CGHS.
- * The age limit for direct consultation with Specialists of CGHS empanelled Pvt Hospitals has to be changed from 75 years to 70 years.
- * The Sahakaranagar CGHS extension counter is to be made into a full-fledged CGHS Wellness Centre.
- * Extension of CGHS facilities to all the pensioners of Autonomous Bodies which has been a long pending demand.
- * Functioning of the Zonal Advisory Committee.

General Secretary stated that the Additional Director has already covered all the above issues in detail in the inaugural session. He mentioned that all grievances have to be brought to the notice of advisory committee members or written grievances are to be placed in the complaint/grievance box kept in each WC and AD's office. Unfortunately, whenever these grievance boxes are opened in front of advisory committee members' the boxes are found empty. Unless grievances are put on record it will be very difficult to convince the authorities. Regarding status of MRCs, the information can be accessed by logging into CGHS website and also can be verified with nursing officer of WCs. As AD has covered all the points in his inaugural address the issue was closed.

Regarding extension of CGHS facilities to Autonomous bodies General Secretary informed that the matter is being pursued through NCCPA, BPS and JCM.

Regarding opening of more WCs and upgradation of Sahakarnagar and Hubballi extension counters to full-fledged WCs all the required information has been furnished to Directorate of CGHS and issue is being pursued. He further mentioned that a team headed by AD CGHS had visited Shivamogga, Udupi and Mangaluru to explore the feasibility of opening WCs in those places. CCCGPA had furnished all the statistical information supporting the opening of centres in those places.

As AD had covered all the issues in his inaugural address the discussion on the subject was closed by the President.

Agenda Item No. 8: Notional increment for those who retired completing 12 months, after earning the previous increment.

The President Sri K B Krishna Rao, said that KP&TPA, which is one of the SCOVA Members, had given this item for discussion in 33rd meeting of SCOVA held on 22nd February 2024 with a detailed noting, requesting for bringing an amendment to the Rules governing grant of increment so as to allow drawal of increment on the date of retirement of those employees, who retire after completion of 365 days of service after the last increment and retiring on 30th June and 31st December. While mentioning that Smt. Nagalakshmi, Vice President of KP&TPA, attend this SCOVA Meeting, he said, the Hon'ble Minister, in the meeting, asked the Secretary, DOPPW to refer the case to the Attorney General of India for legal opinion regarding amendment to Fundamental Rules. He also informed the August House that it is learnt that a Note has been submitted to the Cabinet Secretary for consideration and hoped that KP&TPA's suggestion for amendment to the Rule may be decided favourably.

He also advised the concerned pensioners not to file the cases in the Courts since there is a hope that DOPT will issue a general order in this regard.

Agenda Item No. 9 – Outcome of the SCOVA Meeting held on 22-02-2024.

The President informed the House that the Karnataka P&T Pensioners' Association has been included in the Standing Committee of Voluntary Agencies (SCOVA), which was reconstituted by the Department of Pension and Pensioners Welfare on 26.9.2023. He informed that, this year, 33rd meeting of SCOVA was held on 22.2.2024 and Smt. Nagalakshmi, Vice President of KPTPA attended the meeting. KPTPA had suggested 12 agenda items for discussion in the meeting and is grateful to the DoP&PW for including five fresh items suggested by the KPTPA among the 10 fresh items taken up for discussion in the SCOVA meeting. They are (1) Grant of increment to the retiring officials on the date of their retirement if the date of increment falls on the next date of their retirement: Amendment to the Rules governing grant of increment and extension of the benefit to the pensioners as a one-time measure, (2) One time option to CGHS beneficiaries to choose their ward entitlement based on their Notional Pay in 7th CPC Pay Matrix, (3) Non-revision of CGHS rates, (4) Provision in CPENGRAMS for entering address of grievance registering Pensioners' Associations, and (5) Non-indication of DR in SMS sent to DOT Pensioners in SAMPANN. Smt. Nagalakshmi put forth arguments on the issues. Assurance was given by the concerned departments to consider the demands raised by the KPTPA.

The President also informed that the Proceedings of the SCOVA Meeting have been published in March 2024 issue of the Journal: *Pensioners Champion*.

Agenda Item No. 10 – Filling up of vacant posts of the Management Committee by co-option

Eleven posts in the Management Committee were filled up by nominating the following from the associations who did not have representation in the Management Committee and had sent in their nominations.

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House approved the entire list of nominees mentioned below:-

(1) Mr. M G Kodandaram, Secretary of Central Excise and Customs PA, (2) Mr. A Munnikrishnaiah, DRDO Pensioners' Association, (3) Mr. K N Nagabhushan, Secretary, Retd Railway Officers' Associations, (4) Mr. Chandrappa Moolya, President Ex-Servicemen, BSF Welfare Association, (5) Mr. V Kunhiraman, ISRO & Dept of Space P A, (6) Dr. T N Veeraiah, Secretary, Central Silk Board P A, (7) Mr. Eswaraiah, Secretary, Tobacco Board PA, (8) Mr. K Nanjundeswaran, Spices Board PA, (9) Mr. K Ramaiah, President, Chikkamagalur District, P&T and BSNL PA, (10) Mr. S N Yewoorker, Secretary, Posts & RMS Welfare Assn, Gulbarga, (11) Mr. George Samuel, Secretary, Udupi District, P&T P A, Udupi.

Agenda Item No. 11 – Any other subject with the permission of the Chair

Com Radhakrishna, Gen Secy, suggested that, in order to give an opportunity to the Affiliate Associations to visit Pensioners' Bhavan, the Pensioners' Day Celebration on 17th December 2024 can be conducted at Pensioners Bhavan. While whole-heartedly welcoming the suggestion of the General Secretary, the President Krishna Rao who is also the Secretary of KPTPA, after consulting the Sri G Babu, President KPTPA who was seated on the dais, said that arrangements would be made to observe the Pensioners Day in Pensioners Bhavan, however, subject to the Bahvan remaining unoccupied by a tenant on the date.

As there were no other subjects for further discussions, the General Body concluded around 1.30 p.m. with a Vote of Thanks.

K.B. Krishna Rao
President

S.Radhakrishna
General Secretary

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Feedback

29th Annual General Body Meeting of Karnataka Posts and Telecommunications Pensioners' Association held on 03-08-2024

Dear Sri Krishna Rao, Thanks for the journal. I went through the report and connected matters. Congratulations for organising a very good meeting.

**Veteran P&T Trade Union Leader, Com V A N Namboodiri,
Advisor, AIBDPA & Patron NCCPA**

Journal received. The proceedings of the AGB have been meticulously prepared giving all the details. The journal is filled with colourful photos of the event. I thoroughly enjoyed reading the entire magazine. My sincere thanks to the office bearers who compiled and edited the proceedings. My personal thanks to the beloved Secretary and his team.

Sri M N Gopinath, Former Vice- President, KP&TPA

I got the magazine today by post. A very fine and accurate presentation of the proceedings of the AGB. I was unfortunate as I could not attend the meeting for personal reasons.

T R Narayana, LM 1070

Helping those in need as a part of charitable functions-2024

The Association donated Rs.10,000 from its funds and collected Rs.15,000 from the members attending the Executive Committee meeting on 13-8-2024 and totally remitted Rs.25,000 to Smt. K Devi of Chennai, who was in dire need, to help her in meeting the medical expenses to be incurred by her for the treatment of her seriously ill autistic daughter Mahalakshmi aged 19, who has been recently diagnosed to be suffering from brain tumour also in addition to Autism

Financial help was extended to Smt. Devi in response to a letter received from Sri R.Soundararajan, LM 711, Nagapattinam explaining the extremely difficult situation in which the lady has been placed due to her daughter's severe illness and calling upon the Association to extend financial assistance to the lady in dire straits.

Central Government Holidays in October 2024

Mahatma Gandhi's Birthday	02-10-2024	Wednesday
Dussehra/ Mahanavami	11-10-2024	Friday
Dussehra/ Vijayadashami	12-10-2024	Saturday
Deepavali (Diwali)	31-10-2024	Thursday

Renewal of Subscription for the Journal "PENSIONERS' CHAMPION"

Many Members/Subscribers have not yet renewed their subscription for the year 2023-24 (July 2023 to June 2024). They are requested to renew their subscription for 2023-24 and 2024-25 now to continue to receive the journal. Amount of subscription- Members - Rs.180/- Subscribers- Rs.240/-per year. Amount may be credited to the association's Bank Account No. 36418697411 IFSC: SBIN 0009045- SBI NTI Layout Branch, Vidyananyapura, Bengaluru 560097. Account Holder: Karnataka P&T Pensioners' Association.

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News from the Affiliates of CCCGPA

Karnataka Central Government Pensioners Association, Bengaluru the oldest Central Govt Pensioners Association in Karnataka, celebrates its GOLDEN JUBILEE



The venue of the celebrations and the AGB was Samrat Hotel, Sheshadripuram, Bengaluru. The function commenced at 11.00 hours with a prayer followed by lighting of lamp. After the welcome speech by the Secretary, a few minutes silence was observed in memory of the departed members of the Association. Annual report was read out in brief and the same was accepted. The Annual accounts presented by the

Treasurer were also accepted after some discussions. The President Sri.Girish Kanagotagi spoke about Unified Pension Scheme, Notional increment to those who retired on 30th June and 31st December, CGHS and other matters. This was followed by honouring of members of the Association aged 75 years.

By:

K.R.Anantha Ramu, Treasurer, KP&TPA



(Sitting from left)
S/s. K.R. Anantha Ramu,
Treasurer,
B. Nagaraju, EC Member,
K P&T PA
and
T.V. Suryaprakash,
Jt. Genl. Secretary,
CCCGPA & Secretary
Coffee Board Pensioners
Association felicitated in
the AGB

Notional increment for pensionery benefits to those Pensioners who had retired on 30th June after serving for one year from the date of drawal of their last increment.

An update : The Hon'ble Supreme Court clarifies the date of application of its order dated 11-04-2023 in its interim order made on 6-9-2024

The Order

UPON hearing the counsel, the Court made the following order.

It is stated that the Review Petition in Diary No. 36418/2024 filed by the Union of India is pending.

The issue raised in the present applications requires consideration, insofar as the date of applicability of the judgment dated 11.04.2023 in Civil Appeal No. 2471/2023, titled "*Director (Admn. and HR) KPTCL and Others v. C.P. Mundinamani and Others*", **to third parties is concerned.**

We are informed that a large number of fresh writ petitions have been filed.

To prevent any further litigation and confusion, by of an interim order we direct that:

- (a) The judgment dated 11.04.2023 will be given effect to in case of third parties from the date of the judgment, that is, the pension by taking into account one increment will be payable on and after 01.05.2023. Enhanced pension for the period prior to 30.04.2023 will not be paid.
- (b) For persons who have filed writ petitions and succeeded, the directions given in the said judgment will operate as *res judicata*, and accordingly, an enhanced pension by taking one increment would have to be paid.
- (c) The direction in (b) will not apply, where the judgment has not attained finality, and cases where an appeal has been preferred, or if filed, is entertained by the appellate court.
- (d) In case any retired employee has filed any application for intervention/

impleadment in Civil Appeal No. 3933/2023 or any other writ petition and a beneficial order has been passed, the enhanced pension by including one increment will be payable from the month in which the application for intervention/impleadment was filed.

This interim order will continue till further orders of the Court. However, no person who has already received an enhanced pension including arrears, will be affected by the directions in (a), (c) and (d)

Editor's note:

Karnataka P&T Pensioners Association, a member of SCOVA, will strongly pursue the matter further with DOPT bringing to its notice the order of the Hon'ble Supreme Court and the assurances given earlier by the Government in the meetings with the Staff Side and Pensioners Associations. **To quote a few:**

(a) The Special Finance Secretary, in the Standing Committee meeting of NC JCM in June 2023 had stated that the ***matter is under consideration***

(b) In the Standing Committee meeting of the National Council - JCM held on 20/09/2023 under the Chairpersonship of Secretary (P) Department of Personnel and Training. The Special Secretary informed that ***the matter is under serious consideration and a decision would be taken soon.***

(c) In the National Council, JCM meeting held on 15-12-2023, Additional Secretary stated that ***the issue is in an advanced stage of consideration and the DOPT would take a decision in this regard very soon.***

Procedure for Submission of Medical Reimbursement Claims (MRCs) by Pensioners (P) Beneficiaries in CGHS

1. The procedure to be followed by CGHS for submission of MRC by pensioner CGHS beneficiaries shall be as follows:

a. Submission of MRC: The beneficiary will submit the MRC in the prescribed format (Form MRC (P), Annexure A) with all relevant supporting vouchers/documents in original, to the CMO-I/C of the relevant CGHS Wellness Centre. The CGHS Wellness Centre shall verify and ensure, before accepting the claim papers, that all relevant documents are enclosed as per the prescribed checklist (Annexure B) and issue a dated acknowledgement to the claimant in token of receipt of the MRC by CGHS. MRC Claim ID shall be generated by the Wellness Centre which shall be made available through SMS.

b. Forwarding MRC Papers: The CGHS Wellness Centre shall forward the MRC papers online after scrutiny to the concerned Office of Additional Director (AD) CGHS for further processing for reimbursement of claims. The physical papers shall be sent to the office of the AD within one/two days of receipt of the claim papers.

c. Handling Deficiencies: If there are any deficiencies/gaps found in MRC documents/papers, the CMO I/c shall retain the papers and communicate the list of deficiencies/observations to the beneficiary through SMS. If the deficiency is found at the level of O/o AD, they shall retain the papers and communicate the list of deficiencies/observations to the CMO-I/C to remove the shortcomings through email.

d. Informing the Beneficiary of deficiency in the claim: The CMO-I/C shall contact the

beneficiary concerned and inform them about the shortcomings in the MRC papers and request them to submit the requisite information/documents. The CMO I/C shall not return the MRC in original unless it is rejected in total.

e. Processing the MRCS: The MRCS shall be scrutinized and processed by the Office of AD as per the extant policy and instructions for issued from time to time about the CGHS rates and Admissibility of claims of under CGHS.

f. Informing the Beneficiary of approved claim amount:

When a bill is sent to the PAO, the details pertaining to the claimant will be entered through computer and the claimant shall be informed of the same along with the amount admissible and details of disallowances indicating the specific reasons/grounds for deductions.

g. Payment Processing: The amount found admissible as per the CGHS guidelines shall be passed for payment and forwarded online to the PAO for making payment. The original documents should also be forwarded simultaneously to the PAO for making payment of the admissible amount to the claimant.

2. Tracking of Status of MRC: The Status of MRC can be viewed online based on the Claim ID generated at the time of submission via the CGHS Web portal (www.cghs.nic.in) or through my CGHS Mobile app (available on Android and IOS devices). The Standard Operating Procedure is enclosed (Annexure 3). *(Not printed –editor)*

Dr Y.H.Satheesh, Director, (CGHS)

Donation for the Building Fund - 94th List August-September 2024

Sl No.	Name Sri / Smt.	Membership No.	Amount Rs.	Receipt No.	Progressive Total of donation
1714	S.M. Vittal Rao	LM 48	25,000	6280	2,01,700

Submission of Life Certificate by Pensioners in October/November 2024

All the pensioners/family pensioners are required to submit their Life Certificate to the Pension Disbursing Authority every year in November before 20th of the month. Pensioners aged 80+ can submit their life certificate either in October or November.

During last year, 25 members voluntarily visited residences of 1221 aged infirm pensioners to help them to submit their life certificate from the confines of their homes. They organized 33 Digital Life Certificate Camps in Bengaluru and other places like Mysuru, Hassan, Chikmagalur, Tumulur Shivamogga

and Thitupathi. They helped a record number of 3467 pensioners to submit their digital life certificate making use of the “Face Authentication Technology” launched by the Department of Pension and Pensioners Welfare in collaboration with UIDAI & Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (Miety).

Similarly, during this year 2024, in coordination with Coffee Board Pensioners’ Association, we will conduct DLC Camps and our volunteers will also visit residences of aged pensioners who register their names with us.

TENTATIVE DLC CAMP DETAILS – DURING NOVEMBER 2024

Date	Camp Venue	Volunteers to be Contacted
3rd Nov. 2024 (Sunday) 9 AM 10 AM 11 AM 10 AM	Sahakar Nagar Residents’ Welfare Assn.-Ganesh Temple Premises	KRA/BN/VM/HSR/BAS/NMH/RSN/MR and Others
	Ag’s Office Layout- Near Poornaprajna Layout - BN Ramesh Residence, No.182, 3 rd Main, Ags Layout, Arehalli, Bengaluru560061 (Mob: 9880596436)	TVS/VR/KN/NRA
	Pensioners Bhavan, Telecom Layout, Bengaluru 560064	KA/SNH/ CK RAMAKRISHNA REDDY
	Mysuru: Sadvidya Educational Institutions # 7, Narayana Sastry Road, Mysuru 570024 Contact : (1) Sri P M Parameshwaraiah, President, Central Govt. Pensioners Assn. Mysuru. Mobile: 9449621314 (2) Rajashekhar, Dy. Director(retd) PTC Mysuru: 9013348224	KA/SHIVALINGAIAH/RAJASHEKAR/ PRAKASH
4th Nov. 2024 (Monday) 10 AM 10 AM 10 AM	Coffee Board Layout, Hebbal, B’lore 560024	KRA/BN/VM/TVSP/RSNM
	Senior Citizen’s Forum, 5 th Cross, Kirloskar Colony 1 st Stage, Basavesvaranagar 560079 (Coordinator: H R Shamasundar-9986520345)	KN/SHYAMSUNDAR/VR/NRA
	Kolar	KA / BRND/HRS

5th Nov. 2024 (Tuesday) 10 AM	Hassan Mr. T M Veeraiah's House, No.02, 1st Main, Basaveshwara Layout behind Subbanna Garden,Vijayanagar, Bengaluru 560040 (Mob: 94483 94777)	TVSP/KRA/BN/VM KN/VR/NRA/RSNM
6th Nov 2024 (Wednesday) 10 AM	Chikmagalur Poornaprajna Layout	TVSP/KRA/BN/VM/HS Rajendra VR/KN/RSNM/MB Shivalingaiah
7th Nov. 2024 (Thursday) 10 AM	Shivamogga Sanjayanagar, Bengaluru Tumkur	KRA/TVS/BN/VM DV/NMH KN/KA/HSR/NMH/MB Shivalingaiah
8th Nov. 2024 (Friday) 10 AM	DRDO Pensioners Association Resident Vidyaranya Welfare Association	VM/KA/TVSP/RSNM/VR/SK KRA/BN/HSR/BAS/NMH/MR
9th Nov. 2024 (Saturday) 10 AM	Sahakarnagar Resident Welfare Assn. P&T Quarters, Kavalbyrasandra	KRA/BN/HSR/BAS/NMH/MR VM/DV/KA
10th Nov. 2024 (Sunday) 10 AM 10 AM 2 PM 10 AM	Smart Cerebrum Pvt Ltd. No.175, 1 st Floor, Rushyashruna Rd, Konnankunte, Bg. 62. Jala Vayur Vihar Megana And Shalini Apartment Tirupathi	TVSP/VR/RSNM/NRA KRA/BN/VM/KA/NMH/HSR KN/VR/NRA SKR
11th NOV. 2024 (Monday) 10 AM 9 AM	Nemmadi Vishranthi Dhama Vinayaka English Medium School, 4 th Cross, Sreenivasanagar, Bangalore RT Nagar Head Post Office, Bg. 560032	KRA/BN/HSR VR/TVSP/RSNM/NRA VM/DV/NMH
12th Nov. 2024 (Tuesday) - 10AM 10 AM 10 AM	T V Suryaprakash Residence 319, 16 th A Main Road, Jayanagar 4 th T Block, Bengaluru 560 041 Sai Baba Temple Premises,Vidyaranya Mr. E. Mathiyazhagan's Residence, No.142, 'A' Main , KSFC Layout, Oil Mill Rd (Near KSFC Park), Lingarajapura, Bg. 84	TVSP/VR/RSNM/NRA KRA/BN/HSR/BAS/KA/NMH VM
13th Nov. 2024 (Wednesday) 10.30 AM 3.00 PM	Malathahalli – Mr. T.R Shankaramurthy's Residence Monica Home, Augustine Nivas Dementia Centre, Yelhanka Palenahalli Old Age Home	KN/MBS VR/TVSP KRA/BN/HSR KRA/BN/HSR
14th Nov. 2024 (Thursday) 10 AM 10 A M	Sahakarnagar Senior Citizens Welfare Association VLN Prabhudalaya – Nisarga Layout, Bannerghatta	KRA/BN/HSR/BAS/MR/NMH TVSP/VR/RSNM/NRA
15th Nov 2024 (Friday) – 9 AM	Rt Nagar Head Post Office, Bg. 32	VM/NMH/DV

Subscription received for Pensioners' Champion during August-September 2024

Rs. 180/- Smt./Sri	Rs. 180/- Smt./Sri	Rs. 240/- Smt./Sri	Rs. 500/- Smt./Sri
597 N.Subbalakshmi	2622 R.V.Yadav	S-105 O.P.Dhamija	2645 P.Pasupathinathan
678 Mrs.Kanjini Raman	2638 T.V.Lakshmi Devi	S-357 B.R.R.Singh	Rs.540/- Smt/Sri
901 R.Karthikeyan	2793 Munoji Rao	Rs.360/- Smt/Sri	1995 R.J.Chakrapani
1373 C.S.S.S.Prasad	2908 M.T. Andalamma	1825 L.Sathyarayanan	1859 R.Venugopala Rao
1558 Shamsundar	3022 B.S.Seetharamaiah	1912 N.Venkatachalpathy	Rs.900/- Smt/Sri
1633 K.A.Sudarshanam	3117 S.B.Mashal	2185 Rathnamma(FP)	747 V.J.Vidyasagar
2139 D.G.Puttamadaiah	32xx G.S.Anantharam ??? (4-9-24)	2498 M.S.Shamanna	1443 M.M.Bhat
2550 Santhu Peter	Rs.200/- Smt/Sri	2696 Divakara	2143 B.S.Ramachandra
2430 S.Devapala	2070 N.Subbanarasimhaiah	32xx Krishna ??	3407 P.Channakeshavaiah
2440 K.N. Ramachandran			
2577 Sesha Shastry			

CORRECTIONS

S-104 : J.L.Lekhi Aug 24 : 240 Deleted
3065 : K.Jayakumar July 24 : 180 Deleted

We Welcome the Following Newly Enrolled Members

Sl.No.	Name (Smt./Sri)	Designation & Office in which last worked	Type & No.
1	Suma Haricharan	LSG PA, Rajainagar Head Post Office, Bengaluru	LM 3577
2	G.H.Thippeswamy	LSG PA, Chickpet Post Office, Bengaluru	LM 3578
3	S.Yuvarajan	Sorting Postman, Basaveswaranagar PO, Bengaluru	LM 3579
4	S.R.Nagendra	Asstt. Director, O/o the Chief Postmaster General, Bengaluru	LM 3580
5	H.K.Venkatakrishnan	Postal Asstt, Nanjangud Head Post Office, Nanjangud	LM 3581
6	M.P.Srinivasan	Sub Post Master, Ittigegud Post Office, Mysuru	LM 3582
7	M.S.Lakshmi	Postmaster, Mysuru University Post Office, Mysuru	LM 3583
8	J.D.K.Sheshagiraiah	Group D, J.C.Road Post Office, Bengaluru	LM 3584
9	S.Vijaya	Account Officer, O/o General Manager, Cuddalore	LM 3585
10	J.A.Sujatha	APM, Saraswathipuram Head Post Office, Mysuru	LM 3586
11	M.Narayana Swamy	Postal Assistant, Kolar Head Post Office, Kolar	LM 3587
12	B. Srinivasa	MTS, Bangalore City RMS	LM 3588
13	Raju	MTS, Bangalore City RMS	LM 3589
14.	N.V. Krishnamurthy	LSG PA, Gouribidanur PO.	LM 3590

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 2023	136.4	136.4 X 2.88= 393	4587	382.25	46.22	46% from July, 2023
January 2024	138.9	138.9 X 2.88= 400	4732	394.33	50.84	50% from January 2024
July 2024	142.7	142.7 X 2.88= 411	4820	401.66	53.64	53% from July 2024

- * Linking factor for conversion of the index numbers of 2016 base year to 2001 base year: 2.88
- * DA/DR due from 1-7-2024 = 53% Order expected

OBITUARY

Sri C.Sreenivasulu, who established All India Postal Pensioners' Association, Ananthapuram, Andhra Pradesh and led the Association to greater heights during his decade long service in the cause of welfare of Postal Pensioners of Ananthapuram District, expired on 11-8-2024 after leading a successful life for 101 years. He had been honoured by the Association in its AGB held on 5-3-2023 on his attaining 100 years and in recognition of his continued support and advice to the Association in spite of his advanced age. Karnataka P&T Pensioners' Association expresses its deep sadness on the demise of Sri Sreenivasulu and conveys its heartfelt condolences to the members of his family.

Sri B.Surendra Prasad, LM 2231 Retd. Sorting Assistant Bengaluru City RMS, expired on 1-8-2024 at the age of 70 years.

Sri Parashurama, LM 2927 Retd. HMG Bengaluru City RMS, expired on 15-8-2024 at the age of 75 years.

Sri Y.Sheshadri, LM 1582 Retd. SWC(E) O/o C E Electrical, Telecom Bengaluru, expired on 23-8-2024 at the age of 75 years.

Sri V.Venkata Ramu, LM 1184 Retd. LSG Sorting Assistant Bengaluru City RMS, expired on 27-8-2024 at the age of 82 years.

Sri T V Srinivasa Murthy, Retd. AGM BSNL, LM 3571 who was admitted to the membership of the association in the AGB on 3-8-2024 expired suddenly on 2-9-2024 while on a pilgrimage in Bhutan. It is distressing that he died within 30 days of becoming a member of the association.

Sri D.Vasudevan, ALM 1754 Retd. Scientist, ADE, Ministry of Defence, expired on 04-09-2024 at the age of 90 years.

Sri K.S.Ranganatha, LM 69 Retd. HSA, RMS Bangalore Sorting who had been a member of the association since its inception in 1994 expired on 4-09-2024 at the age of 91 years.

The Executive Committee, KP & TPA expresses its heartfelt condolences to the members of the bereaved families.

BSNL IDA

IDA from 1-1-2024 - 215. 4 % (0.2 % decrease over Oct 23 rate of 215.6%)

IDA from 1-4-2024 - 216. 8 % (1.4 % increases over January 2024 rate of 215.4%)

IDA from 1-7-2024 -217. 8 % (1.0 % increases over April 2024 rate of 216.8 %)

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