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Call upon Rly. Pensioners' Associations & CG pensioners Associations with membership of Rly Pensioners to attend in large number, the 4th National Convention of Rly Pensioners' Associations on 9th Feb.2013 at Nagpur from 9.30 hrs to 17.30hrs in Goonjan Sabhagirah 2nd floor DRM C.Rly office annex building Nagpur

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PERFORM OR PERISH

Central Govt Pensioners are a one homogenous group with Only one Nodal Ministry i.e. M/o Personnel , PG & Pensions

Unity in diversity is the slogan of nationalists of this country. Those who talk of department - wise division of Pensioners' are themselves the enemy of Pensioners' unity as they believe in and work for divisions of which this Nation has had enough.

It was the first organisation of pensioners at an all - India level. Bharat Pensioners Samaj, the largest Federation of Indian pensioners, with 414 affiliates & international accreditation was founded in 1955. BPS has been member SCOVA right from its inception i.e. 1986 (of course with minor breaks). Incidentally, it had two members in the first SCOVA of 1986.

Having achieved the unique distinction of finding mention in UNFPA publication, "SITUATION AND VOICES / THE OLDER POOR AND EXCLUDED IN SOUTH AFRICA AND INDIA" Issue No 2 of 2002. p. 108", and in the writings of Sociologists, Gerontologists & Anthropologists, it has been constantly striving over the years to mobilize 13909230 Indian pensioners (i.e. Defence pensioners 2250000, Rly Pensioners 1218000, Central Govt. Civil Pensioners 0825000, State Govt. Pensioners 4716228, EPS 1995 Pensioners 4100003 Other PSU Pensioners 800000) and to bring them together with the larger community of 124.65 millions of Indian Sr Citizens, to jointly & severally work for the betterment of Pensioners/ Family Pensioners who are Sr. Citizen first.

BPS believes in performance. Knowing fully well that the pensioners are an intelligent lot among Sr. Citizens and are competent enough to decide which organization will be better to take care of their interests, BPS has been persuading Pensioners not to join only Bharat Pensioners Samaj but to join one or the other pensioners' organization of their choice.

So instead of criticizing others, either perform or perish

S C Maheshwari, Secy. Genl. BPS

PENSIONERS UNITY ZINDABAD

Pensioners' Associations are not Trade Unions

In the Nov-Dec, 2012 Issue of Railway Federation News (Bimonthly), Secunderabad, there is an article entitled, "DEMAND RECOGNITION FOR DEPARTMENTWISE ALL INDIA PENSIONERS FEDERATION". It has been suggested therein that All India Federations, at least one from each department, be formed. The Departmental Federations, all India level, so formed can have a Confederation.

2. The unnamed writer says that "no doubt we formed an apex body 'Bharat Central Pensioners Confederation' but BCPC is more interested in strengthening their own BPS but our main aim is to concentrate on forming All India Federations of different Departments and then the BCPC has to be re-constituted taking representatives from such Federations". The ghost writer has, however, not given any facts or data to prove that "BCPC is more interested in strengthening **THEIR OWN BPS**" (emphasis added).

3. Who isn't aware that BCPC was formed as a sequel to the unity of pensioners' organisations achieved for the purpose of preparing one (common) Memorandum from the pensioners' organisations for the VI Central Pay Commission as was done by the serving employees before the IVth & Vth CPCs. Bharat Pensioners Samaj took the initiative in this regard. Shri Y N Sastry, President, All India Retired Railwaymen Federation took part in these deliberations. He attended the "ONE MEMORANDUM" Committee meetings at Bangalore and Secunderabad. In fact the meeting at Secunderabad was hosted by AIRRF headed by him.

4. In the Foundation Convention of BCPC (April 27, 2008), though Shri Sastry was not present yet he was elected as one of the Advisors of BCPC. AIRRF is regularly paying the annual membership fee of BCPC. So, now, why this sudden call for forming a new Confederation on the basis of the proposed All Indian Federations formed Departmentwise.

5. Shri Sastry's real problem is not BCPC but BPS (BHARAT PENSIONERS SAMAJ) as seen from the views expressed another article of the above-quoted bimonthly brought out by him. This article is titled "How SCOVA RECONSTITUTED". The concluding para says:

"BEWARE : Some of the affiliates of AIRRF are dragged towards BPS....." So, the writer's problem is the popularity of BPS among new sections of pensioners who are being attracted by the devoted and selfless service of BPS by taking up the demands
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KIND ATTENTION:ALL MEMBERS INCLUDING ASSOCIATIONS

In its meeting held on 01.12.2012, the Managing Committee decided that, in view of enhanced costs and spiralling prices, the membership fees may be revised with effect from 01.04.2013 as follows:-

Individual	₹250	annual
Individual	₹480	biennial
Individual	₹700	triennial
Association	₹500	annual

Accordingly, all members (including Associations) are requested to send their renewals and new membership so as to ensure that all subscriptions received in the BPS office, on and after 01.04.2013, shall be regulated accordingly.

S C Maheshwari, Secy Genl

CORRIGENDUM

RULES AND REGULATIONS OF BPS

See p. 37 Column 1 of BHARAT PENSIONER-December, 2012

(1) Below Rule 5(a) LIFE MEMBERS, the following note may be added:-

“Note : Life Membership shall, however, be restricted to members of the Managing Committee”.

(2) Below Rule 5 (b), an asterisk (*) may be added before “Effective from 01.04.2013”.

Editor, BP

HEARING IN CASE OF MODIFIED PARITY PENDED TO APRIL 29, 2013 BY DELHI HC

Hearing on the Appeal of the GOI in W.P. No. 1535/2012 -(against CAT Judgment) in the case for Modified Parity for Pre-2006 Pensioners - in the Delhi High Court - could not be taken up for hearing on 29.11.2012, as one of the judges of the Bench Justice Siddharth Mridul was on leave. The matter has been adjourned. The next date of hearing is fixed as 29.04.2013.

S C Maheshwari, Secy Genl

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**Letter No : BPS/SG/012/FM/ dt :12.12.2012
from BPS to Hon'ble Shri P. Chidabram,
Union Minister of Finance, Govt. of India,
134 North Block, New Delhi – 110001**

**Ref : Aspirations of Senior Citizens regarding
the National Budget for 2013-14**

Respected Sir, Respectfully, Bharat Pensioners Samaj one of the oldest & largest representative Federations of Indian Pensioners, wish to place the following aspirations of Senior Citizens, in respect of the ensuing Union Budget. Sr Citizens are today around 10.3% of the National Population mostly representing the community of Aam Admi.

Sir, financial problems of Sr. Citizens largely arise because, most of them are products of the low cost economy era in our Country, when the earnings and the savings were meager compared to present levels. Now surviving with the dwindling returns on the already meager savings and galloping inflation has become a challenge. Moreover, most of the Sr Citizens suffer with age related health problems and health care has become so costly that Sr Citizens cannot afford it. These are two situations on which Sr citizen have no control. Therefore, to merely survive in the present high cost economy we have to ask for some financial concessions and we earnestly request you to please consider them favourably.

1] Increase the Tax exemption limit to 5.0 & 7.0 lac At present Income Tax exemption limit for Sr. Citizens (60+ -80) is Rs.2.50 lakhs and it is proposed to be continued after implementation of DTC.

Sir, income tax exemption for individuals is related to the cost of living which is directly linked with inflation which has been rising year by year. While in case of other citizens with similar taxable income, basic income tax exemption has been relaxed & raised over the years since financial year 2004-2005, in case of Sr. Citizens the effective basic exemption has been progressively reduced.

For & upto F.Y.2004-2005 Sr. Citizens were getting, concession in income tax payable (under section 80CC) to the tune of Rs20000/- as compared to other citizens with similar taxable

income. In 2005-2006 this was changed, basic exception for other citizens was raised to Rs 100000/- & that for Sr Citizens it was made 185000/- abolishing the Rs 20000/- deduction from Tax payable. This change resulted in reduction of effective concession to Sr Citizens from Rs 20000/- to 12000/- thereby causing a loss of Ra 8000/ to them. This concession was further reduced in subsequent years & is down to just Rs 5000/-

Sir, Income of Senior Citizens gets reduced day by day due to deteriorating interest rates and unbearable dearness of food items and medical facilities. Due to immobility and many other factors they do not enjoy fully, Public Goods and Services provided by Government for citizens. Their ability to pay Tax gets reduced after retirement and from year to year due to ever reducing purchasing power of Rupee, more expenditure on food & medicines. Their Net worth gets reduced considerably as at the beginning of the year. There are many other factors, which also require to be considered. Thus all Senior Citizens deserve to be completely exempted from paying Income Tax. They have paid a lot of Tax for 30-40 years during their earning period and worked hard for achieving Independence as well as present Economic Growth.

However, if complete exemption can not be allowed, exemption up to 5 lakhs instead of only 2.50 lac for 60+ and 7.0 lac for 80+ group of Sr Citizens may be considered sympathetically.

2] Tax deduction at source [TDS] It is a fact that Sr. Citizens are often put to lot of mental stress and confusion as they are required to approach often repeatedly Income Tax offices for refund of tax deducted at source despite their furnishing "H" form to the concerned authorities /Banks who still deduct that through inadvertence and oversight. *It is therefore requested that Senior.Citizens Community may be excluded from the purview of TAX Deduction at Source..*

3.] In new Tax code , you have proposed to give some incentives for savings with the hope that people will be encouraged to save. In view of EET proposal and permitting the savings in

only 4 Savings Intermediaries which does not suit Sr. Citizens. They will be discouraged to save anything due to long term scheme & EET and thus will lose present incentive of getting rebate for saving of Rs 1 lakh and will have to pay more tax to the extent of not saving. Keeping in view their deteriorating financial and physical condition from year to year and their capability to pay tax and to ensure that their Net Worth does not get reduced disproportionately, rule of EET may not be applied to Senior Citizens & they be allowed to save in the existing schemes like Senior Citizen Saving Scheme 2004 & NSCs. etc.

4.] The plight of Central and State Government and PSU Pensioners The above categories of Pensioners are also badly hit by inflation which has eroded considerably their already inadequate pension. Pension, therefore, should be paid net of taxes as was recommended by the 5th CPC vide Para 167.11 of their report. Moreover, pensioners are a homogenous class which cannot be divided on the basis of their date of retirement and pension is not a bounty. It is a statutory, inalienable, legally enforceable right(S.C.Judgement D.S.Nakara & others vs UOI (AIR 1983, SC 130) & Vth CPC report Para 127.3 to 127.6 .Therefore, the Government is urged to honour the S.C. judgement in letter & spirit to bring all pensioners at par.

5.] Implementation of the National Policy on Older Persons, The National Policy on Older Persons (NPOP) although announced almost 12 years ago has witnessed very slow momentum in respect of implementation of various Welfare Programmes for senior citizens, largely due to lack of specific Budgetary provisions. *We request that this aspect may kindly be taken care of in your next budget.*

6.] Specific Saving Scheme for Senior Citizens : For financial protection to Elderly Community, 9% Senior Citizens' Savings Scheme was introduced in August. 2004 through the Budget announcements. During the intervening periods, there has been huge increase in cost of living with the result that 90% of Sr. Citizens, who get meager pension benefits, have to survive on

interest returns on their investments of meager savings, have been experiencing innumerable difficulties in the maintenance of their livelihood.

Sir, *there is an imperative need to extend them adequate financial protection by modifying the Scheme as 11% Senior. Citizens' Savings Scheme & raising the max. deposit limit to Rs 20 lac.* We therefore, reiterate that the interest rate of the Scheme should be increased to 11% and it be continued with new arrangements for payment before maturity within one year.

7.] Higher 2% rate of interest on Term Deposits Although all Banks were advised by R.B.I. in April 2001, to pay half to one percent additional interest on term deposits, no Bank is paying one percent additional interest and trying to comply with R.B.I. directives within the range of half percent additional interest. In fact even 1% higher interest is not adequate to provide the desired protection to Senior Citizens and *it is requested that there should be provision of additional 2% interest on their term deposits* The benefit of additional interests should be on all types of deposits to fulfil the requirements of financial protection to Senior Citizens. R.B.I. therefore, needs to be advised suitably.

Sir, we have placed before you in brief our major financial aspirations. Considering the increasing span of life and limited resources at the disposal of Senior Citizens, we feel confident that as a benevolent progressive economist, you will positively consider to translate the above aspirations into reality.

Sir, it is observed that before the Budget you arrange meetings with different sections of society to hear their views. We shall be thankful if you would consider us similarly so that there would be meaningful interaction to understand one another with relevant perspectives. We ardently look forward to your communication.

With Regards

Yours faithfully, Secy Genl, Bharat Pensioners Samaj
CC to:

1. Hon'ble Minister, MOSJE
2. Secretary Economic Affairs, Ministry of Finance
4. Secretary, MOSJE

**Letter No : BPS/SG/012/MR/dt: 12.12.2012
from Bharat Pensioner Samaj to Hon. Mr
Pawan Bansal, Railway Minister, Govt. of
India, Rail Bhavan New Delhi-110001
Sub : Pre Budget Memorandum**

Bharat Pensioners Samaj established in 1955; is an all India Federation of Pensioners' Associations with 414 affiliated Associations including 160 Rly pensioners Associations & a total membership of over 3.75 lac Pensioners .

It is the only Indian Pensioners' organization, which finds mention in UNFPA publication "SITUATION AND VOICES / THE OLDER POOR AND EXCLUDED IN SOUTH AFRICA AND INDIA" Issue No 2 of 2002. p. 108. Besides, several Sociologists & Anthropologists have given it a reasonable space in their books & papers.

Again it is the only Pensioners' organization which has introduced PMES (Performance Monitoring & Evaluation System) for its affiliates/office bearers & has adopted persuasive management.

Sir, Bharat Pensioners Samaj on behalf Pensioners & Sr. Citizens, herewith submit pre Budget Memorandum for your favourable consideration. **With Regards**

Yours truly

DA/One

Er. S.C.Maheshwari, Secy.Genl. BPS

**Hon. Mr Pawan Bansal, dt 12.12.2012
Railway Minister, Govt. of India,
Rail Bhavan New Delhi-110001**

Respected sir,

Re: Railway budget for 2013-14 vis a vis expectations of Senior Citizens

On behalf of Bharat Pensioners Samaj, the undersigned presents hearty Season's Greetings and wish to place before your good self a few major expectations of the elderly community for your sympathetic and favourable consideration.

Sir, we are fully aware of your benevolent approach towards the under-privileged and neglected sections of the society and, therefore, we feel confident that you will positively take the

same approach towards the Senior Citizens who today form 10.3% of the total population. 33% of them are below poverty line and 90% of them suffer with age related disabilities and, hence, their problems deserve your special consideration.

In view of this, Bharat Pensioners Samaj would like to place before you the following requests,

1] Concession in fares of Passenger Trains: Concession in rail fares for sr citizens is not available for passenger trains, with the result poorer Senior Citizens coming from the rural areas, who pre-dominantly travel in these trains are excluded from this benefit. Please, therefore, consider to include the said concession to them also in your ensuing budget.

2] 50% Concession to male Senior Citizens also: Female Sr. Citizens have been availing 50% concession in rail fares for the last several years, while the male Senior Citizens have been retained at the lower rate of 40%. We request you to remove this anomaly and grant 50% concession to male Senior Citizens [60+] also.

3] Concession in reservation charges and Tatkal fares : Like concessions to Sr Citizens in other Rail fares, concessions may also be granted in respect of reservation charges and Tatkal fares. You will please appreciate that the reservation charges are also the integral part of the travel expenses. Tatkal reservation may also be permitted on post retirement passes of Rly retirees on payment of nominal charges.

4] One free attendant to be permitted to accompany the Oldest old Senior Citizens [80+]

Very acute age-related physical disabilities start at 80 .These 80+ Senior Citizens, therefore, require the help of an attendant. We request that an attendant may be permitted to travel free with them to assist and help them. Similar facility is already provided to the physically disabled and the Freedom Fighters without any age restriction.

5] Provision of escalators on important stations and ramps on others

In one of the previous rail Budgets, there was an announcement that escalators would be

installed on important stations but this facility is yet to be installed at most of them. It is often a torture for senior Citizens to climb up the platform bridges specially with luggage. Provision of this facility will be a great boon for the Senior Citizens, elderly women, the sick and the disabled. Where escalators cannot be installed, provision of ramps may be Considered. Facility of motorized trolleys on platforms may be strengthened further and the facility may be extended to smaller stations also.

6] Provision of separate Compartment for Senior Citizens in local trains The local trains are often so heavily crowded that it becomes almost impossible for Senior Citizens to get into the train or to alight therefrom. Separate compartments are provided for the disabled and women in view of the same problem. We request that the same facility may be provided for Senior Citizens also.

7. Lower berth quota for Sr. Citizens: Sr Citizens very often travel for pilgrimage or to meet their near & dear ones, residing in other towns and cities. Most of them suffer from Arthritis, Joint pain, Heart disease, Urine inconsistency needing frequent Toilet visits etc which renders them unfit to climb up the upper berths. The present combined quota (i.e Sr Citizens, Pregnant ladies & the ladies of age 45 years & above) of only two lower births in each coach is grossly insufficient. In view of the fact that old age is a disability & that demographic pendulum now swings towards 60+, the honourable Minister is requested to raise Sr citizen lower berth quota to 6 berths per coach.

8. Medical facilities to Rly's own Sr Citizens i.e. Rly. Pensioners:

Medical attention & treatment:-

Medical attention and Treatment is a matter of prime concern to Rly Pensioners. As is well-known, Medicare needs increase with age. Apart from Diagnostic & Pharmaceutical requirements, they also need Psychological & Emotional handling with much better Doctor - Patient relationship. A lot of jobs need to be taken care of by the Rly's Medical department, in this field. The Honorable Minister is therefore requested to take some of the following measures:

8.i End discrimination against women

Eligibility criteria for joining RELHS 97 laid down vide Para 612 (2) iii of Indian Railway Medical Manual 2000 debars family pensioners other than the spouse i.e. dependent Widowed/Divorced / Unmarried daughter family pensioners from Joining 'Retired Railway Employees Liberalized Health Scheme-1997'. This discrimination against women and gender-bias need immediate rectification. A suitable amendment be immediately introduced to permit all such family pensioners (i.e. other than the spouse) to join RELHS-97 for their healthcare needs.

8.(ii) Provide RELHS-97 to the kids of Divorced & widowed dependent daughters as recommended by 6th CPC & accepted by M/O H & FW.

Widowed / Divorced / Unmarried dependent daughters of Rly. Eemployees / Pensioners are included in the definition of family members & get family Pension on their turn in all the Central Government departments including Railways. Such family Pensioners & their minor kids are provided healthcare facilities under CGHS of Ministry of Health & Family Welfare as well as under ECHS of Ministry of Defence. But Indian Railways have denied this facility.

8(iii) To issue 'Smart Card' with all India validity to all RELHS beneficiaries for medical attendance & treatment in medical emergencies without prior referral by the A.M.A .

Ensure speedy implementation of M/O/Rly Rly Board's order No 2007/H/28/1/RELHS/Smart card dated 18.07.2012 regarding Cashless Service for RELHS card holders to take treatment in recognized private hospitals in emergency.

8(iv) In the existing Sr Citizen OPDs in Divisional & Zonal hospitals, the facility should be strengthened and new OPDs opened where these do not exist at present. Separate nominated days & time periods be fixed for Specialist consultation so that the elderly do not have to stand in long queues for long periods & the Doctors are able to pay them adequate attention.

8(v) At outstations where H.U.s & Lockup Dispensaries exist, the specialized OPD consultations may be outsourced but the existing procedure of dispensing of medicines and making referrals departmentally through Rly's Health Units / Lockup Dispensaries themselves be continued.

8(vi) RELHS-97 facilities to dependent parents ; The then Rly Minister in her budget speech on 25th February 2011 vide para 56 announced extension of medical facilities to both dependent father and mother of railway employees. Executive Order to this effect needs to be issued w/o delay.

8(vii) On 24th February 2010 during the budget speech Minister for Railways, vide para 51, announced that Rly. Outpatient Departments (OPD) and diagnostic centers will be set up at Gurgaon & other cities. But there has been no progress on the ground so far. This needs to be implemented without delay.

9. Companion facility on post retirement complimentary passes:

The cut-off age for this may be brought down from 65 & 70 yrs to 60 years as it is the cut-off age for all senior citizen concessions including exemption limit for payment of income tax. All retirement complimentary pass holders may be allowed companion in the class of their entitlement without collection of additional charges. Physically handicapped retired employees may kindly be allowed companion in one class higher without surrendering a set of pass as at present. Facility of post retirement complimentary passes may kindly be extended to Family pensioners other than the spouse. All pre 2006 Group D retirees and their families may be allowed passes on par with retired group C staff in view of abolition of group D w.e.f., 01.01.2006.

To sum up, we earnestly request you to please consider our requests favorably for the overall welfare of the Elderly Community.

With Blessings, in the age-old Indian tradition, from the Elderly Community, ***Yours faithfully,***
Er. S.C.Maheshwari, Secretary General

Government Orders on Cabinet Decision on Pensionary Benefits to Ex-Servicemen to be Issued this Month (Jan, 2013)

Describing the twin tasks of improving the pensionary and medical benefits for ex-servicemen as 'subjects of prime concern' and 'as an ongoing process', the Defence Minister Shri AK Antony today announced that the orders authorizing payment to ex-servicemen and their families accruing from the recent cabinet decisions, hiking pension and other benefits amounting to nearly Rs.2300 crores per annum, would be issued next month. Addressing a meeting of the Consultative Committee attached to his Ministry here, Shri Antony said this is the third time in the last four years that the Government have systematically improved the post-retirement benefits for ex-servicemen. Outlining the slew of measures taken by the MoD for improving the health care benefits of ex-servicemen, Shri Antony said the Government has been trying to expand the delivery mechanism and simplify procedures so that the ex-servicemen, who have given their best years of life for the security of the nation, get the required medical benefits without hassles. He said under the Ex-servicemen Contributory Health Scheme (ECHS), which has been in operation since April 2003, 227 polyclinics were initially approved by the Government. In 2010, another 199 polyclinics were sanctioned by the Government out of which 99 polyclinics have become functional and 100 polyclinics are under various stages of operationalization. The scheme is presently been implemented to 326 functional polyclinics. At present, the scheme has over 41 lakh beneficiaries including 13 lakh ex-servicemen and over 28 lakh dependents. The reach and coverage of the scheme is evident from the fact that in 2011-12, 90 lakh patients were attended to at the polyclinics. Shri Antony expressed confidence that with the commissioning of the remaining polyclinics the bulk of the ex-servicemen population throughout the country would be covered by the scheme. Shri

Antony said there is still a long way to go as presently, ECHS facilities are available only in 339 districts out of a total of 659 in the country. The delivery of medicare at polyclinics is also hampered by the shortage of staff and non-availability of the prescribed medicines. Taking part in the discussion, the Members of Parliament urged the Government to prepare a roadmap to ensure that medical facilities are available to ex-servicemen in every district of the country. They also called for greater transparency in the process. Some Members pointed out that there is inordinate delay in settling the bills of private hospitals which should be ameliorated through technological means. Taking note of the rapid growth of healthcare facilities in the private sector in recent years and the innovative steps taken by some organizations and hospitals, the Members suggested that the Government should adopt the best practices readily available outside the government sector rather than handling the situation in a conservative fashion which is neither efficient nor cost-effective. Replying to some of the queries of the Members, the Minister of State for Defence Shri Jitendra Singh said the government is veering towards a 'dashboard approach' so that the healthcare mechanisms can be monitored online on a day-to-day basis by the administrators. He said the government's efforts will always be to put a smile on the face of the ex-servicemen because they deserve it. Members of Parliament who attended the meeting included Shri Navin Jindal, Shri Gajanan Dharmshi Babar, Shri SS Ramasubbu, Shri Gopal Singh Shekhawat, Shri Suresh Kalmadi, Shri Harsh Vardhan, Shri Kailesh N. Singh Deo, Shri Sultan Ahmed, Shri Ram Chandra Khuntia, Dr Mahendra Prasad, Shri Ishwarlal Jain, Smt. Ambika Soni and Shri Piyush Goyal. The Defence Secretary Shri Shashikant Sharma, Secretary Department of Defence Production Shri RK Mathur, Secretary Ex-Servicemen's Welfare Shri Vijay Chibber, Secretary Defence Finance Smt. Priti Mohanty and other officials of the Ministry of Defence also attended the meeting.

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**Letter No : BPS /SG/12/12/4 dt : 04.12.2012
from Secy Genl, BPS to EDF(E), Railway
Board, New Delhi 110 001**

(For the kind attention of Sri Sanjay Lavaniya)

**Sub: Revision of Pension of pre 1996 Railway
Retirees from scale Rs.1400-2300 From
specified category of posts as in
Annexure B of RBE 138/97 of
16.10.1997**

**Ref.: 21st SCOVA Meeting held on 27.9.2012
– para 5 – S.No. No. 29 of ATR.**

Sir, Above Minutes reads as " Railway Board was advised to sort out this matter after hearing representatives of Pensioner associations. And the item was closed "

As Members of SCOVA, we are submitting this representation to you, with a request to reconsider the whole matter, **de novo** in view of the following points :-

1. DOP & PW is the Nodal Ministry, who lays down broad guidelines on Pension matters. It is for the Administrative Ministry to correctly implement these instructions in respect of their pensioners.

2. DOP & PW Concordance table with OM of 14.10.2008, clearly mention the applicability to posts in **S1 to S34 grade** only, as shown under Col 3. But, Railways wrongly applying **S.No. 9**, meant for **S8 grade**, to **specified categories**, has resulted in undue hardships to these pensioners by placing them in PB 1 instead of PB2 and denying min. pension Rs.6750 under VI PC dispensation.

3. DOP & PW has not concurred with/ approved/ upheld Railways decision to apply S.No. 9 to specified categories. That is why, DOP has clearly advised Railways to sort out this issue with Pensioner Associations.

4. DOP & PW, vide OM of /6/2012 has pointed out this **wrong implementation of orders by Railway offices after 5th CPC**. This OM also says if some Depts. have incorrectly

implemented orders regarding revision of pension after 5th CPC, it is for those Depts. to take appropriate corrective action.

5. RB OM to DOP & PW dt. 28.5.2012 states “ **it will be difficult for Railway Ministry to defend the court cases before different CAT Benches, This amounts to admission of incorrect implementation by Railway Ministry.**”

6. When other Central Ministries have already correctly adopted PB2 for similar pre 1996 retirees, such as Head Clerks, JE II, Draftsman etc., as revealed thro various RTI Replies, our request for similar treatment to Railway pensioners is naturally justified and not to be denied.

7. MOF(DOE) is the Nodal Ministry on pay scales. MOF (DOE) U.O. No. 6(2)E-III(B)/2009 dated 2.7.2009 to RB reads “ iii) Mistries and their Supervisory Inspectors were in the same pay scale of Rs.1400-2300 before 5th CPC. In view of this, the 5th CPC in paa 83.181 and 83.182 had recommended to retain the pay scale of Mistries as Rs.1400-2300, corresponding to Rs.4500-7000) and upgraded the pay scale of Inspector (JE II) to Rs. 1600-2660 (**corresponding to Rs.5000-8000**). Thus, 5th CPC have resolved the aforementioned anomaly by placing JE II in higher grade of Rs.5000-8000 and normal replacement grade for Mistries (Rs.4500-7000).” When so, Railways placing a JE II along with S 8 grade pensioners in VI PC, amounts to re-introducing the above anomaly. **It may be noted that MOF has clearly stated that for the post of JE II, the corresponding scale is Rs. 5000-8000 and not Rs.4500-7000, as wrongly made out by RB.**

8. Punjab & Haryana High Court in their Judgment in WP 9581 of 2011 delivered on 24th Aug 2011 in Agia Ram & others VS UOI, directed JUDW Shops/N.Rly. to adopt scale Rs.5000-8000 w.e.f. 1.11.2003 and PB2+GP Rs. 4200 w.e.f. 1.1.2006, in **the case of Mistries retired from scale Rs.1400-2300 prior to 1.1.1996 and from 1.1.1996 to 31.10.2003**, for the purpose of

revision of pension, consequent to re-designation of Mistries as JE II w.e.f. 1.11.2003 on cadre restructuring. SLP No 4943 of 2012 filed by Railways against this Judgment was dismissed by Hon' S.C. on 26.3.2012.stating “ No grounds made out for our interference”. Now this Judgment has been implemented by JUDW Shops with issue of Revised PPOs by placing Mistries retired from scale Rs.1400-2300 in PB 2 +GP Rs.4200 and min. pension Rs. 6750 w.e.f. 1.1.2006. (PPO NO. 0188120062 dated 28.9.2012 – **Date of Retirement 31.8.1988**). With this, Hon' S.C. Judgment of 23.11.2006 in K.S.Krishnasamy case, repeatedly relied upon by RB, has become null and void.

9. In view of the above development, Pensioners retired from specified categories such as Head Clerks, JE II, Chg.man B etc. etc. are fully entitled for placement in **PB2** w.e.f. 1.1.2006, since VPC recommended upgraded revised scale Rs. 5000-8000 for these posts **w.e.f. 1.1.1996**, whereas In the case of Mistries, V PC recommended only Normal replacement scale Rs. 4500-7000 w.e.f. 1.1.1996 and scale Rs.5000-8000 was introduced from **1.11.2003**, due to cadre restructuring.

10. RB letter of PC-III/2008/CTC-II/1 of 24.02.2012 has advised Zonal Rlys. to extend the benefit of Delhi H.C. order dated 4.1.2012 and to extend scale Rs. 110-180 to all Coach Attendants who were in scale Rs. 75-89, but not approached the Courts. . **We request similar stand may kindly be taken in the instant case also without driving each affected pensioner to seek legal remedy.**

Awaiting favourable early response

Yours truly,
Er. S.C.Maheshwari, Secy. Genl

YOUR BELIEFS
Don't make you a better person
YOUR BEHAVIOUR
does Anonymous

*Continued from Last Month issue
(Resolutions adopted by AGM-2012)*

15. PROVIDE REPRESENTATION TO PENSIONERS' ASSOCIATIONS IN ALL THE FORUMS & COMMITTEES:

While this conference appreciates Govt. of India's positive gesture in agreeing to include representatives of Pensioners' Associations in the constitution of Sr. Citizens Council, it urges the Govt. to provide adequate representation to Pensioners' Associations in all the Forums & Committees like JCM on Pension matters, National / Departmental Anomaly committees/Hospital committees etc wherein issues/policies concerning pensioners are discussed & decided and also to upgrade the institutions of SCOVA and Pension Adalat to the level of JCM.

16. PENSION ADALAT BY BANKS : In spite of RBI's clear directive vide their No DGBA.GAD.H.3085/45.01.001/2008-09 dated Oct. 1 2008 Banks at Branch level have not yet implemented pensioners related accepted recommendations of Prabhakar Rao Committee on Customer service. Branch Managers are not bothered to have structured interaction with pensioners associations. Except for Bank of Baroda in NCR & Indian Bank in Tamil Nadu, Pension Adalats are not being conducted at Zonal level.

RBI therefore is requested to ensure strict compliance of their above directive by all Pension disbursing Banks at Branch as well as at Zonal levels.

17. PENSION ADALATS ON RAILWAYS.

Master Circular 63 dt 12.10.95 (reiterated vide No. E(W)2011/PA-1/4 dated 20.12.2011) Para 2.13 provides Pension Adalat at Divisional level at every 3 month interval. But these instructions are not being followed. Numbers of Pensioners/Family Pensioners & their grievances have considerably increased over the past one & a half decade. In the absence of strict time line & punitive clause,

grievances recorded through Pensioners Portal "CPENGRAM" are not being timely resolved by the Rly Admn., quite a number of such grievances are either pending for over two years or have been unilaterally closed w/o resolving. SCOVA meetings too are at best once a year & this Forum has limited scope of gathering feedback on Govt. Policies. An year is too long a time for pensioners who have outlived the normal life expectancy of 67 years. Thus keeping in with the spirit of master Circular. 63, scope & periodicity of Pension Adalat need to be increased urgently.

The Railway Board is, therefore, requested to:

(a) Make Pension Adalats functional also at the Railway Board level.

(b) Widen scope of Pension Adalats to include all payment related grievances.

(c) Ensure that in compliance of Para 2.13. of the Master circular 63 on the subject, Pension Adalat at divisional level is held every 3 months.

18. HARASSMENT DUE TO DELAY IN ISSUING REVISED PPOS TO PRE 2006 RETIREES:-

Even after issue of very clear orders by CRB vide his D.O. No.2010/AC-II/21/10 dtd. 10.04.2011, there is no considerable progress in issuing revised PPO to pre 2006 retirees. Due to non issue of revised PPO many Pensioners/family pensioners 80 yrs & above are being deprived of their entitlement to additional pension at ascending rates & the advantage of minimum Pension @ 50% of minimum of Pay Band + Grade pay. Administration therefore, is once again requested to expedite issue of revised PPOs to Pre 2006 retirees.

19. DELAY IN TRANSMISSION OF PPO FROM RAILWAYS TO BANKS:

Present system of transmission of PPOs from Divisions/Workshops etc through concerned FA & CAO to Link Branch of concerned Bank to CPPC by conventional mode takes 2 to 3 months. This conference therefore, urges that PPOs

be transmitted electronically through e.mail with provision of acknowledgement.

20. EX-GRATIA FOR PRE 1986 SRPF BENEFICIARIES & THEIR FAMILIES:-

Very few (a very small number) of Pre – 1986 SRPF(c) beneficiaries are now alive. They are at present being forced to live below poverty line due to meager ex-gratia of Rs 650 to Rs 3000. Dearness relief too in the case of family recipients is lower by 8% as compared to other pensioners. Their dependent children i.e unmarried/widowed/divorced daughters, are being discriminated against by not allowing them the same entitlement to the meager ex-gratia on their turn or attaining 25 years of age. Certainly they too are entitled to lead a dignified life comparable to their earlier status in younger (working) days as Railway Employees. Keeping in view the present day cost of living, a highly inflationary regime and humanitarian factors, they deserve to be considered for another chance to come over to Pensionary benefits. As the number involved is very very small, it would not cause much financial burden on the exchequer.

21. MEDICAL ATTENTION & TREATMENT:-

Medical attention & treatment is a matter of prime concern to Rly Pensioners. As is well-known, Medicare needs increase with age. Apart from Diagnostic & Pharmaceutical requirements, they also need Psychological & Emotional handling with much better Doctor - Patient relationship. A lot of jobs need to be taken care of by the Rly's Medical department, in this field. The Railway Board is therefore urged to take the following measures:

22. In the existing Sr Citizen OPDs in Divisional & Zonal hospitals the facility should be strengthened and new OPDs opened where they do not exist at present. Separate nominated days & time periods be fixed for Specialist consultation so that the elderly do not have to stand in long queues for long periods and the Doctors are able to pay them

adequate attention. Rly Bd. Is requested to consider this demand in the light of Provisions of National Policy for Older Persons and to decide the issue favorably.

23. At outstations where H.U.s & Lockup Dispensaries exist, specialized OPD consultations be outsourced with the existing procedure of dispensing of medicines & referral through Rly's Health Units/Lockup Dispensaries may be continued.

24. Constitute the multi-level Hospital Advisory & Grievance Redressal Committees in Rly hospitals with the participation of pensioners' representatives on CGHS pattern.

25. A larger number of Hospitals & Diagnostic Centres need to be recognized within a radius of 20 Kms from the Health Units/Lockup Dispensaries so that elderly patients, for whom an attendant & even small expenditure is a luxury, are not put to physical & economic strain because of reference to outstation Hospitals & Diagnostic Centres.

26. Provide Medical facilities to the children of widowed/Divorced dependent daughters as per VI CPC recommendations. M/O Health & FW has already accepted this recommendation. Rly Board is requested to implement it in Railways also.

27. Provide RELHS facilities to parents as promised in M/O Rly's Budget speech 2011-12. Railway Board is requested to issue necessary orders early.

28. Rly administration to stop discrimination against women: Provide medical facilities to all family Pensioners (other than spouse) as is being done under CGHS & ECHS w/o discriminating against Unmarried/Widowed/Divorced daughters who get family Pension in their turn.

29. POST RETIREMENT PASSES :

(a) Post-retirement Complimentary Passes are issued to Railway servants subject to the same conditions as applicable to Railway servants in service. Thus it would not only be

logical but also fully justified to extend the same revised entitlement of Passes as per Rly Board's recent orders vide their No E (W)2008/PS 5-1/38 RBE No 03/2011 dt 06.01.2011 to all retired Railway personnel w/o any cutoff date.

b) QUALIFYING LENGTH OF SERVICE

In conformity with eligibility for full Pension, the minimum qualifying length of service for PRC passes, be revised to 10 years for everybody, instead of 25 years for Group "D" staff and 20 years for all others.

30. P.R. Passes to Family pensioners other than the spouse i.e. Complimentary passes for the Unmarried/ Widow/ Divorced Daughters and Handicapped Children:

At present the above category of children are entitled to get family pension in the event of death of both the parents. But they are not eligible for Railway passes, though they used to avail the pass facility along with their parents 'when alive'. So, the above category of children be granted with ONE Set of Pass per year.

Railway Board in its reply has stated that Rly. Pass rules are independent & that any further relaxation is not feasible.

This conference does not agree with Bds' argument that facility of pass is not linked to Pension. As per Post retirement Complimentary Pass Rules, facility of pass is denied to one who is denied Pension on one or the other account. Railway administration has allowed so many free life time passes to other than Rly & ex Rly personnel that it has lost count and is today unable to give exact number of such passes. Then how can it adopt discriminatory attitude to its own woman family pensioners. This convention appeals to the Honourable Minister of Railways to reconsider the issue & to end such discrimination against them.

31. Companion in IInd class Post retirement Passes:- Pensioners are a homogenous group,

variation in 'Age' related privilege within the same organization, is discriminatory and needs to be rectified. Ministry of Railways is therefore requested to allow the facility of Companion in the second-class Post retirement passes also.

32. AGE OF COMPANION: As per RB letter No. E(W)96PS5-8/2 of 9.5.2005 there is no age restriction for the companion. But in reservation on post retirement passes companion's age below 65 years only is accepted. This needs to be corrected in compliance to Rly. Board's orders.

33. Welfare Measures:-

(i) Include Pensioners' representatives in various Committees:- Discussing, debating and deciding the Matters / Policies relating to Pensioners, with representatives other than those of pensioners is unfair & against the Rules of 'Natural Justice'. At present various Committees like National Anomaly Committee (NAC) and JCM (on Pensionary matters), wherein matters / policies relating to pensioners' welfare are discussed and decided, do not have pensioners' representatives with the result their viewpoints, hardships & anomalies are not properly represented.

This conference does not agree with Rly. Board's view that SCOVA & Pension Adalat are sufficient to meet this requirement.

SCOVA is altogether a different forum than JCM (on Pensionary matters) & Departmental anomaly committees. SCOVA/Pension Adalat do not have inbuilt negotiating tool. Scope of SCOVA is limited to feedback on Govt. Policies. Whereas Pension Adalat deals only with settlement cases. Thus SCOVA/Pension Adalat cannot be equated with JCM(on Pensionary matters) & Departmental anomaly committees.

12 lac pensioners constitute one homogenous class; there is an urgent need to constitute separate Committees for pensioners wherein, matters / policies /

anomalies relating to pensioners of all Groups & categories may be discussed. In view of the facts mentioned in foregoing lines, the Rly Board is urged to constitute separate Committees with Pensioners' representatives, wherein issues relating to the welfare of pensioners may be discussed and debated as already recommended by the 5th CPC vide their Para 141.30. This will give them a feeling of participation and involvement in decision making.

Alternatively SCOVA be upgraded to JCM level covering all matters relating to Pensioners & should meet quarterly as a year is too long a time.

(ii) Correspondence & representations by Pensioners' Associations:- Pensioners' Associations are basically welfare organizations working for the betterment of Pensioners, but in spite of clear instructions from Rly Board Vide their No E (W) 2001/PA/1 dated 30.09.2004, most of the Divisions & Zones are not replying to the representations made by these Associations.

Similarly, as mentioned in Rly Board's letter E9W)95/PA/2 dated 19.12.97, in the 13th & 14th SCOVA meetings of the Deptt. of Pension & Pensioners' Welfare (the nodal Ministry), the Railway administration had assured that the representatives of Pensioners Associations' could meet and discuss the issues with concerned officers of the Railways as and when necessary. But, in practice, Railway officers very rarely provide such opportunities to the Rly Pensioners' Associations.

Railway Board is urged to ensure that the orders issued by it are followed by the Zones and the divisions. Board is also requested to nominate Nodal officer for dealing with pensioners matters at Board level also.

(iii) Provision of office accommodation to Pensioners Associations as recommended by 5th CPC in their Para 141.24 :- In its reply to

agenda item no 21(2) SCOVA 25 M/O Railway stated, "Provision exists in para-1963 of Indian Railways Engg Code for allotment of spare buildings to house Staff Welfare Organizations at a nominal fee. Zonal Railways can be approached accordingly in the matter." Whereas, in reply under RTI Act 2005 Case No. RTI Cell /2010/010013050 Rly Board stated, "Railway quarters and buildings not required for housing railway staff or for other railway purposes may at the discretion of the General Manager be let out, in consultation with the Financial Adviser to outsiders on the highest rent that can be secured. This power may, subject to such restrictions as the General Manager may impose, be delegated to officers not below the rank of Divisional Manager" In another reply in this connection under RTI Act 2005 i.e in case No SCR/P-GNT/740/3/Vol.VII/RTI Act dated 30.06.2001 Sr. Divisional Personnel officer & PIO S.C. Rly/Guntur stated, "no prior approval of financial advisor or Rly Board is required" Now vide its No E(W)2011/PA-1/2 dtd.02.01.2012 Rly Board has stated that there is no policy to allot accommodation to Railway Pensioners Associations. However, in field S.C.Rly has allotted office accommodation to the affiliates of a particular Rly. Pensioners' organization even w/o verifying its exaggerated and incorrect claims. As such in the interest of transparency and fairness. Rly Board, in the light of Vth CPC recommendations vide their Para 141.24 and must come out with clear guidelines.

34. As recommendations by 5th CPC vide their Para 141.24, there are 12 lac of Railway Pensioners and their number is rising year by year. Bharat Pensioners Samaj is the oldest and largest organization of Indian Pensioners, is a non rotational member of SCOVA, recipient of Grant in aid from M/O Personnel, PG & Pensions and a member of advisory committee for the Govt. of India's "Pensioners' Portal. It has the exclusive

distinction of finding a mention in UNO Publication and in the books & papers of renowned Sociologists & Anthropologists In addition to other Central/state govt. pensioners, it represents majority of Railway Pensioners through its affiliated 160 Railway Pensioners Associations.

BPS is the only organization which, to ensure welfare of Railway Pensioners, interact with grass root level to spread awareness and gather feedback through holding National Conventions /Seminars in different parts of the country. In recent times it held National Convention of Railway Pensioners Associations at New Delhi, Secunderabad & New Jalpaiguri and a National Seminar at Vishakhapatnam. In addition to resolving their grievances & Pension related issues, it also assists them through its benevolent fund to overcome distress. It also publishes monthly magazine 'Bharat Pensioner' and Pension Hand Books from time to time and disseminate up-to-date information through its website, Blog & facebook pages. Railway Board therefore, is requested to accord recognition to Bharat Pensioners Samaj

35. Allowances :- Pension is a deferred wage, subject to future good conduct. Therefore, pensioner is not a written off category of staff and thus he has legitimate entitlement to share the benefits such as House Rent Allowance, Transport Allowance, Children's Educational Allowance, Hostel Subsidy, Festival Advance etc.

The Government of India are therefore urged to extend all such benefits to the Pensioners to enable them to cope with the continuous all-round increase in cost of living due to high inflationary trends in the country's economy.

36. ANNUAL GET-TOGETHER WITH PENSIONERS: All central government departments should organize get togethers with pensioners once a year to inculcate in them a feeling of security, unity and belonging.

PENSIONERS UNITY ZINDABAD

(Cont from p.2) of pensioners including railway pensioners. (A small article about BPS appears alongside.) If somebody is unable to compete with BPS (the oldest pensioners' Federation), why get peeved and give a call for splitting up the newly-formed BCPC by setting up departwise Pensioners' Associations and Federations.

6. We believe in upholding the pensioners' unity, not only in principle but also in practice. The present organisational set-up of all India Federations representing all pensioners, irrespective of the Deptt from which one retired, has been working satisfactorily for nearly six decades (BPS was founded in 1955) whereas several new Federations also came into existence like AIFPA, Chennai, AICCPA, New Delhi and NCCP, New Delhi etc, etc.

7. Most of the railway pensioners, after retirement, are residing in small towns and bigger villages where they are small in numbers. But they form local Associations where pensioners from other Departments like P&T, Income Tax, Defence Civilians etc etc. also join them.

8. Because their interests are better served by such unity on account of the fact that Pension Rules are the same whether you were in the railways or Income Tax, for example. At bigger towns and cities, at many places, the railwaymen have formed local railway pensioners' associations too. They get themselves affiliated with the All India Federations like BPS, AIFPA, AICCPA, NCCPA etc. This unity of railway and non-railway pensioners has stood the test of time.

9. The BCPC was formed with a view to bringing all of them together on one platform. So, where is problem? It is only a matter of chance that the Secretary General of BCPC is the same person (Shyam Sunder) who also happened to be Secretary General of BPS. BPS has not taken any undue advantage of this coincidence.

So, gentlemen, let us strengthen each of our own Federations alongwith strengthening the BCPC. Why spilt the pensioners movement by dividing it on departmental lines? [Incidentally, this scribe had already asked (much before the article under discussion was published) BCPC to relieve him, on health grounds, from the post of Secretary General (BCPC)]. Moreover, Pensioners' Associations are not Trade Unions where Members can go on strike when their demands are not met. We have to agitate peacefully but with still greater unity. Let us all implement the Slogan: PENSIONERS UNITY ZINDABAD! **Shyam Sunder, President, BPS**

**Dept. of Posts, OM. No. 26-26/2012-PA
(PEA)/D. 1133-1207, dated 19-10-2012**

Disbursement of Pension to Postal Pensioners through Nationalized Banks in addition to Post Offices

Since some time past, a number of representations / references have been received from some pensioners and various forums of Senior Citizens / Welfare Associations of Pensioners to make payment of Pension / Family Pension through Banks. These references for payment of Pension to Postal Pensioners / Family Pensioners have been examined in the light of provisions contained in Rule 325 of Central Treasury Rules. The provisions contained in Rule 325 of Central Treasury Rules do not permit the Department of Posts to make payment of Pension to its Pensioners / Family Pensioners through Banks.

2. With the approval of competent authority, the proposal was referred to Ministry of Finance, Department of Expenditure, Controller General of Accounts for making necessary amendments in Rule 325 of Central Treasury Rules, Controller General of Accounts has conveyed its approval to the proposal of Department of Posts for making payments of Pension to its Pensioners / Family Pensioners through Nationalized Banks in addition to Post Offices.

3. Consequent upon the approval of Ministry of Finance, Department of Expenditure, Controller General of Accounts, New Delhi and Reserve Bank of India (Department of Government and Bank Accounts), Mumbai to the proposal of Department of Posts for disbursement of Pension to Postal Pensioners / family Pensioners through Nationalized Banks in addition to Post Offices on optional basis, Director-General (Posts) is pleased to approve the disbursement of Pension to its new as well as existing Pensioners / Family Pensioners through Nationalized Banks in addition to Post Offices with effect from 1-1-2013.

4. The receipt of this O.M. may be

acknowledged to Shri Naresh Kumar, Accounts Officer (PEA), Room No. 412, PA Wing, Dak Bhawan, Sansad Marg, New Delhi - 110 001.

ANNEXURE-1

Detailed instructions / guidelines regarding implementation of Scheme of payment of Pension to Postal Pensioners / Family Pensioners through Nationalized Banks to be commenced from 1-1-2013

1. At Circle Level

1.1 The Heads of Circles are required to issue necessary instructions to all DDOs working under their administrative jurisdiction.

1.2 The Heads of Circles are also required to advertise the scheme for payment of Pension to Postal Pensioners / Family Pensioners through Nationalized Banks in addition to Post Offices in the reputed local Newspapers for wide publicity.

2. At DDO Level

2.1 DDO must obtain the option form from the willing existing Pensioners / Family Pensioners in the prescribed Pro forma in Annexure 'C' to the Booklet for the scheme in duplicate and Pensioner's Half of PPO.

2.2 DDO will also obtain the details of family members in the prescribed Form-3 viz. Names, Relationship with the Pensioner and Date of Birth.

2.3 DDO will make necessary entries in the Pension Payment Register and forward the option Form received from the Pensioner / Family Pensioner along with both halves of PPO (Disburser's / Pensioner's Half)-details of Family Members in prescribed Form-3 with relevant documents to the concerned Postal Accounts Office and may ensure that these documents are duly certified.

2.4 DDO will be held responsible for any lapse in following of the above instructions.

3. At Postal Accounts Office Level

3.1 The Heads of Postal Accounts Offices will issue the New PPO to the concerned Nationalized Bank in respect of Pensioners

willing to receive payment of Pension in the same Circle.

3.2 The Heads of Postal Accounts Offices will issue the OPA (Outer Payment Authority) to the concerned Foreign Postal Accounts Office in respect of Pensioners desiring payment of their Pension under the Account jurisdiction of that Circle PAO by following the prescribed existing procedure.

3.3 The Heads of Postal Accounts Offices will also issue afresh PPO to the concerned Nationalised Bank in respect of existing Pensioners/ Family Pensioners intend to draw their Pension through Nationalized Bank following the prescribed procedure.

3.4 It must be ensured by all Heads of Postal Accounts Offices that the work of vouching the scrolls of payment of Pension received from the Banks and reconciliation thereof is performed with the satisfactory result. If any discrepancy is noticed, the same may be sorted out immediately,

4. Role of Postal Directorate (PAP Section) under Establishment Division.

4.1 Whenever there is any revision in Dearness Relief by the Government, the orders of Dearness Relief may be circulated to all concerned Bank Authorities.

Annexure - II

List of Nationalized Banks with their locations from whom willingness / consent has been received on the proposal of payment of Pension to Postal Pensioners

S.No.	Name of the Bank	Address and Location
1.	Allahabad Bank	Asstt. General Manager, Government Business Department, Allahabad Bank Head Office, 2, Netaji Subhash Road, Kolkata-700 001.
2.	Andhra Bank	General Manager, Customer Services Department, Andhra Bank Head Office, 5-9-11, Dr. Pattabhi Bhavan, Saifabad, Hyderabad - 500 004.
3.	Bank of Baroda	General Manager (OPS & SER), Currency Chest & Government Business Department, Bank of Baroda, Head Office, 1 st Floor, Suraj Plaza-I, Sayariganj, Baroda - 390 005.
4.	Bank of India	Asstt. General Manager, Govt. Business Deptt., Bank of India Head Office, Star House, C-5, 'G' Block, Bandra Kurla Complex, Bandra East, Mumbai - 400 051.
5.	Bank of Maharashtra	Dy. General Manager, Alternate Business Channels, Bank of Maharashtra Head Office "Lokmangal" 1501, Shivaji Nagar, Pune - 411 005.
6.	Canara Bank	General Manager, Central Pension Processing Centre, Transaction Banking Wing, Canara Bank, 4 th floor, # 86, Spencers Building, MG Road, Bangalore - 560 001.
7.	Central Bank of India	General Manager, Govt. Business, Central Bank of India Central Office, Chander Mukhi, Nariman Point, Mumbai-400021.
8.	Corporation Bank	General Manager, Government Business Division, (Centralized Pension Processing Cell) Corporation Bank Head Office, Mangla Devi Temple Road, Pandeshwar, Post Box No. 88, Mangalore - 575 001.
9.	Dena Bank	General Manager (Government Business Deptt.), Dena Bank Corporate Centre, C-10, G-Block, Bandra Kurla Complex, Bandra Bast, Mumbai - 400 051.
10.	Indian Bank	Asstt. General Manager (BOD). Indian Bank Corporate Office, Cell for Govt. Transaction, 254-260 Avvai Shanmugam Salai, Royapettah, Chennai - 600 014.

11.	Indian Overseas Bank	General Manager, Central Pension Processing Centre, Indian Overseas Bank Central Office, 763, Anna Salai, Chennai - 600 002.
12.	Oriental Bank of Commerce	General Manager (CS & P) Oriental Bank of Commerce Head Office, Plot No, 5, Sector 32, Institutional Area Gurgaon, Haryana - 122 001.
13.	Punjab National Bank	General Manager, Transactions Banking Division, Government Business Division, Punjab National Bank Head Office 5-Sansad Marg, New Delhi - 110 001.
14.	Punjab and Sind Bank	Dy. General Manager (P&D), HO, Planning and Development Deptt. Central Pension Processing Centre (CPPC) Punjab and Sind Bank, A 25 1st Floor, Community Centre, Jawala Heri, Paschim Vihar, New Delhi- 110063.
15.	State Bank of Patiala	General Manager (HR) and Corporate Development Officer, Government Business Department. State Bank of Patiala Head Office, The Mall, Patiala - 147 001.
16.	State Bank of Bikaner and Jaipur	Genl Manager, (Treasury, F&A) and Chief Financial Officer, Govt Accounts Department, State Bank of Bikaner and Jaipur Head Office, Tilak Marg, PB No. 154, Jaipur - 302 005.
17.	State Bank of Hyderabad	Dy General Manager Govt. Business Deptt.), State Bank of Hyderabad Head Office, Gun Foundry, Hyderabad - 500 177.
18.	State Bank of India	Dy General Manager, Govt Account Deptt, National Banking Group SBI, 5th Floor, Global, IT. Centre, Sector -11. PB No. 12, CBD Belapur, Navi-Mumbai -400 614.
19.	State Bank of Mysore	Asstt, General Manager, Govt Business Deptt, State Bank of Mysore, Head Office, P.B. No. 9727, Mysore Bank Circle, Kempegowda Road, Bangalore -560 009.
20.	State Bank of Travancore	Dy. General Manager, Finance and Accounts Department, State Bank of Travancore Head Office, Poojappura, Trivandrum - 695 012.
21.	Syndicate Bank	General Manager, Central Accounts Deptt. (Central Pension Processing Centre), Syndicate Bank Head Office, Manipal - 576 104.
22.	UCO Bank	Dy. General Manager, Operation and Services Deptt., UCO Bank Head Office, 3 & 4. DD Block. Sector-I, Salt Lake, Kolkata-700 064.
23.	Union Bank of India	General Manager, Government Business Deptt., Union Bank of India Head Office, M 11, 2nd Floor, Middle Circle, Connaught Circus, New Delhi - 110 001.
24.	United Bank of India	General Manager, (Accounts, Government Transactions and IBR), United Bank of India Head Office, 11-Hemant Basu Sarani, Kolkata - 700 001.
25.	Vijaya Bank	General Manager, Merchant Banking Division (MBD), Vijaya Bank Head Office, 41/2 M.G Road, Trinity Circle Bangalore - 560 001.

कर्मण्येवाधिकारस्ते मा फलेषु कदाचन।
मा कर्मफलहेतुर्भूर्मा ते संडगोऽस्त्वकर्मणि॥

The Bhagvadgita : Chapter2, Verse 47

*To action alone hast thou a right
and never at all to its fruits, Let not
the fruits of action be thy motive;
Neither let there be in thee any
attachment to inaction.*

Rly Bd's Letter No.PC-V/2009/A/DR/1/S.No.PC-VI/306/RBE No.140/2012, dt 12.12.2012

Sub : Grant of Dearness Relief to the Railway pensioners who are in receipt of provisional pension or pension in the pre-revised scale of 5th CPC w.e.f. 01.07.2012

A copy* of Office Memorandum No.42/13/2012-&PW(G) dated 25th October, 2012 of Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances & Pensions (Deptt of Pension & Pensioners' Welfare) on the above subject is sent herewith for your information and necessary action.

2. In pursuance of the enhanced rates of ex-gratia to the surviving SRPF(C) retirees issued vide Board's letter No.F (E)III/98 1/Ex-Gr./3 dated 15-11-2006, para 1(ii) of DoP&PW's O.M. dated 25th October, 2012 may be read as under :-

"The surviving Group 'A', 'B', 'C' and 'D' SRPF (Contributory) beneficiaries who had retired from service during the period from 01.04.1957 to 31.12.1985 and have been sanctioned enhanced slab-wise ex-gratia @ Rs.3000/-, Rs.1000/-, Rs.750/- and Rs.650/- per month respectively w.e.f 01.11.2006, in lieu of uniform rate of Rs.600/- p.m. are entitled to Dearness Relief @ Rs.151% w.e.f. 01.07.2012."

3. A concordance of various instructions and orders referred to in the enclosed office memorandum with reference to corresponding Railway instructions is indicated below :-

S.No. Para No. and Date of OM No.and date of Deptt. of Pension & Pensioners' welfare's O.M. No.& date of Corresponding orders issued by Rly Bd.

1. Para-1 of OM dt. 25.10.2012 OM No.42/13/2012-P&PW (G) dated 30.04.2012 PC-V/2009/A/DR/I dated 11.07.2012

2. Para-2 of OM dt. 25.10.2012 OM No.45/52/97-P&PW (E) dt. 16.12.97 F(E)III/97/PNI/EX-Gr/3 dt 31.12.1997

4. This issues with the concurrence of the Finance Directorate of the Ministry of Railways.

N.P.Singh, Dy. Director, Pay Commission-V
***Not Printed**

Removal of Jain Hospital, Jagriti Enclave, New Delhi from the list of Hospitals/Diagnostic Centres empanelled under CGHS – reg.

Order No.S.11011/03/2012-CGHS/HEC dt 18.12.12 from Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Deptt of Health and Family Welfare, Nirman Bhawan, Maulana Azad Road, New Delhi – 110 001

Sub: Removal of Jain Hospital, Jagriti Enclave, New Delhi from the list of Hospitals/Diagnostic Centres empanelled under CGHS – reg.

CGHS vide its O.M No. S. 11011/23-2009-CGHS D.II/Hospital Cell(Part I) dated 7.10.2010 issued a list of private hospitals and diagnostic centres empanelled under CGHS, wherein Jain Hospital, Jagriti Enclave, was empanelled for Neurology & Neurosurgery.

2. An inspection of Jain Hospital, Jagriti Enclave, New Delhi was carried out on 23rd October, 2012 by a team of officers led by Additional Director, CGHS (HQ). After a thorough inspection, it was found that the Hospital was not following the prescribed CGHS norms and guidelines to serve the CGHS beneficiaries in accordance with the terms and conditions of empanelment under CGHS. The inspection team concluded that as per the existing infrastructure and manpower position of the hospital, as observed during the inspection, the hospital is not in a position to provide quality healthcare services to CGHS beneficiaries. Accordingly, a 'show Cause Notice' was issued to Jain Hospital, Jagriti Enclave, New Delhi on 20th November, 2012 seeking clarifications on the deficiencies pointed out by the inspection team. The reply received from Jain Hospital has been examined and it has not been found satisfactory.

3. Therefore it has been decided to withdraw the empanelment of Jain Hospital, Jagriti Enclave New Delhi with immediate effect till further orders. The hospital shall no longer be a part of the CGHS empanelled list of hospitals/centers. However, patients, if any, already admitted prior

to the issue of the orders, shall be provided treatment and discharged within seven days from the issue of this order.

4. This Order shall be effective from the date of its issue.

V.P.Singh, Dy. Secretary to the Govt of India

Order No.S.11011/03/2012-CGHS/HEC dt 18.12.12 from Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Deptt of Health and Family Welfare, Nirman Bhawan, Maulana Azad Road, New Delhi – 110 001

Sub : Removal of Dr. Garg Multi-specialty and Dental Research Centre, Nehru Nagar, Ghaziabad (UP) from the list of Hospitals/ Diagnostic Centres empanelled under CGHS – reg.

CGHS vide its O.M. No. S.11011/23-2009-CGHS D.II/Hospital Cell (Part I) dated 7.10.2010 issued a list of private Hospitals and diagnostic centres empanelled under CGHS, wherein Dr. Garg Multi-specialty and Dental Research Centre, Nehru Nagar Ghaziabad was empanelled as Dental Clinic.

2. An inspection of Dr. Garg Multi-specialty and Dental Research Centre, Nehru Nagar Ghaziabad was carried out on 23rd October, 2012 by a team of officers led by Additional Director, CGHS (HQ). After a thorough inspection, it was found that the Hospital was not following the prescribed CGHS norms and guidelines to serve the CGHS beneficiaries in accordance with the terms and conditions of empanelment under CGHS. The inspection team concluded that as per the existing infrastructure and manpower position of the hospital, as observed during the inspection, the hospital is not in a position to provide quality healthcare services to CGHS beneficiaries. Accordingly, a 'Show Cause Notice' was issued to Dr. Garg Multi-specialty and Dental Research Centre on 20th November, 2012 seeking clarifications on the deficiencies pointed out by the inspection

team. However, the reply received from Dr. Garg Multi-specialty and Dental Research Centre has not been found satisfactory.

3. Therefore it has been decided to withdraw the empanelment of Dr. Garg Multi-specialty and Dental Research Centre, Nehru Nagar Ghaziabad with immediate effect. The said centre is also blacklisted for future empanelment with CGHS. The Dental Clinic shall no longer be a part of the CGHS empanelled list of hospitals/ centers. However, patients, if any, already registered prior to the issue of the orders, shall be provided treatment for seven days from the issue of this order.

4. This order shall be effective from the date of its issue.

V.P.Singh, Dy. Secretary to the Govt of India

Order No.S.11011/03/2012-CGHS/HEC, dt 18.12.12, from Ministry of Health and Family Welfare Deptt of Health and Family Welfare, Nirman Bhawan, Maulana Azad Road, New Delhi – 110 001

Sub: Removal of Kalra Hospital, Kirti Nagar, New Delhi from the list of Hospitals/ Diagnostic Centre empanelled under CGHS – reg.

CGHS vide its O.M No. S. 11011/23-2009-CGHS D.II/Hospital Cel(Part I) dated 7.10.2010 issued a list of private hospitals and diagnostic centres empanelled under CGHS, wherein Kalra Hospital, Kirti Nagar was included as General purpose hospital including Cardia logical investigations, Cardiothoracic Surgery and Joint replacement.

2. An inspection of Kalra Hospital, Kirti Nagar, New Delhi was carried out on 26th October, 2012 by a team of officers led by Additional Director, CGHS (HQ). After a thorough inspection, it was found that the Hospital was not following the prescribed CGHS norms and guidelines to serve the CGHS beneficiaries in accordance with the terms and conditions of empanelment under CGHS. The inspection team concluded that as

per the existing infrastructure and manpower position of the hospital, as observed during the inspection, the hospital is not in a position to provide quality healthcare services to CGHS beneficiaries. Accordingly, a 'Show Cause Notice' was issued to Kalra Hospital, Kirti Nagar, New Delhi on 20th November, 2012 seeking clarifications on the deficiencies pointed out by the inspection team. The reply received from Kalra Hospital has been examined and it not been found satisfactory.

3. In view of the above, it has been decided to withdraw the empanelment of Kalra Hospital, Kirti Nagar New Delhi with immediate effect till further orders. The hospital shall no longer be a part of the CGHS empanelled list of hospitals/centers. However, patients, if any, already admitted prior to the issue of this Order, shall be provided treatment and discharged within seven days from the issue of this order.

This Order shall be effective from the date of its issue.

V.P.Singh, Dy. Secretary to the Govt of India

Order No.S.11011/03/2012-CGHS/HEC, dt 18.12.12 from Ministry of Health and Family Welfare Department of Health and Family Welfare, Nirman Bhawan, Maulana Azad Road, New Delhi – 110 001

Sub :Removal of Orthonova Hospital, Safdarjung Development Area, New Delhi from the list of Hospitals/ Diagnostic Centres empanelled under CGHS – reg.

CGHS vide its O.M No. S. 11011/23-2009-CGHS D.II/Hospital Cell(Part I) dated 7.10.2010 issued a list of private Hospitals and diagnostic centre empanelled under CGHS, wherein Orthonova Hospital, Safdarjung Development Area was empanelled for Orthopedic Surgery.

2. An inspection of Orthonova Hospital, Safdarjung Development Area, New Delhi was carried out on 2nd November, 2012 by a team

of officers led by Additional Director, CGHS (HQ). After a thorough inspection, it was found that the Hospital was not following the prescribed CGHS norms and guidelines to serve the CGHS beneficiaries in accordance with the terms and conditions of empanelment under CGHS. The inspection team concluded that as per the existing infrastructure and manpower position of the hospital, as observed during the inspection, the hospital is not in a position to provide quality healthcare services to CGHS beneficiaries. Accordingly, a 'Show Cause Notice' was issued to Orthonova Hospital, on 20th November, 2012 seeking clarifications on the deficiencies pointed out by the inspection team. However, the reply received from Orthonova Hospital, has not been found satisfactory.

3. Therefore it has been decided to withdraw the empanelment of Orthonova Hospital, Safdarjung Development Area, New Delhi with immediate effect till further orders. The hospital shall no longer be a part of the CGHS empanelled list of hospitals/centers.However, patients, if any, already admitted prior to the issue of the orders, shall be provided treatment and discharged within seven days from the issue of this order.

4.This Order shall be effective from the date of its issue.

V.P.Singh, Dy. Secretary to the Govt of India

ADDENDIUM

In October, 2012, Edwin P D'souza #115 CasaNova Vaddy, Siolium Bardez (Goa)(A-0018) sent ₹450/- as Legal Fighting Fund. Due to a Printers's Devil, this item was not published in BHARAT PENSIONER-11/2012. The slip-up is regretted.

Rameshwar Kumar, Treasurer

HAPPY NEW YEAR 2013

**IMPORTANT - CIRCULAR No. AN/VIII/19001/
Circular Date: 11.12.2012 from
CONTROLLER GENERAL OF DEFENCE
ACCOUNTS ULAN BATAR ROAD, PALAM,
DELHI CANTT- 110 010 to the All PC of
A(FYs)/PCsDA/CsDA**

**Sub: Review of three years time limit for
making compassionate appointment**

A copy of DoP&T O.M. F. No. 14014/3/2011-Estt (D) dt 26.07.2012 received under Ministry of Defence letter No. 19(9)/2012/D(Lab) dt 08.08.2012, on the above subject is forwarded herewith for information, compliance, guidance and necessary action please.

2. It is mandated that while dealing the case for appointment on compassionate grounds following clarifications, received from DoP&T on their OM dt 26.07.2012, may be scrupulously be adhered to.

(i) Vide OM dt 26.07.2012 instruction dt 05.05.2003 prescribing the three years' time limit for consideration of request for compassionate appointment has been withdrawn. This effectively means the instructions as issued vide OM dt 09.10.1998 is in force.

(ii) All the requests for compassionate appointment even those which have been considered earlier and belated requests will be considered on merit as per instructions on the subject provided a vacancy is available now.

(iii) Cases which have been considered as per O.M dt 05.05.2003 and closed for want of vacancy can be considered again if the dependent of diseased government servant prefer fresh application for compassionate appointment. Such cases are to be treated as per Para 8 of this department's O.M dt 09.10.1998.

3. HQrs office circulars issued on the subject regarding cases where any type of relaxation are required are still in force. The case which require relaxation of any kind including belated requests for compassionate appointment should be forwarded to HQrs office for obtaining the orders of the CGDA.

Please acknowledge receipt.

P K Rai, Sr.Asstt.CGDA (AN)

**Circular No. 19(9)/2012/D(Lab) dt 8.8.12
from Ministry of Defence, New Delhi**

**Sub : Review of three years time limit for
making compassionate appointment**

The undersigned is directed to say that the Hon'ble CAT Allahabad Bench has quashed the three year time limit of offer of appointment on compassionate grounds vide Department of Personnel and Training O.M. No. 14014/19/2002/Estt(D) dt 5.5.2003. The Writ Petition filed against the Order was also dismissed on 7.5.2010. The Department of Personnel and Training has re-examined the above Judgement in consultation with Ministry of Law and has decided to withdraw the instruction contained in OM dt 5.5.2003 referred to above. Accordingly DoP&T O.M.No. F.No. 14014/3/2011-Estt(D) / dt 26.7.2012 (copy enclosed) is circulated for information, compliance, guidance and necessary action.

K.K. Daimary, Under Secy to the Govt of India.

**OM F.No.14014/3/2011-Estt. (D) dt 26.07.2012
from Ministry of Personnel, Public
Grievances and Pensions, Deptt of Personnel
& Training, North Block, New Delhi**

**Sub : Review of three years time limit for
making compassionate appointment**

The primary objective of scheme for compassionate appointment circulated vide O.M. No. 14014/6/94-Estt (D) dt 09.10.1998 is to provide immediate assistance to relieve the dependent family of the deceased or medically retired - Government - servant from financial destitution i.e. penurious condition. The Hon'ble Supreme Court in its judgment dt 05.04.2011- in Civil Appeal No. 2206 of 2006 filed by Local Administration Department vs. M. Selvanayagam @ Kumaravelu has observed that "an appointment made many years after the death of the employee or without due consideration of the financial resources available to his/her dependents and the financial deprivation caused to the dependents as a result of his death, simply because the claimant happened to be one of the dependents of the

deceased employee would be directly in conflict with Articles 14 & 16 of the Constitution and hence, quite bad and illegal. In dealing with cases of compassionate appointment, it is imperative to keep this vital aspect in mind".

2. This Department's O.M. No. 14014/6/1994-Estt. (D) dt 09.10.1998 provided that Ministries/Departments can consider requests for compassionate appointment even where the death or retirement on medical grounds of a Government servant took place long back, say five years or so. While considering such belated requests it was, however, to be kept in view that the concept of compassionate appointment is largely related to the need for immediate assistance to the family of the Government servant in order to relieve it from economic distress. The very fact that the family has been able to manage somehow all these years should normally be taken, as adequate proof that the family had some dependable means of subsistence. Therefore, examination of such cases call for a great deal of circumspection. The decision to make appointment on compassionate grounds in such cases was to be taken only at the level of the Secretary of the Department/Ministry concerned.

Subsequently vide this Department's O.M. No. 14014/19/2002-Estt. (D) dt 05.05.2003 a time limit of three years time was prescribed for considering cases of compassionate appointment. Keeping in view the Hon'ble High Court Allahabad judgment dt 07.05.2010 in Civil Misc. Writ Petition- No. 13102 of 2010, the issue has been re-examined in consultation with Ministry of Law. It has been decided to withdraw the instructions, contained in the O.M. dt 05.05.2003.

4. The cases of compassionate appointment may be regulated in terms of instructions issued vide O.M. dt 09.10.1998 as amended from time to time. The onus of examining the penurious condition of the dependent family will rest with the authority making compassionate appointment.

Mukta Goel, Director (E-I) Tel. No. 2309 2479

**Rly Bd's Letter No. E(W)96/PS 5-1/15,
RBE No. 132, dt 23.11.2012**

Sub : Validity of Post Retirement Complimentary Passes(PRCP)/Widow Passes issued to KRCL employees over Indian Railways.

Instructions were issued vide Board's letter dated 11.7.2002 allowing all passes issued to Indian Railway employees to travel over KRCL on reciprocal basis.

Since, KRCL have recently started issuing, PRCP/widow passes to their employees, it has been decided that these passes should also be made valid to travel over Indian Railways.

This issues with the concurrence of Finance Directorate of Ministry of Railways.

Debasis Mazumdar, Director Estt. (Welfare)

**O M No. 5/40/2012-P&PW(C) dt 31.12.12
from Deptt of Pension and Pensioner's
Welfare, New Delhi.**

Sub : Introducing a dedicated day for attending pensioners in person - reg.

The undersigned is directed to inform that in order to facilitate mitigation of problems of Central Civil Pensioners, it has been decided that on every Wednesday, concerned officers of the Department of Pension and Pensioners' Welfare will be available between 1500 and 1600 hrs, in person, in Room No. 310, Lok Nayak Bhavan (near Gate No.1) to meet pensioners and, as far as possible, answer the queries/points raised by the pensioners.

2. The Central Civil Pensioners, aggrieved of pension related matters and seeking clarification etc., on application of any of the following rules/regulations may meet the concerned officers of this Department along with a written submission, by appearing in person, on the prescribed date, time and venue, and make use of this facility.

3. The rules being administered by this Department are:

- (I) CCS(Pension) Rules, 1972;**
- (ii) CCS(Commutation of Pension) Rules, 1981;**
- (iii) CCS(Extra-ordinary Pension) Rules;**
- (iv) GPF(CS) Rules, 1960; and**
- (v) CPF(India) Rules, 1962.**

DOT's STRANGE LETTER TO CMD BSNL

**DOT Letter No 40-09/2012-Pen(T) dt
23.07.2012 to CMD BSNL**

Reference is invited to your letter No BSNL/7-4/SR/2012 dated 13th June, 2012.

2. As per the copy of your agreement, it is noted that you have made an agreement regarding applicability of fitment benefit @ 78.2% w.e.f. 1-1-2007 to the pensioners also.

3. In the above connection, it is stated that the pension to the BSNL absorbees is being paid under Rule 37A of CCS (Pension) Rules, 1972 by the Govt. of India from its consolidated Fund. As such, BSNL has no power to make any commitments regarding pension. It may kindly be noted that for any commitment made by BSNL without Govt. approval, BSNL alone will be held responsible. Accordingly you are advised to withdraw the commitment mentioned in para 2 above.

K S Dahiya

**INVESTIGATIONS : PERMISSION
LETTER NOT REQD NOW**

**OM No. S-11045/40 /2012/CGHS/HEC/CGHS
(P), dt 01.01.13 from Ministry of Health &
Family Welfare, Deptt of Health & Family
Welfare, Nirman Bhawan, New Delhi**

**Sub: Regarding investigations at private
hospitals / diagnostic laboratories /
imaging centres empanelled under CGHS**

With reference to the above mentioned subject the undersigned is directed to state that this Ministry has been receiving representations for simplification of procedure for undergoing investigations at private hospitals / diagnostic laboratories / imaging centres empanelled under CGHS. The matter has been examined and with a view to alleviate the inconvenience to CGHS beneficiaries in obtaining requisite permission for undergoing investigations at CGHS empanelled private hospitals / diagnostic laboratories/ imaging centres, it has now been decided that CGHS

beneficiaries shall herein after be allowed to undergo investigations at private hospitals / diagnostic laboratories /imaging centres empanelled under CGHS after specific investigations have been advised by a CGHS Medical Officer or a Government Specialist without requirement of any other referral (permission) letter.

2. Private empanelled hospitals/ diagnostic laboratories/ imaging centres shall perform the investigations / diagnostic tests on cashless basis in respect of pensioners, ex-MPs, freedom fighters and other eligible categories of CGHS beneficiaries, who are presently eligible for credit facility and shall enclose the prescription issued by a CGHS Medical Officer or a Government Specialist, in original along with the hospital bill submitted to competent authorities.

3. Serving government employees shall enclose the prescription issued by a CGHS Medical Officer or a Government Specialist in original, while submitting the medical claim to the concerned Ministry /department/office for reimbursement. (Cont @ p.26)

(Cont from p.25) 4. CGHS Medical Officer / Government Specialist shall not refer the beneficiaries to any particular diagnostic laboratory or imaging centre by name but, shall specify the investigation and mention 'referred to CGHS empanelled centre'.

5. These orders are applicable only in respect of investigations for which CGHS rates are available. It shall come into force with immediate effect.

6. This issue with the concurrence of Integrated Finance Division vide FTS No 31560 /2012

V.P.Singh, Dy Secy to the Govt of India

Tel-011-2306 1831

DEVILS VS ANGELS

*If men were angels,
no government would be necessary.*

JAMES MADISON

**Railway Board Letter No 2012/H.1/12/1/
Dental/Policy dt 14.12.2012 to General
Managers, All Indian Railways/PUs.**

**Sub : Expanding the Dental procedures for
Railway beneficiaries and extension to
the arrangement relating to provision
of reimbursement of expenditure
incurred on the Dental treatment**

Ref : Bd's letter no. 2008/H-1/12/1 dt 17.03.2011

The Board have reviewed the Dental treatment facilities being provided to the Railway beneficiaries at present and it has been decided to expand the list of Dental procedures including all the procedures listed under CGHS list (SN. 174 to 231 of CGHS/Delhi list) and expenditure on them be reimbursed as per CGHS/Non-NABH (city specific Rates) as the case may be for another two years from 12.09.2012 to 11.09.2014. It may be ensured that reimbursement may be made only as per CGHS prescribed rates. {Copy of the CGHS/Delhi List is attached}.

However, this facility would stand withdrawn automatically in case any Railway hospital/health unit is provided with part time/ full time dental surgeon and infrastructure facilities.

This issues with the concurrence of the Finance Dte. of the Ministry of Railways.

Dr. D.P.Pande, Executive Director Health (P)

गीता 2-23 आत्मा और शरीर

1. आत्मा और शरीर

नैनं छिन्दन्ति शस्त्राणि, नैनं दहति पावकः।

न चैनं क्लेदयन्त्यापो प शोषयति मारुतः॥

आत्मा को न तो शस्त्र काटते हैं, न आग जलाती है। न आत्मा को पानी गीला करता है, और न हवा इसे सुखाती है। शरीर और आत्मा का निकट संबंध होते हुए भी वे सर्वथा अलग-अलग वस्तुएँ हैं। शरीर भौतिक और अचेतन है जबकि आत्मा अमौक्तिक और चैतन्यस्वरूप है। बहारी जगत की घटनाएँ शरीर पर प्रभाव तो डालती हैं किन्तु आत्मा पर उनका कोई प्रभाव नहीं होता। शरीर को लगने वाली कोई भी चोट आत्मा को कभी नहीं छूती। सारे शारीरिक परिवर्तनों के बीच आत्मा सदा एक ही दशा में रहती है। अपनी आत्मा को जानने के लिए हमें उस चीज को जानना चाहिए जो हमारे अंदर प्रारंभ से अंत तक सदा एक समान रहती है।

रेलवे बोर्ड पत्र न0 सं 2012/एच-1/12/1/डेंटल पॉलिसी दिनांक 14.12.12 महाप्रबंधक, सभी भारतीय रेलें/उत्पादन इकाइयां।

विषय : रेलवे लाभार्थियों के लिए दंत प्रक्रिया का विस्तार करना और दंत चिकित्सा पर उपगत खर्च की प्रतिपूर्ति के प्रावधान संबंधी व्यवस्था का विस्तार करना।

संदर्भ : बोर्ड का दिनांक 17.03.2011 का पत्र सं 2008/एच-1/12/1.

बोर्ड ने रेलवे लाभार्थियों को इस समय मुहैया कराई जा रही दंत उपचार सुविधाओं की समीक्षा की है और दंत प्रक्रियाओं की सूची, जिसमें के.स.स्वा.यो. की सूची (के.स.स्वा.यो./ दिल्ली सूची के क्रम सं 174 से 231) के तहत सभी सूचीबद्ध प्रक्रियाएं शामिल हैं, का विस्तार करने और उन पर किए गए खर्च की के.स.स्वा.यो./गैर एनएबीएच (शहर विशिष्ट दरें) जैसा भी मामला हो, के अनुसार प्रतिपूर्ति किया जाना 12.09.2012 से 11.09.2014 तक अगले दो वर्षों के लिए जारी रखने का विनिश्चय किया है। यह सुनिश्चित किया जाए कि प्रतिपूर्ति केवल के.स.स्वा.यो. कर निधिरित दरों के अनुसार ही की जाएगी। (के.स.स्वा.यो./ दिल्ली की सूची की एक प्रतिलिपि संलग्न है)।

बहरहाल, किसी रेलवे अस्पताल/स्वास्थ्य इकाई में अंशकालिक/पूर्णकालिक दंत सर्जन और मूलभूत सुविधाएं मुहैया करा दी जाती है तो यह सुविधा स्वतः वापय ले ली गई मानी जाएगी।

इसे रेल मंत्रालय के वित्त निदेशालय की सहमति से जारी किया जा रहा है।

डॉ.डी.पी. पाण्डे, कार्यपालक निदेशक स्वास्थ्य (पी)

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FAILING MEMORY? DECLUTTER!

Struggling to remember names and number? It could be because you know too much and need to declutter or spring clean your mind.

Courtesy : PTI

CGHS DELHI 2010 RATES

S.NO.	Name of Treatment Procedure	Rates for NABH Accredited Hospitals	Rates for Non-NABH Hospitals
201	Maxillectomy- partial without draft	2875	2500
202	Release of fibrous bands & grafting -In (OSMF) treatment under GA	1725	1500
203	Pre-prosthetic surgery- Alveoloplasty	575	500
204	Pre-prosthetic surgery - ridge augmentation	1500	1275
205	Root cal Treatment (RCT) Anterior teeth	575	500
206	Root cal Treatment(RCT) Posterior teeth	805	700
207	Aplcoectomy- Single root	575	500
208	Aplcoectomy-Multiple roots	748	650
209	Metal Crown-per unit	575	500
210	Metal crown with Acrylic facing per unit	805	700
211	Complete single denture-metal based	1725	1500
212	Complete denture- acrylic based per arch	1093	950
213	Removable partial denture-Metal based- upto 3 teeth	805	700
214	Removable partial denture-Metal based-more than 3 teeth	1035	900
215	Removable partial denture-Acrylic based-upto 3 teeth	575	500
216	Removable partial denture-Acrylic based-more than 3 teeth	310	264
217	Amalgam restoration-per tooth	230	200
218	Composite Restoration-per tooth-anterior tooth	288	250
219	Glas Ionomer-per tooth	230	200
220	Scaling & polishing	345	300
221	Removable Orthodontics appliance- per Arch	805	700
222	Fixed Orthodontics-per Arch	1380	1200
223	Space maintainers-Fixed	575	500
224	Habit breaking appliances-removable	920	800
225	Habit breaking appliances-Fixed	1725	1500
226	Expansion plate	1150	1000
227	Feeding appliance for cleft palate	1725	1500
228	Maxillo-facial prosthesis (sal/auricular/orbital/facial lost part)	4025	3500
229	Funciul orthodentic appliances	3450	3000
230	Obturator (Maxillo-facial)	1725	1500

**CTS-2010 STANDARD CHEQUE BOOKS
FROM JANUARY 1ST, 2013**

Notification (RBI/2012-13/190399/04.07.05/2012-13 dated September 3, 2012) by the Reserve Bank of India

Reg: Standardization and Enhancement of Security Features in Cheques - Migration to CIS 2010

RBI has directed all banks to issue only multicurrency/payable at par CTS-2010 standard cheques. It has also directed all banks to withdraw the non-CTS-2010 Standard cheques in circulation before December 31, 2012.

In compliance with the aforementioned circular, it may kindly be noted that all non-CTS-2010 Standard cheques shall be withdrawn by

December 31, 2012. Accordingly, it must be ensured by all to verify that your cheque book(s) are CTS-2010 compliant. If not, you must place an order for a new cheque book. The identity features of a CTS-2010 cheque leaf are as under: The letters "CTS-2010" have been printed vertically on the left side of the cheque leaf.

If your cheque book is already CTS-2010 compliant, you can keep using the same and there is no action to be taken at your end. However, if the cheque book is not CTS-2010 compliant, you must place a request for CTS-2010 compliant cheque book through your nearest bank Branch. This change is applicable across all banks. The above notification is applicable only to Banking Operations in India.

Letter No. 34(6)2012-D(Pay/Services) dt 27.12.12, from Ministry of Defence, New Delhi to, the Chief of the Army Staff, the Chief of the Air Staff, the Chief of the Naval Staff

Sub : Implementation of Hon'ble Supreme Court order dt 04.09.2012 in IA No. 9 of 2010 in Transfer Petition (C) No. 56 of 2007 - Union of India and Others versus N.K. Nair and Others, etc.

Sir, I am directed to invite attention to the Special Army Instructions No. 1/S/87 dated 26th May, 1987 and the corresponding Special Instructions pertaining to Navy and Air Force both bearing Nos. 1/S/87 dt. 11.6.1987 and 26.5.1987 respectively regarding revision of pay scales, fixation of initial pay, etc. in the revised scales implemented w.e.f. 1.1.1986 based on the recommendations of the 4th Central Pay Commission and to say that Para 6 (a) (ii) thereof, while providing for fixation of initial pay in the revised scales, provided that

“After the existing emoluments have been so increased, an amount equivalent to the Rank Pay, if any, appropriate to the rank held by the officer on 01 January 1986 at the rates prescribed in para 3(a) (ii) above, will be deducted.....”.

2. The Hon'ble High Court of Kerala at Ernakulum in their order passed on 5th Day of October, 1998 in the matter of OP No.2448 of 1996-N filed by Major A K Dhanapalan, had directed as under-

“Under these circumstances, the respondents 2 & 3 are directed to re-fix the pay of the petitioner with effect from 1.1.1986 without deducting the rank Pay of Rs.200 as has been done by the Respondents 2 & 3”.

3. The appeal No. WA 518 of 1999 filed by the Ministry of Defence, Government of India, was dismissed by the Hon'ble High court of Kerala at Ernakulum vide their order of 4th day of July, 2003. Subsequently, after the dismissal of SLP by the Hon'ble Supreme Court, the above direction of the Hon'ble High Court of Kerala was implemented by this Ministry, refixing the pay of

the petitioner w.e.f. 1.1.1986 without applying the aforesaid provision contained in para 6 (a) (ii) of the aforesaid Special Army Instruction of 26th May, 1987, i.e. without deducting the Rank Pay as appropriate to the petitioner as on 1.1.86.

4. Subsequently, the Hon'ble Supreme Court, vide their order dated 8.3.2010, in the Transfer Petition (C) No.56 of 2007 and linked matters, directed as under:-

“We have carefully perused the judgement dated 5.10.1998 of the Ld. Single Judge as well as judgement dated 4.7.2003 of the Division Bench of the High Court of Kerala and we respectfully agree with the reasoning given therein for grant of Rank Pay retrospectively from 1.1.1986. We also direct interest be paid thereon at 6% p.a.”

5. The Hon'ble Supreme Court in their subsequent order passed on 4th September, 2012 in the matter of IA No.9 of 2010 in Transfer Petition (C) No.56 of 2007 has directed as under:

“On thoughtful consideration of the entire matter, we are satisfied that the order dated March 8, 2010 does not require any modification or variation save and except the interest part. As regards interest, on totality of the circumstances including the circumstance that Special Leave Petition arising from the judgement dated July 4, 2003 in the matter of Major A.K.Dhanapalan was dismissed by this Court in August, 2005 and the Kerala High Court had not ordered payment of interest on the arrears of pay, we direct that the interest shall be paid by the petitioners to the respondents @ 6% p.a. from January 1, 2006 instead of January 1, 1986. It is clarified that this order shall govern all similarly situated officers who have not approached the Court and also those who have filed Writ Petitions which are pending before various High Courts/Armed Forces Tribunal.”

6. Accordingly, in compliance with the aforesaid Order of the Hon'ble Supreme Court passed on 4.9.2012 read with their earlier order

dated 8.3.2010, upholding the Order of the Hon'ble Kerala High Court passed on 5.10.1998 in case of Major A K Dhanapalan, which has also directed that the order shall govern all similarly situated persons, the sanction of the Government is hereby communicated to modify the provisions contained in para 6(a)(ii) of the Special Army Instructions of 26th May, 1987, and corresponding instructions in case of Navy and Air Force bearing both bearing No. 1/S/87 dt 11.6.1987 and 26.5.1987 respectively, insofar as it relates to deduction of Rank Pay, which has been reproduced in para 1 above, and to re-fix the initial pay of the concerned officers of Army, Navy and Air Force in the revised scale (integrated scale) as on 1.1.1986 as per **para 6** of those instructions without deduction of Rank Pay appropriate to the rank held by the officer on 1st January, 1986 from the amount as worked out under para 6(a)(i) thereof.

7. Except to the extent of modification of the provision contained in para 6(a)(ii) of the aforesaid Army Instructions and corresponding Navy and Air Force Instructions both bearing No 1/S/87 dated 11.6.1987 and 26.5.1987 respectively relating to deduction of Rank Pay in terms of these orders, which is in complete compliance of the aforesaid judicial pronouncement, in all other respects there shall be no change in the provisions of the aforesaid Special Army, Navy and Air Force instructions of 1987 pertaining to the implementation of the recommendation of the 4th Central Pay Commission.

8. As the aforesaid Order of the Hon'ble Supreme Court passed on 4.9.2012 read with their earlier order dt. 8.3.2010, has upheld the Order of the Hon'ble Kerala High Court passed on 5.10.1998 in case of Major A.K.Dhanapalan and as the said Order of the Hon'ble Kerala High Court dt. 5.10.1998 is for re-fixation of pay as on 1.1.1986, and as this sanction is in compliance with these judicial pronouncements, it is clarified there shall be no change in respect of Special Instructions of Army, Navy and Air Force issued

on 19.12.1997 and 11.10.2008 (Army) and 18.10.2008 (Navy and Air Force) for implementation of the recommendations of the 5th and 6 Central Pay Commission respectively, except to the extent of the need for re-fixation of pay as on 1.1.1996 and 1.1.2006, necessitated due to re-fixation of pay as on 1.1.1986 in terms of these orders.

9. Dearness Allowance, Interim relief, Dearness Pay and Non-Practising Allowance in respect of AMC/ADC/RVC officers will be revised.

10. Pensionary benefits due to the re-fixation of pay as above, if any, will be admissible as per rules on the subject. Fresh LPC cum Data Sheet for this purpose will be issued. PPO revising the pension will be issued to all the concerned.

11. As directed in Hon'ble Supreme Court order dated 4th September, 2012, interest @ 6% per annum on the arrears will be paid with effect from 1.1.2006.

12. All affected officers/pensioners have to give an undertaking at the time of disbursement of arrears as per **Appendix 'A'** * to the effect that any excess payment that may be found to have been made as a result of incorrect re-fixation of pay/pension will be refunded by him/her to the Government either by adjustment against future payments or otherwise.

13. All departments/offices involved in re-fixation of pay under these orders are hereby directed to process the cases at highest priority so that arrears, if any, are paid at the earliest. The Head of the Department/Office will be personally accountable for any avoidable delay in revision of pay/pension or payment of arrears as the case may be. Offices of PCDA(O), Pune, Naval Pay Office, Mumbai and Air Force Central Accounts Office, Delhi Cantt will appoint Nodal Officers to whom the affected officers may contact for information, if any,

14. Paying authorities and the Service HQrs. will work in tandem, wherever required, in implementing the Hon'ble Supreme Court order.

15. In partial relaxation of Serial No. 3 of Appendix 'A' to Ministry of Defence letter No. IC/1027/32/AS (J)/6864/2006 dated 1st September, 2006 for fast track implementation of the court judgement in this case wherein a large number of officers are affected, the payment will be made directly by PCDA(O)/AFCAO/Naval Pay Office. Ex-post facto sanction will be granted by Ministry of Defence on quarterly basis under Charged Expenditure based on audit/payment reports rendered by CDA(O)/AFCAO/Naval Pay Office and the cases for the sanction will be processed by AG Branch/COP/AOP with Ministry of Defence.

16. This issues with the concurrence of Ministry of Defence (Finance) vide their Dy. No. 8(13)/2012-AG/PA (583-PA) dated 27.12.2012 and Ministry of Finance (Department of Expenditure) vide their Dy. No. 187654/E.III (A)/2012 dated 24.12.2012. Yours faithfully,

Praveen Kumar, Director (AG.I)

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PARLIAMENT QUESTION

Issuing of CGHS plastic cards to CGHS beneficiaries

The below information was presented as a written reply to a question about the CGHS Cards by the Minister of Health and Family Welfare Shri.Ghulam Nabi Azad in the Parliament on 14th December, 2012 as follows:

Government has issued detailed guidelines for issuance of individual plastic cards to CGHS beneficiaries vide Office Memorandum No. S.11012/3/2011-CGHS(P) dated 29th December, 2011 which is available at the CGHS website <http://msotransparent.nic.in>

Total 1,32,909 applications were received for making of CGHS cards in last one year. It is a continuous process. It has since been streamlined and the cards are now sent to the applicants timely by speed post at their home address. There is no pendency in issuance of CGHS cards.

(Source : PIB)

**Ministry of Railways
(RAILWAY BOARD)
NOTIFICATION**

New Delhi, the 26th November, 2012

G.S.R 846(E), -In exercise of the powers conferred by Clause (g) of sub-section (2) and sub-section (3) of Section 60 read with Section 198 of the Railways Act, 1989 (24 of 1989) the Central Government hereby makes the following rules, namely:-

1. Short title and Commencement - (1) These rules may be called the Indian Railways (Penalties for activities affecting cleanliness at railway premises) Rules, 2012.

(2) They shall come into force on the date of their publication in the Official Gazette.

2. Definitions - In these rules unless the context otherwise requires,-

- (a) 'Act' means the Railways Act, 1989;
- (b) 'litter' means all refuse and include any other waster material which, if thrown or deposited, tends to create unclean or unhygienic conditions or a danger to life, environment pollution, public health, safety and welfare;
- (c) 'littering' means,—
 - (i) putting litter in a location from where it falls, descends, blows, is washed, percolates or otherwise escapes; into or onto any public place; or
 - (ii) causing, permitting or allowing litter to fall, descend, blow, be washed, percolate or other wise escape into or onto any public place;
- (d) 'railway premises' means station building, platforms, railway track and other property belonging to railways including trains;
- (e) 'person' means any person or persons coming to railway premises with or without the intention of travelling;
- (f) 'carriage' means the carriage of passengers or goods by a railway administration.

3. Prohibition of activities affecting cleanliness and hygiene In the railway premises.

(1) No person shall,—

(a) throw or deposit litter in any occupied or unoccupied railway premises or the carriage except in authorized places;

(b) cook, bathe, spit, urinate, defecate, feed animal or birds, repair or wash vehicles, washing utensils or clothes or any other objects or keep any type of storage in any railway premises except in such facilities or conveniences specifically provided for any of these purposes;

(c) paste or put up any poster or write or draw anything or matter in any compartment or carriage of the railway or any premises thereof, without any lawful authority-

(d) indulge in defacing railway property,

(2) Authorised Vendors/hawkers will make necessary arrangement to keep the container or waste basket for collecting litter and proper disposal of its contents.

4. Penalties for contravention of these rules.

Whosoever contravenes any of the provisions of these rules or fails to comply with such provisions shall be punished with a fine which shall not exceed five hundred rupees.

5. Officials authorized to collect penalties under these rules. The following officials are authorized to collect fine mentioned in these rules, namely:-

(a) The Station Master or Station Manager;

(b) An officer not below the rank of Ticket Collector of the Commercial Department or an officer of equivalent rank of the Operating Department;

(c) Any other official (s) authorized by the Railway Administration for the purpose of implementing these rule.

[F.No.2010/TG-IV/16/SAN/14/Fine]

A. MADHUKUMAR REDDY, Executive Director, Passenger Marketing

**Letter No. 2(2)/2012/D(Pen/Pol) dt 14.12.12
Ministry of Defence, Deptt of Ex-Servicemen Welfare, New Delhi To, The Chief of Army Staff, The Chief of Naval Staff, The Chief of Air Staff**

Sub : Eligibility of Unmarried Daughters of Armed Forces personnel for grant of Family Pension beyond 25 years of Age

Sir, The undersigned is directed to refer to this Ministry's ID No.878/A/D{Pen/Sers}/04 dated 21.9.2004 extending the provisions of Department of P&PW OM No. 1/19/03-P&PW (E) dated 25.08.2004 and this Ministry's Letter No.1 (3)/2007-D(Pen/Policy) dated 25.10.07 which makes unmarried / widowed / divorced daughter eligible for family pension beyond 25 years of age subject to fulfilment of other prescribed conditions, Attention is also invited to this Ministry's ID No.9(6)/2007-D(Pen/Policy) dated 21.2.2008 under which it was clarified in consultation with Department of P&PW that liberalised family pension/special family pension (dependent pension) was not covered under the provisions of this Ministry's above said letter dated 25.10.2007. A lot of references are being received in this Ministry for making unmarried/widowed/divorced daughter eligible for grant of liberalised family pension/special family pension beyond 25 years of age, if otherwise in order.

References are also being received in this Ministry for dissolving the provisions contained in Regulation 230(c) of Pension Regulations for the Army Part - 1(1961) and similar provision in Pension Regulations for Navy and Air Force, which debars unmarried daughters for continuance of Special Family pension if they were in receipt of children allowance even after disqualification of all other eligible heir(s).

2. The above matter is considered by the Government and it has been decided in consultation with Department of P&PW that unmarried/widowed/divorced daughter also be eligible for grant of liberalised / special family pension beyond 25 years subject to fulfilment of

other prescribed conditions as hithertofore. It has also decided that all unmarried/widowed/divorced daughters, who were earlier or otherwise eligible for children allowance, shall also be sanctioned liberalised family pension subject to other conditions being fulfilled. The allowance, if being paid, shall be discontinued from the date special/liberalised family pension is sanctioned under these orders. The provisions contained in Regulations 230(c), 239 & 240 of Pension Regulation for the Army Part - 1(1961) and similar provisions in Pension Regulations for the Navy and Air Force shall stand modified to that extent.

3. The family pension to unmarried/widowed/divorced daughters above the age of 25 years shall be payable if all other eligible children below the age of 25 years have ceased to receive family pension and there is no disabled child to receive the family pension. Family pension shall be payable to unmarried/widowed/divorced daughter in order of their date of birth and younger of them shall not be eligible unless the next above has become ineligible for grant of family pension.

4. This order will take effect from 6.9.2007 i.e., the date from which Ordinary Family Pension was allowed to unmarried daughters by DoPftPW.

5. This issues with the concurrence of Finance Division of this Ministry vide their DO No. 10(8)/2012/Fin/Pen dated 21.11.12.

Yours Faithfully, Sd/-

MAN : THE LAUGHING ANIMAL

English Poet William Hazlitt had said that man is the only animal that laughs and weeps; for he is the only animal that struck with the difference between what things are and what they ought to be.

Letter No. 55/42/2012-P&PW(C) dt 12.12.12 from Ministry of Personnel, P.G. and Pensions, Deptt of Pension and Pensioners' Welfare, New Delhi to The Secretary General, Bharat Pensioners Samaj, 3/13-A, LGF, Jangpura 'A', New Delhi-14

Sub : Pensioners' Portal, a Mission Mode Project under the National e-Governance Plan - handling of grievances by Nodal Officers - reg.

Sir, Please refer your grievance registered on Pensioners Portal vide Registration No.DOPPW/E/2011/00664 alleging that Central Government officers do not take cognizance of e-mail contents of their official IDs etc.

2. In this connection, it is informed that insofar as this Department is concerned, the CPENGRAM is regularly being monitored and grievances dealt at the earliest possible. It has been noticed that most of the Ministries/Departments are actively handling/disposing of the grievances forwarded on-line through Pensioners' Portal If the BPS themselves peruse the data on Portal it would be seen that some of the Government organizations like Department of Financial Services, Deptt. of Food, CBDT including Railway Board have dealt/disposed of the grievances to a great extent. Thus the observation of Bharat Pensioners Samaj does not appear to be based on facts.

3. As regards setting up of a separate desk in the Deptt. of AR&PG for monitoring of grievances you are advised to take up the matter directly with the concerned Department for appropriate action.

4. Your grievance is thus disposed off.

Yours sincerely,

Tripti P Ghosh, Director Telefax : 24624802

A wise man should draw his speech into his mind, his mind into his understanding, his understanding into the great soul and the great soul into the silent self.

Kathopanishad

PERMISSION LETTER NOT REQD NOW

**OM S-11045/40/2012/CGHS/HEC/CGHS (P)
dt 01.01.2013, Ministry of Health & Family
Welfare, Deptt of Health & Family Welfare,
New Delhi**

**Sub: Regarding investigations at private
hospitals / diagnostic laboratories/
imaging centres empanelled under CGHS**

With reference to the above mentioned subject the undersigned is directed to state that this Ministry has been receiving representations for simplification of procedure for undergoing investigations at private hospitals / diagnostic laboratories / imaging centres empanelled under CGHS. The matter has been examined and with a view to alleviate the inconvenience to CGHS beneficiaries in obtaining requisite permission for undergoing investigations at CGHS empanelled private hospitals / diagnostic laboratories/ imaging centres, it has now been decided that CGHS beneficiaries shall herein after be allowed to undergo investigations at private hospitals / diagnostic laboratories /imaging centres empanelled under CGHS after specific investigations have been advised by a CGHS Medical Officer or a Government Specialist without requirement of any other referral (permission) letter.

2. Private empanelled hospitals/ diagnostic laboratories/ imaging centres shall perform the investigations / diagnostic tests on cashless basis in respect of pensioners, ex-MPs, freedom fighters and other eligible categories of CGHS

beneficiaries, who are presently eligible for credit facility and shall enclose the prescription issued by a CGHS Medical Officer or a Government Specialist, in original along with the hospital bill submitted to competent authorities.

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

4. CGHS Medical Officer / Government Specialist shall not refer the beneficiaries to any particular diagnostic laboratory or imaging centre by name but, shall specify the investigation and mention '**referred to CGHS empanelled centre**'.

5. These orders are applicable only in respect of investigations for which CGHS rates are available. It shall come into force with immediate effect.

6. This issue with the concurrence of Integrated Finance Division vide FTS No 31560 /2012

V.P.Singh, Dy Secy to the Govt of India

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- Obesity is a mother of a number of diseases. Control Obesity by all means and at any cost.
- Take special care of personal hygiene
- Make Preventive Healthcare a way of life

D R FOR PENSIONERS						
	June-12	July-12	Aug-12	Sep-12	Oct-12	Nov-12
All India CPI (IW) Base 2001=100	208	212	214	215	217	218
%age over 01.01.06	72.41%	73.78%	75.22%	76.51%	77.88%	79.25
65% to 72% i.e. 7% increase w.e.f. July, 2012 (already published in October 2012 issue)						
Contributed by : J N Uppal, Dy Director (Retd), CSO, Min of Statistics and Programme Implementation.						
C-26, Amar Colony, Lajpat Nagar-IV, New Delhi - 110 024 - Tel : 2644 8938 (R) [6 PM to 9 PM]						

NEW MEMBERS - Annual

A - 1489	S.S Koltey	Indore	11/13
A - 1490	Soma Chakraborty	Siliguri	11/13
A - 1491	S.C Bose	Hooghly	11/13
A - 1492	Jit Ram	Kasauli	11/13
A - 1493	G.S Kulkarni	Kolhapur	11/13
A - 1494	K.Sundaram	Ekhunagar	11/13
A - 1495	Naval Kishor D Mehta	Porbandar Millpuro	11/13
A - 1496	U U Chandesara	Bhavnagar	11/13
A - 1497	K C Matur	Navi Mumbai	11/13
A - 1498	M.V Jaga Rao	Nagpur	11/13
A - 1500	Gurmit Singh	Jalandhar	11/13
A - 1501	Shankar Kadverkar	Amravati	11/13
A - 1502	Bela Dutta	Kolkata	11/13
A - 1503	M S Ganguly	Ghaziabad	11/13
A - 1504	N.Lakshmi Narayana	Machilipatnam	11/13
A - 1505	Ramniwas Bohra	Nagour	11/13
A - 1506	M Sita Ramaih	Hyderabad	11/13
A - 1507	D V Lavadiya	Junagadh	11/13
A - 1508	B Seshagiri Rao	Vijayawada	11/13
A - 1509	Lakshmi Satt	Kasauli	11/13
A - 1510	Pradeep Kumar Jain	Jabalpur	11/13
A - 1513	Shiv Kumar Bhargava	Agra	11/13
A - 1515	Hardyl Singh Parajpat	Ludhiana	11/13
A - 1516	Anwar Ahmed	Bina	11/13
A - 1518	Chhana Dungar	Rajkot	11/13
A - 1519	Mahi Datt Sharma	Mathura	11/13
A - 1520	Chhana Khima	Vishipara Wankaner	11/13
A - 1521	Madan Lal Sharma	Mandidawali	11/13
A - 1522	V Subba Rao	Addanki	11/13
A - 1523	M.K Chopra	DL-85	11/13
A - 1524	S G Bhatta	Bhavnagar	11/13

NEW MEMBERS - Triennial

A - 1499	Chandan Kr Chatterjee	DL-91	11/15
A - 1511	Pramod Kumar Mittal	Noida	11/15
A - 1512	Harcharan Singh Paul	Jalandhar	11/15
A - 1514	K B Khanna	DL-92	11/15
A - 1526	M M Magadevayar	Karaikal	11/15

NEW AFFILIATED ASSOCIATIONS

A - 1517	Rly Penr's Fderation	Vizianagaram	11/13
A - 1525	P & RMSP W Assn	Ludhiana	11/13

LEGAL FIGHTING FUND from NON MEMBERS

M.Devadanam	Guntur	1000
M.V Koteswara Rao	Guntur	500
M.Rama Mohan S	Guntur	500
P.M.M Kushna	Guntur	200

A Venkatap
B.Obulu

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