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FOR FREE CIRCULATION TO MEMBERS RSCWS

NOTICE FOR GENERAL BODY MEETING MEDICAL CAMP & SEMINAR AT FORTIS HOSPITAL, AUDITORIUM, MOHALI TO BE HELD ON SATURDAY, 22nd APRIL, 2023

General Body Meeting of RSCWS, Medical Checkup Camp & Medical Seminar, shall be held on Saturday, 22nd April, 2023 from 09.00 AM to 03.00 PM at the Auditorium & the adjoining Future Extension Library, 3rd Floor (OPD Side), Fortis Hospital, Sector 62, Phase-8, Mohali.

MEDICAL check-up & TESTS TO BE UNDERTAKEN :

Check-up & Consultation by Physician, BMI (Body Mass index), Bone Density, (on advice), Blood Pressure, RBS (Random Blood Sugar) & ECG (on advice), Lung Function Test (Spirometry- Sponsored by CIPLA).

All members of RSCWS are requested to attend the meeting positively along with their Spouses & other Railway Pensioners & Family Pensioners and to motivate them to join RSCWS. They all are requested to reach the venue in time to avail Medical Checkup & to participate in the meeting.

Tea & Snacks will be served from 9 A.M. to 10 A.M. by Fortis Hospital, Mohali.

Lunch has been arranged by RSCWS, to be served after completion of the meeting.

AGENDA

1. Inaugural Address by the Chairman, Shri T.S. Kalra.
2. Report by Secretary General Shri Harchandan Singh.
3. Post facto approval for utilization of Grant in Aid for the year 2022-23 as per prescribed heads of Expenditure for the same by DOP&PW
4. Approval for donation of Rs.21,000/- from Social Welfare Fund (SWF) of RSCWS, to 'Tera-hi-Tera Mission Group of Charitable Hospitals, Sector-45, 18 & 26, Chandigarh, (as approved by Executive Committee RSCWS on 11th March, 2023).
5. To approve renewal of maintenance & updating of Website of RSCWS <http://rscws.com> by M/s Web Pro @ Rs.15000/- PA (as approved by Executive Committee RSCWS).
6. To approve to honour in next AGM to be held around July, 2023, the Super Senior Members of RSCWS (who have completed 80, 90 & 100 years of age in 2022-23) and to welcome new Members who have completed 65 years of age & have been Members of RSCWS for at least 3 years (as approved by Executive Committee RSCWS).
7. Nomination of Shri G.P. Singh as member of EC RSCWS & as Circulation Manager/PRS (as approved by Executive Committee RSCWS on 11th March, 2023).
8. Medical Seminar on Neurology (Nerves related problems) in old age & treatment thereof -- By Dr. Amit Shankar Singh/ Dr. Vivek Aggarwal, Fortis Hospital, Mohali.
9. Any other point with the permission of the Chair.
10. Concluding address by the President & Vote of Thanks by the Secretary General.

Medical Camp will start at 9 AM, up to 10.30 AM and to continue after GBmeeting from 1.30 to 3 PM
All the participants are requested to join for lunch after the meeting.

Er. HARCHANDAN SINGH
SG/ RSCWS

**LIST OF PVT HOSPITALS EMPANELLED BY RAILWAYS
IN CHANDIGARH, MOHALI & PANCHKULA AS ON 31-3-2023
FOR CASHLESS TREATMENT OF RAILWAY MEDICAL BENEFICIARIES (EMPLOYEES & RELHS OPTees) WITH
UMID CARD ON REFERRAL BY CMS NR UMB OR IN EMERGENCY ON APPROVAL OF CMS WITHIN 24 HOURS**

Sl.No.	Hospital Name	Contract up to	Contact No.
1.	MAX Super Specialty Hospital, Phase-6, Mohali	18-02-2024	0172-6652000
2.	Indus Hospital, Opp.Old D.C. Office, Phase 1, Mohali	07-07-2023	0172- 5044945
3.	Mukat Hospital & Heart Institute, Sector 34-C, Chandigarh.	15-10-2023	98720-48149
4.	Grecian multi Specialty Hospital, Sec.- 69, Mohali	26-08-2023	98996-49020
5.	Ivy Multi specialty Hospital, Sector 71, Mohali	15-12-2023	9988823456 (Abhishek – Mob: 8699999914)
6.	Amar Hospital, Sector-70, Mohali	12-03-2023	0172-5037683
7.	Eden Critical Care Hospital, Industrial Area, CDG	06-08-2023	
8.	Drishti Eye Hospital, Sector-10, Panchkula.	13-12-2023	0172-2571572 98033-33344
Lab.	Spiral CT & MRI ; Sector 44, CDG	20-12-2023	0172 4064555 98142-52733
Lab.	Atulaya Health Care; SCO 112-113, Sector 8-C, CDG	15-01-2024	0172 4558888 97795-99499

**ENTITLEMENT OF WARDS (as per 7th CPC Pay): General Ward: Up to Rs.47600/-;
Semi-Private Ward: Rs.47601/- to 63100/-: Private Ward: 63100/- & above**

• HOSPITALS EMPANELLED WITH RSCWS IN THE TRI-CITY

- FOR TREATMENT AT CGHS RATES ON CASH PAYMENT IN OPD, IPD & DIAGNOSTICS, FOR RSCWS MEMBERS ON PRODUCTION OF MEMBERSHIP CARD OF RAILWAY SENIOR CITIZENS WELFARE SOCIETY (RSCWS)

Sl. No.	Name of Hospital	EMPANELLED FOR THE SPECIALITIES	Contact No
1.	FORTIS MULTI-SPECIALITY HOSPITAL, SECTOR-62, PHASE-VIII, MOHALI	All available Specialties	172-5021222 98721-70582 (Dr. Ajinder Singh.)
2.	IVY MULTI-SPECIALITY HOSPITAL, SECTOR-71, MOHALI	All available Specialties	0172-7170000, (Abhishek: 86999-99914)
3.	MUKAT MULTI-SPECIALITY HOSPITAL, SECTOR-34 A, CDG	All available Specialties	0172-4344444 98720-48149
4	OJAS Multispecialty Hospital, Sector 26, Panchkula.	All available Specialties	(Parveen Kumar) 9779992668

NOTICE Subscription of all the members of RSCWS (except life members) is due from April'2023. They are requested to pay the same at the General Body meeting at Fortis Hospital, Mohali, on 22-4-2023. Please bring your Membership Cards for updating the same after paying the Subscription.

MEMBERS OF RSCWS PLEASE PAY YOUR SUBSCRIPTION @ RS.400/- PA OR LIFE MEMBERSHIP RS.3500/-
(ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP FOR THOSE RESIDING OUTSIDE CHANDIGARH, PANCHKULA & MOHALI: RS.150/- PA/LM RS.1500/-)
DONATIONS & SUBSCRIPTIONS MAY BE deposited in the Bank account of RSCWS in favour of
"Railway Senior Citizens Welfare Society" in Punjab & Sind Bank, Sector 7, Chandigarh,
in SB Account No. 08561000100242, IFSC Code PSIB 0000856
OR MAY BE PAID TO
SH. C.P. SINGH. TREASURER, RSCWS, 351, SAVITRI TOWER S 1, VIP ROAD, ZIRAKPUR (PB)-140603
OR IN THE GURDWARA SAHIB, SECTOR 8 D, CHANDIGARH WHERE HE WORKS AS AN ACCOUNTANT.
(PHONE NO. OF SH C P SINGH IS :- 98880-54477)

NOTE: MEMBERS, WHO SEND THEIR SUBSCRIPTION THROUGH BANK ACCOUNT, ARE REQUESTED TO FOLLOW IT UP WITH A LETTER TO THE TREASURER (WITH THEIR FULL NAME, POSTAL ADDRESS & MOBILE NO.).
IN CASE OF NEW MEMBERS, MEMBERSHIP FORM & 2 STAMP SIZE PHOTOS EACH OF SELF & SPOUSE MAY BE SENT TO HIM TO ENABLE HIM TO SEND THE RECEIPT & MEMBERSHIP CARD OF RSCWS.

SECRETARY GENERAL, RSCWS

**MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING OF RSCWS
HELD ON 11.03.2023 AT FORTIS HOSPITAL Auditorium, SECTOR-62 MOHALI.**

Shri T.S. Kalra, Chairman RSCWS, presided over the meeting. 20 members and 2 invitees attended the meeting

1. Executive Committee paid homage to Late -- Smt. Haribala Singh, Sh. Hemant Sethi, Sh. Vinod Kumar Saini, Sh. Vinod Kumar Sood & Sh. Vinod Sharma and observed two minutes silence in memory of the departed souls.
2. Opening address by the Chairman RSCWS, Shri T. S. Kalra.
 - i) Chairman welcomed all the Executive committee members of RSCWS for attending the meeting and exhorted them to come in time to complete the quorum to start the meeting.
 - ii) He requested more & more EC members to come up voluntarily to offer their services on different aspects of RSCWS working.
 - iii) The popularity of our society has grown considerably in railway circles throughout the country and we keep getting calls from railway persons all over in helping them out on medical and other post retirement matters.
 - iv) As some of the reputed empanelled hospitals are withdrawing themselves from railway empanellment on their payment issues, we'll impress upon N Rly HQ office and Railway Board to allow all pensioners to avail medical treatment at CGHS rates, on re-imburement basis from all CGHS and ECHS empanelled hospitals.
3. Report by Secretary General, Sh. Harchandan Singh:
 - i) SG thanked the Chairman and President for their kind words for the working of RSCWS. He welcomed the old and newly inducted Executive members.
 - ii) He requested the members to be more active and come with the new suggestions.
 - iii) He explained how the Railway Health Unit at Chandigarh was started from lockup dispensary. He told that they hope that the Health Unit is upgraded to the level of Divisional/Sub Divisional Hospital, keeping in view the upgradation of Chandigarh Railway Station, as initiated by our Hon'ble Prime Minister and Railways Minister.
 - iv) He also highlighted that Indoor wards and more doctors are required in Chandigarh Health Unit. Presently, there is a shortage of doctors and medical staff at the Health Unit, Chandigarh, due to medical examination of the candidates selected for recruitment on the Railways.
 - v) He told that the list of empanelled hospitals is also published in every issue of the PRS and the updated information is posted in the RSCWS WhatsApp group.
 - vi) He informed that CGHS rates are being charged by Fortis Hospital, Mohali from Members of RSCWS.
 - vii) He informed that the issue of Grant of Additional Pension (5%, 10%, and 15%) and Additional Family Pension to the old pensioners on attaining the age of 65,70,75 had been recommended by the Parliamentary Committee as demanded by us but has not been accepted by the government. RSCWS will pursue it further for early acceptance thereof.
 - viii) He told that as per 120th report, DoP&PW will take up the issue of enhancement of Fixed Medical Allowance from Rs.1,000/- to Rs.3,000/- for pensioners and family pensioners with Finance Ministry.
 - ix) He requested the members to donate liberally - at least Rs.500/- in Social Welfare Fund (SWF) of RSCWS to help the needy.
4. Mr. Rajiv Kumar Sharma has offered his services to approach management of Alchemist and Paras Hospitals, Pas in this part of the tricity.
5. Executive Committee approved donation of Rs. 21,000/- from Social Welfare Fund (SWF) of RSCWS to Mission Tera-Hi-Teraphilanthropic Hospital Sector-45, Chandigarh for their services to the patients at very nominal rates. Efforts will be made for empanelment of this hospital with the Railways.
 - i) Executive Committee authorized the Chairman & President RSCWS to approve utilization of grant when received.
 - ii) Executive Committee approved an honorarium of Rs. 5000/- per year to be paid to the person compiling the data related to Grant-in-Aid received from DoP&PW and uploading it on PFMS/DARPAN & ANUDAN portals.
 - iii) Form 12-A has been submitted on ANUDAN portals and approved and hopefully, the Grant-in-Aid for 2022-23 will be sanctioned early.
6. Executive Committee approved to hold General Body Meeting, Medical Camp and Seminar on Saturday 22nd April 2023 at Fortis Hospital, Mohali. The details will be informed in due course of time.
7. Executive Committee approved to honor Super Senior Members of RSCWS, who have completed 80,90,100 years of age in 2022-23 and to welcome new members of RSCWS who are with RSCWS for at least three years and have completed 65 years of age.

8. Executive Committee approved the induction of Sh. G. P. Singh as a member of EC, RSCWS. He will work as Circulation Manager PRS in close coordination with SG/RSCWS.
9. Concluding Address by the President, Sh. KP Singh:
 - i) President thanked all the Executive members for attending the meeting.
 - ii) He thanked the management of Fortis Hospital, Mohali for their arrangement to conduct the meeting and by deputing of doctor for seminar on Urology and Prostate problems in old age.
10. Concluding address by Chairman RSCWS Sh. T.S.Kalra.

The Chairman thanked the management of Fortis Hospital, Mohali for arranging the seminar on Urology & Prostate problems in old age and thanked Dr. RohitDadhwal for a very informative presentation.He raised pertinent questions on the subject to which specific clarifications were provided by Dr Rohit. In the end, the doctor was honoured with presentation of a bouquet by the chairman.
11. Vote of thanks by SG/RSCWS: Sh. Harchandan Singh thanked the Chairman & the President for all the guidance and successful conductance of the Meeting. He also thanked all the EC Members for their active participation and for their positive suggestions. He also thanked the Management of the Fortis Hospital for hosting the Meeting & for the Medical Seminar.

MEMORANDUMS SUBMITTED BY RSCWS

Copy of Memorandum No. RSCWS/CHD/Memo-FMA/2023-1 Dated 27-03-2023 To Secretary,

Department of Public Grievances, Adm. Reforms & Pension, 5th Floor, Patel Bhawan, Parliament Street, New Delhi-110001

Sub: - Enhancement of Fixed Medical Allowance from Rs. 1000/- Per Month to Rs.3000/- PM.

1. Vide above referred letter, the FMA was revised from Rs. 500/-PM to Rs. 1000/-PM in the year 2018 to meet the day-to-day expenses on medicines for those retired Central Govt. Beneficiaries who are residing beyond 2.5 KMs from any CGHS dispensary or any other health unit corresponding Health unit administered by other Ministries/Departments. On the other hand, EPFO pensioners continue to get Rs. 2000/- PM since 01.03.2013.
2. Since 2018 till date the FMA is paid per month on the above rates. In these five years price index has risen manifolds and rates of medicines also increased exorbitantly.
3. Moreover, Parliamentary committee on Pensioner's Grievance in its 110th report already submitted on 10.12.2021 has recommended the enhancement vide para3.14, sub Para (iii) "Fixed Medical Allowance may be enhanced from Rs 1000 to Rs 3000 per month since most pensioners are suffering from different diseases at old age and are unable to manage with meagre pension as CGHS hospital is not available in every town".
4. As per para 2.21 of 120th Action Taken Report, "DoP&PW will take-up the issue of enhancement of FMA with the Finance Ministry."
5. In view of above Fixed Medical Allowance be enhanced from Rs 1000 to Rs 3000 per month since most pensioners are suffering from different diseases at old age and are unable to manage with paltry sum of Rs. 1000/- per month.

Copy of Memorandum No. RSCWS/CHD/Memo OPS/2023-3 Dated: - 28-03-2023 to Sh. Jitendra Singh, Hon. Minister of State, Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievance & Pensions, New-Delhi.

Subject: - Extension of Old Pension Scheme (OPS) to post 01.01.2004 retirees.

1. That Government of India vide CCS(Pension) rules 1972 has withdrawn the guaranteed Old Pension Scheme (OPS) with No-Guarantee National Pension Scheme (NPS) with effect from 01.01.2004 and some of the states have also implemented the NPS.
2. That the implementation of NPS was opposed by the National Council/Joint Consultative Machinery staff side, as well as in the SCOVA by the Pensioners Associations including RSCWS and employee unions of Centre and states, because returns from pension funds are subject to market volatility/risks.
3. After 18 years of launching of the NPS, it is revealed that in comparison to OPS, where guaranteed 50% of the last salary drawn is paid as basic pension is much higher than NPS.
4. That the government employees who implement government policies, contribute in economic and industrial growth of the country and generation of revenue throughout the prime of their life cannot be left on the mercy of market volatility and risks.
5. That as per the Social Security (Minimum Standard) Conference 1952 and 102nd ILO Conference, a

minimum social security standard to be ensured by the member countries and this includes pension and family pension.

6. That as per article 21 of the Constitution of India, government employees and their families after retirement have the right to lead a dignified post-retirement life.
7. As we all know that monetary availability, at the fag-end in the life of a human being, is of great succor and relief to meet with his personal and social requirements to lead a dignified life at this juncture a regular income means a lot in the society.
8. This is a hard fact of now a day that society is breaking into nuclear families and off springs are shedding off their responsibilities towards parents. In the present scenario, in the evening of their life lot of hardships are being faced by the senior citizens to lead a dignified life in the society. Moreover, health also requires some wealth at this juncture of life.
9. In view of above and as a counter measure of succor it is again stressed that Old Pension Scheme (OPS) please be extended to post 01.01.2004 Central Government retirees to restore their self-respect and dignity as well as to ensure their survival and keeping in view the Constitutional provisions interpreted by the Supreme Court of India that Pension is not a bounty but a deferred wage for the dedicated services rendered during active years of service by an employee.

Copy of Memorandum No. RSCWA/CHD/Additional Pension/2023-4 Dated: - 27-03-2023 Addressed to Principal Secretary, Ministry of Finance, Sansad Marg, New-Delhi-11001

Sub: - Grant of Additional Pension of 5%, 10%, 15% & 20% at the age of 65,70,75 & 80yrs respectively.

Ref: - Deputy Secy., GOI, DoP&PWF.No. 17/4/2021-P&PW(Coord.)-E.7648 Dated 04.04.2022

1. Parliamentary Standing Committee on Pensioner's grievance in its 110th report vide recommendation No. 3.28 has recommended that "The committee is of the view that Government should sympathetically consider the demand of Pensioner's Associations for 5% additional quantum of pension on attaining the age of 65 years, 10% on 70 years, 15% on 75 years and 20% on 80 years to the pensioners." as per the table below: -

On Attaining the Age of	Additional Quantum of Pension Recommended by the Parliamentary Committee
65 years	5% of Basic Pension
70 years	10% of Basic Pension
75 years	15% of Basic Pension
80 years	20% of Basic Pension

2. Moreover, 6th & 7th CPC has already recommended the above in view of life expectancy of the pensioners.
3. Deputy Secretary/GOI/Ministry of DoP&PW vide their above referred letter has stressed for early implementation of the above recommendation.
4. The Finance Ministry / Government of India may please consider the proposal sympathetically and provide for requisite funds for the same, keeping in view hardship of the Pensioners in old age due to health hazards and other vital requirements.

In view of above it is requested that above recommendation for grant of additional pension be considered for early implementation as a measure of succor and relief to the pensioners.

Copy of Memorandum No. RSCWS/CHD/Memo Commuted Pension/2023-5

Dated: - 28-03-2023 Addressed to Secretary(Pension), GOI, Ministry of AR, PG & pension, Parliament Street New-Delhi 110001

Sub: - Restoration of Commuted pension after 12 years instead of 15 years (Anomalies)

Ref: -i) Govt. of Gujarat Resolution No.-NVT/102010/D/66/P (PENSION CELL) Dated 12.10.2022

- ii) RSCWS Memorandum No. RSCWS/HO/CHD/Memo MOS P&PW/2022-25 Dated: 12-12- 2022 to Dr. Jatindra Singh, Hon'ble Minister of State, GOI, Department of Personnel, PG& Pension.

We draw your kind attention to the submissions made by us in our Memorandum cited above and humbly request for early consideration thereof especially in view of the following facts: regarding anomalies in respect of excessive recovery of commuted pension, as last revision of commutation table was done in the year 2008 with an interest rate of 8% compounded annually. Since then, the interest rates in various Govt. Schemes have fallen by 33% in the last five years.

More than 14 years have passed, generally a pay commission is formed after every 10 years, the commutation table has not been revised which is the need for the realistic approach to recover commuted portion of the pension in view of decreased rates of interest and increased life expectancy to 70 years as per latest data.

Following facts will support the subject: -

Comparative Rate of Interest on Various Govt. Schemes

Name of the Scheme	Year	Interest Rate	Year	Interest Rate	year	Interest Rate
P.P. F.	01.01.2006	8.0%	01.01.2016	8.1%	01.01.2022	7.1%
Sr.C.S.S.	01.01.2006	9.2%	01.01.2016	8.6%	01.01.2022	7.4%
N.S.C.	01.01.2006	11.3%	01.01.2016	8.1%	01.01.2022	6.8%

Rate of interest on PPF from 01.04.1986 to 31.03.2006 was around 12%.

From the above table it is evident that there is a decline in the interest rates and RBI's repo-rates at present is 5.4% as compared to 6.5% in year 2006.

After 6th CPC i.e., from 01.01.2006 the retirement age is 60 years but Commutation Factor (CF) was downgraded to 8.194 from 9.81 for 61 years (Next Birthday). The reduction in CF has led to reduction in commuted pension by 16.5% which is an added monetary loss. In addition to this Rate of Interest on commuted value increased from 4.75% to 8% i.e., an increase of 68% in the low interest rate regime whi

1. Restoration of Commuted Pension after 12 years 5th CPC already recommended to recover the commuted pension in 12 years which was unjustifiably not accepted with exception to certain states like Kerala, M.P., Odissa, Punjab and Gujarat is the latest addition vide above referred letter. The commutation factor decreased by 16.8%, therefore, there is no justification to recover anything more than what is advanced to the retirees.

The decreased commutation factor if equated in terms of years it is 10.85 years which means an extra recovery of $15 - 10.85 = 4.15$ years

2. Mortality Rate

Life expectancy as per the current data is 70 years and mortality rate has gone low.

The WHO statistics has shown life expectancy of 77 years in case of Govt. Employees.

In view of above it is again requested that commuted pension be restored in 12 years instead of 15 years to rationalize the system in view of low rates of interest and increased life expectancy.

LIST OF NEW MEMBERS WHO JOINED RSCWS DURING THE YEAR 2022-23

SN	Receipt No.	Dated	NAME & ADDRESSES OF MEMBERS SARV SHRI/ SMT.	LAST DES & STN.	SUBSCRIPTION	
					ANNUAL	LM
1	3327	26-11-2022	ASHISH KUMAR, RAIL VIHAR. SEC, PKL	SSE/C&W/ KLK		3500/-
2	3340	03-03-2023	BHAGAT RAM, SEC125. MOHALI	SSE/DMW/PTA	400/-	
3	3263	23-04-2022	CHARAN SINGH, DERA BASSI. MOHALI	MCM/C&E/ CDG	400/-	
4	3298	18-05-2022	Smt. DALJEET. SEC66, MOHALI	WIFE OF Late Sh. K.L. SETHI , Ex CIT/CNB	400/-	
5	3324	03-09-2022	GURVINDERPAL SINGH, SEC70. MOHALI	SSE/DMW/PTA		3500/-
6	3290	23-04-2022	HARBHAJAN SINGH, DAKOLI. ZIRAKPUR	Ch.OS/Optg/CDG	400/-	
7	3297	11-05-2022	JAGMOHAN SINGH AHLUWALIA, CDG	LI/W.Rly. RAJKOT	400/-	
8	3337	15-02-2023	NARINDER PAL SINGH KAPOOR, PHASE-6	Not Available	150/-	
9	3294	23-04-2022	PRITAM LAL, DAKOLI.ZIRAKPUR	OS/Engg/CDG	400/-	
10	3303	23-07-2022	PARAMJIT SINGH, SEC-79. MOHALI	CTNC/UMB	400/-	
11	3344	17-03-2023	PREM CHAND. ZIRAKPUR, MOHALI	PCEE/RCF/KXH		3500/-
12	3281	23-04-2022	RAKESH KUMAR VERMA, SEC7. CDG	Dy.CME/COFMOW		3500/-
13	3304	23-07-2022	RAJESH KUMAR, DAKOLI. ZIRAKPUR.	Ch.OS/Mech/ UMB		3500/-
14	3335	21-12-2022	ROOP LAL CHOPRA. SEC17. KHARAR	OS/COMMLL/FZR	400/-	
15	3283	23-04-2022	SATWANT KAUR, SEC39/B, CDG	WIFE OF Late S. KULDIP SINGH, Ex CBS/SSA	400/-	
16	3295	23-04-2022	SUDESH KUMAR GOYAL. DAKOLI. ZKP	Not Available	400/-	
17	3333	26-11-2022	SUBASH CHANDER KAUSHAL. ZIRAKPUR	SSE/ASR		3500/-
18	3339	26-02-2023	SURINDER KUMAR, MANI MAJRA	ASC/RPF/BSB	400/-	
19	3336	01-01-2023	V.K. VERMA. ACME HEIGHTS. MOHALI	XEN/Const/BSL	400/-	
20	3338	25-02-2023	VINOD KUMAR PARASHAR, ZIRAKPUR	SPO/N.RLY.	400/-	
21	3308	23-07-2022	V.P. CHANDAN. SHOGHI, SHIMLA	AGM/ N. RLY	400/-	
22	3348	27-12-2022	NAWIN KUMAR SINHA, PUNE	Comml. Sup/E.Rly		1250/-
23	3326	26-11-2022	NAND KISHORE, ROPAR	CDA/RDSO/LKO	150/-	
24	3345	10-12-2022	ABHIJIT ROY, KOLKATTA	Ch.OS/Per/E.Rly		1500/-

**LIST OF MEMBERS WHO HAVE CONTRIBUTED TO SOCIAL WELFARE FUND
(SWF) OF RSCWS IN 2022-23**

Receipt No.	Dated	NAME & ADDRESSES OF MEMBERS SHRI/SMT.	SWF AMOUNT ₹	REMARKS
3315	19-07-2022	A.S. WALIA, SEG46. CDG	400/-	
3274	23-04-2022	AVTAR KISHAN SUD. 145, SE021, PKL.	500/-	
3328	26-11-2022	A.K. SINGH. SEG71. MOHALI	400/-	
3285	23-04-2022	B.B. SHARMA, SEC21/D, CDG/	500/-	LIFE MEMBER
3331	26-11-2022	BALJINDER SINGH KALER. SEG59. MOHALI	500/-	LIFE MEMBER
3346	22-12-2022	GURPREET SINGH GREWAL. SE08, CDG	500/-	LIFE MEMBER
3351	19-02-2023	HARCHARAN SINGH, SE09, CDG	1000/-	LIFE MEMBER
3352-55	31-3-2023	HARCHANDAN SINGH	28,000/-	LIFE MEMBER
3293	23-04-2022	JAGIRSINGH, 914, SEG79, MOHALI	500/-	
3330	26-11-2022	JOGINDER SINGH BHATIA, SE09. MOHALI	300/-	
3321	03-09-2022	JASWANT SINGH. DESU MAJRA. KHARAR.	500/-	LIFE MEMBER
3270	23-04-2022	J.S. JASSAL, 304, URBAN ESTATE, PATIALA	1100/-	LIFE MEMBER
3292	23-04-2022	K.P.SINGH. SEG28, CDG [500+1000]	1500/-	LIFE MEMBER
3325	26-11-2022			
3288	23-04-2022	MADAN LAL SHARMA, SE06, MOHALI	400/-	
3271	23-04-2022	MAST RAM, SE07, MOHALI	500/-	LIFE MEMBER
3322	03-09-2022	MAYANK BHATNAGAR. ZIRAKPUR. [100 +500]	600/-	
3342	11-03-2023			
3317	24-07-2022	N.P. MOHAN, SEG15. CDG	1100/-	LIFE MEMBER
3311	21-05-2022	O.S. DOGRA. SEG5, PKL.	3150/-	LIFE MEMBER
3309	07-04-2022	PIARA SINGH. SE07, MOHALI	600/-	
3349	10-02-2023	RAKESH KUMAR SHARMA. SE078. MOHALI	300/-	
3341	11-03-2023	RAJEEV KUMAR SHARMA, SE07. PKL	1000/-	LIFE MEMBER
3314	13-07-2022	RAVINDER KUMAR, SOLAN	500/-	LIFE MEMBER
3275	23-04-2022	SATISH SHARMA, SE04, RAIL-VIHAR. PKL	500/-	LIFE MEMBER
3299	23-07-2022	Dr. S.K.SHARMA. GILCO VILA, MOHALI	2000/-	LIFE MEMBER
3286	23-04-2022	SATPAL SINGH, GHAGHAR. DERA BASSI.	200/-	
3305	23-07-2022	SUBHASH CHANDRA KAUSHAL. ZIRAKPUR	400/-	
3296	23-04-2022	T.S. KALRA. SEG60, MOHALI [1000+600]	1600/-	
3343	11-03-2023			
3269	23-04-2022	TARLOK SINGH TULI, LDH	600/-	HONORARY MEMBER
		TOTAL	₹49,150/-	

**APPEAL TO ALL MEMBERS & OTHER PENSIONERS:
CONTRIBUTE LIBERALLY
TO SOCIAL WELFARE FUND OF RSCWS
TO HELP THE POOR, NEEDY & THE DESTITUTE.**

DONATIONS MAY BE deposited in the Bank account of RSCWS in favour of
"Railway Senior Citizens Welfare Society" in Punjab & Sind Bank, Sector 7, Chandigarh,
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Government Orders issued concerning Pensioners

LATEST GOVT. DECISIONS IN BRIEF

1. Dearness Allowance to Central Governments employees and Dearness Relief to Pensioners with effect from 01.01.2023 have increased by 4 per cent. With this, DA & DR will be 42 per cent.
2. GOI, Min. of Finance has revised the Rate of Interest on various Small Savings Schemes for the qtr.01.04.23 to 30.06.23: - 1yr TD 6.6% to 6.8%, 2yr TD 6.8% to 6.9%, 3yr TD 6.9% to 7%, 5yr TD 7% to 7.5% 5yr RD 5.8% to 6.2%, SCSS 8% to 8.2%, MIS 7.1% to 7.4%, NSS 7% to 7.7%, KVP 7.2%(120M) to 7.5%(115M) & SSAC 7.6% to 8%
3. Investment limit in SCSS (Senior Citizens Savings Scheme) has been increased from 15 lakh to 30 lakh w.e.f. 01.4.2023.

1. **Railway Board's Letter No. 2022/E(W)/01/02/5 Dated 03-02-2023 Addressed to -GMs/DGs/CAOs(P) All Indian Railways & PUs**

Sub: - Rationalization of Post Retirement Complimentary Pass (PRCP) entitlement of Railway employee, retired in the regime of different Pay Commissions

Grievances were received from certain sections of retired railway employees stating that their juniors who retired after 01.01.2016 with "Status & Pay Level in Pay Matrix (PLPM)" equal to them are enjoying higher travel entitlements, as compared to them. Central Railway, vide their letter cited under Refs(i) above, have also drawn attention to the difficulties being faced in switching over to E-Pass Module in respect of employees retired in different CPC regimes due to prevalence of varying entitlements

2. The matter has been examined in consultation with Pay Commission Directorate of Railway Board. In order to bring in uniformity in PRCP entitlement of pre-2016 and post-2016 retirees as well as for ease of administering PRCP facility, with the approval of Competent Authority, it has been decided that "Status cum PLPM" shall be the uniform criteria for PRCP entitlement Accordingly, wherever the PRCP entitlement is not in consonance with the entitlement stipulated in Board's letter cited under Ref.(ii) above, Pass Issuing Authorities may re-fix the same to correspond with the "Status cum PLPM/Notional PLPM" indicated in the PPOs/Revised PPOs. In case of retired railway employees deceased in the interregnum, Widow Pass entitlement may be re-fixed accordingly.
3. However, if PRCP/Widow Pass entitlement as per rules prevalent at the time of retirement/demise of a railway employee happens to be higher in comparison with the one stipulated in Board's letter cited under Ref.(ii) above, the higher entitlement should be continued.
4. In the case of Passes already issued and still valid, change of entitlement is not permissible and the revised entitlement shall be applicable only on the Passes issued henceforth.

2. **Ministry of Finance, GOI, CPAO Letter No. CPAO/1T&Tech/NPS Procedure**

22 vol-IV/5428/2022-23/266 Dated: - 13.03.2023 Addressed to Head of CPPCs of all authorized

Banks and Heads of GBD of all authorized Banks

Sub: - Payment of Pension/ Family Pension in respect of NPS subscribers as per Department of Pension and Pensioners' Welfare Notification dated 30th March 2021 - reg.

Attention is invited to Department of Pension and Pensioner's Welfare (DoP&PW) Gazette Notification dated 30th March, 2021 wherein the Central Civil Services (Implementation of National Pension System) Rules, 2021 came into force. The payment of pension/family pension to the pensioners/family pensioners covered under the National Pension System has been regularized through this notification. Therefore, the payment of pension in these cases will be made through the concerned CPPCs of Authorized Banks as OPS. The following categories have been created to process these pension cases.

- W- Ordinary Family Pension
- X- Invalid Pension
- Y- Extraordinary Pension
- Z- Extraordinary Family Pension

Moreover, in addition to creation of these categories CPAO has upgraded its system and incorporated a field of PRAN for NPS cases. The procedure for processing of these cases in CPAO is at final stage for roll out.

All the CPPCs of Authorized Banks are hereby directed to comply with the following instructions-

1. Include the above-mentioned categories of NPS in their system/software.
2. Include a field of _____ in their system/software.
3. Comply with the Gazette Notification dated 30th March 2021

In case of any technical advice, Sh. Dhiraj Kumar (Scientific Officer- SB, CPAO) at dhiraj.kumar89@nic.in may be contacted.

Further, all the CPPCs of Authorized Banks are requested to intimate this office at the earliest, once these changes are implemented.

This issues with the approval of the Chief Controller (Pensions).

3. Ministry of Finance, GOI, No.CPAO/1T&Tech/Corres. With sections 96/2022-3/8927/230 Dated: - 12.01.2023 Addressed to All the section in charges of CPAO

Sub: - Stoppage of use of abbreviations in the name of Pensioner/Family Pensioner in Fresh & Revision Special Seal Authorities and PPO-reg.

It has been observed that some individuals visit CPAO on behalf of pensioners/family pensioners to get information about pensioners/family pensioners. The disclosure of pensioners/family pensioner's information to a third party (even advocates in some cases) which has no relationship with the pensioner/family pensioner can cause an unwarranted invasion of the privacy of the pensioner/family pensioner.

In this regard, senior officers have taken a serious view and directed that any details of pensioner/family pensioner should be disclosed/provided to other than pensioner/family pensioner in following manner:

1. The officer dealing to facilitate grievances/queries should provide information to the information seeker on his/her judicious decision.
2. The officer/official visiting CPAO for liaisoning on behalf of his/her office must provide his/her ID proof and authority letter, if provided to him/her by his/her office.
3. The information should be disclosed/provided to advocates and third party only if the visitor is carrying an authenticated authority letter authorized by pensioner/family pensioner.

The dealing officer must take a copy of ID proof of the visitor including original pensioner/family pensioner.

All the sections concerned, especially the Pensioners' Facilitation Cell, are hereby directed to follow above instructions strictly and invariably.

This issues with the approval of Chief Controller (Pensions).

4. Railway Board's Letter No. 2021/TG-V/5/1/E-Pass Dated 13.03.2023 Addressed to PCCMs All-Zonal Rlys, MD/CRIS

Sub: Checking of e-tickets booked through IRCTC app/portal against the E-Passes/PTOs generated in HRMS application.

The issuance of Passes and PTOs for serving/retired railway employees has been made online through E-Pass/PTO Module of HRMS. Now e-tickets can be booked through IRCTC app/portal against the E-Passes/PTOs generated in HRMS Module. References have been received in this office to streamline ticket checking activity for Railway staff travelling with e-tickets booked on E-Pass/PTO.

2. The matter has been examined and it is desired that in case of railway staff travelling on e-ticket generated on E-Pass/PTO, the following may be ensured: -
 - (i) During the journey, Railway personnel/eligible family member booked on E-Pass/PTO will be required to carry the e-ticket in digital mode or printout. In case of non-production of e-ticket in the aforesaid format, a penalty of ` Rs. 50/- as applicable in case of e-ticket shall be imposed.

- (ii) Any one of the passengers booked on the E-Pass/PTO is required to carry one of the prescribed proofs of identity during the journey, failing which all the passengers booked on that ticket will be treated as travelling without ticket and charged accordingly. Prescribed proofs of identity will be the same which have been stipulated for undertaking journey in reserved Classes.
- (iii) Passengers holding Wait Listed physical tickets issued from PRS counter against E-Pass/PTO can undertake journey if vacant accommodation is available in eligible Class, including in higher Class if eligible to travel on payment of difference of fare. In this case the E-Pass/PTO will be considered as used for that leg of journey, unless the PRS ticket is cancelled within the prescribed time limit stipulated in Refund Rules. Further, at present, in case the status of all the passengers booked on an e-ticket is Wait Listed at the time of preparation of first reservation chart, names of all the passengers booked on that e-ticket are dropped from the reservation chart and such passengers are not authorized to undertake journey in the train and if found travelling in the train, are charged as travelling without ticket. This provision will also be applicable in case of fully Waiting List e-tickets booked on E-Passes/PTOs. In such case, the E-Pass/PTO will become valid for further booking. In case of travel requirement on E-Pass/PTO after preparation of first Reservation Chart in a train having RAC/WL, unreserved tickets should be got issued from UTS/Station Booking Counter for undertaking journey in unreserved compartment/available Class. If vacant accommodation becomes available, berths/seats as per entitlement of E-Pass/PTO holder may be allotted. E-Pass/PTO holder may be allotted. E-Pass/PTO will be treated as used for the leg of journey up to which booking has been made in UTS/Station Booking Counter.
- (iv) An intimation regarding above provisions should be given on the site of HRMS at the time of issuing E-Pass/PTO. A message on this account should also be sent to railway personnel at the time of issuing E-Pass/PTO/e-ticket.
- (v) Passengers travelling with only E-Pass/PTO without booking a valid ticket on the same will be treated as travelling without ticket and charged accordingly.
3. CRIS will make necessary modifications in the software if any.
4. Necessary instructions may be issued to all concerned for taking further necessary action accordingly.

5. N. Rly. Head Quarter Letter No. 43-Med/Policy-III/2023 Dated: - 24.01.2023 Addressed to All-Divisional CMS/DLI, MB, FZR, UMB, LKO & JUDW

Sub: -Availing treatment facility and issuing of medicines at Northern Railway Hospitals and Health Units on production of Valid UMID Card at Hospitals/ Health Unit irrespective of registration at Hospitals/Health Units

To ensure treatment and regular medicine supply to Railway beneficiaries, all the Hospital incharges of Northern Railway Hospitals are advised to direct all the medical officers under their jurisdiction posted at Hospital or Health Units, to entertain all the Railway beneficiaries on production of Valid UMID Card at any of the designated Hospitals/ Health Units of NR.

Under any circumstances, No Medical Officer/ pharmacist should deny treatment and issue of medicines to any of the Railway beneficiaries, if he or she produces Valid UMID Card at any of the NR Hospitals or Health Units, whether the beneficiary is registered or not registered at that NR Hospital or Health Unit.

All the Hospital in charges of Northern Railway Hospitals are advised to sensitize all the concerned under their jurisdiction with immediate effect

6. Ministry of Finance, GOI, Letter No. CPAO/IT&Tech/Corres.23/6824/233

Dated: -18.01.2023 Addressed to All Pr.CCAs/CCAs/Cas/AGs

Sub: - Stoppage of use of abbreviations in the name of Pensioner/Family Pensioner in Fresh & Revision Special Seal Authorities and PPOs- reg.

Central Pension Accounting Office (CPAO) has been receiving various cases regarding clarification in the name of pensioner/family pensioner. Where instead of using full details/name of pensioner/family pensioner, the abbreviations are being used, which result in mismatch in the details/name of concerned individual and cause hardship to CPAO and PDA in authorizing and disbursing the pension/family pension. This problem arises due to abbreviations used by PAO, leading to mismatch of data in PPO/SSA/Bank account and other documentary records. To avoid mismatching of data, PAOs need to mention full name/details of pensioner/family pensioner in PPO and revision authority as per service records only and no abbreviation should be used.

In view of above, all the Pr. CCAs/CCAs/CAs/AGs are requested to issue instructions to PAOs under their control to follow the above-mentioned instructions for smooth disbursement of pension/family pension. This issues with the approval of the Chief Controller (Pensions).

**7. Railway Board's File No. PC-V11/2020/HRMS/6 Dated: 06.02.2023 Addressed to All GMs/I. Rlys & PUs
Sub: - Modifications in the e-Pass Module of HRMS**

This is to inform that in order to provide a significant boost to the user experience and convenience while using the e-Pass Module of HRMS, certain modifications have been introduced in the same which are detailed as under:

- i. The e-Pass/PTO shall be issued automatically and immediately by the HRMS system upon submission of request by the user, as per extant Railway Servant (Pass) Rules, without any need for approval of Pass clerk or Pass issuing authority.
- ii. Option has been provided to employees to re-declare existing family declaration, which will be auto accepted, without any need for approval of pass clerk / pass issuing authority if there is no change in the new declaration. To reconfirm the existing declaration, without any change, the employee may click on No Change in Family Declaration button, and thereafter the system will allow issue of pass based on existing family declaration.
- iii. In case there is any change in family details, the same can be done by using the Re-Declare Family button to access family declaration page, and submit revised family declaration for approval. Pass will be issued as per revised declaration only after approval.
- iv. Cancellation of pass and changes in family declaration would still require approval of pass clerk/ pass issuing authority.
- v. Option for faster and alternate route has been provided for PTO as well, as is currently available for Pass.

Family declaration to be mandatorily given by employee once in a year. e-Pass shall not be issued if the family declaration is more than one year old. However, a grace period of 1 month shall be available to the employee during which pass will still be issued, if a service request for family declaration has been submitted by the employee for approval. This rule will come into force from 19.02.2023.

2. It is requested that the aforementioned modifications in the e-Pass Module may be widely circulated amongst all the employees for their convenience. The employees may also be advised to exercise necessary caution while filling the details of origin, destination and break/via journey stations and choice of family members to be included in the e-Pass as in the new system, the pass will be auto-issued without being submitted to Pass Issuing Authority.

PRS: January-March, 2023

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