

**AGENDA ITEMS WITH COMMENTS FOR 23<sup>rd</sup> MEETING OF STANDING COMMITTEE OF VOLUNTARY AGENCIES (SCOVA) TO BE HELD ON 20<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER, 2013, AT VIGYAN BHANVAN ANNEXE, NEW DELHI**

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1.	<p><b><u>Submission of application in Form 14 be dispensed with for sanction of Family Pension :-</u></b> As details of family members eligible for family pension in the event of the death of the pensioner, joint photograph with the spouse and the amount of family pension payable in the event of death of the pensioner are available under Part II of the Pension Payment Order issued by the Pay and Accounts Officer or other designated authority. It is redundant and unnecessary to insist on submission of all these details in Form 14 for sanction of Family pension. On the death of the pensioner, a written request from the spouse along with a death certificate of the pensioner is sufficient to sanction the family pension. So the extant cumbersome procedure may be dispensed with and a simplified procedure introduced. <b>(Action : D/oP&amp;PW)</b></p>	<p><b>D/o P&amp;PW :-</b> The matter has been examined in the Government. Necessary instruction for grant of family pension without Form-14 where pensioner has a joint account with the spouse and using Form-14 in other cases without having it attested are being issued shortly.</p>
2.	<p><b><u>Extension of benefit of upgraded Grade Pay to pre-2006 retirees of S-12 grade :-</u></b> Benefit of upgraded Grade Pay Rs 4600, introduced subsequently in place of already implemented GP Rs.4,200/- for S-12 grade in pre-revised scale of Rs 6,500-10,500 w.e.f 01.01.2006 in terms of O.M No. F.No 1/1/2008-IC dated 13.11.2009 of M/o Finance, Department of Expenditure is not extended to pre-2006 pensioners retired from S-12 grade. The clarification assumes importance in view of the need for protection of 50% of the minimum Pay in the Pay Band &amp; Grade Pay in O.M dated 28.1.2013. <b>(Action: D/o Expenditure, D/oP&amp;PW)</b></p>	<p><b>D/o P&amp;PW:-</b> The Department has sought following advice from D/o Exp:</p> <p>(i) Whether the grade pay of Rs.4600/- is to be treated as the grade pay corresponding to the pre-revised pay-scale of Rs.6500-10500/- or it is to be treated as upgraded grade pay.</p> <p>(ii) In case, Grade Pay of Rs.4600 is to be treated as grade pay corresponding to the pre-revised pay scale of Rs.6500-10500/-, the pre-2006 pensioners who retired before 2006 would be entitled to the benefit of this Grade Pay in terms of Para 4.2 of this Department's OM dated 1.9.2008 and OM dated 28.1.2013 issued by this Department. The D/o Expenditure has been asked to clarify as to what would be the minimum pay</p>

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		<p>in the pay band plus grade pay as per the fitment table, which is to be reckoned for calculation of minimum pension for those pensioners who retired from the scale of 6500/- 10,500/- in terms of OM dated 28.1.2013.</p>
3.	<p><b><u>Complaints Against The System of Lodging of Pension Grievance :-</u></b>  At present the complaints lodged with Public Grievances is forwarded to the Ministry. Therefore, complaints on Subordinate Officer take a long time to reach them (Subordinate Officer). It is therefore necessary that the complaints are forwarded directly to the officers against whom the complaint is lodged to avoid undue delay.  <b>(Action: D/o P&amp;PW)</b></p>	<p><b><u>D/o P&amp;PW:</u></b>  This Department has been forwarding the grievances on pension related matters, received in this Department either on line through CPENGRAMS or otherwise, to designated nodal officers of concerned Ministries/Departments/Organisations. Since even for monitoring those grievances, this Department has been interacting with the designated nodal officers, it is neither prudent not feasible to send grievances directly to subordinate formations.</p>
4.	<p><b><u>Broad Banding of Disability Element for Pre-1996 cases.</u></b>  In implementation of the 5<sup>th</sup> CPC recommendations, Dept of Pensions &amp; PW had issued OM dated 03.02.2000 for revision of disability and family pensions for post 1996 disabled pensioners which, inter alia, applied the principle of broad-banding to compute reckonable percentage of disability. Vide OM dated 11.09.2001 the same benefits were extended to pre-1996 pensioners with effect from 01.01.1996. These orders, like others issued by D/o P&amp;PW, are equally applicable to civil as well as defence pensioners. MOD, however, extended the broad-banding benefit to post-96 disabled pensioners only, vide its order dated 31.01.2001, denying it to the pre-96 lot. The 2009 Cabinet Secretary's Committee, agreed to eliminate this anomaly. However, MoD(DESW) orders dated 19.01.2010 granted the benefit w.e.f 01.07.2009 only, completing ignoring the fact that the same benefit on the civil side has been extended w.e.f 01.01.1996. The matter was again raised with</p>	<p><b><u>M/o Defence (D/o Ex-Servicemen Welfare):-</u></b>  The matter regarding extension of benefit of broad banding to pre-1.1.96 invalided out individuals was processed and referred to MoD(Fin) for concurrence. But MoD(Fin) returned the matter back for knowing the financial implications involved. CGDA, expressed its difficulty in furnishing the requisite information. MoD(Fin) was persuaded to process the matter without the financial implications. The case has been referred to M/o Finance by MoD(Fin) in March,2013. The DESW has been in constant touch with the D/o Expenditure to get the case finalized.</p>

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	<p>Deptt/ESW in August 2010. The need to apply the orders w.e.f 01.01.96 was accepted. However, the revised orders are yet to be issued even after lapse of nearly 2- 1/2 years.</p> <p><b>(Action: M/o Defence )</b></p>	
5.	<p><b><u>Appointment of Specialists and General Medical Officer in CGHS :-</u></b></p> <p>Aged Pensioners are unable to go to crowded Government hospitals and obtain specialist's prescription as the Specialists in the Government Hospitals are not only reluctant to issue such prescription on one hand but also the waiting time is enormous in the hospital. It is suggested that Specialist of various disciplines may be appointed on contract as is now resorted to.</p> <p><b>( Action: M/o Health &amp; FW)</b></p>	<p><b><u>M/o Health &amp; FW:-</u></b></p> <p>Keeping in view the difficulties being faced by the aged CGHS pensioner beneficiaries, feasibility of appointing specialists of various disciplines in CGHS dispensaries on part time/contract basis is being explored.</p>
	<p><b><u>Problems faced by non -Smart Card (old card holders) of CGHS:-</u></b></p> <p>As per instructions issued by the Govt. of India, Ministry of Health &amp; Family Welfare vide letter No.6024/2007/CGHS(HR)CGHS(P) Dated 17.12.2012 the beneficiaries of CGHS can get treatment in all CGHS covered cities in India and there is no need for obtaining temporary attachment while on a visit to another CGHS city. It has been brought to the notice of this Association by the members that if they carry CGHS cards while on visit to out stations, their dependant members, who do not accompany them, face great difficulty in case of emergency as without card Wellness Centers do not entertain any patient. Even in case of serious emergency empanelled hospitals do not entertain any patient if the CGHS card is not produced to them within four hours of admission and treat the CGHS beneficiaries as ordinary patients and cashless treatment is not permitted. Similar is the position of the card holder if he leaves the card behind for use of his dependents in his absence or the dependent(s) goes to outstation. The Ministry of Health &amp; Family Welfare is requested to find out a viable solution to this problem so that the beneficiaries of CGHS do not suffer during their visit to outstation.</p> <p><b>( Action: M/o Health &amp; FW)</b></p>	<p><b><u>M/o Health &amp; FW:-</u></b></p> <p>It was decided to replace the old cards by the plastic cards meant for each beneficiary including dependent family members. Now, a beneficiary can avail CGHS facility in any wellness centre anywhere in the country on production of his CGHS Plastic Card or Paper Card. Inpatient medical treatment facility is also available in empanelled private hospitals on production of the same.</p> <p>CGHS has already started issuing plastic cards at all its locations (except Jammu). Beneficiaries may apply for the same with the requisite details and get their plastic cards made from the Office of Add. Director, CGHS of the city concerned.</p>
	<p><b><u>Extension of benefit of OM dt. 28.1.2013 w.e.f 1.1.2006 instead of 24.9.2012 :-</u></b></p> <p>Govt. of India, M/o P&amp;PG &amp; Pensions,</p>	<p><b><u>D/o P&amp;PW :-</u></b></p> <p>The advice in regard to further course of action on the dismissal of</p>

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	<p>Department of Pension and Pensioners Welfare, New Delhi's Order No. F-38/37/2008-P&amp;PW(A) dated 28.1.2013. In the light of the judgement of the Hon'ble High Court of Delhi dated 29.04.2013 delivered with reference to Writ Petition No's WP(C) 1535/2012, WP(C) 2348/2012, WP(C) 2349/2012 and WP(C) 2350/2012 read with Hon'ble Supreme Court of India's decision in SLP (C) 23055 of 2013 of the Union of India Vs CG S-(29) (SAG) Pensioners Association dated 29.07.2013, the date of effect mentioned in the GOI order dated 28/1/13 may be revised retrospectively from 1.1.2006 and arrears paid to the eligible Pensioners.</p> <p><b>( Action:D/o P&amp;PW)</b></p>	<p>SLP No. 23055 of 2013 by the Hon'ble Supreme Court on 29.7.2013 has been sought from Department of Expenditure. The advice is still awaited.</p>