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FOR MEMBERS ONLY

Cases under consideration by Railways for Recognition of Fortis, Ivy & Mukat Hospitals in Tri-city

Fortis, Ivy & Mukat Hospitals may soon be recognised early by the Railways. Cases under of all the three Hospitals are under consideration by the Railways. This will fulfil a long pending demand of the Senior Citizens residing in the Tri-city of Chandigarh, Panchkula & Mohali and culmination of years of efforts by RSCWS. A team of top ranking officers had visited the Tri-city some times back & short listed these Hospitals for Recognition by the Railways for treatment in case of Emergency & as referral Hospitals for specified Medical Problems.

Government dilutes Sixth Pay Commission recommendations for Fixing Pension of Pre-2006 retirees at minimum of

50% of Pay in Pay Band & Grade Pay of Post from which one retired

Government has dilutes Sixth Pay Commission recommendations for Fixing Pension of Pre-2006 retirees at 50% of Pay in Pay Band plus Grade Pay of the pre-revised Pay Scale of the Post from which one retired.

While the Government had earlier accepted the recommendations of the Sixth CPC, in this regard & issued a Gazetted notification accordingly, but the Department of Personnel & Pensioners Welfare had modified the orders through a clarification and de-linked the minimum fixation from the 50 % of the Pay in the Pay Band plus Grade Pay in the corresponding pre-revised Pay Scale.

RSCWS has strongly represented against this injustice to the Prime Minister and others concerned. It has also urged upon other Associations of the Pensioners all over India to similarly represent the matter. It is also proposed to raise the issue under RTI Act

(Please see the copy of the Memorandum inside)

RSCWS may extend Associate Membership to

Employees on verge of retirement & Pensioners residing outside Tri-city

Responding to a popular demand by many employees on verge of retirement & Pensioners residing in various parts of the country, RSCWS may extend Associate Membership to Pensioners residing outside tri-city. A proposal to this effect shall be put up before the Annual General Body Meeting of RSCWS, to be held at Mukat Hospital, Chandigarh, on January, 18, 2009.

Another proposal which may be considered by the AGM shall be to increase the Annual Subscription to Rs 200 and Life Membership to Rs 1500 (instead of Rs 150 & Rs 1000 respectively at present), except for Associate Members for which a lower Annual Subscription may be considered by the AGM.

NOTICE – ANNUAL GENERAL BODY MEETING - RSCWS

ANNUAL GENERAL BODY MEETING OF RAILWAY SENIOR CITIZENS WELFARE SOCIETY

SHALL BE HELD ON SUNDAY, 18TH JANUARY, 2009 FROM 10 TO 2 PM

AT MUKAT HOSPITAL, (BEHIND PICADILY CINEMA,) SECTOR 34, CHANDIGARH.

MEMBERS OF RSCWS ARE REQUESTED TO PLEASE ATTEND POSITIVELY -

ALONG WITH THEIR SPOUSES & OTHER SENIOR CITIZENS OF RAILWAYS.

AGENDA: ANNUAL REPORT OF ACTIVITIES, ACCOUNTS, CONSTITUTION AMENDMENTS & ELECTIONS

SPECIAL PROGRAMME: HONOURING OF GOLDEN AGE & SENIOR CITIZEN MEMBERS

(WHO HAVE CROSSED 80 & 65 YEARS DURING THE YEAR WITH 2 YEARS MEMBERSHIP OF RSCWS)

SEMINAR ON "IMPROVED LIFE STYLE TO AVOID CARDIAC PROBLEMS"

FREE MEDICAL CAMP FOLLOWED BY COMMUNITY LUNCH

Harchandan Singh, Secretary, RSCWS

Memorandum to Prime Minister from Secretary, RSCWS,

Regarding Implementation of Sixth CPC Report & Disparities in Pension of Pre-2006 & Post-2006 Retirees

Ref:- DOP letter o. 38/37/08-P&PW (A), dated 1.9.08 & F.No. 38/37/08-P&PW (A) pt.1 dated 3. 10. 2008

1. The Government had accepted the following recommendations of the Sixth Pay Commission and issued the orders accordingly, vide its orders dated 1.9.2008 (*supra*):

"4.2 The fixation of pension will be subject to the provision that the revised pension, in no case, shall be lower than fifty percent of the pay in the revised pay band plus the grade pay corresponding to the pre-revised pay scale from which the pensioner retired. In case of HAG + and above, this will be fifty percent of the minimum of the revised pay scale."

2. The clarification contained in the OM dated 3rd October, 2008 *supra*, in respect of Para 4.2 of OM dated 1st September, 2008, is more of a modification than a clarification as it has totally changed the intent of Para 4.2 as well as that of 6th CPC Report - inasmuch as that as per accepted 6th CPC Report, pension was to be not less than 50% of the sum of the minimum of the pay in the Pay Band and the Grade Pay "corresponding to the pre-revised pay scale" from which the pensioner had retired, whereas now it is changed to minimum of Pay Band "irrespective of the pre-revised scale of pay" plus the Grade Pay .

3. This is not only against the spirit of the recommendations of the Sixth Pay Commission but also against the very spirit of the established Law upheld by the Apex court as well as contrary to the orders of the Government of India in this regard issued after the Fifth Pay Commission Report. Thousands of Pre-2006 pensioners will unjustly suffer substantial recurring financial loss, (as per details indicated in the Annexure – (Annexure not printed here. Please see summary of the Annexure in the Table below)

4. As a result of this change in the method of calculation of pension for pre-2006 pensioners, two major disparities have arisen, as clearly illustrated in Annexure (Not printed here. See summary in the Table below)

i) Firstly, the pension worked out at 50% of sum of minimum of Pay Band plus Grade Pay and pension of post-2006 pensioner at minimum of scale of pay at 50% of the sum of minimum of the pay in Pay Band and Grade Pay when compared, clearly shows that there is an appreciable financial loss to pre-2006 pensioners compared to similarly placed post-2006 incumbents (as per details indicated in the table below). The worst hit pensioners are from S-30 in PB 4, the difference being of Rs 7,225 p.m. in basic pension. This difference in basic pension in other Pay Bands is Rs 1585 in PB 1, Rs 2790 in PB 2 and Rs 4060 in PB 3.

Pay Band/scales	Difference in pension p.m. of Pre& Post 2006 pensioners
PB 1 (S 4 – S 8)	Rs 165 to 1585
PB 2 (S 9 – S 15)	Rs 465 to 2790
PB 3 (S 16 - S 23)	Rs 570 to 3360
PB 4 (S 24 – S 30)	Rs 1145 to 7225

ii) The pension of a pre-2006 pensioner shall be even lesser than the 50 % of the Entry Pay in the revised pay structure for new recruits appointed on or after 1.1.2006

iii) Pension of a pre-2006 pensioner and retiring from a higher post / pay scale would be lower than a post-2006 pensioner, retiring from lower pay scale / scales, example being as follows:

- Pension of S-6 (PB 1) will be Rs 3600, whereas the pension of a post-2006 pensioner retiring from minimum of scale of S-5 and S-4 works out to Rs 3890 and 3665 respectively.
- Pension of S-15 (PB 2) will be Rs 7350, whereas the pension of a post-2006 pensioner retiring from minimum of scale of S-14 and S-13 will be Rs 9375 and 9230 respectively.
- Pension of S-23 (PB 3) will be Rs 11600, whereas the pension of a post-2006 pensioner retiring from minimum of scale of S-22 to S-18 will be Rs 15660, 14960, 13205, 12600 and 12905 respectively.
- Pension of S-29 (PB 4) will be Rs 23,700 whereas the pension of a post 2006 pensioner retired from minimum of scale of S-27 & S-26 will be Rs 24,295 and that of S-25 to Rs 24195.
- Apart from the above examples, there are many other similar cases.

5. It will be observed from the aforementioned facts, that as a result of discriminatory policy, not only the pre-2006 pensioners will get lower pension than Post-2006 pensioners retiring at the minimum of the identical pre-revised scale but also a situation has arisen where even the juniors retiring at the minimum of pre-revised scale will get a higher pension than a pre-2006 pensioner retiring from a higher grade.

6. By applying different yardsticks - namely "minimum pay in the Pay Band" in one case and "minimum of the Pay Band" in the other - for the pension of two identical cases separated by a line of pre & post 2006 pensioners, it gives rise to a class within the class. This question was taken up by a Constitution Bench of Supreme Court of India in the case of *D.S.Nakara and others vs. Union of India (1983)* where in no uncertain terms throughout the judgement it has been repeatedly observed that the date of retirement of an employee cannot form a valid criterion for classification, for if that is the criterion those who retired by the end of the month will form a class by themselves. Such classification based on a cut off date has been held arbitrary and unprincipled which does not stand the test of Article 14 of Constitution of India.

7. Since, the orders for payment of enhanced pension are to be issued as per latest OM of 14th October, 2008 and the arrears, based thereon, are to be paid by 15-11-2008, it is requested that, the said injustice be redressed early and the pension for pre-2006 and post-2006 pensioners be made uniform and it should not be less than 50% of the sum of the minimum of pay in the Pay Band and the Grade Pay thereon corresponding to the pre-revised pay scale, as per accepted recommendations of 6th CPC Report.

**Application Form for Revision of Pension /
Family Pension & issue of Revised PPO
For Pre-2006 Pensioners / Family Pensioners
As per Sixth Pay Commission**

*To be submitted to Pension Sanctioning Authority –
(Through Settlement Section), HQ Office / Division / Workshop
(From which concerned Railway employee retired)*

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_____.

Subject:- Revision of Pension / Family Pension
- (In terms of Recommendations of 6th CPC)

Ref.:- Rly. Bds. Letter No. F(E)III/2008/PN1/12 Dtd 8.9.2008

Name of the Applicant:- _____

Designation & Station :- _____

Department:- _____

Date of Birth :- _____

Date of retirement/ Death of Railway Servant _____

Last Pay drawn: - Rs _____

in the Scale of _____
REVISED TO Rs _____ wef 1.1. 1996

IN THE PAY SCALE OF Pay _____

PPO Number and Date i) _____ Dtd. _____

ii) _____ Dtd. _____

Name & address of Bank & Pension Paying Branch :-

Saving Bank Account Number:- _____

Pension / Consolidated Pension:- Rs _____

Revised Pension by Bank
(as on 01.01.06) _____

(For pre-2006 pensioners)
Present Address. _____

Details of Family members Eligible for family pension
with date of birth (proof of Date of Birth must be enclosed)

Date:- _____

Place:- _____

_____ (Signature)

ENCLOSURE:- **Any one of the following as**

Proof of age of Spouse / eligible family member:

i) Birth Certificate, ii) School leaving Certificate,

iii) Identity Card issued by Railways,

iv) Medical ID card issued by Railways

v) Pass ID Card, vi) Medical Identity Card

vii) PAN Card, viii) Pass Port, ix) Voter ID Card

x) Affidavit (attested by Magistrate

**Option Form for Revised Pay Structure
For Post-2006 Pensioners
As per Sixth Pay Commission**

*(To be submitted to Pension Sanctioning Authority –
(Through Settlement Section), HQ Office / Division / Workshop
(From which concerned Railway employee retired)*

1. I Shri / Smt / Ms.....

Here by elect the Revised Pay w.e.f. 1st January, 2006.

OR

2. I Shri / Smt / Ms

hereby elect to continue on the existing Scale of Pay

of my substantive/officiating Post mentioned below:

Date

Place: (Signature)

Name

Designation

Department.....

Station

PF A/C No.

**OPTION Form for Revised Commutation
For Post-2006 Pensioners**

I, Shri/Smt/Ms

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hereby opt commuting the amount of pension

that has become additionally commutable

on account of retrospective revision of pension.

Date.....

Place: (Signature)

Name

Designation

Department.....

Station

PF A/C No.

Tributes to Mumbai Martyrs

We salute & pay our humble tribute to all the Policemen and Soldiers who laid down their lives while fighting the 26.11 war against Terrorists at Mumbai. We also express our heartfelt condolences for all those who lost their lives in this unprecedented tragedy and express our sympathy for the bereaved families as well as for all those who personally went through the prolonged trauma of captivity.

Readers!

**Send your Articles, News & views for
Publication in the "Rail Sampark" to:
Harchandan Singh, Secretary, Railway Senior
Citizens Welfare Society
Head Office: 32, Phase 6, Mohali – 160055
(Phone 0172 2228306, 09316131598)**

Banks to give to Pensioners Due & Drawn statement for arrears

Instructions have been issued by the Government of India, Ministry of Finance (*vide its DO letters no CPAO/Tech/Misc/1281 dated 14.10.08 and 17.10.08*), to all Banks to give to Pensioners Due & Drawn statement for arrears on enhanced amount of Pension, in order to make the procedure more transparent.

Pensioners should apply to Pension Sanctioning Authority for revised PPO

All Pensioners are advised to apply to Pension Sanctioning Authority – (Settlement Section) HQ Office / Division / Workshop (*from which the Railway employee retired*) for revised PPO, before 15th January, 2009. The application is to be submitted in triplicate, on a prescribed form, along with attested copy of any one of the following Proof of age of self & wife / eligible family member:

i) Birth Certificate, ii) School leaving Certificate, iii) Identity Card issued by Railways, iv) Medical ID card issued by Railways vi) Pass ID Card, vii) Medical Identity Card viii) PAN Card, ix) Pass Port, x) Voter ID Card xi) Affidavit (*attested by Magistrate*). (*See copy of Application form inside*)

Pensioners – Do apply for & preserve a certified copy of Service Book on nominal cost Government of India decision No.(5) below GFR 81 - CHAPTER 4

4.16 A certified copy of service book may be supplied on payment of a copying fee Rs. 5/- to a Government servant who asks for it on quitting Government service, by retirement, discharge or death.

Symptoms of Heart Attack accepted by Railways as Emergency

(*Courtesy S. C. Maheshwari, General Secretary, RREWA*)

Information provided under RTI by the Railway Board (*vide letter no. 2006/H-1/13/RTI dated 5.6.2007*)

1. It is true that any heart attack mild, major or acute, if not treated in time, will cause some permanent damage to heart muscles.

2. Patient should report to nearest competent doctor for consultation & further advice, in case of any of the following symptoms:

<p>i) Pain anywhere in chest region or ii) Pain in abdominal region. - Rush to nearest competent doctor with adequate facilities. iii) a) Sudden weakness in one or both upper or lower limbs or b) Sudden weakness in one or both upper or lower limbs accompanied with loss of grip or giddiness – Rush to nearest hospital with adequate neurological facilities.</p>	<p>iv) Pain in shoulder extending towards elbow – with or without pain in chest region – - Rush to nearest competent doctor with adequate facilities. v) Perspiration with breathing problems. - Rush to nearest competent doctor with adequate facilities.</p>
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VISIT OUR WEBSITE <http://www.rscws.com> for Orders issued Government / DOP / Railways

- All orders & Notifications on implementation of Sixth Pay Commission in respect of Pensioners.
- Dearness Relief to CG Pensioners/Family Pensioners
- Railway Boards Orders regulating pension/gratuity/commutation of pensioners
- Fixation Tables & Calculators for Revise Pay / Pension & Arrears in a second!
- Circulars and Orders of Railway Board on Medical Reimbursement, Passes etc. etc.
- Codes and Manuals Indian Railways
- Links to all important websites ----- AND MUCH MORE

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Administrative Orders & other features of interest of Pensioners**

Secretary, RSCWS

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