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## **PENSIONERS DAY CELEBRATIONS- DECEMBER, 2012** (Organised by CCCGPA, Chandigarh on 16 December,2012)



Delegates registering their attendance



Panoramic view of audience (Banner of SBI, the sponsors is visible)



Shri M. L. Pangotra, Chairman welcoming the chief Guest



The Chief Guest with the office bearers on the Dias ( Banner of State Bank of India, the sponsors can be discerned in the background)



Shri PS Bedi, DIG(Retd)BSF, Sr Vice Chairman, reading out the Resolutions adopted for approval of the delegates



Shri Rajpal Sharma, Secretary General giving report of performance of CCCGPA



Dr Ashwani Kumar, CMO (NFSG) I/c CGHS Wellness Center, Chandigarh (Chief Guest)



Shri Awasthi, (Entertaining the pensioners with rendering of melodious K L Sehgal gazals)

**CCGPA wishes all Pensioners, Senior Citizens & Veterans**

**A VERY HAPPY & PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR- 2013**

**PICTORIAL DEPICTION- PENSIONERS DAY, DECEMBER,2012  
MEMBERS HONOURED FOR THEIR DEDICATION  
TO THE CAUSE OF PENSIONERS**



**Shri Y P Doshi**



**Shri Didar Singh**



**Shri Joginder Singh**



**Shri N P Maudgil**



**Shri N P Mohan accepting the honour  
on behalf of Shri Harchandan Singh**



**Dr Ashwani Kumar, CMO (NFSG)  
being presented with a Memento**

**MANAGING COMMITTEE & THE DELEGATES**



**Reciting National Anthem**



**Audience**

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**PENSIONERS DAY CELEBRATIONS- December,2012**  
**COORDINATION COMMITTEE OF CENTRAL GOVERNMENT PENSIONERS ASSOCIATIONS,**  
**CHANDIGARH**

**(Venue- Auditorium of Govt Arts & Museum Gallery, Sector 10, Chandigarh- 16 December,2012)**

1. Pensioner Day is celebrated in the month of December, to commemorate the landmark judgment of the Supreme Court of India, delivered on 17 Dec,1982 in case of D S Nakra, having far reaching consequences on the status of pensioners. It revolutionized the concept of pensioners right to pension, and governments obligation to provide security in old age to its erstwhile employees, to ensure escape from undeserved want, to be treated with dignity and respect befitting the pensioner's age and enable him to live a life (i) free from want, with dignity, independence and self respect, and (ii) at a standard not very much different from his pre retirement level. It is a day when pensioners all over India resolve to strive for their rights and privileges unitedly.
- 2 The coordination Committee of Central Government Pensioners Associations, Chandigarh (CCCGPA), which represents eleven departmental pensioners associations, organized a function on 16, December, 2012 (Sunday) to celebrate the historic occasion. Shri ML Panghotra, Chairman, while welcoming the delegates, vividly brought out the charter of the organization and spelled out the problems presently faced by the elderly pensioners. The programme consisted of highlighting the current problems faced by the pensioners, especially in the light of number of anomalies resulting from the implementation of 6<sup>th</sup> Central Pay Commission recommendations, Health hazards faced by the elderly pensioners, and other allied matters, interspersed with light moments of cultural rendition of songs and skills to entertain the delegates. Five elderly pensioners were honoured for their dedicated service to the pensioners, these included (1) Sh Y P Doshi,(2) Sh Harchandan Singh (3) Sh M D Maudgil (4) Sh Didar Singh and (5) Sh Joginder Singh.
- 3 Dr Ashwani Kumar Seniaray, Chief Medical Officer, NFSG, in charge, CGHS Wellness Center was the Chief Guest on the occasion. He apprised the elite gathering of pensioners regarding the healthcare facilities extended to them by the CGHS all over India, with particular cover provided to the CGHS beneficiaries in the Chandigarh region.
- 4 Number of Resolutions were passed by the house to highlight the current problems faced by the pensioners, which was read out by the senior Vice Chairman, Shri P S Bedi, DIG (Retd) BSF, for onward submission to Government of India. Details of these are reproduced in this issue.
- 5 The proceedings were ably conducted by Er Rajpal Sharma, Secretary General and Sh M L Sharma, who made the proceedings lively and enjoyable with witty anecdotes.

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**CCCGPA, Chandigarh, Memo dated 21 Dec,2012, addressed to Dr Manmohan Singh, Hon'ble Prime Minister of India.**

**Subject: Submission of Charter of Demands.**

Revered sir,

1. Pensioners Day 2012 was celebrated under aegis of CCCGPA, Chandigarh on 16-12-2012. Two hundred delegates of all Central government pensioners welfare associations of North India participated. Besides celebrations, the programme consisted of highlighting the current problems faced by the pensioners, especially in the light of number of anomalies resulting from implementation of the 6<sup>th</sup> CPC recommendations.
- 2 Eleven resolutions were passed by the house unanimously and these are being submitted to your goodself with copy to all concerned ministries / departments. It is prayed that PMO may direct the concerned ministries for prompt considerations and redressal.
- 3 The action on the part of your goodself will go a long way in boosting the sagging morale of elderly pensioners in the twilight of their life.
- 4 with kind regard.

Sd/- (Rajpal Sharma) ,Secretary General

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**RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED ON PENSIONERS DAY DECEMBER, 2012**

*( At the Pensioners Day celebrations held at the Auditorium of Govt Arts & Museum Gallery, Sector 10, Chandigarh on 16 December, 2012 and forwarded to Hon'ble Prime Minister of India and other concerned ministries / depts.)*

**1. Removal of disparity in revision of pension based on recommendations of 6<sup>th</sup> CPC**
**(a) Common multiplication factor**

- (a) A common multiplication factor needs to be adopted for revision of pension in respect of pre-2006 retirees. At present the increase in pension based on recommendations of 6<sup>th</sup> CPC, at lower and middle level is a multiplication of 2,26, whereas, at some higher scales it ranges above 3 times. For justifiable increase in pension w.e.f 01-01-2006, a common multiplication factor of at least 3 needs to be adopted across the board.
- (b) Parity in pension between present and future retirees.  
Early implementation of the judgment of the Principal Bench of Central Administrative Tribunal (CAT) in the case OA-655/2010, delivered on 01 November, 2011, without awaiting the outcome of Government of India appeal against this judgment filed in the Hon'ble High Court of Delhi. This would provide much needed succor to the pre-2006 retirees, and would be the right course.
- (c) To extend the benefits of liberalization for earning full pension after 10/20 years qualifying service to pre-2006 retirees at par with post January 2006 retirees.
- (d) Grant additional quantum of pension to older pensioners in the age group of 65 to 80 years at the rate of 5% of basic Pension on attaining the age of 65, 10% on attaining the age of 70 years and 15% on attaining the age of 75 years. Thereafter, the additional pension of 20% on attaining 80 years age would continue as per existing orders.

**2 Expeditious revision of PPOs** The process of revision of PPOs in respect of pre-2006 pensioners is going at very low pace and needs to be stepped up. Concerned authorities may take concrete steps to expedite the completion of process of revision of PPOs so that pre-2006 pensioners do not face problems.

**3 One Rank One Pension for defence forces (OROP)** The government must implement the grant of One Rank One Pension (OROP) to all ranks of Defence forces as per recommendations of Rajya sabha committee on Petitions headed by Shri Bhagat Singh Koshyari, M P, which submitted its report on 19 December, 2011, and recommendations of other committees.

**4 Anomaly in fixation of Pension of Dept of Telecom (DOT)** Anomaly in fixation of pension of DOT employees absorbed in BSNL and retired between 01-10-2000 and 31-07-2001 must be sorted out in a time bound period.

**5 Withdrawal of New Pension Scheme (NPS)** The NPs introduced w.e.f. 01-01-2004 for government employees appointed on or after January, 2004 as per Ministry of Finance Notification date 23 december, 2003 must be withdrawn as it is heavily dependent on stock market fluctuations, and there is no guaranteed returns to the subscribers.

**6. Ex-servicemen status to Paramilitary Force Personnel** The government has recently granted the status of ex-servicemen on the retired personnel of Paramilitary forces ( designated as Central Armed Police Forces, or CAPFs) at par with ex-servicemen of Defence forces. The CAPF personnel face similar risk to their life as defence forces during their service career, in dealing with insurgents, terrorists, anti-social elements etc and are exposed to hazardous conditions of service as the armed / defence forces. Govt authorities are urged to practically implement the incentives, privileges and concessions as applicable to ex-servicemen to the retirees of CAPFs at the earliest.

**7 Revision of Ex-Gratia rates in respect of pre-1986 CPF / SRPF retirees and families**

There is need to immediately revise the ex-gratia amount to all CPF / SRPF retirees at uniform rates and to grant them Dearness Relief, FMA etc. The ex-gratia must not be less than minimum pension, and may be granted w.e.f 01-01-2006. Ex-gratia may also be extended to those, who took voluntary retirement after 20 years service.

- 8 Fixed Medical Allowance (FMA)** The prevailing FMA of Rs 300/- p.m. to pensioners not covered by CGHS or any other government health scheme, is extremely inadequate, amounting to pea-nuts, under the present inflationary economical conditions. Although, the case for upward revision of FMA to Rs 1000/- p.m. has been rejected by the government, it needs reconsideration in the light of present day economical conditions / inflationary trends. The FMA must be linked with the increase in Dearness Relief also.
- 9 Increase in number of CGHS dispensaries / Wellness Centers and empanelled hospitals** with the issue of Ministry of Health & Family Welfare orders extending the liberty to the pensioners to opt for the CGHS dispensary near to their residence for medical cover, the number of beneficiaries on each CGHS Wellness Center has increased manifold, putting extra burden on the services rendered by these dispensaries. This matter had figured prominently in the SCOVA meeting also held in September, 2012. There is urgent requirement of additional CGHS dispensaries/CGHS wellness Centers.
- There are more than 23,000 beneficiaries dependent on the CGHS wellness center in Chandigarh. Case has been initiated for opening additional CGHS dispensaries at Panchkula, Mohali and an additional dispensary in Chandigarh to cater for such huge number of CGHS beneficiaries and to reduce the rush at the lone CGHS dispensary in Chandigarh.
- Government authorities are urged to expedite the process of establishing additional CGHS dispensaries on priority.
- 10 Extension of CGHS cover to P & T pensioners.**
- This point has been hanging fire for over a decade and needs immediate attention of the authorities to consider extension of CGHS medical cover to the elderly P & T pensioners by immediately withdrawing the controversial orders of Ministry of Health & Family Welfare dated 01-08-1996 and 01-09-1996. Some P&T pensioners have been extended the CGHS cover on court orders, on yearly basis, and they have paid the required contribution for over TEN years, but have not been granted the 'Whole Life' status, which is due to all CGHS beneficiaries, who have paid subscription for 10 years. This amounts to grave injustice to the elderly P & T pensioners, some of whom are over 80 years old, requiring immediate attention for remedial measures.
- The case for the merger of 19 P&T dispensaries with the CGHS also needs to be expedited on priority.
- 11 Extension of CSD facility to defence Civil retired Personnel**
- Civilian Defence Employees including Defence Accounts Department personnel during service enjoy canteen facility at par with Defence Personnel. The facility, is however, denied to them after retirement. These personnel had worked shoulder to shoulder during their prime of youth with other defence personnel, but at the fag end of their life, they are suddenly denied every facility, which is highly unjustified. It is strongly advocated that CSD facility and other incentives are extended to the retired Defence civil employees at par with other defence personnel

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**22<sup>nd</sup> MEETING OF STANDING COMMITTEE OF VOLUNTARY AGENCIES (SCOVA)**

The 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting of SCOVA will be held on 19th February, 2013 at the Committee Room A, ground floor, Vigyan Bhawan Annexe, Maulana Azad Road, New Delhi ( near Nirman Bhawan) from 2.30 p.m. under the Chairmanship of Hon'ble MOS (PP).

P&T and BSNL Pensioners Association, Chandigarh, which is a member of SCOVA, will attend this meeting. The association will be represented by its President Shri Rajpal Sharma and/or Shri Joginder Singh, General Secretary.

The association has already sent the Agenda for discussion at this meeting.

(Ministry of P P G & P ( Dept of P&PW) F. No 42/1/2013-P&PW(G) dated 14 -01-2013)

**SERVICE / PENSIONS / ALLIED MATTERS****Govt orders for minimum guaranteed pension to commissioned officers of Defence Forces**

Ministry of Defence (Dept of Ex-servicemen welfare) No 1(11)2012-D(Pen/Policy) dated 17 Jan,2013  
**Subject: Implementation of government decision on the recommendations of the Committee on the issues related to Defence Services Personnel and Ex-servicemen, 2012- Minimum pension to pre-2006 commissioned officers pensioners / family pensioners**

The undersigned is directed to refer to this Ministry's letter No 17(4) (1)/D/Pen/Policy) dated 11-11-2008 as amended, issued for implementation of the government's decision on the recommendation of Sixth CPC for revision of pension / family pension in respect of pre-2006 Armed Forces pensioners / family pensioners. As per provision contained in Para 5 therein, with effect from 1-1-2006 revised pension and revised ordinary family pension of all pre-2006 Armed forces pensioners / family pensioners determined in terms of fitment formula laid down in Para 4.1 of above said letter dated 11-11-2008, shall in no case be lower than fifty percent and thirty percentage respectively of the minimum of the pay in the pay band plus the grade pay corresponding to the pre-revised scale from which the pensioner had retired / discharged / invalidated out /died including Military Service Pay and 'X' group pay where applicable. Accordingly, rates of minimum guaranteed pension / ordinary family pension for commissioned officers were notified under Annexure II ( for pensioners of regular commission), Annexure IIa ( for pensioners of Military Nursing Service), Annexure IIB ( for pensioners territorial Army) and Annexure IIc ( Post-1996 Emergency / short Service Commission pensioners) of the Ministry's letter No 17(3)/2010/D (Pen/policy) dated 15-11-2010 and no 17(40)/2008(1)/d(pen/Policy)-vol VI dated 18-01-2011. The minimum guaranteed pension/family pension in respect of pre-1996 Emergency/ short service commission pensioners has however, been notified vide this Ministry's letter No 1(1)/2007/d9pen/Policy) dated 3-9-2009.

2 In order to consider various issues on pension of Armed Forces pensioners and Ex-servicemen, the Government had constituted a committee of secretaries headed by Cabinet Secretary. The committee in its report have recommended that the minimum guaranteed pension/ordinary family pension of pre-2006 retiree/Commissioned Officers, pensioners/ family pensioners should be determined with reference to the minimum of the fitment table for the ranks in the revised pay structure issued for implementation of recommendations of sixth CPC instead of the minimum of the pay band.

3 **The above recommendations of the committee has been accepted by the government and the President is pleased to decide that with effect from 24<sup>th</sup> September,2012, the minimum guaranteed pension and ordinary family pension in respect of pre-2006 commissioned Officers pensioners/ family pensioners shall be determined as fifty and thirty percent respectively of the minimum of the fitment table for the rank in the revised pay band as indicated under fitment tables annexed with SAT 2/S/2008 as amended and equivalent instructions for navy and Air force and SAT 4/S/2008 plus the grade pay corresponding to the pre-revised scale from which the pensioner has retired/ discharged / invalidated out/ died including Military Service Pay , whichever applicable.** It has now been decided that with effect from 24<sup>th</sup> September,2012, the minimum guaranteed pension and ordinary family pensions in respect of pre-1996 EC/SSC pensioners / family pensioners shall be determined as fifty and thirty percent respectively of the pay in pay band corresponding to the pre-revised pay of Rs 10,500/- ( in terms of Para 9(a)(i) of SAI 1/5/2008 as amended and equivalent instructions for Navy & Air Force) plus the Grade Pay of Rs 5400 and Military Service Pay of Rs 600/-.

4 accordingly, revised tables indicating minimum guaranteed pension/ ordinary family pension has been annexed as **Annexure A** (for pensioners of Regular commission other than AMC/ADC/RVC/TA/MNS), **Annexure B** (for pensioners of AMC/ADC/RVC), **Annexure C** (for pensioners of T A), **Annexure D** (for pensioners of MNS), **Annexure E** (for pre-1996 EC/SSC pensioners), **Annexure F** (for post-1996 Ec/SSC pensioners), **Annexure G** (for post 1996 EC/SSC pensioners of AMC/ADc/RVC) to this letter. Pension disbursing authorities are hereby authorized to step up pension / family pension of the affected pre-2006 pensioners where the existing pension being paid to the pensioners in terms of this Ministry's above quoted letter dated 11-11-2008 as amended, is less than the rate of pension indicated in above said annexures. **Necessary implementation instructions to all concerned shall be issued by Principal CDA (Pensions), Allahabad on receipt of these orders.**

5 All other terms and conditions shall remain unchanged.

6 The provision of this letter shall take effect from 24<sup>th</sup> September,2012, and no arrears shall be allowed for the past period.

This issue with the concurrence of Finance Division of this ministry vide their I D No PC1/10(12)/FIN/PEN dated 10-01-2013.

Sd/- Malathi Narayan, Under secretary

(Only Annexure A, pertaining to Commissioned Officers printed)

**Annexure-A to MOD letter No 1(11)/2012-D(Pension/Policy) dated 17.01.2013**

COMMISSIONED OFFICERS - ARMY & EQUIVALENT IN NAVY AND AIR FORCE (OTHER THAN AMC/ADC/RVC/TA/MNS)

**TABLE - 1 : RETIRING PENSION**

Rank	2nd Lt. / Lt.	CAPTAIN	MAJOR	Lt. COL (TS)	LT. COL.	COL (TS) & COLONEL	BRIGADIER	MAJ GEN	LT. GEN.	VCOAS/ Army Cmtr/DGAFMS	COAS
Qualifying Service.											
10	7773	8838	9930	11939	13531	14319	14319	14319	14379		
10.5	7978	9071	10206	12337	13929	14740	14740	14740	14932		
11	8182	9304	10482	12735	14327	15161	15161	15161	15485		
11.5	8387	9536	10758	13133	14725	15583	15583	15583	16038		
12	8591	9769	11034	13531	15123	16004	16004	16004	16591		
12.5	8796	10001	11310	13929	15521	16425	16425	16425	17144		
13	9000	10234	11585	14327	15919	16846	16846	16846	17697		
13.5	9205	10466	11861	14725	16317	17267	17267	17267	18250		
14	9410	10699	12137	15123	16715	17688	17688	17688	18804		
14.5	9614	10932	12413	15521	17113	18109	18109	18109	19357		
15	9819	11164	12689	15919	17510	18530	18530	18530	19910		
15.5	10023	11397	12965	16317	17908	18952	18952	18952	20463		
16	10228	11629	13240	16715	18306	19373	19373	19373	21016		
16.5	10432	11862	13516	17113	18704	19794	19794	19794	21569		
17	10637	12094	13792	17510	19102	20215	20215	20215	22122		
17.5	10841	12327	14068	17908	19500	20636	20636	20636	22675		
18	11046	12560	14344	18306	19898	21057	21057	21057	23228		
18.5	11250	12792	14620	18704	20296	21478	21478	21478	23781		
19	11455	13025	14895	19102	20694	21900	21900	21900	24334		
19.5	11660	13257	15171	19500	21092	22321	22321	22321	24887		
20	11864	13490	15447	19898	21490	22742	22742	22742	25440		
20.5	12069	13722	15723	20296	21888	23163	23163	23163	25993		
21	12273	13955	15999	20694	22286	23584	23584	23584	26546		
21.5	12478	14188	16275	21092	22684	24005	24005	24005	27099		
22	12682	14420	16550	21490	23082	24426	24426	24426	27652		
22.5	12888	14653	16826	21888	23480	24848	24848	24848	28205		
23	13122	14885	17102	22286	23878	25269	25269	25269	28758		
23.5	13357	15118	17378	22684	24276	25690	25690	25690	29311		
24	13591	15350	17654	23082	24674	26111	26111	26111	29864		
24.5	13825	15350	17930	23480	25072	26532	26532	26532	30417		
25	14060	15350	18205	23878	25470	26953	26953	26953	30970		
25.5	14294	15350	18205	24276	25868	27374	27374	27374	31523		
26	14528	15350	18205	24674	26265	27795	27795	27795	32076		
26.5	14763	15412	18205	25072	26265	27795	27821	27821	32629		
27	14997	15656	18205	25470	26265	27795	28262	28262	33182		
27.5	15231	15901	18205	25868	26265	27795	28704	28704	33735		
28	15465	16145	18205	26265	26265	27795	29145	29145	34288		
28.5	15465	16145	18205	26265	26265	27795	29145	29145	34841		
29	15465	16145	18205	26265	26265	27795	29145	29431	35394		
29.5	15465	16145	18205	26265	26265	27795	29145	29891	35947		
30 & above	15465	16145	18205	26265	26265	27795	29145	30350	36500	40000	45000

**TABLE - 2 : FAMILY PENSION**

Rank	2nd Lt. / Lt.	CAPTAIN	MAJOR	Lt. COL (TS)	LT. COL.	COL (TS) & COLONEL	BRIGADIER	MAJ GEN	LT. GEN.	VCOAS/ Army Cmtr/DGAFMS	COAS
	9279	9687	10923	15759	15759	16677	17487	18210	21900	24000	27000

- Note-1 While the qualifying service indicated in Table 1 above is the actual qualifying service, the amount of pension indicated is inclusive of rank weightage as admissible in terms of Para 5(b(i)) of this Ministry's letter No 1(6)/1998/D(Pen/Sers) dated 3.2.1998.
- Note-2 In order to remove the anomaly in pension of a senior rank with same qualifying service of a lower rank, the pension of senior rank have been stepped up to the level of their junior counterpart.
- Note-3 Rates of pension in Table-1 above have been shown for qualifying service of 10 years and above as Armed Forces personnel are entitled for invalid pension after 10 years of qualifying service. In order to cover all conceivable situations, revised pension with as low as 10 years of qualifying service has been shown in this Table even for such senior ranks as Lt.Gen./Maj.Gen./Brigadiers, even though such cases may not occur in reality.
- Note-4 Post-1.1.1996 but Pre-1.1.2006 retiree substantive Major and equivalent ranks in Navy & Air Force who were allowed minimum guaranteed pension/family pension of the rank of Lt. Col. in terms of MOD letter No 1(13)/2009/D(Pen/Pol) dated 24.9.2012, minimum guaranteed pension/family pension in those case shall continued to be allowed as per rank of Lt. Col.

**Govt Orders On Revision Of Pension Of Pre-2006 Civil Pensioners**

Ministry of P P G & P (Dept of P&PW) O M No 38/37/08-P&PW(A) dated 28 January, 2013

**Sub:- Revision of pension of pre-2006 pensioners- reg**

The undersigned is directed to say that in pursuance of governments decision on the recommendations of Sixth Central Pay Commission, orders were issued for revision of pension / family pensioners vide this department's OM no 38/37/08-P&PW(A) dated 1-9-2008, as amended from time to time.

**2 It has been decided that the pension of pre-2006 pensioners as revised w.e.f. 1-1-2006 in terms of para 4.1 or 4.2 of the aforesaid OM dated 1-9-2008, as amended from time to time, would be further stepped up to 50% of the sum of minimum of pay in the pay band and the grade pay corresponding to the pre-revised pay scale from which the pensioner had retired, as arrived at with reference to the fitment tables annexed to the Ministry of Finance, Department of expenditure OM no 1/1/2008-1c dated 30<sup>th</sup> August, 2008. In the case of HAG and above scales, this will be 50% of the minimum of the pay in the revised pay scale arrived at with reference to the fitment tables annexed to the above referred OM dated 30-8-2008 of Ministry of Finance, dept of expenditure.**

**3 The normal family pension in respect of pre-2006 pensioners / family pensioners as revised w.e.f. 1-1-2006 in terms of para 4.1 or 4.2 of the aforesaid OM dated 1-9-2008 would also be further stepped up to 30% of the sum of minimum of pay in the pay band and grade pay corresponding to the pre-revised pay scale in which the government servant had retired, as arrived at with reference to the fitment tables annexed to the ministry of finance , dept of expenditure OM No 1/1/2008-1C dated 30<sup>th</sup> August, 2008. In the case of HAG and above scales, this will be 30% of the minimum of the pay in the revised pay scale arrived at with reference to the fitment tables annexed to above OM dated 30-8-2008 of ministry of Finance( Dept of expenditure)**

**4 A revised concordance table ( annexure) of the pre-1996 , pre-2006 and post 2006 pay scales / pay bands indicating the pension / family pension ( at ordinary rates) payable under the above provisions is enclosed to facilitate payment of revised pension / family pension.**

**5 The pension so arrived at in accordance with para 2 above and indicated in Col 9 of Annexure will be reduced pro-rata, where the pensioner had less than the maximum required service for full pension as per rule 49 of CCS ( Pension) rules, 1972 as applicable before 1-1-2006 and in no case it will be less than Rs 3500/- p.m.**

**6 The family pension at enhanced rates ( under sub rule (3)(a) of Rule 54 of the CCS(Pension) Rules 1972) of pre-2006 pensioners / family pensioners revised w.e.f. 1-1-2006 in terms of para 4.1 or this dept's OM No 1/3/2011-P&PW(E) dated 25-5-2012 would be further stepped up in the following manner :**

(i) In the case of govt servants who died while in service before 1-1-2006 and in respect of whom enhanced family pension is applicable from the date of approval by the govt, i.e. 24-9-2012, the enhanced family pension will be stepped up to 50% of the sum of minimum of pay in the pay band and the grade pay corresponding to the pre-revised pay scale in which the govt servant had died, as arrived at with reference to the fitment tables annexed to the Ministry of Finance, dept of Expenditure OM No 1/1/2008-1C dated 30<sup>th</sup> August, 2008. In the case of HAG and above scales, this will be 50% of the minimum of the pay in the revised pay scale arrived at with reference to the fitment tables annexed to the above referred OM dated 30-8-2008 of Ministry of finance, Dept of Expenditure.

(ii) In the case of pensioner who retired before 1-1-2006 and in respect of whom enhanced family pension is applicable from the date of approval by the govt, i.e. 24-9-2012, the enhanced family pension will be stepped up to the amount of pension as revised in terms of para 2 read with para 5 above. In case the pensioner has died before from the date of approval by the govt i.e. 24-9-2012, the pension will be revised notionally in terms of para 2 read with para 5 above. The amount of revised enhanced family pension will, however, not be less than the amount of family pension at ordinary rates revised in terms of para 3 above.

**7 In case the pension consolidated pension / family pension / enhanced family pension calculated as per para 4.1 of OM No 38/37/08-P&PW(A) dated 1-9-2008 is higher than the pension / family pension calculated in the manner indicated above, the same (higher consolidated pension /family pension) will continue to be treated as basic pension / family pension.**

**8 All other conditions as given in OM No 38/37/08-P&PW(A) dated 1-9-2008, as amended from time to time shall remain unchanged.**



**9** These orders will take effect from the date of approval by the government, i.e.24-9-2012. There will be no change in the amount of revised pension / family pension paid during the period 1-1-2006 and 23-9-2012, and, therefore no arrears will be payable on account of these orders for that period.

10 In their application to the persons belonging to the Indian Audit and accounts department, these orders issue in consultation with the comptroller and Auditor General of India.

11 All the Ministries / depts are requested to bring the contents of these orders to the notice of Controller of Accounts / Pay and Accounts officers and attached and subordinate Offices under them on top priority basis, All pension disbursing offices are also advised to prominently display these orders on their notice boards for benefit of pensioners

12 Hindi version will follow.

Sd/- (Tripti P. Ghosh) Director

**(Annexure- Table printed on Pages 31 & 32)**

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**Differential Treatment of Pensioners is unfair – SC  
A landmark judgement by Supreme Court  
January 28, 2013**

The Apex Court has delivered a landmark judgement in respect of Pensioners and Family Pensioners who were receiving pension prior to general revision of Pension (in situation such as pay commission) by Government.

Hon'ble Supreme Court has held that "In fixing Pension, no differential treatment can be made among government employees who retired in different periods while taking into consideration their dearness pay".

In the process, Hon'ble Supreme Court has quashed the Tamil Nadu Government Order which allowed only partial dearness pay to pensioners who retired before 1st June 1988 for calculating revision of pension, while the pensioners retired after 1st June 1988 were allowed higher dearness pay.

The extract of report on this judgement by the Hindu is as follows

In a ruling that will benefit thousands of employees, a Bench of Justices D.K. Jain (who has since taken over as Law Commission Chairman) and J.S. Khehar quashed an August 9, 1989 Tamil Nadu Government Order to the extent that it extended to employees who retired on or after June 1, 1988 a lower component of 'dearness pay' as against those who had retired prior to June 1, 1988, holding that the GO was violative of Articles 14 (equality before law) and 16 (equality in matters of public employment) of the Constitution.

The Bench said there was no valid justification for the government "to have classified pensioners similarly situated as the appellants — the Kallakurichi Taluk Retired Official Association, etc [who retired after 1.6.1988] — from those who had retired prior thereto."

Writing the judgment, Justice Khehar said inflation would have the same effect on all pensioners, whether they retired prior to or after June 1, 1988.

"The purpose of adding the component of 'dearness pay' to wages for calculating pension is to offset the effect of inflation...Therefore, the classification in the impugned GO placing employees who retired after 1.6.1988 at a disadvantage, vis-à-vis the employees who retired prior thereto, by allowing them a lower component of 'dearness pay', is clearly arbitrary and discriminatory."

The Bench said: "In a situation where the State government had chosen that a particular component of 'dearness allowance' would be treated as 'dearness pay', it could not discriminate between one set of pensioners and another, while calculating the pension payable to them."

In the instant appeals, a single judge of the Madras High Court granted relief to the pensioners but a Division Bench reversed the order. The present batch of appeals was directed against that judgment. (Source: The Hindu)

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**Ex-servicemen status for PMF forces**

Ministry of Home Affairs, Police Division II (Resettlement and welfare Directorate) O M No 27011/100/2012-R&W dated 23 Nov, 2012

**Subject: Designating the Retired Central Armed Police Force (CAPF i.e. CRPF, BSF, CISF, ITBP and SSB) personnel as "Ex-Central Armed Police Force personnel (ex-CAPF Personnel)**

There has been a demand from fora that the retired Central Armed Police Force (CAPF) may be given the status of Ex-CAPF personnel. Accordingly proposal was sent to the department for their consideration. Cabinet committee on Security has approved the proposal of the Ministry to declare the retired Central Armed Police Force personnel from Central Reserve Police Force, (CRPF), Border Security Force (BSF), Central Industrial Security Force (CISF), Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP), and Sashastra Seema Bal (SSB) as "Ex-Central Armed Police Force personnel' (Ex-CAPF personnel)

Based on such designation the state / UT governments concerned may extend suitable benefits to them on the lines of the benefits extended by the state / U T governments to ex-servicemen of Defence Forces.

Sd/- (Dinesh Mathur) , Director (Personnel)

( Copy of this O M has been endorsed to all concerned CAPF Directorates, Cabinet Secretariat, President Secretariat, Rashtrpati Bhawan, Vice President Secretariat, Prime Minister, all Ministries, Election commission of India, chief secretaries / Administrators of all States, government / Union territories Admintration and others)

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**Dedicated day for attending pensioners in person**

Ministry of P, P.G. & P (Dept of P & P W) O M No. 5/40/2012-P&PW(C) dated 31st Dec., 2012

**Subject: 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 Navak 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.

Sd/- (Tripti P.Ghosh) , Director (PP)

([http://ccis.nic.in/WriteReadData/CircularPortal/D3/D03ppw/Day\\_311212.pdf](http://ccis.nic.in/WriteReadData/CircularPortal/D3/D03ppw/Day_311212.pdf))

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Ministry of P P G & P (Dept of P&PW) O M No 1/20/2011-P&PW(E) (Vol-III) dated 02 Nov, 2012

**Sub: Revision of PPOs in respect of pre-2006 pensioners-meeting notice -reg.**

The undersigned is directed to refer to the minutes of the standing Committee of Voluntary Agencies (SCOVA) meeting held on 27-9-2012 and meeting of HoDs of Ministries / depts. under the CPAO network, who have largest pendency of unrevised PPOs of pre-2006 pensioners and family pensioners held on 28-8-2012 and 24-9-2012 under the chairmanship of Secretary (Pension-AR&PG). This dept's O M of even number dated 17-8-2012 and 30-8-2012 and O M No 42/45/2012-P&PW(G) dated 10-10-2012 refer.

2 It may be recalled that in the meeting of 28-8-2012, Ministry of Home Affairs agreed to reduce the pendency to less than 5000 by the end of December,2012. Ministry of Urban Development agreed to reduce the number to 1000 by this period. Ministry of I & B agreed to bring down the pendency to 50%. Other Ministries agreed that pendency figures will be reduced to less than 500 by the end of

December,2012.

3 This is for information that in the meantime, this dept has issued O M No 1/23/2012-P&PW(E) dated 13-9-2012 regarding change in date of birth or age of family pensioner and dated 27-9-2012 on applicability of instructions regarding acceptance of date of birth / age for additional amount of family pension in the case of revised PPOs.

4 The CGA has informed that the life certificate has been amended to include the current postal address and telephone no. of the pensioner. The CGA has also informed that CPAO has made available to the ministries details of all live pensioners from the electronic scrolls submitted by the banks. The CPAO has again issued advertisement in leading national and regional dailies to coincide with the date of submission of life certificate by pensioners.

5 It is hoped that the actions indicated in Para 3 and 4 will facilitate revision of PPOs to a great extent. Therefore the Ministries / depts. are requested to renew their efforts and achieve their targets set for December,2012, and under all circumstances complete the task before 31 march,2013.

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Ministry of P P G & P (Dept of P&PW) O M No 1/20/2011-P&PW (E) (Vol-IV) dated 14 November, 2012

**Sub: Revision of PPOs of pre-2006 pensioners / family pensioners- use of e-scroll for retrieving information from banks- reg.**

The undersigned is directed to state that Annexure III has been used to obtain information from banks for revision of PPOs of pre-2006 pensioners / family pensioners. It is seen that getting information from banks is fraught with difficulties. Secondly, the Annexure III sent by the banks are in many cases incomplete to the extent that the calculation details are not available for evaluation by the PAOs and as such the Annexure is being used largely to confirm the existence of the pensioners / family pensioner and to link him /her with the current paying branch.

2 The central Pension accounting office (CPAO) has suggested that e-scroll data, which is being received in CPAO from most of the banks may be used and the problems indicated above may be solved. The e-scroll contains 13 fields of information such as Name of pensioner, PPO number(New) , PPO number (old), name of the ministry, PAO code, bank name, BSR code, Account number, pension category, basic pension,DR,Additional pension,month of Pay and date of transaction. These fields may be used for the purpose of revision of PPOs of pre-2006 pensioners / family pensioners. Another utility of e-scroll is that it may be used to eliminate invalid pensioners / family pensioners.

3 It is seen that e-scroll is a factual and useful source of information of the pensioner / family pensioner. Therefore it is recommended that e-scroll may be accepted for retrieving information for revision of PPO, in addition to Annexure III. Ministry of Railways, M/o defence and Department of Posts and Telecommunications ( for pensioners receiving their pension through banks) are also requested to use e-scroll sent by the banks in addition to Annexure III ( Annexure IV in case of Defence pensioners) for the purpose of retrieving relevant information of such pensioners / family pensioners in case of whom Annexure III / IV are not made available by the banks.

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**MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 21<sup>st</sup> November, 2012 REGARDING REVISION OF PPOs FOR PRE-2006 PENSIONERS/FAMILY PENSIONERS INCLUDING PRE-1990 PENSIONERS/FAMILY PENSIONERS**

*(Circulated vide Ministry of P P G & P(Dept of P&PW) No 1/20/2011-P&PW(E) dated 30 Nov,2012)*

A meeting was held on 21<sup>st</sup> November, 2012 at 09:45 AM in the Conference Room, 5 th Floor, Sardar Patel Bhavan, New Delhi under the Chairmanship of Shri Sanjay Kothari, Secretary (Pension, AR&PG) with the officials of 15 Departments/Ministries having maximum number of unrevised Pension Payment Orders (PPOs) pertaining to pre-2006 pensioners/family pensioners under the CPAO network and Ministry of Railway, D/o Ex-servicemen Welfare, D/o Posts and D/o Telecommunications. The objective of this meeting was to review the progress made by these Ministries/Departments in the revision of PPOs in respect of pre-2006 pensioners.

2. The list of participants is at Annexure. *(Not printed)*

3. In the Opening address, Secretary (Pension, AR & PG) shared the steps taken since the last meeting with these Ministries/Departments held on 28 August, 2012. It was informed that instructions regarding use of 7 documents indicated in respect of grant of enhanced pension/family pension on attaining the age of 80 years and above have been made applicable for determining the date of birth of spouse at the time of revision of PPO. He added that the instructions regarding change of date of birth of spouse have also

been issued and use of e-scroll given by banks has been allowed in addition to Annexure-III. **Secretary expressed his concern that most of the pensioners are unaware of the fact that not only revision of amount of pension by banks is to be done, the PPOs have also to be simultaneously revised.** The Chief Controller (Pension) informed that about 75% of the PPOs related to civil pensioners have been revised and it is apprehended that there may be many inoperative PPOs in the remaining lot. She also expressed her concern that in many cases pension might have been fixed on the higher side and there may be issue of recovery of excess pension involved in the revision of these PPOs.

4. Thereafter, Ministry-wise review was taken up starting with Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA). The representative of MHA informed that JS (Admin) has been taking regular meetings to review the progress. He informed that a large number of pre-1990 PPOs pertaining to Assam Rifles are in respect of Nepalese citizens and persons residing in the North-East. The system of de-centralized Record-keeping has made it more difficult to revise PPOs of these pensioners. The MHA informed that they have issued an advertisement for awareness of pensioners. Secretary (Pension) suggested that MHA may consider issuing another advertisement, encourage the pensioners residing in North-East to form pensioners' group and organize intensive camps and workshop during the next four months. Department of Pension and PW may provide financial assistant to these group if suitable proposals were received. In order to prevent such delays in future Pay Commissions, Secretary (Pension) also suggested that original records of the employee may be handed over to him in bound form at the time of his/her retirement as per instant rules.

5. D/o Urban Development reassured that they will meet the target set for December 2012. Central Board of Excise and Customs informed that a large number of PPOs are in the pipeline and as on date only 3000 pre-2006 and 7800 pre-1990 cases were pending. The D/o Atomic Energy informed that they are segregating pre-1990 cases from pre-2006 cases with the help of CPAO and will be able to adhere to the timelines fixed. M/o Water Resources informed that the Secretary (Pension)'s DO letter to Secretary (WaterResources) has helped in putting in place a proper monitoring system for revision of PPOs. It was further added that engagement of four consultants for this purpose has a positive impact on the work. Similarly, Ministry of Coal informed that they have a proper monitoring system in place and have engaged two consultants. They are hopeful that they need not be called in the next meeting as their pendency would go down substantially. Ministry of Science & Technology informed that owing to shifting of some of their offices in the past, they were facing the problem of locating pensioners' records. They informed that they would sort out the problem soon. The figures of All India Radio did not reconcile with those of CPAO. It was pointed out by CPAO's office that progress in Prasar Bharati is slow. Secretary (Pension) desired to write a d.o. letter to the Chairman, Prasar Bharati. Ministry of Mines was requested to reconcile the figures with the CPAO and meet the targets set for December, 2012 and March, 2013.

6. No one from the Central Board of Direct Taxes, Department of Health and Ministry of Civil Aviation were present. It was decided to write DO letters to the Secretary/Chairman concerned from Secretary (Pension).

7. Department of Telecommunications informed that out of 2.41 lakh pre-2006 cases, only 2600 are pending, most of which belong to the erstwhile Videsh Sanchar Nigam Limited. Department of Posts informed that out of 1.8 lakh pre-2006 cases, about 52,000 are pending. They assured to complete the task by February, 2013. Department of Exservicemen Welfare informed that out of 15.5 lakh cases, they have revised 5.81 lakh PPOs. Every month, they had devised to 40,000 cases. They informed that owing to change in the amount of pension, most of the PPOs would have to be revised again. Secretary (Pension) suggested that in the mean time basic information required for revision of PPOs may be collected and kept ready for immediate use after the re-fixation of pension is over and PPOs are ready to be revised again. He expressed his concern that a number of representations about PCDA, Allahabad are being received. He desired to write a D.O. letter to Secretary, Department of Ex-servicemen Welfare in this regard.

8. As the Banks were at times sending Annexure III twice/thrice for the same individual, which counted towards the total numbers whereas in many cases Annexure-III are not received, it was felt that a meeting of the Banks may be called in second half of December, 2012. After looking into the availability and utility of e-scrolls of such pensioners for revision of their PPOs, CPAO and Ministries/Departments will provide inputs to the Department of Pension & PW for setting the agenda of the meeting.

9. Secretary (Pension, AR & PG) expressed his satisfaction about the progress made so far. He assured the participants that any assistance that is needed will be considered positively in the Department of Pensions & Pensioners Welfare.

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Ministry of P P G & P (Dept of P&PW) O M No 1/16/1996--P&PW (E) (Vol-II) dated 27 November,2012

**Sub: Eligibility of children from a void or voidable marriage for family pension-clarification regarding.**

The undersigned to directed to refer to the dept's OM No 1/16/96-P&PW(E), dated 2-12-1996 whereby it was clarified that pensionary benefits will be granted to the children of a deceased govt servant / pensioner from void or voidable marriages when their turn comes in accordance with Rule 54(8). It is mentioned in Para 4 of the O M that " it may be noted that they will have no claim whatsoever to receive family pension as long as the legally wedded wife is the recipient of the same"

2 The matter has been re-examined in consultation with the Ministry of Law & Justice (Dept of Legal Affairs) and the Ministry of Finance ( Dept of Expenditure). It has been decided that in supersession of Para 4 of O M ibid dated 2-12-1996, the share of children from illegally wedded wife in the family pension shall be payable to them in the manner given under sub-rule 7 (c ) of Rule 54 of CCS(Pension) Rules 1972, along with the legally wedded wife.

3 It has also been decided that in the past cases, no recovery from the previous beneficiary shall be made. On receipt of of an application from eligible child / children of the deceased govt employee / pensioner born to an ineligible mother, the decision regarding division or otherwise of family pension may be taken by the competent authority after satisfying himself/ herself about veracity of facts nd entitlement of the applicant (s).

4 As regards pensioners/ family pensioners belonging to the Indian Audit and Accounts depts,these orders issue after consultation with the Comptroller & Auditor General of India.

5 This issues with the concurrence of Dept of Legal Affairs vide their FTS No3036 dated 17-10-2012.

6 This issues with the concurrence of Ministry of Finance, Dept of Expenditure, vide their I.D. No 530/EV/2012 dated 23-11-2012.

Sd/- (D K Solanki), Under Secretary to Govt of India

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Railway Board letter No F(E)III/2005/PN1/32 dated 25 October,2012

**Sub: Clarification regarding payment of family pension to physically handicapped /mentally disabled children**

A reference has been received from one of the zonal railways seeking clarification on certain issues relating to grant of family pension to a son / daughter of a deceased Railway servant , suffering from any disorder / disability of mind / mentally retarded or physically crippled / disabled and is rendered incapable of earning a living even after attaining the age of 25 years of age, in terms of provisions contained in Rule 75(6) of the Railways Service (Pension) Rules 1993. The matter has been examined in consultation with the Dept of Pension & Pensioners Welfare (DoP&PW), and the issues raised are clarified as under

S.No	Clarification sought	Clarification given
(a)	Whether the clarification given by Board vide letter of even No dated 15-1-2010 will be effective from the date of issue of the letter or the similarly placed past cases will also be covered	The past cases as indicated in letter of even No dated 15-1-2010 will also be covered under the said instructions. The financial benefits will accrue from the date the family pensioner becomes entitled to the family pension irrespective of whether the injury / handicap occurred / manifested and whether the same was certified by the competent medical authorities before or after attaining the age of 25 years age.
(b)	Whether the Board's clarification of even No dated 15-1-2010 are also applicable in the case of physically disabled / mentally handicapped son /daughter of CPF / SRPF( C) retirees who are eligible for grant of Ex-gratia payment for life on fulfillment of the same very conditions as specified for such son / daughter of the government servant governed by the Railway Services (Pension) rules 1993. If applicable, then from which date the clarification will be effective i.e. whether past cases will also be covered and from which date the financial benefit will accrue in their case	The clarification contained in this letter and the letter of even No dated 15-1-2010 will equally apply in the case of similarly placed children of CPF /SRPF ( C ) beneficiaries.

2. This disposes of Eastern Railways letter No e787/0/Pen/Pt- XXV dated 20-7-2012 and 10-9-2012.

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DAPWA, Chandigarh Memo dated 20 July, 2012 to Shri A K Antony, Hon'ble Defence Minister, Govt of India

**Sub:- CSD Canteen Facility to Defence Civilian Pensioners**

We seek your kind indulgence in the matter of extending CSD Canteen Facilities to Defence Civilian Pensioners. While drawing your kind attention to our earlier representation dated 20.5.2011 and various other representations of Defence Civilian Pensioners Associations, we are deeply distressed to mention that favourable response is still eluding.

2. Civilian Defence Employees including Defence Accounts Department personnel during service enjoy canteen facility at par with Defence Personnel, the facility, however, abruptly comes to an end on transfer of Civilian Personnel to pension establishment, while ex-servicemen continue to avail the same facilities.

3. Defence Civilian Employees including MES civilians and Defence Accounts Department employees work shoulder to shoulder with the Defence Personnel and are liable to serve throughout India with an additional liability to serve in field under harsh conditions. They are completely integrated to the Defence monolith and provide solid back-up support in emergent and war like situations.

4. It is paradoxical that civilian pensioners are denied the facilities whereas the ex-servicemen are allowed to avail the facilities despite almost similar service conditions which tantamounts to demeaning the services of Defence civilians to Defence forces.

5. While their right to availment of the facilities by ex-servicemen may be regarded as sacroscent, civilian defence pensioners cannot be excluded from the concession as per the definition of 'ex-servicemen' imparted by the Deptt. Of Personnel & Training (DoPT), Government of India i.e "any

person who has served in any rank (whether a combatant or not) in the Armed Forces of the Indian Union and when released/retired with any kind of pension with gratuity otherwise than at his own request or by way of dismissal or discharge on account of misconduct or inefficiency.”

6. It would be pertinent to mention that in the context of extension of canteen facilities the matter regarding issue of smart cards of CSD civilian Pensioners was examined by Ministry of Defence (D/JCM) on 31.12.2010 and in the light of very reasonable approach, based on the statistics of Pensioners who could avail of the canteen facilities (maximum 10 of 23%), DDG/Canteen Services was requested to make a favourable decision.

7. We have come to understand that QMG's branch, Ministry of Defence, New Delhi have communicated vide their letter No. 9610/Q/DDGCS dated 24.5.12 that the extension of canteen facilities to the retired defence civilians is under consideration. The subject matter has been discussed in the Executive Committee meeting of the Board of Control Canteen Stores (BOCCS), where due to various constraining factors it has been, decided that as of now “Status Quo” to be maintained. The issue will be reviewed in due course as and when the constraining factors are adequately addressed”.

8. You will kindly agree, sir, that the matter has been very cleverly put off by taking shelter behind the mysterious and confusing 'constraining factors' whereas the issue could have been easily resolved by taking a cue from other departments of Government of India, e.g. Railways, BSNL who extend the privilege/concession to the retired employees e.g

- Concession of free travel passes to pensioners for travel in India by Railways;
- Concession of telephone connection & free calls to retirees of P&T/BSNL;
- Even Canteen Stores Department retired civilian Pensioners and GREF personnel can avail

of Canteen facilities.

9. With deep anguish and hurt we submit to your kind honour Sir that denial of CSD facilities to civilian defence pensioners is a grave injustice in the face of facilities being also allowed even to pensioners of Para Military Forces like BSF, CRPF, and ITBP etc who otherwise are excluded from the definition of 'ex-servicemen'.

We prey to your benign self Sir, to bestow your kind thought and positive disposition in the matter and cause issue of favourable instructions for redressal of genuine grievances of the pensioners.

(Note : Para 9 above is erroneous, as PMF retirees are not entitled to CSD facilities- Editor)

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#### ***Reservation for ex-servicemen (January 4th, 2013)***

Reservation for ex-servicemen was initially introduced for a period of two years in 1966. This was extended from time to time and is now available in terms of the Exservicemen Re-employment in Central Civil Services and Posts) Rules, 1979. As per these Rules, ten percent of the vacancies in the posts of the level of Assistant Commandant in para-military forces, ten percent of the vacancies in Group 'C' services and posts, and 20% of the vacancies in Group 'D' services and posts are reserved for ex-servicemen subject to certain conditions. Ex-servicemen are entitled to get age relaxation for appointment to any vacancy in Central civil services/posts, whether reserved or not. Ex-servicemen who have already secured employment under the Central Government are entitled to the benefit of age relaxation as prescribed for securing another employment in a higher grade or cadre under the Central Government. There are some provisions regarding relaxation/exemption of educational qualifications for the ex-servicemen. The Director General (Resettlement), Ministry of Defence monitors the implementation of these orders in the Central Government Agencies.

Reservation for ex-servicemen and physically handicapped persons is termed as “horizontal” reservation and reservation for SCs, STs and OBCs is termed as “vertical” reservation. Guidelines exist explaining how the “horizontal” reservation is to be adjusted against the “vertical” reserve

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#### **INCREASE IN JOB APPLICATIONS FOR GOVT. JOBS ADVERTISED BY STAFF SELECTION COMMISSION (January 4th, 2013)**

The number of applicants for jobs advertised by the Staff Selection Commission (SSC) has shown a tremendous increase in the past four years increasing from 10.27 lakh applicants in 2008-09 to 88.65 lakh in 2011-12.

The number of applicants has already crossed more than one crore in this financial year. This was

stated by Minister of State in PMO and Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions Shri V.Narayanasamy while delivering the inaugural address of the Regional Directors' Conference of SSC in New Delhi today. The Minister complemented the performance of SSC and also appreciated the question bank of examinations of SSC. MOS also lauded the Commission for having introduced the tri-lingual papers in some examinations and conducting the examinations in 13 regional languages in various States of the country which enabled greater participation of the youth in applying for govt. jobs.

Earlier, giving his presidential address of the 2-day Regional Directors' Conference, Mr. N.K.Raghupathy, Chairman, SSC, informed that in the financial year 2011-12, more than 84,000 applicants were selected to the Group 'B' and Group 'C' posts advertised by SSC.

The 2-day Regional Directors' Conference that started on 4-1-2013 has been organized by the SSC to monitor the performance of the last one year. During the Conference, policy & procedures are being reviewed and improvements suggested, deliberated upon and decision taken for their implementation in the ensuing year.

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**JUDGEMENT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA HC FOR PRE-2006 HARYANA PENSIONERS  
UPHOLDS MODIFIED PARITY AS RECOMMENDED BY SIXTH CPC**

Punjab & Haryana High Court in its Double Bench judgement pronounced on 21-12-2012 has allowed the petition filed by Haryana pensioners retired from S 31 (equivalent to S 29) restoring correct fixation of pension. This is the first judgement in favour of pre-2006 Pensioners from a HIGH COURT.

It may be recalled that Haryana Govt. had deprived pensioners of true modified parity - following so called "Clarificatory" orders of 3<sup>rd</sup> October, 2008 issued by Govt of India on 6<sup>th</sup> CPC recommendations.

**LATEST ON JUDGMENT OF PRINCIPAL BENCH CAT OF 01 NOV,2011**

The judgement of the Principal Bench of CAT, New Delhi, dated 01 Nov, 2011 on the S-29 pensioners OA No 655 /2010 and three other similarly situated pensioners litigation came up for hearing on 29 Nov, 2012 before a Double Bench of Hon. High Court of Delhi. The appeal was preferred by the Union of India against the quashing and setting aside of their O M dated 03 October, 2008, clipping the Presidential Order on minimum pension reference viz the minimum pay in CPC V scales up dated and adopted as CPC VI for existing employees. This was reduced to the minimum of Pay Band and respective CPC V 40% of maximum pay scale redesignated as Grade Pay. This amendment did not have the stamp of approval of the President. Since an administrative order cannot amend a Presidential order, the Hon CAT Bench had quashed and set aside this amendment of the Administration. Unfortunately one of the two judges was not present, and hence all transactions of the day were informal. The government counsel informed the court of Cabinet Secretary's willingness to accept the findings of the Hon CAT and were prepared to complement it, provided the petitioners in the OAs are prepared to forgo arrears. As per the Hon CAT New Delhi judgement since the original O M dated 30 September, 2008 assumed effectiveness, pre-2006 pensioners are entitled to have the minimum of CPC V pay scales updated to CPC VI plus Grade Pay as the reference for determining minimum pension / family pension on pay effective from 01-01-2006. This was not agreed to, but the respondents wanted things in writing to get their response. The Hon Court postponed the hearing to 29 April, 2013. The Govt. has in the meanwhile issued order for revision of pension/ family pension for pre-2006 pensioners, on 28th January 2012. The revision of pension/ family pension is effective from 24-09-2013. No arrears for period 01-01-2006 to 23-09-2013 are payable. The relevant No of Writ Petition is WP(C) 1535/2012.



Ministry of P P G & P (Dept of P & P W) No 01/33/2012-P&PW (E) dated: 16<sup>th</sup> January, 2013

**Sub: (i) Eligibility of disabled children for family pension after marriage and  
(ii) Eligibility for two family pensions- clarification regarding.**

The undersigned is directed to state that the Government has decided to allow continuance of family pension to mentally/physically disabled children who drew, are drawing or may draw family pension even after their marriage. Further, the Government has also decided to allow two family pensions where the pensioner drew, is drawing or may draw two pensions for military and/or civil employments.

2. In order to implement these decisions, Explanations 1 and 3 after sub-rule 6 of Rule 54 of the Central Civil Services (Pension) Rules, 1972 have been suitably amended and sub rules 13-A and 13-B have been omitted. A copy of Gazette notification, G.S.R. No. 938 (E), dated 27th December, 2012, giving effect to these amendments is enclosed.

3. For the sake of clarity, the old and new explanations 1 and 3 are reproduced as under highlighting the changes made therein:

**Old: EXPLANATION 1** - An unmarried son or an unmarried or widowed or divorced daughter shall become ineligible for family pension under this sub-rule from the date he or she gets married or remarried.

**EXPLANATION 3** - It shall be the duty of son or daughter or siblings or the guardian to furnish a certificate to the Treasury or Bank, as the case may be, once in a year that (i) he or she has not started earning his or her livelihood and (ii) he or she has not yet married or remarried. A similar certificate shall be furnished by a childless widow after her re-marriage or parents to the Treasury or Bank, as the case may be, once in a year that she or he or they have not started earning her or his or their livelihood.

**New: EXPLANATION 1** - An unmarried son or an unmarried or widowed or divorced daughter, except a disabled son or daughter, shall become ineligible for family pension under this sub-rule from the date he or she gets married or remarried.

**New EXPLANATION 3** - It shall be the duty of son or daughter or siblings or the guardian to furnish a certificate to the Treasury or Bank, as the case may be, once in a year that (i) he or she has not started earning his or her livelihood and (ii) he or she has not yet married or remarried. A similar certificate shall be furnished by a childless widow after her re-marriage or by the disabled son or daughter or parents to the Treasury or Bank, as the case may be, once in a year that she or he or they have not started earning her or his or their livelihood.

**4. Sub rule 13-A** regulates the grant of family pension to a military pensioner after his re-employment in a civil service or a civil post. Grant of two family pensions had been prohibited under this sub rule. Similarly, **sub rule 13-B** prohibits grant of two family pensions to a person who is already in receipt of Family Pension or is eligible therefor under any other rules of the Central Government or a State Government and/or Public Sector Undertaking/Autonomous Body/Local Fund under the Central or a State Government. **The sub-rules 13-A and 13-B have since been omitted vide the above mentioned Gazette notification.**

**5. It is clarified that financial benefits in past cases will accrue with effect from 24th September, 2012.**

6. As regards pensioners/family pensioners belonging to the Indian Audit and Accounts Departments, these Orders issue after consultation with the Comptroller and Auditor General of India.

(Sujasha Choudhury) Dy Secy

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**MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS  
(Department of Pension and Pensioners' Welfare)  
NOTIFICATION**

**New Delhi, the 27th December, 2012**

**GS.R. 938(E).**-In exercise of the powers conferred by the proviso to article 309 and clause (5) of article 148 of the Constitution and after consultation with the Comptroller and Auditor General of India in relation to persons serving in the Indian Audit and Accounts Department, the President hereby makes the

following rules further to amend the Central Civil Services (Pension) Rules, 1972, namely:-

1. (1) these rules may be called the Central Civil Services (Pension) Second Amendment Rules, 2012.

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

**2 In the Central Civil, Services (Pension) Rules, 1972, in Rule 54,-**

(a) in sub-rule (6),-

**(i) in Explanation 1,** for the words " daughter shall", the words "daughter, except a disabled son or daughter," shall be substituted;

**(ii) in Explanation 3,** for the words ~"her re-marriage or parents", the words "her re-marriage or by the disabled son or daughter or by parents;" shall be substituted;

**(b) sub-rule 13-A shall be omitted; (c) sub-rule 13-B shall be omitted.**

[F.No. 1133/2012-P&PW(E)].

Sujasha Chowdhury, Dy. Secy.

Note :-The principal rules were published vide number S.O. 934, dated the 1st April, 1972. The Fourth Edition of the rules corrected up to July, 1988 was Printed by the Manager, Government of India Press. Ring Road, Mayapuri, New Delhi-II0064 and Published by the Controller of Publications, Delhi-I 10054.

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P&T and BSNL Association, Chandigarh, Memo addressed to Smt Sujastha Choudhury, Dy Secretary (Dept of P & PW)

**Subject: Agenda for 22nd Meeting of Standing Committee of Voluntary Agencies (SCOVA) to be held on 19th February, 2013 in New Delhi.**

Sir/Madam,

Reference your letter No. F.No. 42/1/2013-P&PW (G) Dt. 01-01-2013, the items to be included in the Agenda for the proposed meeting are given as under:-

1. **Merger of 78.2% IDA with basic pension benefit to the absorbed BSNL Pensioners w.e.f. 01-01-2007.** Revision of Pension of the absorbed BSNL Pensioners was done with 68.8% IDA merger w.e.f. 01-01-2007. But in the light of DPE order No. 2(70)/08-DPE(WC)-GL-VIII/09 dated 2/4/2009, the benefit of IDA merger of 78.2% should be extended to the above mentioned pensioners. The same has already been extended to the all PSU Pensioners. Even BSNL Board has also approved the same to its staff.

2. **Pension liability towards the pensionary benefits including Family Pensions to the BSNL employees (excepting those recruited after 01-10-2000) abolishing the clause.** While revising the pension of absorbed BSNL Pensioners/Family Pensioners by the order of DOT No. 40-17/2008-Pensioners (T) Vol-III dated 5/3/2011. A Clause in para 5 stated that pension liability of the Govt. for the above mentioned pensioners including pre 1/10/2000 pensioners will be limited to 60% of the receipts from the BSNL. This is not in the interest of the Pensioners so it is requested this clause may be modified or abolished.

3. **Ex-Servicemen status to Paramilitary Force Personnel**

The Government has recently granted the status of Ex-Servicemen on the retired personnel of Paramilitary Forces( designated as Central Armed Police Forces, or CAPFs) at par with ex-servicemen of the Defence forces. The CAPF personnel face similar risk to their life as defence forces during their service career, in dealing with insurgents, terrorists, anti-social elements and are exposed to hazardous conditions of service as the armed/defence forces. Govt. authorities are urged to practically implement the incentives, privileges and concessions as applicable to ex-servicemen to the retirees of CAPFs at the earliest.

4. **Provide comprehensive medical facilities and assistance to all pensioners including postal/telecom/BSNL pensioners and Pensioners of Autonomous bodies following Central Service Rules and pay structure through revamped CGHS or under CS MA Rules.** If Health Insurance introduced, it should be optional and not compulsory for future retirees.

5. **Extension of life CGHS membership to P&T Pensioners who have paid subscription for ten years.** Some of P&T Pensioners have been extended the CGHS cover on court orders on yearly basis, and they have paid the required contribution for over TEN years, but have not been granted the 'Whole Life' status, which is due to all CGHS beneficiaries who have paid subscription for 10 years. This amounts to grave injustice to the elderly P&T Pensioners, some of whom are over 80 years old, requiring immediate attention for remedial measures.

6. **Grant additional quantum of pension to the older pensioners in the age group 75 to 100**

years starting from 75 years 20%, 30%, 40%, 50%, 75% and 100% after each 5 years.

7. Grant LTC once in 4 years to all Pensioners.

8. In the event of BSNL withdraws medical reimbursement scheme to the absorbed BSNL pensioners. Grant CGHS facilities to the absorbed BSNL Pensioners also.

9. Removal of disparity in revision of pension based on recommendation of 6th CPC. Common multiplication factor needs to be adopted for revision of pension in respect of pre-2006 retirees. At present the increase in pension based on recommendation of 6th CPC at lower and middle level is in multiplication of 2.26, whereas at some higher scales it ranges above 3 times. For justifiable increase in pension w.e.f. 01.01.2006 a common multiplication factor of atleast 3 needs to be adopted across the board.

10 Extend the benefit of liberalization for earning full pension after 10/20 years qualifying service to pre 2006 retirees at par with post January, 2006 retirees.

Sd/-(Joginder Singh) General Secretary  
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Ministry of Heavy Industries & Public Enterprises (dept of Public Enterprise) O M F. No 2(70)/2008-DPE(WC)-GE-II/2013 dated 08 January,2013

**Subject: Board level and below board level posts including non-unionised supervisors in Central Public Sector Enterprises (CPSEs) –revision of scale of pay w.e.f. 01-01-2007-Payment of IDA at revised rates-regarding.**

In modification of the dept's O M of even No dated 5-10-2012, the rate of DA payable to the executives and non-unionised supervisors of CPSEs (2007 Pay revision) may be as follows.

Effective date	Average of AICPI	Revised DA Rates
01-01-2013	216.66	71.5 %

The above rates of DA would be applicable in the case of IDA employees who have been allowed revised pay scales(2007) as per DPE O Ms dated 26-11-2003, 9-02-2009 and 02-04-2009.

3 All Administrative ministries / depts of govt of India are requested to bring the foregoing to the notice of the CPSEs under their administrative control for action at their end.

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Ministry of Defence, No 34(6)2012-D(Pay/service) dated 27 December,2012

**Subject: Implementation of Hon'ble Supreme Court order dated 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**

I am directed to invite attention to the Special Army Instructions no 1/S/87 dated 6<sup>th</sup> May,1987 and the corresponding Special Instructions pertaining to Navy and AirForce both bearing nos 1/S/87 dated 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 4<sup>th</sup> 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 revised, 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 5<sup>th</sup> 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 The appeal No WA 518 of 1999 filed by the Ministry of Defence, govt of India, was dismissed by the Hon'ble High court of Kerala at Ernakulum vide their order of 4<sup>th</sup> 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 the 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 Instructions of 26<sup>th</sup> May, 1987. i.e. without deducting the rank pay as appropriate to the petitioner as on 1-1-1986.

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 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 4<sup>th</sup> Sept, 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 Petition which are pending before various High Courts / Armed Forces tribunals”

6 Accordingly, in compliance with the order of the Hon'ble Supreme court passed on 4-9-2012 read with their order dated 8-3-2010, upholding the order of the Hon'ble Kerala High Court passed on 5-10-1998 in the 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 26<sup>th</sup> May,1987, and corresponding instructions in case of Navy and Air Force, both bearing No 1/S/87 dated 11-6-1987 and 26-5-1987 respectively, in so far as it relates to deduction of Rank Pay, which has been reproduced in para 1 above, and to re-fix the initial pay of 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 1<sup>st</sup> January,1986 from the amount as worked out under para 6(a)(ii) 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 1-1-1987 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 the recommendations of the 4<sup>th</sup> Central Pay commission.

8 As the aforesaid order of the Hon'ble Supreme Court passed on 4-9-2012 read with their earlier order dated 8-3-2010 has upheld the order of the Hon'ble Kerala High Court passed on 5-10-1998 in the case of Major A K Dhanapalan and as the said order of the Hon'ble Kerala High Court dated 5-10-1998 is for re-fixation of pay as on 1-1-1986, and as the 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 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> central Pay commissions 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 concerned.

11 As directed in Hon'ble Supreme Court order dated 4<sup>th</sup> Sept, 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' (Not printed) 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 govt either by adjustment against future payments or otherwise.

13 All depts. / 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 Dept / 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 PSDA(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 HQs will work in tandem, wherever, required, in implementing the Hon'ble Supreme Court order.

15 In partial relaxation of Serial No 3 of annexure 'A' to Ministry of Defence letter No IC/1027/32/AS(J)6864/2006 dated 1<sup>st</sup> sept,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 the Ministry of Defence.

16 This issues with the concurrence of Ministry of Defence (Finance) vide their Dy no 8(3)/2012-AG/PA (583-PA) dated 27-12-2012 and Ministry of Finance (Dept of Expenditure) vide Dy No 18/654/E III(A)/2012 dated 24-12-2012.

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**P&T Association, Chandigarh letter No P&T/PWA/2013/02 dated 11 Jan, 2013, addressed to Sh. Manmohan Singh Hon'ble Prime Minister**

**Subject :Submission of Charter of Demands.**

Revered Sir,

Annual General Body Meeting of P&T BSNL Pensioners Welfare Association Chandigarh was held on 29<sup>th</sup> December, 2012. Almost 100 delegates attended the meeting they discussed the problems faced by the pensioners especially in the light of number of anomilies resulting from implementation of the Central Pay Commission and Second Pay Revision Body (PSU).

Eleven resolutions were passed by the house unanimously and they are being submitted to your good sell with a copy to all concerned ministry/departments. It is prayed that PMO may direct the concerned ministry for prompt consideration and redressal.

This action on the part of your goodself will go a long way in boosting the sagging morale of elderly pensioners in the twilight of their life.

With Regards

Sd/- (Joginder Singh)  
General Secretary

**Resolutions adopted at AGM on 29-12-2012**

1. Grant of full parity to pre 2006 and post 2006 Central Govt. Pensioners:- Disparity between the above mentioned pensioners should be removed and same multiplication factor i.e 3.1 should be applied to all.
2. Restore CGHS facility to P&T Pensioners at the earliest and extend it to BSNL Pensioners also.
3. Fixed Medical Allowance should be increased to Rs.1200/- per month and restore to FMA to the BSNL Pensioners.
4. Anomaly of BSNL Pensioners who retired between 01-10-2000 and 31-07-2001 should be removed by extending the rule granting pension on the last pay drawn.
5. Restoration of commutation of pension after 12 years instead of 15 years.
6. Increase of Pension after 75 years by 20%, 30%, 40%, 50%, 75% and 100% after every five years.
7. 78.2% IDA merger benefit should be given to the BSNL Pensioners since 01-01-2007 at the earliest.
8. Opening of more CGHS dispensaries at the Mohali, Panchkula and Chandigarh and empanelment of more hospitals and diagnostic centers for CGHS beneficiaries as number of beneficiaries has increased.
9. LTC to pensioners should be granted after every 4 years.
10. Declare 50% D.A. and I.D.A. merger and also declare the 7<sup>th</sup> pay Commission for Central Govt. Employees and Pensioners and 3<sup>rd</sup> Pay Body for BSNL Employees and Pensioners.
11. Withdraw the new pension scheme which is given to the employees after 01-01-2004 and also

## HEALTHCARE / CGHS

Ministry of H & F W (Dept of H & F W) O M No: S.11030/55/2012-CGHS(P) dated 20th Dec,2012

**Subject : New Timings for CGHS Wellness Centres**

The undersigned is directed to state that with a view to improve the functioning of CGHS and ensure optimum utilization of available manpower resources, it has been decided to revise the timings of CGHS Wellness Centres from the present timings of 7.30 AM to 1.30 PM to the new timings of 9.00 AM to 4.00 PM.

2. The CGHS Wellness Centres in New Delhi which are currently functional for 24 hours will continue to function as usual in shifts.
3. The diagnostic laboratories and yoga centres functioning in the CGHS Wellness Centres will open at 8.00 AM and close at 3.00 PM.
4. The Registration counters in CGHS Wellness Centres will start registration at 9.00 AM and close at 3.45 PM.
5. A lunch break of 30 Minutes will be allowed to all officers and staff of cons Wellness Centre. The CMO in charge will manage the operations of the Wellness Centre in such a manner by allowing flexible timings for lunch to the officers and staff that the operations of the CGHS Wellness Centre is not brought to halt at any time.
6. The new timings will be implemented in the CGHS Wellness Centres in New Delhi /NCR. Orders for its implementation in other places will follow.
7. The new timings for CGHS Wellness Centres will be effective from 1st January, 2013.
8. This issues with the approval of Minister of Health and Family Welfare.

sd/- (V.P.Singh)

Deputy Secretary to the Government of India

(Source: <http://msotransparent.nic.in/cghsnew/index.asp>)

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**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF ADVISORY COMMITTEE HELD ON 24-11-2012 IN THE CGHS WELLNESS CENTRE , CHANDIGARH**

The meeting was attended by the following members:-

- (1) Sh Raghbir Singh, IAAS (Retd) formerly Add. Secretary, Min of H & F W.
- (2) Sh.P.S.Bedi-DIG(Retd)-Sr.Vice Chairman, Central Govt. Pensioners Coordination Committee, Chandigarh.
- (3) Sh S R Bhardwaj, Defence Accounts Pensioners Welfare Society
- (4) Sh.G.S.Bhogal, Gen.Sec, Senior Citizens Forum, Zirakpur.
- (5) Sh Raj Kumar, Representative, Goyal Medicos II, Industrial Area Phase 2, Chandigarh (Local Chemist)
- (6) Dr. Ashwani Kumar Seniaray, Chairperson, Advisory Committee, C M O I/C, CGHS WC-1, Sector 45, Chandigarh.

**Welcome Address:**

Dr. Ashwani Kumar Seniaray, CMO (NFSG) In -charge CGHS Wellness Center No 1, welcomed the members of the Advisory Committee.

**MRC status/Pendency of claims:**

As per the information from Addl Director Office, the Medical Reimbursement Bills of the CGHS pensioner beneficiaries have been cleared up to Sept, 2012. MRCs received in Oct, 2012 are under process.

**Performance of Local Chemist:**

The performance Of the local chemist has been satisfactory. The CMO informed that now onwards, the tenders for Local supply of medicines will be through e-tenders.

**Availability of Drugs in the WC:**

As per records, there are 31 Generic items and 140 Proprietary items available in the WC.

**Amenities for the beneficiaries:**

The members again raised the point regarding non empanelment of any Diagnostic Centre for important tests like ECG, Echo, TMT and Holter etc. This, besides forcing the pensioner beneficiaries, resorting to MRCs, is also burdening the CGHS office with addition work related work to the scrutiny of the MRCs of the beneficiaries. Thus, there is need for taking expeditious action at the level of Add Director CGHS in this respect. Members expressed their satisfaction for introducing Laparoscopy treatment for CGHS beneficiaries. However, the elderly beneficiaries often require consultations for various

neurological and psychological problems also, for which, action may be taken to empanel suitable private hospitals for such procedures also.

Shri G S Bhogal, again raised the point regarding introducing smart cards in Chandigarh. At present, if a Card holder has to go to some other CGHS covered city, he cannot take his CGHS Card there, lest any emergency creeps up for his dependent members at home. With the introduction of Smart cards, where, each dependent member would have separate individual card, this problem will be suitably addressed. Add Director, CGHS may be requested to expedite early introduction of Smart cards in Chandigarh.

Shri P S Bedi, Sr Vice Chairman, CCCGPA, referred to a complaint by a CGHS beneficiary, for denial of 'Direct consultation with the specialists' as per his authorization based on his emoluments. His case was discussed thoroughly, based on the instructions of CGHS authorities and the enclosure submitted by him. It was pointed out that as per CGHS instructions, the CGHS beneficiaries with some minimum Pay/pension are permitted 'Direct consultation with Specialist' without obtaining reference authority from CGHS authorities, but it does not give them license to jump the queue of other patients waiting to see the specialist. The CGHS beneficiary has to await his turn. The CMO intimated that some senior doctors from Chandigarh hospitals have raised objection and complaint against some CGHS beneficiaries for exerting their status for getting priority over other patients at their hospital / clinic. Such behavior by CGHS beneficiaries, enjoying such privilege based on their pre-retirement status, is definitely wrong, and gives a very poor impression, and is unethical. Shri P S Bedi was advised to reply to the complainant accordingly.

#### **Staff Punctuality & Behavior:**

The conduct and behavior of the staff of the Wellness Center has been very good. They are courteous and helpful to the senior/aged CGHS beneficiaries.

#### **Cleanliness & Maintenance of Wellness Centre:**

The rush of large number of OPD patients at the Wellness Center is posing problem for proper maintenance and cleanliness of the Wellness Center. As this point has also been raised at SCOVA level, the Chairman, CCCGPA, Chandigarh, which is the main organization representing pensioners of the region, may be requested to write to appropriate authority in the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare. Shri P S Bedi, assured to pass on this request to the concerned quarter.

#### **Grievance Redressal:**

The complaint box was opened by Shri S R Bhardwaj, and no letter was found

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### **MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF ADVISORY COMMITTEE HELD ON 31-12-2012 IN THE CGHS WELLNESS CENTRE CHANDIGARH**

The meeting was attended by the following members:-

- (1) Sh Raghbir Singh, IAAS (Retd) formerly Add. Secretary, Min of H & F W.
- (2) Sh.P.S.Bedi-DIG(Retd)-Sr.Vice Chairman, Central Govt. Pensioners Coordination Committee, Chandigarh.
- (3) Sh S R Bhardwaj, Defence Accounts Pensioners Welfare Society
- (4) Sh.G.S.Bhogal, Gen.Sec, Senior Citizens Forum, Zirakpur.
- (5) Sh D D Sharma, Survey of India, Representative Serving Employees.
- (6) Sh Ravi Kumar, Representative, Goyal Medicos II, Industrial Area Phase 2, Chandigarh (Local Chemist)
- (7) Dr. Ashwani Kumar Seniaray, Chairperson, Advisory Committee, C M O I/C, CGHS WC-1, Sector 45, Chandigarh.

#### **Welcome Address:**

Dr. Ashwani Kumar Seniaray, CMO (NFSG) In -charge CGHS Wellness Center No 1, welcomed the members of the Advisory Committee. The members were sad to learn about the demise of Shri Raghbir Singh's revered mother. The members of the Advisory Committee expressed their heartfelt condolences to the worthy member.

The CMO informed the members regarding fresh instructions issued by CGHS authorities regarding changed timings for CGHS Wellness centers, which will be from 9.30 a.m. to 4.00 p.m. As per instructions these changed timings are being implemented in Delhi and NCR region from 01 January, 2013. In the case of Chandigarh, separate orders will follow.

#### **MRC status/Pendency of claims:**

As per the information from Addl Director Office, the Medical Reimbursement Bills of the CGHS pensioner beneficiaries have been cleared up to October, 2012. MRCs received in November, 2012 are under process.

**Performance of Local Chemist:**

The performance of the local chemist has been satisfactory. Shri Ravi Kumar, representative of the authorized chemist, was advised to ensure timely and correct supply of LP medicines and drugs.

**Availability of Drugs in the WC:**

As per records, there are 24 Generic items and 197 Proprietary items available in the WC.

**Amenities for the beneficiaries**

The non availability of suitable diagnostic Centre for such important tests like ECG, Echo, TMT and Holter continues to be a matter of concern. The members voiced the needs for immediate action by the CGHS authorities in this direction. This, besides forcing the pensioner beneficiaries, resorting to MRCs, is also burdening the CGHS office with addition work relating to the scrutiny of the MRCs of the beneficiaries. The Add Director CGHS may again be requested to strongly take up case with higher CGHS authorities.

Shri G S Bhogal, again raised the point regarding introducing smart cards in Chandigarh. With the introduction of Smart cards, will ease the difficulties faced by members visiting other cities to avail CGHS benefits. Add Director, CGHS may be requested to expedite early introduction of Smart cards in Chandigarh.

Members also pointed out that the meeting of the pensioners with the Additional Director CGHS is also over due. Although, the CMO undertook to take up this point with the AD CGHS, Chandigarh, the members detailed Shri P S Bedi to speak to the AD CGHS with a request for early holding of the meeting.

**Staff Punctuality & Behavior:**

The conduct and behavior of the staff of the Wellness Center has been very good. They are courteous and helpful to the senior/aged CGHS beneficiaries. Shri Raj Kumar was adjudged as the best worker for his dedication to duty in the Wellness Center. He was awarded the 'Certificate of Merit' in the presence of all the Advisory Committee members and the staff of the CGHS Wellness Center.

**Cleanliness & Maintenance of Wellness Centre:**

The rush of large number of OPD patients at the Wellness Center is posing problem for proper maintenance and cleanliness of the Wellness Center. The Chairman, CCCGPA, Chandigarh, which is the main organization representing pensioners of the region, may again be requested to write to appropriate authority in the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare at an early date for more CGHS dispensaries for the Tricity. Shri P S Bedi, intimated that action in this respect is being taken shortly by the CCCGPA.

**Grievance Redressal:**

The complaint box was opened by Shri D D Sharma and three letters were found. Two of these letters, (1) from Shri A K Nirula, DIGP (Retd) , 1401, Sector 44 A, Chandigarh and (2) from Shri K S Virk, 823 Urban Estate, Phase 1, Patiala, appreciated the conduct of the CGHS Wellness staff for their good and friendly behavior towards the beneficiaries. The third letter, written in Punjabi, Shri Asa Singh,, H. No 3119, sector 71, Mohali (Token No-5833), President, Shubh karmam Association, Mohali, pointed out the inadequacy of the grant of Rs 2000/- for the 'denture' for the elderly central govt pensioners / CGHS beneficiaries. In the market, the dentures cost ranges between Rs 5,000/- and Rs 50,000/-. Case may be taken up for a realistic increase in authorized cost for the denture.

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks, and exchange of 'best Wishes for the New Year 2013'

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**TREATMENT IN EMERGENCY**

(Download from internet)

Under emergency conditions, the empanelled hospitals are expected to provide treatment to CGHS beneficiaries in all available specialties...

Private hospitals have been empanelled under CGHS only for such specialties for which they are eligible as per the terms and conditions of empanelment. However under emergency conditions, the empanelled hospitals are expected to provide treatment of CGHS beneficiaries in all available specialties.

"Emergency" shall mean any condition or symptom resulting from any cause, arising suddenly and if not treated at the earliest opportunity would be detrimental to the health of the patient or shall jeopardize the life of the patient".

CGHS beneficiary attending hospital in emergency: In such a situation the Hospital shall intimate to



BCA within 2 hours of admission and BCA shall respond in 4 hours (however treatment shall not be denied to any CGHS member and this is only an initiation of the e-workflow). Post discharge hospital would upload bills and download documents as per requirements of CGHS within 72 hours

In emergency the hospital shall not refuse admission or demand an advance payment from the beneficiary or his family member and shall provide credit facilities to the patient whether the patient is a serving employee or a pensioner availing CGHS facilities, on production of a valid CGHS card and the hospital shall submit the bill for reimbursement to the concerned Deptt. / Ministry / CGHS. The refusal to provide the treatment to bonafide CGHS beneficiaries in emergency cases without valid ground would attract disqualification for continuation of empanelment.

The following ailments may be treated as emergency which is illustrative only and not exhaustive, depending on the condition of the patient :

- Acute Coronary Syndromes (Coronary Artery Bye-pass Graft / Percutaneous, Transluminal Coronary Angioplasty) including Myocardial Infarction, Unstable Angina, Ventricular Arrhythmias, Paroxysmal Supra

- Ventricular Tachycardia, Cardiac Temponade, Acute Left Ventricular Failure / Severe Congestive Cardiac Failure, Accelerated Hypertension, Complete Heart Block and Stoke Adam attack, Acute Aortic Dissection.

- Acute Limb Ischemia, Rupture of Aneurysm, Medical and Surgical shock and peripheral circulatory failure. Cerebro-Vascular attack-Stokes, Sudden unconsciousness, Head injury, Respiratory failure, decompensated lung disease, Cerebro-Meningeal Infections, Convulsions, Acute Paralysis, Acute Visual loss.

- Acute Abdomen pain.

- Road Traffic Accidents / with injuries including fall. Severe Hemorrhage due to any cause.

- Acute poisoning.

- Acute Renal Failure.

- Acute abdomen pain in female including acute Obstetrical and Gynecological emergencies.

- Electric shock.

- Any other life threatening condition.

Source

<http://centralgovernmentemployeesnews.in/2012/12/emergency-treatment-in-cghs-hospitals>

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Ministry of H & F W O M No S, 14021/44/2012-MS dated 06 December, 2012

**Recognition of Raffels Hospital, Panchkula (Haryana) for treatment of Central Government employees under CS(MA), Rules, 1944**

The undersigned is directed to say that a number of representations have been received in the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare for recognition of Reffel's hospital, Panchkula, (Haryana) for treatment of Central government employees and their family members under CS(MA) Rules, 1944.

2 In view of the hardship faced by CS(MA) beneficiaries for their own treatment and the treatment of their family members at Panchkula (Haryana), the matter has been examined in the Ministry and it has been decided to empanel Raffel's Hospital, Panchkula (Haryana) under Central Services (Medical Attendance) Rules 1944.

3 The schedule of charges for the treatment of central government employees and the members of their family under CS(MA) Rules, 1944 will be the rates fixed for CGHS Chandigarh. The approved rates are available on the website of CGHS ([www.mohfw.nic.in/cghs.html](http://www.mohfw.nic.in/cghs.html)) and may be downloaded / printed.

4 to 9 (Not printed...)

10 The hospital shall honour permission letter issued by competent authority and provide treatment / investigation facilities as specified in the permission letter.

11 The hospital shall also provide treatment / investigation facilities to the CGHS beneficiaries and their eligible dependent family members at their own rates or rates approved under CS(MA) rules as per this OM whichever is lower. The hospital shall provide treatment to such pensioner CGHS beneficiaries after authentication through verification of valid CGHS cards.

12 However, pensioner CGHS beneficiaries would make payment for the medical treatment at approved rates as mentioned above and submit the medical Reimbursement claim to the Additional Director CGHS through the CMO I/c of the CGHS Wellness Center, where the CGHS Card of the

beneficiary is registered.  
14 to 18 (Not printed)

**Note :**

*Ministry of H&FW (Dept of H&FW) vide their O M No S.11011/7/99-CGHS (P) dated 27 April, 2011 had permitted the 'CGHS beneficiaries residing in non-CGHS covered areas to obtain treatment from govt hospitals etc and hospitals recognized under CS(MA)Rules 1944 with a rider that they would obtain prior approval from the CMO in charge of Wellness Center where their cards are registered except in case of emergency. There is need for various pensioner associations / organizations to take up case with appropriate CGHS authorities / Additional Director CGHS to allow the CGHS beneficiaries and their eligible dependent family members to extend this facility to all CGHS beneficiaries without any riders / restrictions /prior approval.As the govt has specifically allowed the private empanelled hospitals to extend indoor treatment . facility to CGHS pensioner beneficiaries, this facility should also be permitted for CGHS pensioner beneficiaries residing in CGHS covered cities.*

**CASE for Enhancement of FMA**

Railway Senior Citizens Welfare Society (Regd.), Chandigarh , has prepared a draft for filing a case in the CAT, Chandigarh against Union of India, through Secretary, Ministry of Railways, Secretary, Pension & Pensioners Welfare (Ministry of P P G & P), Secretary, Ministry of Health & Family Welfare and Secretary, Ministry of Finance, for enhancement of Fixed medical allowance for the retirees not covered under CGHS or other Health schemes of the government. Detailed reasons have been given showing the inadequacy of grant of Rs 300/- p.m. as Fixed medical allowance (FMA) revised by the govt w.e.f.Sept,2008 in the existing financial and inflationary scenario. The Association had sought information from Ministry of P P G & P and Ministry of Health & Family Welfare , a voluminous documents and prepared their case. This point had also been raised by the pensioners on the occasion of Pensioners Day in December, 2012.

Ministry of H & FW (Dept of H&FW) OM No S-11045/40/2012/CGHS/HEC/CGHS(P) dated 01-01-2013

**Subject: 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 procedures for undergoing investigations at private hospitals /diagnostic laboratories / imaging centre empanelled under CGHS.The matter has been examined and with a view to alleviate the inconvenience to the CGHS beneficiaries in obtaining requisite permission for undergoing investigations at CGHS empanelled private hospitals / diagnostic laboratories / imaging centers, it has now been decided that CGHS beneficiaries shall herein after be allowed to undergo investigations at private hospitals / diagnostic laboratories / imaging centers empanelled under CGHS after specific investigations have been advised by a CGHS medical officer or government specialist without requirement of any other referral (permission) letter.

2 Private empanelled hospitals / diagnostic laboratories / imaging centre 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 authority.

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 / Dept / office for reimbursement.

4 CGHS medical Officer / Govt specialist shall not refer the beneficiaries to a 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.

Sd/-( V P Singh) Dy Secy

Ministry of H & FW (Dept of H&FW) OM No S-11045/40/2012/CGHS/HEC/CGHS(P) dated 15-01-2013

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

The undersigned is directed to refer to the office memo of even No dated 1<sup>st</sup> January,2013 on the above subject and to further lay down the procedure for getting the diagnostic tests / investigations carried out at the CGHS empanelled private hospitals / diagnostic laboratories / imaging centres on a valid prescription issued by a CGHS Medical Officer / Govt Specialist, without a referral / permission letter from the department concerned or CMO-in-charge of CGHS Wellness Center, as the case may be.

2 The CGHS empanelled private hospitals / diagnostic laboratories / imaging centres shall perform the investigations / diagnostic tests as prescribed by the CGHS Medical Officer / Govt Specialist on cashless basis to the CGHS pensioner beneficiaries, ex-MPs, freedom fighters and other eligible categories of CGHS beneficiaries, who are presently eligible for credit facility, at CGHS approved rates, only in respect of the tests / investigations for which CGHS rates are available.

3 The serving beneficiaries will not require any permission from their department for getting the diagnostic tests / investigations carried out in a CGHS empanelled private hospital / diagnostic laboratory / imaging centre in respect of investigations for which CGHS rates are available. They will get the prescribed tests done on payment basis and claim reimbursement from their office.

4 For providing cashless facilities to the eligible CGHS beneficiaries, the empanelled private hospital / diagnostic laboratory / imaging centre shall obtain the prescription either in original or self attested copy of the prescription and self attested Photocopies of the CGHS card of the patient and the CGHS Card of the main CGHS Cardholder beneficiary and enclose the same with their bills for claiming payment from CGHS or department concerned, as the case may be. The hospital / diagnostic laboratory / imaging centre shall, however, verify the self attested copies from the original prescription / CGHS Card, before allowing the credit facility to the eligible CGHS beneficiary.

5 The medical prescription issued by the CGHS Medical Officer / govt Specialist prescribing diagnostic tests / investigations shall be treated as valid for a single use within a period of two weeks from the date of prescription unless specifically provided otherwise by the govt specialist in the prescription, about the date or period after which the prescribed tests are to be conducted for a follow up treatment. The medical prescription would require revalidation or issue of a fresh prescription from the prescribing CGHS doctor / govt specialist for getting the prescribed tests done after expiry of the validity period of two weeks, as indicated above.

6 The CGHS empanelled private hospitals / diagnostic laboratories / imaging centres shall provide cashless facilities to the serving CGHS beneficiaries entitled to credit facilities in terms of this Ministry's O M No Rec.1-2008 / Gr /CGHS / Delhi / CGHS (P) dated 10-06-2008, on submission of a self attested photocopy of his / her Identity card issued the department / ministry, along with self attested photocopies of the CGHS card of the patient and the main cardholder. The hospital / diagnostic laboratory / imaging centre shall enclose the above documents with their bills to the department concerned for claiming payment.

Sd/- ( V P Singh) Dy Secy

**MISCELLANEOUS****Shri D C Gupta, General Secretary, Suchna Adhikar Manch (Regd.) Patiala (M: 98556-05778) letter on RTI provisions**

Dear Sir

First Appellate Authorities of various Public Authorities in Punjab and Haryana have adopted the procedure of sending summons to the information seekers before deciding his/her appeal against Public Information Officers without any provisions in this regard in the RTI Act, 2005. I have also received number of letters from various First Appellate Authorities to appear in person to present my case whenever I filed application regarding non-provision of information or incomplete information by the Public Information Officer. Even in one case when I filed the second appeal to the State Information Commission, Punjab I was asked to appear in person before the First Appellate Authority by the State Information Commissioner.

I filed an RTI application dated 24-9-2012 with the PIO, Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions, Department of Personnel and Training, North Block, New Delhi to know about the exact provisions of the RTI Act, 2005. The CPIO under his letter no. 12/333/2012-IR dated 16-10-2012 (copy attached) has informed that First Appellate Authority has not been given powers to summon information seeker for personal hearing before deciding his/her appeal against CPIO. This is very remarkable information and will go a long way to help the information seekers as First Appellate Authorities were moving beyond their jurisdiction.

I request you to kindly publish this information in your esteemed paper which will be helpful to the information seekers throughout Punjab and Haryana.

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Ministry of P P G & P (Dept of P&T) No 12/333/2012-IR dated 16 oct,2012, addressed to shri D C Gupta, Suchna Adhikar Manch, 778, Phase 1, Patiala.

**Sub: Information under RTI Act 2005**

I am to refer to your application dated 24-09-2012 ( received on 03-10-2012) and to furnish information as under:

Point No 1. A copy of extract of section 18 on Powers & Functions of information commissioners, appeals and penalties is enclosed.

Point No 2. First appellate authority has not been given powers to summon information seeker for personal hearing before deciding his / her appeal against CPIO.

2 The appeal in respect of information provided above can be made to the following appellate authority within 30 days from the receipt of .

Smt Anuradha S Chugti,  
Director (R) , Dept of P & T, North Block, New Delhi  
Sd/- (R K Giridhar), CPIO & under Secretary

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**SENIOR CITIZENS COMMISSION**

Parliamentary Affairs Minister Narottam Mishra said the commission would comprise one Chairman and four members.

He said this after a Madhya Pradesh Government set up a "Senior Citizen Commission" to look into the problems of the elderly in the State.

The decision to set up the commission was taken during a Cabinet meeting which was chaired by Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan yesterday, an official release said.

Chouhan, at a meeting of old people at his house in April this year, had announced to set up a commission for them and the Cabinet had yesterday approved it.

The commission will look at the problems of the senior people of the State, and produce an ideal proforma for old persons' policy for the welfare and solution of their problems. ( PTI- Bhopal, datelined ; Dec,22, 2012)

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**Railways Relax Condition of Production of Original Proof of Identity during Journey ( January 11th, 2013)**

Ministry of Railways has made some relaxation in the condition of production of original Proof of Identity during train travel and particularly for the passengers belonging to the lower economic classes

.Under this relaxation, attested photocopy of Ration Card with photograph and Nationalised Bank Passbook with photographs shall also be accepted as a prescribed proof of identity only in case of reserved tickets booked through computerized Passenger Reservation System (PRS) counters, for undertaking journey in Sleeper (SL) and Second Reserved Sitting (2S) classes. The photocopy of the Ration Card with photograph and Nationalised Bank Passbook with photograph should be attested by a Gazetted Officer or the Chief Reservation Supervisor or Station Manager/Station Master. This relaxation applies only to Ration Card and Nationalized Bank Pass Book and not in case of other types of proofs of identity cards for which only original proof will be required during journey. The above provision is not applicable for all classes of e-tickets and Tatkal tickets and tickets issued through PRS counter for travelling in Air-conditioned classes and First Class. Travelling with these categories of tickets shall continue to be governed by existing instructions. This provision shall be made effective from 15.1.2013.

**ALL INDIA SENIOR CITIZENS CONFEDERATION -(AISCCON)****Resolutions 12<sup>th</sup> Conference Trivandrum 2-3 Nov 2012**

1.Considering that the number of senior citizens (60+) in the country is increasing fast that will grow to 32.6 crores in 2025 and that 2/3<sup>rd</sup> of the elderly population is financially weak and 11% very old(80+) who need economic and healthcare support, and that the interests of present 10 crore senior citizens population in the country need to be looked after better both at the Centre and the States, Twelfth All India Senior Citizens Conference held at Thiruvananthapuram on 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2012 requests the Honorable Prime Minister of India to create an exclusive Ministry for Senior Citizens and to appoint a National Commission on Older Persons. Similar organizational structure should be replicated at the state level too.

2,Noting that one of the important reasons for State governments not implementing the welfare schemes meant for senior citizens is the absence of a clear cut communication channel between the government [both Central and State], and the beneficiaries. And considering the inability to fully mobilize senior citizens particularly at the grass root level and thus build effective pressure groups which is a healthy requirement in a democratic environment. And considering that very often many politicians, bureaucrats and even senior citizens themselves are not fully aware of the policies and programmes for their welfare due to their inadequate dissemination. And Considering that AISCCON is the largest registered representative organization of Senior citizens (60+) in the country, having affiliated Federations / Associations from 25 States and 3 UT's and in the remaining 7 States through its MOU partner and have been in the forefront of representing the important problems of senior citizens and considering that it has held twelve National Conferences during the last twelve years in different parts of India to create awareness among senior citizens, and considering that in October 2012, MOSJE has recognized the services of AISCCON by awarding Vayoshrestha Sanmaan at National level. This twelfth All India Senior Citizens Conference held at Thiruvananthapuram during 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2012, unanimously resolves and requests the Honorable Minister for Social Justice and Empowerment to recognize AISCCON as the National Association of Older Persons (NAOP) as recommended in para 96 of NPOP 1999 to mobilize senior citizens, articulate their interests, promote and undertake programmes and activities for their well being and to advise the government on all matters relating to senior citizens.

3.Considering that Senior Citizens are prone to many health problems and their financial resources are on the decline day by day due to inflation, This twelfth All India Senior Citizens Conference held at Thiruvananthapuram during 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2012

resolves that both state and central governments should be urged to provide Health Insurance to all senior citizens as mandated in NPOP adopted by government of India in 1999.

(a)Any Health Insurance scheme that may be implemented must conform to minimum requirements given below:

- Premium must be very modest and should not go on increasing with age
- There should be no entry [at least for the first 3 to 5 years] or exit restrictions
- There should be no restriction for pre-existing diseases

- This should be fully subsidized for BPL and on graded premium sharing basis to APL senior citizens.
- There should be no restriction of family size
- Coverage should be a reasonable amount say Rs two lakhs on a floater basis
- Aarogyasri of Andhra Pradesh meets all the requirements mentioned above and this scheme should be implemented in all states, failing which, if RSBY is expanded to all states then the Coverage should be raised from 30K to 1 Lakh and the restriction on family size should be removed.

(b) To urge GOI to come up with a comprehensive scheme to take care of senior citizens belonging to BPL category suffering from terminal illnesses like: Alzheimer's disease, Cancer etc by providing palliative care, reservation of beds, home care financing etc.

(c). To implement National Program of Healthcare for the Elderly (NPHCE) fully in letter and spirit and in all districts of the Country.

3. Considering that senior citizens are physically weak and financially not sound due to high costs of inflation, This twelfth All India Senior Citizens Conference held at Thiruvananthapuram during 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2012 requests the Honorable Minister for Railways to:

- Allow 50% concession in TOTAL train fare to male senior citizens also as has been already done in the case of women senior citizens
- Extend the Concession for Tickets bought under Tatkal Quota also
- Consider Old Old (80+) as disabled and therefore allow the facility of one accompanying free assistant / attendant.
- Provide, in suburban trains, special compartments for senior citizens (similar to ladies, disabled etc).
- Provide at all major railway stations amenities like : lifts, elevators, ramps, porters, wheel chairs etc
- Provide for separate Qs for senior citizens while booking tickets at railway stations

Railway Reservation charges while booking tickets must be removed for senior citizens

4. Considering the inflationary pressure faced by the senior citizens, high cost of medicines forming a major part of health expenditure, This twelfth All India Senior Citizens Conference held at Thiruvananthapuram during 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2012, unanimously resolves and requests the Union Minister for Chemicals and Fertilizers to promote the availability of low cost generic medicines of essential drugs by

- Promoting Generic medicines outlets in all States
- Insisting on doctors prescribing generics only where-ever available
- Insisting on printing reasonable / affordable MRP on generic medicine packages.
- Implement "free medicines distribution through government hospitals" scheme recently announced by the GOI, fully in letter and spirit throughout India
- Bring all the 348 drugs identified as the essential drugs under the price control regime

5. Considering that most senior citizens up to the age of 75 are healthy and active, their experience and knowledge are assets to the society, This twelfth All India Senior Citizens Conference held at Thiruvananthapuram during 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2012 unanimously resolves and requests the Ministry of HRD and Ministry of Labour to formulate schemes and plans to gainfully employ senior citizens in socio economic projects connected with elders' welfare, AIDs control, Environmental Protection, Family welfare, Immunization etc.

One of the specific recommendations in this connection is: In the urban employment Guarantee scheme that is about to be launched (parallel to NREGS), senior citizens must be included in "economically vulnerable group" along with women, disabled etc for purpose of availing such benefits.

It is also urged that second career opportunities for senior citizens to be created

The Retirement Age should be raised to 65

6. Considering that, even after five years of enactment by the parliament, many state governments are yet to notify (accept), the Maintenance and Welfare of Parents and Senior Citizens Act 2007 or to fully operationalize the Act, by: framing Rules under the Act, Setting up Tribunals, Announcing Maintenance officers etc. this twelfth All India Senior Citizens Conference held at Thiruvananthapuram during 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2012 unanimously resolves and requests the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment to vigorously pursue all state governments to fully implement the Act in all respects expeditiously and give the provisions in the Act adequate publicity both in print and electronic media.

7. Considering that financial resources of senior citizens keep deleting day by day on account of inflation and that their major sources of income are only pensions or lifelong savings during low cost economy

years, This twelfth All India Senior Citizens Conference held at Thiruvananthapuram during 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2012 unanimously resolves to urge the Ministry of Finance to make the following changes in Direct Taxes Code:

a) Income Tax Exemption Criteria for Senior Citizens should be at least:

Rs 5.00 Lakhs for the age group of 60 to 80 years and complete tax exemption for 85+.

b) Senior Citizens should be fully exempted from the purview of Tax Deduction at Source for interest Income on Deposits.

c) Children who take care of senior citizens should be given concession in Income Tax

8. Considering that a large number of senior citizen retirees are pensioners from central / state governments and from PSUs and that there are a number of perennial unsolved issues relating to their pensions and post retirement benefits,

this twelfth All India Senior Citizens Conference held at Thiruvananthapuram during 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2012 unanimously resolves to request the Ministry of HRD, Ministry of Finance, Ministry of Defence and Ministry of Labour and Employment and other relevant ministries to seek remedial measures as follows:

a] Keeping In line with Universal Pension principle promoted by Aruna Roy and others, Grant Minimum universal Pension of Rs 2000/- or 50% of minimum wage (which ever is more) per month per person, to all 60+ senior citizens in both unorganized & organized sectors; with provision of automatic revision of the quantum corresponding to minimum wage & inflation.

b] Removal of disparities:

Remove disparity in revision of pension within the homogeneous group of pre 2006.

Insisting upon one-rank one pension principle, remove disparity in pension among different ranks in defence pensioners on account of Rank.

Also to remove – among defence pensioners - disparity between Uniformed sector and civilian sector.

c] Restore commuted portion of Pension of all central/ State/PSU pensioners in 12 years as was recommended by 5<sup>th</sup> CPC instead of present 15 years.

d] Additional old age pension to all superannuated persons of Central/state govt. /PSU. Pensioners' should start from the age of 65 years @ 5% of the basic pension with provision of enhancement by 5% every 5 years.

9. Noting that the working Group on Social Welfare has made extensive recommendations to the Planning Commission with specific reference to senior citizens welfare for 12<sup>th</sup> Five Year Plan makes specific recommendations including clear budget proposals for: Old Age Homes, RSBY, Old Age Pension, National Institute of Ageing, Helplines, National Council of Senior Citizens, separate department for senior citizens etc and appreciating the efforts taken by the working group regarding senior citizens welfare for the first time, This twelfth All India Senior Citizens Conference held at Thiruvananthapuram during 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2012 resolves to request the Planning Commission NOT TO DILUTE the recommendations of the Working group in any way but to push the agenda forcefully with concerned ministries for complete implementation of all recommendations in toto.

10. Observing that there are large sums of money lying idle as Unutilized Funds / Unclaimed amounts with Institutions like Nationalized Banks, dividends on Stocks, Income Tax refunds, EPF, LIC, PPF, Post Office Savings Accounts, etc, -- which are mostly out of investments belonging to senior citizens-- and the total amount of this accumulation is estimated to be over Rs 22000 Crores, This twelfth All India Senior Citizens Conference held at Thiruvananthapuram during 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2012, unanimously resolves to urge the Ministry of Finance to utilize this amount corpus for setting up a Senior Citizens Welfare Fund and that this Fund augmented periodically by levying a surcharge / welfare tax on the creamier layers of the society

11. Considering that majority of senior citizens suffer progressively on account of inflation

This twelfth All India Senior Citizens Conference held at Thiruvananthapuram during 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2012, unanimously resolves to request Reserve Bank of India to introduce "Inflation Indexed Bonds" to mitigate the sufferings of elderly community against inflationary pressures.

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<b>ACTIVITIES OF AFFILIATED ASSOCIATIONS</b>
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**CENTRAL GOVERNMENTS PENSIONER WELFARE SOCIETY, CHANDIGARH. (CGPWS)**

CGPWS, Chandigarh organized a lunch for the members and their families on 18 December, 2012 to usher in the NEW YEAR 2013. The lunch was arranged at the 'Buffet Hut, sector 70, Mohali', where the members and their families were felicitated with recitation of poems, songs and exchange of jokes / memorable recollections of their youthful days by the elderly pensioners, and games of popular Tambola. The President, Shri MS Toor, advised the members to have more such gatherings for fruitful interaction among themselves to inculcate a spirit of comradeship, as also to cement the bonds of love, brotherhood and fellowship.

**PARAMILITARY FORCES RETIRED OFFICERS ASSOCIATION, CHANDIGARH**

Paramilitary Retired officers held its periodical meeting on 18 January, 2013 at the BSF Officers Institute, Lakhnaur (Mohali). The meeting commenced with the observation of two minutes silence in the memory of Shri DJS Dhillon, Comdt CRPF, who expired in December, 2012.

The Chairman, Shri P S Bedi, DIG(Retd) BSF, welcomed the officers and their spouses, and apprised them the latest situation on the national level concerning pensioners and senior citizens. He referred to the issue of Memo dated 23 Nov, 2012, granting Ex-servicemen status on PMF personnel at par with ex-servicemen of Defence Forces. This Memo has been issued after the approval of Cabinet committee, and copies have been endorsed to all State governments and Union Territories. However, its affects are yet to be seen on ground.

Some senior serving officers of BSF also joined them for a fruitful inter-action.

The lunch was hosted by an ex-ITBP officer, Shri D S Chadha, DIG(Retd), who also gave a presentation on 'Reality Scenario', depicting potential of Mohali for future growth. This was highly appreciated.

**ASSOCIATION OF RETIRED OFFICERS OF IA&AD**

The Association of Retired Officers of IA&AD, having membership of more than five hundred, celebrated its 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Function on 25.11.2012 in which the Annual Report of the Association was presented by the General Secretary. A cultural programme was followed by reciting/singing of poems/songs by the members and the honouring of 78 members who had completed the age of 70, 80, 85 and 90 years by presenting them mementos and shawls. The Chief Guest, Sh Onkar Nath IA&AS Pr. A.G.(Audit) Haryana, and Patron of the Association Sh. Raghubir Singh IA&AS Dy Comptroller and Auditor(Retd.) during their address blessed and appreciated the performance of the Association. Sh D.B.Batra, Sr. Vice President of the Association thanked the members and the guests for making the celebrations a success.

**P&T BSNL PENSIONERS WELFARE ASSOCIATION**

The AGM of the association was held on 29.12.2012 in the Auditorium of Fortis hospital, phase-8 Mohali. In spite of severe cold there was good gathering. Meeting started with two minutes silence in the memory of departed souls who passed away since last AGM. Shri Rajpal Sharma, President, intimated that the association had entered the 20<sup>th</sup> year of its formation. Old founder members (S/Sh Pyara Singh, NS Sahni, Radha Singh, GS Thapar & DS Guleria) were honored. General secretary Joginder Singh gave details of the activities of the association during the past year. Financial report was presented by the finance secretary Sh Harnek Singh and passed by the house unanimously. Resolutions, in the form of a memorandum was sent to the Prime Minister. President Rajpal Sharma & the Patron Sh Pyara Singh also spoke on the problems and demands of the members.

After conclusion of the AGM, a seminar was held on health care by the doctors of Fortis Hospital. Dr. HK Bali Director Cardiology spoke about the prevention of heart diseases. Dr Harsimran Singh senior consultant orthopedic and joint replacement told about the knee arthritis and its cure.

Members thanked the Fortis administration for arranging such a good show and a very impressive venue.



**DEPARTMENT OF PENSION & PENSIONERS' WELFARE**  
**REVISED PENSION/FAMILY PENSION OF PRE-2006 PENSIONERS FOR POSTS CARRYING**  
**PRESENT SCALES IN GROUP 'A', 'B', 'C' & 'D' [Annexure to OM No.38/40/42&PW(A) Dated 28.1.2013**

ANNEXURE

S.No	Pay scale w.e.f. 1.1.1986	Post/ Grade and Pay scale w.e.f. 1.1.1996		Name of Pay Band/ scale	Corresponding 6th CPC Pay Bands/scales	Corresponding Grade Pay	Sum of minimum pay in the pay band and grade pay/ minimum pay in the pay scale as per fitment table	Pension= 50% of Sum of minimum pay in the pay band and grade pay/ minimum pay in the pay scale as per fitment table	Family Pension = 30% of Sum of minimum pay in the pay band and grade pay/ minimum pay in the pay scale as per fitment table
		Grade	Scale						
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
1	750-12-870-14-940	S-1	2550-55-2660-60-3200	-1S	4440-7440	1300	6050	3500	3500
2	775-12-871-12-1025	S-2	2610-60-3150-65-3540	-1S	4440-7440	1400	6260	3500	3500
3	775-12-871-14-955-15-1030-20-1150	S-2A	2610-60-2910-65-3300-70-4000	-1S	4440-7440	1600	6460	3500	3500
4	800-15-1010-20-1150	S-3	2650-65-3300-70-4000	-1S	4440-7440	1650	6580	3500	3500
5	825-15-900-20-1200	S-4	2750-70-3800-75-4400	PB-1	5200-20200	1800	7330	3665	3500
6	950-20-1150-25-1400 950-20-1150-25-1500 1150-25-1500	S-5	3050-75-3950-80-4590	PB-1	5200-20200	1900	7780	3890	3500
7	975-25-1150-30-1540 975-25-1150-30-1660	S-6	3200-85-4900	PB-1	5200-20200	2000	8060	4030	3500
8	1200-30-1440-30-1800 1200-30-1560-40-2040 1320-30-1560-40-2040	S-7	4000 100 6000- -	PB-1	5200-20200	2400	9840	4920	3500
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10	1400-40-1600-50-2300-60-2600 1600-50-2300-60-2660	S-9	5000-150-8000	PB-2	9300-34800	4200	13500	6750	4050
11	1640-60-2600-75-2900	S-10	5500-175-9000	PB-2	9300-34800	4200	14430	7215	4329
12	2000-60-2120	S-11	6500-200-6900	PB-2	9300-34800	4200	16290	8145	4887
13	2000-60-2300-75-3200 2000-60-2300-75-3200-3500	S-12	6500-200-10500	PB-2	9300-34800	4200	16290	8145	4887
14	2375-75-3200-100-3500 2375-75-3200-100-3500-125-3750	S-13	7450-225-11500	PB-2	9300-34800	4600	18460	9230	5538
15	2500-4000	S-14	7500-250-12000	PB-2	9300-34800	4800	18750	9375	5625
16	2200-75-2800-100-4000 2300-100-2800	S-15	8000-275-13500	PB-2	9300-34800	5400	20280	10140	6084
17	2200-75-2800-100-4000	NEW SCALE	8000-275-13500 (Group A Entry)	PB-3	15600-39100	5400	21000	10500	6300
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Twelve Monthly Average	198.06	<b>199.58</b>	201.17	202.83	204.33	205.92	207.50	<b>209.33</b>
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