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FOR MEMBERS ONLY

ARREARS OF MODIFIED PARITY OF PENSIONERS RESTRICTED TO ONLY S-29 PETITIONERS – ORDERS ISSUED BY DOP&PW GOVT. MAY RECONSIDER THE ISSUE - TO EXTEND THE BENEFIT TO OTHERS - AFTER DECISION OF 3 PENDING SLPS IN SC

Orders for Revision of Pension of Pre-2006 S-29 Petitioners and release of their arrears from 1-1-2006 were issued by the DOP&PW on 26-8-2014 and by the Railway Board on 09-09-2014 – under continuous pressure of the CAT PB in the Contempt of Court Case filed by the SAG (S 29) Pensioners Association for implementation of the CAT Judgement in OA 655/2010.

This had caused much resentment and heart burning amongst the Pensioners Organisations and the affected Pensioners who were unjustly deprived of the arrears for the revised Pension on account of Modified Parity from 1-1-2006 to 23-9-2012. The issue was raised by BPS & others in the last meeting of SCOVA, wherein the Govt. agreed to re-examine the issue to extend the benefit of arrears to all affected Pensioners, after the decision by the Supreme Court in the three pending SLPs on the same issue – hearing for which is now fixed on 14th October, 2014

Sh. S.C. Maheshwari, Secretary General, BPS supported by JCM Secy Com Shiva Gopal Mishra & Com S.K.Vya raised the issue strongly in the meeting of SCOVA on 5-9-2014, for implementation of OA 655/2010 and extension of OM dt 28.1.2013 wef from 01.01.06. After persistent pressure. Secretary Personnel said “though I have just taken over I have studied the case in detail. I am seized of the issue. Give me some time to resolve it.”

FIXED MEDICAL ALLOWANCE CASE POSTED ON 3RD NOV 14 FOR ARGUMENTS

Fixed Medical Allowance case filed by RSCWS Vs UO, I had been fixed for arguments on 3rd Nov 14, as the same could not be heard on the last date 24th September, as the Govt. Advocate had not read the Rejoinder filed by RSCWS, wherein all the arguments given by the Govt. in their Reply to OA had been countered by the RSCWS.

RSCWS DONATES RS.15,000 FOR J&K FLOOD RELIEF FUND

RSCWS has donated Rs.10,000 to the Prime Minister's National Relief Fund through The Tribune Trust and another Rs.5000 through BPS for relief from the devastating Floods in Jammu and Kashmir.

**MEMBERS RSCWS - PLEASE ATTEND WITH YOUR SPOUSE & OTHER RAIL PENSIONERS
GENERAL BODY MEETING OF RSCWS AND
MEDICAL SEMINAR ON “IRREGULAR HEART BEATS – CAUSES & REMEDIES”
by Dr Rajat Sharma- Consultant Cardiology, Fortis Hospital Mohali
FROM 3 PM ON 17TH OCTOBER, 2014
AT GOVT. MUSEUM & ART GALLERY AUDITORIUM, SECTOR 10, CHANDIGARH
Please join us for Tea & Snacks after the Meeting & the Seminar.**

– President & Secretary General RSCWS

EDITORIAL

NON-IMPLEMENTATION OF COURT JUDGMENTS ON MODIFIED PARITY –
IS IT APATHY OR SHEER ADAMANCY OF GOVERNMENT?

Government has shown its extreme apathy towards the Pensioners while deciding to restrict the application of the order dated 1-11-2011 of the Full Bench of CAT (Central Administrative Tribunal) Principal Bench, only to the Petitioners (of S 29 SAG Pensioners Association).

Government vide its Resolution adopted by the Union Cabinet on 29-8-2008, had accepted the recommendations of the Sixth CPC. The accepted recommendations of the CPC, inter-alia laid down that the **“revised pension, in no case, shall be lower than’ 50% of the sum of the minimum of the pay in the pay band and the grade pay thereon corresponding to the prerevised pay scale from which the pensioner had retired.”**

Department of Pension and Pensioners Welfare (DOP&PW) issued a so called clarification vide OM Dated 3-10-2008 which was effectively a modification in regard to para 4.2 of the OM dated 1.9.2008 which completely changed the meaning of the Commission’s recommendation as accepted by the Government as per Resolution. and as reproduced in OM dated 1.9.2008. While the Resolution dated 29.8.2008 was issued with Cabinet approval, the clarification/modification was issued by the Department without reference to the Cabinet. The effect of the said clarification/modification was to reduce the pension payable to pre-2006 pensioners and deny modified parity to pensioners as, recommended by 6th CPC and accepted by the Government. (FYI-PI note that OM of 1/9 is different from the Resolution. NPM)

CAT had clearly set aside the so-called “Clarificatory” order of the DOP&PW dated 3-10-2008 and held it to be null and void as it was contrary to the Resolution dated 29-8-2008 of the Union Cabinet (which could not be changed except by the Cabinet itself).

The decision of the CAT in OA 655/2010 to re-fix the pension of all pre-2006 pensioners, was upheld by the Delhi High Court, then thrice by the Supreme Court – first by rejecting the SLP, then rejecting the Review Petition and finally by rejecting the Curative Petition filed by the Govt. - by five judges Bench of Apex Court.

However, after much pressure from all sides – including the BPS and JCM Staff side, Government issued an order dated 28-1-2013 for ‘stepping up pension’ in accordance with Resolution from an arbitrary date of 24-9-2012 – thus depriving all affected Pre 2006 Pensioners of the arrears from 1-1-2006 to 23-9-2012 – even though the said date (24-9-2012) had neither any justification nor any sanctity.

Meanwhile the Contempt of Court Case continued to hang in the CAT Delhi. During the hearing in CAT on 15-5-2014, the respondents informed that Curative Petition was dismissed on 30-4-2014, whereupon the Tribunal while disposing of the contempt petition, directed to implement the directions of the Tribunal. Government belatedly issued the order dated 26-8-2014 - for grant of arrears from 1-1-2006 but restricted the application of the same to the Petitioners alone – a stand which had never been taken by the Government at any stage prior to 15-5-2014.

Taking this decision and that too at such a belated stage reflects the motives of the Government to hoodwink and side track all the judgments of the various Courts in this case – merely to deprive the affected Pre 2006 Pensioners of the arrears due to them for over six and a half years from 1-1-2006 to 23-9-2012. The blatant injustice has been perpetrating over the years. But the latest orders of the DOP&PW – restricting the application of the CAT judgment to only the Petitioners - reflects not only the apathy but rather an adamancy to the hilt.

How could the same orders of the Government (issued vide DOP&PW OMs Dated 3-10-2008 and 28-1-2013) be applied differently to the Petitioners and the rest of the affected Pensioners? How could the said OM dated 3-10-2008 be *ultra vires* only for the Petitioners (as held by the CAT in OA 655/2010) and still be applied to the rest of the over 2 lakh affected Pensioners?

This is absolutely, discriminatory, *ultra vires* and illegal. This is totally in violation of Articles 14, 16 and 39 of the Constitution of India. There is no reason, no logic and no justification to continue with such discrimination between the Petitioners and other similarly placed Pre 2006 affected Pensioners.

As far as the three SLPs which are pending in the Supreme Court are concerned, these are just infructuous as the matter has already attained finality after the rejection of the curative Petition on the same issue. As such waiting or linking up the matter with those SLPs is neither justified nor purposeful either way,

The new regime at the centre should intervene at the Ministerial level in this important case of Pensioners and get the PB CAT judgment implemented in letter and spirit of OA 655/2010 for all affected Pensioners (instead of the Petitioners only in that case) – with immediate release of arrears to all the affected Petitioners from 1-1-2006 instead of 24-9-2012 - so as to meet the ends of justice and to remove the discrimination within the same homogeneous class of Pre 2006 Pensioners.

RAILWAY PENSIONERS !

STRENGTHEN RSCWS & BE ITS ACTIVE MEMBERS

**TO EFFECTIVELY PURSUE & REPRESENT YOUR PROBLEMS AT ALL LEVELS
AND TO KEEP IN TOUCH WITH THE LATEST DEVELOPMETS ON RELATED ISSUES**

MINUTES OF GBM OF RSCWS HELD ON 5-7-2014 AT GOVT MUSEUM, SECTOR 10, CHANDIGARH

Meeting was presided over by Shri N. P. Mohan -President RSCWS. 61 Members attended the Meeting.

1. Meeting started with a cultural programme with devotional Songs & hymens by Sh. T. S. Chawla, Sh. H. S.Sachdeva and others.

2. OPENING ADDRESS BY THE PRESIDENT: Shri NP Mohan mentioned as under:

i) Welcoming the members, he urged them for better participation in the meetings and activities of the Society to derive benefit from updates on pensioners' matters and medical seminars.

ii) He congratulated the Members for recognition of the Society by DOP under Pensioners Portal and for sanction of the Grant-in-Aid of Rs.75000 PA for RSCWS by the Govt.

iii) DOP had suggested adding Social Welfare Activities. This requires launching of Social Welfare Fund (SWF) with voluntary contribution by the members.

iv) RSCWS had submitted a detailed Memorandum to the Seventh CPC wherein three notable demands were raised i.e. Full Parity in place of modified parity for past pensioners in vogue from 1-1-1996 (5th CPC), additional old age pension to start from 65 years and 100% at the age of 90 years and qualifying service for full pension to be after 20 years for all as against the present order applicable to only post 2006 retirees.

v) As regards the court case piloted by SAG (S 29) Pensioners, which had attained finality with the dismissal of Curative Petition in SC (after dismissal of SLP and Review Petition) on 30-4-2014 upholding the judgement dated 1-11-2011 of PB CAT, DOP is misinterpreting the verdict as applicable to petitioners only. This has been objected to forcefully by S 29 group as well by the BPS and others in various Fora. Further action by the govt. is awaited, pending 3 other SLPs.

3. REPORT OF SECRETARY GENERAL RSCWS: Shri Harchandan Singh, mentioned as under:

i) RSCWS had submitted its Reply to the Questionnaire and a detailed Memorandum on the demands and Problems of the Pensioners to the Seventh Pay Commission within the stipulated time in May 2014. It included the following demands, besides others - details of which were published in PRS and placed on the Website of RSCWS:

a) 3.96 times (rounded off to 4 times) rise of Basic Pay, Pay Band & Grade Pay and Pension w.e.f. 1.1.2016 as per Rise of NNP (Net National Product) between 1.1.2006 to 1.1.2016.

b) Minimum Pension be fixed as per Ratio of 1:9 between Minimum and Maximum of Pension

c) Full Pension after 20 years of Service to Pre 2006 Pensioners – at par with Post 2006 Pensioners.

d) Full Parity of Pension to Pre 2006 and Post 2016 Pensioners – retiring from the same post.

e) Full Pension @ 65% of pay plus D.A. last drawn or average of last 10 months pay – whichever is higher -- after 20 years service..

ii) RSCWS has been Identified & Recognised by DOP&PW under the Pensioners' Portal for promoting activities for the welfare of the Pensioners & redressal of their grievances. DOP&PW had sanctioned a Grant-in-Aid of Rs.75000 PA for RSCWS for developing awareness among the Pensioners and to represent their grievances. The amount is to be spent for specified purposes only. This required opening of a separate account for Grant-in-Aid. The matter had been discussed by the Executive Committee RSCWS and its recommendations were placed before the House for approval.

iii) Empanelment of Fortis Hospital Mohali had been extended up to Sept 2014 for Cardiology & Cardiac surgery, Nephrology (Kidney), Urology, Critical medicine & trauma.

iv) Empanelment had been applied for by Fortis for Joint Replacement & Cancer, but the same had been turned down by the CMD. We shall again have to pursue it further.

v) Issue of smart cards is under process for being issued to all RELHS optees early.

vi) Court case for higher FMA of Rs.2000 was filed by RSCWS. Hope the Case will be decided soon.

vii) Contempt Case reg: Modified Parity filed by S 29 Association in CAT Delhi had been fixed 27th August, 2014.

viii) Issue of revised PPOs has been hanging for long due to non-cooperation by Accounts Staff. Railways has been asked by DOP&PW to complete the same by September 2014.

ix) Members were again requested to donate towards the Legal-cum-Struggle Fund @ Rs.1000 per head if they had not yet paid the same in full or paid only part thereof.

x) RSCWS should add Social welfare activities for the welfare of the needy & the poor.

4. DECISIONS BY THE GENERAL BODY: After detailed discussions, the House decided as under:

i) Approval of Resolutions adopted by the Executive Committee Meeting of RSCWS on 22-6-2014

ii) Acceptance of Terms & Conditions of Grant-in-Aid under Pensioners' Portal – and Authorisation for execution & signing the Bond for Grant in Aid of GOI:

iii) Authorisation for execution & signing the Bond for Grant in Aid of GOI: Secretary General RSCWS to execute & sign the prescribed Bond of DOP&PW for and on behalf of the RSCWS and to complete such other formalities and correspondence as required in this regard, in consultation with the President of RSCWS.

iv) Opening of Bank Account of Railway Senior Citizens Welfare Society in the name of Railway Senior Citizens Welfare Society in Punjab & Sind Bank, Sector 8, Chandigarh; The said Bank Account be opened Jointly by the President RSCWS, Secretary General RSCWS and Treasurer RSCWS; And the same be Jointly operated by any two of the three of them – namely President RSCWS Shri N. P. Mohan, Secretary General RSCWS Shri Harchandan Singh and Treasurer RSCWS Shri C. P. Singh, whose signatures appear below.

v) Opening of separate Bank Account of Railway Senior Citizens Welfare Society (Grant-in-Aid under Pensioners Portal) in Punjab & Sind Bank, Sector 8, Chandigarh. The said Bank Account be opened Jointly by the President RSCWS, Secretary General RSCWS and Treasurer RSCWS;

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MINUTES OF GBM OF RSCWS HELD ON 5-7-2014 AT GOVT MUSEUM, SECTOR 10, CHANDIGARH (CONTINUED)

The Account will be Jointly operated by any two of the three of them – namely President RSCWS Shri N. P. Mohan, Secretary General RSCWS Shri Harchandan Singh and Treasurer RSCWS Shri C. P. Singh

- i) **Social Welfare activities:** It was decided and Resolved that RSCWS shall undertake the following Welfare Activities:
 - a) **HEALTH AWARENESS:** To Develop greater health awareness amongst Senior Citizens and other deprived sections of the society – by organizing Medical Seminars and Medical Camps in coordination with leading Hospitals, Medical Specialists and other NGOs;
 - b) **ORGAN & BODY DONATION:** Mobilisation of Members & other Senior Citizens and youngsters, for Organ & Body Donation;
 - c) **SCHOLARSHIPS TO POOR CHILDREN:** Education of under-privileged, poor & destitute Children - through Coaching and grant of Merit-cum-Need Based Scholarships etc.
 - d) **HELPING THE ELDERLY:** Helping the poor & destitute Elderly.
 - e) To join hands with other NGOs (like CRY & HelpAge India etc), to achieve above objectives.
 - f) Any other activity proposed and approved by the Members in EC & GBM from time to time.
 - g) **TO LAUNCH "SOCIAL WELFARE FUND":** It was further resolved to start a separate "Social Welfare Fund" of RSCWS – with voluntary contributions by the Members.
 - h) It was broadly agreed that the per head contribution to the Social Welfare Fund be kept as Rs.1200 PA or such other amount which Members may voluntarily contribute.

i) **SETTING UP OF STANDING COMMITTEE:** It was decided to form a Standing Committee of RSCWS. Standing Committee will decide the utilization of "RSCWS Social Welfare Fund" and "RSCWS Grant-in-Aid" under various heads within the Terms and Conditions prescribed by the DOP&PW as per letter of Sanction. The Standing Committee will comprise of the following Members:

- i) Sh. NP Mohan President RSCWS (as Chairman), ii) Sh. Gurdeep Singh, iii) Sh. GS Sethi, iv) Sh. O S Dogra, v) Sh. SS Sahota, Sh. TS Chawla, Sh. Harchandan Singh Secretary Genl. RSCWS (AS Convenor), Sh. Khem Singh, Sh. KS Bhandari, Sh. Mohinder Singh and Sh. Bipin Bihari and Sh. CP Singh Treasurer RSCWS (He was also Nominated as Treasurer Grant-in-Aid and SWF).

5. MEDICAL SEMINAR & INTER ACTION ON "CAUSES, SYMPTOMS & TREATMENT OF CANCER" BY DR. RITU AGGARWAL, CONSULTANT RADIATION ONCOLOGY, FORTIS HOSPITAL, MOHALI

6. Meeting dispersed after a vote of thanks to the Chair, Dr. Ritu and Fortis Hospital for the useful Seminar.

MINUTES OF STANDING COMMITTEE MEETING OF RSCWS HELD ON 5-7-2014 AT GOVT MUSEUM, CHANDIGARH

1. Meeting was presided over by Shri NP Mohan, President RSCWS. ----- Members attended.
2. **Utilisation of Grant in Aid to RSCWS by DOP (P&PW) under Pensioners' Portal**

i) President informed the Members that the Meeting had been specifically called for to decide about the utilisation of Grant in Aid of Rs. 75000 which had been sanctioned by DOP&PW on 7-5-2014. Secretary General informed the Members that as per Terms & Conditions of the Grant-in-aid, it can only be spent on specified Heads in current FY 2014-15 with 25% variation on either side under each head subject to total amount being within the net Grant sanctioned. The Meeting took note of the specified heads as laid out by the DOP&P, in the letter of sanction of Grant-in-aid and after detailed discussions, decided to authorise the President RSCWS and the Secretary General RSCWS to spend the following amounts from the Grant-in-aid – as per over all conditions laid down.

| | Heads of expenditure | Amt. Specified | Details approved by the Standing Committee RSCWS | Amount sanctioned |
|---|---|--------------------|---|-------------------|
| 1 | Telephone & Internet Connections | Up to Rs.12.000 PA | Telephone & Internet charges at the O/o RSCWS at the R/o of the President & Secy. Genl. be paid by the Society from the Grant-in-aid subject to over all limit specified | Rs. 15000 |
| 2 | Stationery & Battery replacement | Up to Rs. 19500 PA | Expenditure on Stationary be met from the Grant-in-aid subject to over all limit specified. ii) Battery Replacement of the Laptop/Computer at the O/o RSCWS at the R/o of the President & Secy. Genl. Be paid from the Grant-in-aid subject to over all limit specified. | Rs. 14000 |
| 3 | Subsidy towards Rent of Building, Water/Electricity/ AMC of equipment | Up to Rs. 28500 PA | i) Notional Rent of Rs.2000 PM and Rs.250 PM as Water & Elect. Charges) for the O/o RSCWS at 32, Phase 6 Mohali, be paid by the Society w.e.f. 1-4-2014 from the Grant-in-aid subject to over all limit specified. | Rs.24000 |
| 4 | | | ii) AMC charges for the Lap Top of the Secy. Genl & President. Be paid by the Society from the Grant-in-aid – if suitably available & economically feasible. | Rs.4000 |
| 5 | Remuneration to Data Entry Op. (Part time) | Up to Rs.15000 PA | Honorarium @ Rs.1500 PM be paid for one Part time Data Entry Operator from Grant-in-aid, to assist the President & Secy. Genl. / Treasurer RSCWS | Rs.18000 |
| | Total | Max Rs. 75000 | Total | Rs.75000 |

MINUTES OF STANDING COMMITTEE MEETING RSCWS HELD ON 5-7-2014 AT GOVT MUSEUM, CHANDIGARH (CONTINUED)

3. The meeting further decided as under:

i) If the AMC of Laptop/ Computer is not suitably available & economically feasible, then the Maintenance & repair of Laptop of President RSCW & Secretary General be borne by RSCWS from its General Fund.

ii) Purchase of one Almira for the Office of RSCWS: A Steel Almira at an approximate cost of Rs.5000/- be purchased for the Office of RSCWS, from the General Fund of RSCW, to keep the Records of the Society.

MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE RSCWS HELD ON 21-9-2014 AT R/O HARCHANDAN SINGH, 32, PH 6, MHL

15 EC Members attended the Meeting.

1. Meeting was presided over by Shri N. P. Mohan -President RSCWS. Welcoming the members, Shri NP Mohan mentioned the following points:

- i) CAT judgement of Nov. 2011 for re-fixing pension of all pre-2006 pensioners has been diluted by DOP and made applicable only to the petitioners who fought up to the stage of CURATIVE PETITION.
- ii) Position of issuing revised PPOs not being satisfactory, it was desired that information with full details be obtained from at least the members of the Society to take up the matter at appropriate level. Information on a suitable proforma should, therefore, be called for.
- lii) Conditions are still not satisfactory in the Health unit. Posting of a proper doctor is still awaited.

2. Shri Harchandan Singh, Secretary General RSCWS mentioned the following points:

- The Standing Committee RSCWS had met on 5-7-2014 and took note of the specified heads as laid out by the DOP&P, in the letter of sanction of Grant-in-aid and after detailed discussions, decided to authorise the President RSCWS and the Secretary General RSCWS to utilize the Grant-in-aid – as approved by the Standing Committee RSCWS and as per over all conditions laid down by the DOP&PW Recommendations of the Standing Committee were placed before the EC for its approval.

a) New Bank Accounts of RSCWS and “RSCWS Grant-in-aid” account had been opened in P&SB-

b) Empanelment of Fortis Hospital Mohali had expired on 8th Sept 2014 for Cardiology & Cardiac Surgery, Nephrology (Kidney), Urology, Critical medicine & Trauma. Proposals for extension of the same were pending with the NR Head Office and efforts were being made for early approval thereof.

c) Renewed steps were being taken for empanelment of Fortis for Joint Replacement & Cancer etc, as the earlier proposal for the same had been turned down by the CMD. We are pursuing it further.

d) MAX Hospital Mohali has also applied for empanelment by Railways for some specialties.

e) Court case for higher FMA of Rs.2000 was filed by RSCWS. Hope the Case will be decided soon.

f) Contempt Case reg: Modified Parity filed by S 29 Association in CAT Delhi had reached its culmination as the orders had been issued for grant of arrears from 1-1-2006 to the Petitioners of S 29 Association – leaving the others affected Pensioners in lurch, whose fate may be decided after the 3 pending SLPs are disposed off by the Supreme Court possibly in its next hearing on 14-10-2014.

g) Revised PPOs had not been issued to many on the Railways even though Railways had been asked by DOP&PW to complete the same by September 2014.

h) Unsatisfactory conditions continue to prevail in the Health unit not yet equipped with a proper doctor.

4. DECISIONS BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE: After detailed discussions, it was decided that:

a) Proposals of Standing Committee reg. utilization of “Grant-in-aid” and “Social Welfare Fund” as per decisions taken by the Standing Committee in its Meeting on 5-7-2014 were approved by EC.

b) A Sub-Committee of 4 members was constituted to identify and recommend genuine and needy institutions for extending help from RSCWS SWF. The Sub-Committee will comprise Shri. TS Chawla – as Chairman, Shri SS Sahota as Co-Chairman; Shri Khem Singh as Convener and Sh. HS Sachdeva as Member.

c) To start with an amount of Rs. 15000/- per quarter will be disbursed as welfare from SWF.

d) Position of revised PPOs was discussed; President desired that information with full details be called from all members of society to take up the matter at appropriate level. A Performa will be circulated for collecting the required information, for necessary follow up for early issue of Revised PPOs.

e) RSCWS is engaged with a court case on FMA. Re-fixing of pension of all pre 2006 pensioners concerns pensioners at large, BPS (pensioners body at national level) should take legal action for it

f) Next GBM will be held on 17-10-2014 at Govt Museum & EC at R/o Sh Gurdeep Singh in Nov 14.

Copy of DOP&PW letter No. F.No.4/3 6/20 13 -P&Pw(Dy(C) Dated 17-9-2014 to all Pensioners & Pensioners Assons

Subject: Registration of pensioners / Pensioners' Associations under SANKALP - an initiative of DoP&PW to involve pensioners in to meaningful social activities.

Recognizing the fact that a retiring Government employee is very often unprepared to face the fact that he may be without a daily routine and a meaningful existence the day after he retires, the Government looking for ways to engage the retired employees in meaningful social work.

There are approximately 40,000 fresh retirees every year from the Central Government Civil establishments along. This number could be close to 1,00,000 including Defence, Railways, Post and Telecom. In addition there is a pool of around 50 lakh existing pensioners. This group of personnel can, by and large, offer greater maturity, experience and stability. With improved living conditions and the best of medical facilities most of these retiring Government employees would be capable of putting in a good 5-7 years of active service. Further, the financial requirements are by and large taken care of by the regular monthly pension payments of which are also inflation indexed. What hurts is a sense of not being wanted anymore and the lack of a daily routine.

On the other hand Voluntary or other Organisations working towards building society may be looking for expertise, skill and maturity which can be offered by these retired Government servants. The stake-holders identified for the project are:-

SUPPLY SIDE:

a) Pensioners; b) Pensioners' Association identified by the Department involved in pensioners welfare

DEMAND SIDE:

- a) Organisations involved in Social welfare projects
- b) Government Departments having Social welfare schemes.
- c) Indian Institute of Corporate affairs for CSR activities.
- d) Corporate - Public and Private with CSR funds.

With a view to provide a platform by the Government for exchange of information between these two sets of complimentary needs, an activity called SANKALP has been initiated through a web based portal (<http://pensionersportal.gov.in/lsankalp>) wherein Pensioners, Pensioners Association and NGOs can be registered and this Department acts as a facilitator and catalyst.

In view of above Central Government Pensioners desirous of registering under SANKALP may do so by logging in to <http://www.pensionersportal.gov.in/> and selecting SANKALP. Pensioners are required to fill up the Registration Form online and send a self-certified copy of Pension Payment Order (PPO) along with the filled up Registration Form to:

Sh. Manoj Kumar, Under Secretary, Department of Pension and Pensioners Welfare, 3rd Floor, Lok Nayak Bhawan, Khan Market, New Delhi-110003

A Facebook account of 'SANKALP' has also been created as "doppw.sankalp" which you would like to visit and give us comments if any.

You are, therefore, requested to give due publicity to this project through your Periodical Newsletter/Journals and also by discussing with the group of pensioners as and when an opportunity to do so is there. In case you need any clarification the same may be had from Sh. Manoj Kumar, Under Secretary.

Sd/- (Tripti P. Ghosh)

Director (PP) (Off:-24641627)

Requirement of Life Certificate at the time of first credit of pension

Copy of MoF OM No. CPAO/Tech/Life Certificate/2014-15/ Dated 28.07.2014

Subject: – Requirement of Life Certificate at the time of first credit of pension.

It has been observed that banks insist on the pensioners to physically appear in the bank to prove their existence to enable the bank authorities to issue Life Certificate before commencing first payment of pension. In this context, as per existing arrangement no provision of submission of life certificate at the time of First credit of pension is available. Moreover, as conveyed by this office OM No. CPAO/Tech/Simplification/2014-15/19 dated-28.05.2014 (copy enclosed) physical appearance in the paying branch is no longer required even for identification of pensioner. The bank has to identify the pensioner with reference to the information already available with bank obtained through KYC at the time of opening of bank account. Therefore, Heads of Govt. Business Department of all banks are advised to instruct their CPPC and paying branches not to insist on the pensioners to issue life certificate at the time of first credit of pension. This issues with the approval of competent authority.

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Reg:- Grievances of Railway employees/pensioners and their family- reg. Health Unit, Chandigarh.

Item-wise remarks of Railways Senior Citizens Welfare Society letter no. RSCEV/S11(O/CMD/2014-3 dated 10-06-2014 are as follows:

1. The doctors selected through UPSC are not joining Railway services because of better offers from outside. Even Contract Medical Practitioners are not joining the Railways. However, a proposal for engagement of 44 Contract Medical Practitioners is under process and it is likely that 44 CMPs will be selected in due course of time. The fresh Panel of UPSC is also likely to come soon.

2. Doctors are being deputed from Ambala Divisional Hospital to Health Unit, Chandigarh for the same.

3. Railway Medical officer are already authorized to refer case to any Govt. Hospital / Institution.

4. Any authorized Railway Medical officer can refer the patient to Fortis Hospital if there is life threatening Medical Emergency.

5" Fortis Hospital, Mohali is already giving cashless services to Railway beneficiaries

6. Northern Railway Central Hospital New Delhi is having all the facilities for ortho and Joint Replacement.

7 " For Smart card facility, the decision on recommendations of the committee formed by Railway Board, to examine the subject matter has not been finalized so far.

8. No post of Radiographer is sanctioned for Chandigarh and hence X-ray machine cannot be installed. Similarly no post of Pathologist Technician is sanctioned for Health Unit, Chandigarh.

Posting of Hospital attendant and *Safaiwala* are under consideration of CMS/UMB. At present Hospital attendant and *Safaiwala* are being deputed from Health Unit, Kalka.

CMS Ambala has already apprised to Sr. DEE/G/UMB for requirements of Fan, Water-cooler and other electrical items required for Health Unit, Chandigarh.

GS AIRF urges Railway Board to improve Medical Facilities at Chandigarh

General Secretary AIRF Com. SG Mishra, while fully endorsing the letter of Secretary General RSCWS, has urged the Director General Railway Health Services (RHS) Railway Board to provide proper Medical facilities in the NR Health Unit Chandigarh including posting of a regular Doctor and Para-Medical Staff as well as to remove other problems brought out by RSCWS in its letter.

Secretary General RSCWS, Shri Harchandan Singh has also been regularly pursuing through personal calls to CMS Ambala Dr. Iqbal Singh to resolve the day to day problems also – regarding issue of Medicines as prescribed by Specialised Doctors, streamlining procedure for Local Purchase of Medicines and Referring of cases to PGI Chandigarh etc. RSCWS is also pursuing the cases for extension of empanelment of Fortis – which had expired on 8th September, 2014 as well as coverage of additional specialties – including Joint Replacement and Cancer etc. for treatment of Railway Pensioners and other Beneficiaries in the Tri-City.

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