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DELHI HIGH COURT REJECTS GOVT. APPEAL & UPHOLDS CAT JUDGEMENT ON MODIFIED PARITY & QUASHING DOP OM DATED 3-10-2008 & 14-10-2008

Petition of the Government of India (against the judgement of CAT New Delhi in OA 655/2010), has been "Dismissed" by a Division Bench of Delhi High Court in WP 1535/2012 vide its judgement Dated 29-4-2013, where in Delhi High Court has upheld the said judgement of CAT (Central Administrative Tribunal). High Court has concurred with the Judgement of the Punjab and Haryana High Court in *W.P.(C) No.19641/2009 R.K.Aggarwal & Ors.-Vs-State of Haryana & Ors.* Delhi High Court has held as under:

"8. We are in complete agreement with the reasoning of the Division Bench of the Punjab & Haryana High Court and adopt the same and do not burden ourselves any further. We conclude by noting that as regards the substance of the view taken by the Tribunal, even the Central Government accepts its correctness, but insists to make the same applicable prospectively.

"9. The writ petitions are dismissed. The decision of the Full Bench of the Tribunal is upheld -----"

Haryana Government has filed an SLP against the judgement of Punjab & Haryana High Court.

RSCWS APPEALS TO PRIME MINISTER TO IMPLEMENT THE DELHI HC JUDGEMENT

RSCWS has appealed to the Prime Minister to implement the judgement of the Delhi High Court and requested the Govt. that the minimum Pension of Pre 2006 Pensioners as fixed in OM dated 28-1-2013 be made effective from 1-1-2006 and suitable directive may please be issued for payment of arrears at the earliest as per judgment of Full Bench of Principal Bench CAT as upheld by Delhi High Court. The said order of DOP(P&PW) dated 3-10-2008, has since been quashed by as many as 11 (Eleven) different Benches of CAT as well as by Punjab & Haryana High Court (in 40 Cases filed by different Applicants (as per details submitted with the Memorandum submitted by RSCWS).

CAVEAT FILED IN SC TO FORESTALL EX-PARTE STAY ON CAT/DHC VERDICTS

A Caveat has been filed by S 29 SAG Pensioners Association in SC to forestall GOI obtaining any ex-parte stay on CAT/DHC verdicts in case of Modified A Contempt Petition has been filed by the Association, in CAT Delhi, against non implementation of its judgement. Hearing has been fixed on 7th August, 2013.

Government was however, yet undecided in the matter till the end of June – i.e. the time of this issue of PRS going to the Press. It had had neither issued the orders – implementing the Judgement of the High Court & CAT Delhi, nor had it filed an SLP in the Supreme Court on the issue. (For details visit Website www.rscws.com).

FMA OF EPFO PENSIONERS INCREASED TO RS. 2000 PM

RSCWS SUBMITS ANOTHER MEMORANDUM TO PM TO INCREASE FMA OF CG PENSIONERS

FMA of EPFO Employees & Pensioners has been revised from Rs.1200 to Rs. 2000 PM w.e.f. 1-3-2013. RSCWS has submitted another Memorandum to the Prime Minister to revise the Fixed Medical Allowance (FMA) of Pensioners and Family Pensioners (who opt out of OPD treatment under CGHS / RELHS), to Rs.1200 p.m. from 1-1-97 and to Rs. 2000 PM w.e.f. 1-3-2013 - at par with EPFO & In proportion to expenditure of Rs.2000 per head/pm on OPD Treatment in CGHS.

We Pay Our Homage to thousands of victims of Uttarakhand Floods. We appeal to all to donate liberally; AND Send DD or Cheque in favour of "Prime Ministers Relief Fund" to PMO Office, South Block, New Delhi- 110001 DONATIONS TO "PRIME MINISTERS RELIEF FUND" ARE EXEMPT FROM INCOME TAX UNDER SECTION 80 G OF IT ACT.

NOTICE – MEMBERS RSCWS - PLEASE ATTEND ALONG WITH YOUR SPOUSE & OTHER RAIL PENSIONERS OBSERVANCE OF 22ND FOUNDATION DAY OF RSCWS & GENERAL BODY MEETING OF RSCWS AND MEDICAL SEMINAR ON "TREATMENT OF JOINT PROBLEMS & LATEST TECHNOLOGY FOR KNEE REPLACEMENT" TO BE HELD FROM 9-45 AM ON 11TH AUGUST, 2013, AT HOTEL SHIVALIK VIEW, SECTOR 17, CHANDIGARH SHRI S. G. MISHRA, GENERAL SECRETARY AIRF, SHALL BE THE CHIEF GUEST

AGENDA: RELEASE OF NEW DIRECTORY OF RSCWS, CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES & CONSTITUTION AMENDMENTS ADOPTED IN THE LAST GENERAL BODY MEETING (SEE PAGE 5), REVIEW OF LATEST ORDERS ON PENSION, DECISION ON PROPOSED COURT CASES FOR RISE OF FMA & PENSION, ANY OTHER POINT WITH THE PERMISSION OF THE CHAIR (PLEASE JOIN US FOR BRUNCH AFTER THE MEETING)

– President & Secretary General RSCWS

RSCWS EXECUTIVE FORMS SUB-COMMITTEES
TO LOOK AFTER THE WELFARE & HEALTH CARE OF MEMBERS

SUB-COMMITTEES OF RSCWS – (2013-15) – NOMINATED BY E.C. ON 19-5-2013			
NAME OF SUB-COMMITTEE	MAIN DUTIES & RESPONSIBILITIES	MEMBERS	PH/MOB NO
1. Welfare SUB-Committee – CHANDIGARH-RSCWS	1. Welfare, Health Care & inter-action with members & ECMs in the area 2. To help in collecting the dues from Members incl. Membership, Donations and Legal Fund. 3. Raising Funds for the Society – through Advertisement & Sponsorships. 4. Co-ordinate with Treasurer for raising of funds. 5. Coordinate with Secy. Genl. & President for updates on activities	Sh. Harbans Singh –l/c	09316117032
		Sh. H. S. Sachdeva	09876934244
		Sh. Bipin Bihari	09592008139
		Sh. Harcharan Singh	09356476931
		Sh. B. B. Sharma	01722721139
		Sh. Mohinder Singh	09814564191
2. Welfare SUB-Committee – PANCHKULA - RSCWS	- Do -	Sh. O. S. Dogra	01722556453
		Sh. Parkash Chand	09216996008
		Sh. A. K. Sud	09417194405
		Sh. Man Singh Sethi	98722-15280
		Sh. C. P. Singh	09888054477
3. Welfare Committee – MOHALI - RSCWS	- Do -	Sh. G. S. Sethi	9417492026
		Sh. S. S. Sahota	07355547764
		Sh. Sukhdev Singh	01722264002
		Sh. Khem Singh	09316117537
		Sh. Kamaljit Singh	09888060396
4. AUDIT & ACCOUNTS SUB-COMMITTEE	i) Maintain the Accounts. ii) Brief statement of Funds to E.C. every 3 months & Detailed Statement in AGM i) Issue Membership Cards ii) Regular check & Audit of Accounts	A/c - Sh K. S. Bhandari	01722711641 09815012641
		Qtly Ac St.-Sh Bipin Bihari	09592008139
		Audit - Sh H.S. Sachdeva	09876934244
		Check - Sh T. S. Chawla	09872040712
		Sh T. S. Chawla	9872040712
5. CULTURAL SUB-COMMITTEE	Organise cultural Prog/activities – with internal & external talents.	Conv: Sh H. S. Sachdeva	09876934244
		Smt. Rama Dogra	09357556453
		Sh. Khem Singh	09316117537
6. EVENT MANAGEMENT HOSPITALITY SUB-COMMITTEE	1. Fixing of Date & Venue of Meetings/ Seminars/ Med. Camps & Picnics etc. and Make arrangements for the above. 2. Coordinate with President & Secretary General & other EC Members.	Sh. Bipin Bihari	09592008139
		Sh. Kamaljit Singh	09888060396
		Sh. Harcharan Singh	09356476931
		Sh. Mohinder Singh	09814564191
7. CORE COMMITTEE	1. Representations to DRM, CMS, GM, RB etc on collective and individual problems of Pensioners. 2. Empanelment of Hospitals & Corporate Relations 3. To file and pursue Court Cases in consultation with Legal experts. 4. To coordinate with other organizations for above. 5. Publication of News Letter (PRS), Books, Pamphlets & Directory etc. 6. Ensure publicity of activities of the Society amongst Press & Media and amongst the Members. 7. Updating of Website rscws.com	STANDING COMMITTEE	
		Sh. M. S. Batra	0988323369
		Sh. N. P. Mohan	2772875 9417870544
		Sh. G. S. Sethi.	09417492026
		Sh. O. S. Dogra	01722556453
		Sh. Gurdeep Singh	09888085032
		Sh S. S. Sahota	07355547764
		Sh. Harchandan Singh	01722228306
		Mob: 09569631598	09316131598
		SUB-COMMITTEE	
		Sh. Khem Singh	09316117537
		Sh. Bipin Bihari	09592008139
		Sh. Harcharan Singh	09356476931
		Sh. B. B. Sharma	01722721139
		Sh. Mohinder Singh	09814564191

NOTE: Members of RSCWS & other Railway Pensioners are advised to contact the Members of the Sub-Committees of their respective areas to pay their Subscription & other dues to them and for any other help required.

RSCWS Executive Committee decides on schedule of Meetings

It has been decided by the Executive Committee of RSCWS to observe the following schedule for holding the meetings of General Body & Executive Committee of the Society:

- i) Bi-monthly Meetings of the Executive Committee of RSCWS shall normally be held once in 2 months (in every “even” month i.e. February, April, June, August, October & December). However, Special Meetings of the EC may be called as & when required.
- ii) Four Quarterly Meetings of the General Body (GB) of RSCWS shall normally be held every year – including the AGM in January and 3 GBMs in April, July and October.

MINUTES OF GENERAL BODY MEETING OF RSCWS

HELD ON 27-4-2013 AT HOTEL CHANDIGARH BEACKONS, SECTOR 42, CHANDIGARH

Meeting was presided over by Sh. N. P. Mohan, President RSCWS. Meeting was largely attended by 85 Members. Sh. S. C. Maheshwari, Secretary General BPS was the Chief Guest.

1. Sh. N. P. Mohan in his opening address welcomed the Members. He referred to the important development since last AGM of 27th January namely the orders issued by DOP relating to the stepping up of pension (based on modified parity) and revising the minimum pension from an arbitrary date of 24/9/2012 instead of 1/1/2006 thus depriving the pensioners from arrears of about 7 years. The verdict of the CAT Pr Bench for re-fixing pension from 1-1-2006 challenged by Govt in Delhi HC was fixed for 29th April.

He thanked the Members for electing him as the President of the Society and assured them of putting in all the efforts for the cause of the Society. He exhorted the members to help in strengthening the Society by enrolling new members through their personal contacts. He mentioned about the proposed amendments to Constitution (circulated to the members) for which their approval will be sought.

2. Sh. M. S. Batra, Chairman while appreciating the efforts of the Society in resolving the problems of the Pensioners, called upon the Members to help in further expanding the organization and to donate liberally to the Legal and General Fund of the Society.

3. Shri Harchandan Singh Secretary General informed about the progress made for improving the health care facilities for Railway Pensioners residing in the tri-city of Chandigarh, Mohali and Panchkula - including the continuing efforts for recognition of Private Hospitals in the area by the Railways. The empanelment of Fortis Hospital Mohali had been renewed up to September 2013 for Cardiology & Cardiac Surgery. Fortis had also since applied for empanelment for other 6 Super-Specialties for Railway Beneficiaries.

Singh regretted that non-issue of Revised Pension Pay Orders (PPOs) by the Railways was a matter of great concern to Railway Pensioners and Family Pensioners. With the issue of the new orders of DOP dated 28-1-2013 & Railway Board's Orders dated 11-2-2013 – for re-fixing the minimum Pension & FP for each 5th CPC corresponding scale as per Sixth CPC formula for Modified Parity w.e.e.f. 24-9-2012, it had become even more necessary to get the Re-Revised PPOs by Pre 2006 Pensioners. As such more intensive efforts are required to get it done.

He informed that the hearing of the Appeal of the Govt. against CAT Judgement was fixed on 29-4-2013. The Petition for higher FMA had been drafted, but due to inadequate funds, BPS was being urged to join the case as a Co-applicant and to share the expenses. BPS in the meanwhile agreed to seek legal opinion for the case for 3 times rise of Pension uniformly for all Pre 2006 Pensioners at par with those from S 24 and above.

4. **CONSTITUTION AMENDMENTS:** Secretary General Shri Harchandan Singh moved the Amendments – as approved by the Executive Committee. He urged the Members to finally approve and adopt the same (as per copy circulated to all the Members). After discussions, the Amendments in the Constitution of RSCWS were approved and adopted unanimously – as per copy attached herewith.

5. a) **MEDICAL CAMP:** A Medical Camp & Seminar on “Prevention & Treatment of Diabetes in old age” was also held on the occasion and free Blood test of all the Members was done. All those having high blood sugar were given free consultation and the Diet Chart for controlling the Blood Sugar.

b) **MEDICAL SEMINAR:** Dr. K. P. Singh, Senior Consultant (Endocrinology), Fortis Hospital, Mohali, explained in detail the reasons for high density of Diabetic patients in India – especially in old age groups. He also explained the change in dietary habits and life style required to be followed by the Diabetic patients. He also inter-acted with the audience and explained the treatment of Diabetes - including the modern devices for management of diabetes.

c) Shri N. P. Mohan and Shri Batra thanked and honoured Dr K. P. Singh and Mrs Rupinder Kaur (In-charge Fortis City Centre) for arranging such useful Camp and Seminar.

6. Shri Harchandan Singh welcomed Shri S. C. Maheshwari, Secretary General BPS. Shri Singh highlighted the problems of the Pensioners – especially in the tri-city due lack of Health Care facilities and low Fixed Medical Allowance. He urged Shri Maheshwari to take up the case on revision of FMA in the Court of law through BPS. A complete file of the case reg. FMA (containing over 300 pages received under the RTI, and the draft of the Petition for higher FMA – prepared by the Senior Advocate at Chandigarh) was handed over by Shri N. P. Mohan to Shri Maheshwari. Stressing on the inadequacy of FMA affecting pensioners all over, Shri Mohan emphasized that BPS was the right forum for piloting the legal course. - Continued on Page 6

AN APPEAL FOR LEGAL FUND

Funds are urgently required to fight the two Court cases for Revision of FMA to Rs.2000 PM & Three times rise of Pension (instead of 2.26 times) to Pensioners of S 4 to S 23. Majority of the Members of RSCWS, residing in the Tri-city of Chandigarh, Panchkula & Mohali have contributed Rs.1000 each towards the Legal Fund. We appeal to the left out Members and to all the Railway Pensioners & Family Pensioners to contribute liberally to the Legal Fund of RSCWS. DONATIONS & SUBSCRIPTIONS MAY BE SENT BY LOCAL / AT PAR CHEQUES OR DD OR M.O. IN FAVOUR OF “RAILWAY SENIOR CITIZENS WELFARE SOCIETY” – OR MAY BE PAID IN CASH TO – Sh. K.S. BHANDARI, TREASURER, RSCWS, 3098, SECTOR 22-D, CHANDIGARH (PH. 2711641 & 9815012641).. – Executive Committee, RSCWS

MINUTES OF GENERAL BODY MEETING OF RSCWS (CONTINUED FROM LAST PAGE)

7. ADDRESS BY S. C. MAHESHWARI: Shri S. C Maheshwari, Secretary General, Bharat Pensioners' Samaj (BPS), in his address Mentioned the following points:

i) He emphasized the need for a united struggle by the Pensioners – including resort to the legal remedies to resolve the serious problems faced by the Pensioners – especially due to anomalies created in fixation of Revised pension after the Sixth Pay Commission and pittance of Fixed Medical Allowance (FMA) paid to the Pensioners for day-to-day treatment – while residing in far flung areas where no Railway Hospitals were available.

ii) He explained to the large audience that there are two main categories of grievances of Pensioners; No1 With reference to correct & timely implementation of existing Govt. policies Rules/regulations & procedures; and No2. Regarding Improvement/amendments of existing policies/Rules& regulations etc

iii) Speaking on Grievances relating to implementation of existing policies, Rules & regulation, he informed that after prolonged efforts - On line & offline systems to redress grievances of Pensioners/Family Pensioners is now in place. Nodal officers at all levels have been nominated, time line & the procedure has been laid down .Even Citizen Charter for M/O PPG & Pensions-DOPPW is in place. A step towards personal hearing of grievances by concerned officers on nominated days of the week has been taken. Some Divisions have started a Desk named 'Astha' under direct monitoring of DRM & SR DPO which attends to Pensioners/family pensioners grievances in time bound manner.

iv) Regarding grievances like removal of disparity between post & pre 2006 & within pre 2006 retirees, applicability of new benefits to pre 2006 retirees, merger of 50% DR as DP, raising FMA to Rs 1200, restoration of commuted value of Pension in 12 years, Old age additional pension starting from 65 yrs, Companion on PR Rly Passes in the same class w/o payment of any Charges, issues related to RELHS etc. Shri Maheshwari rued that though some issues related to RELHS were resolved but implementation was awaited.

v) He said “pensioners today are passing through a very difficult time with ever rising cost of living & health care rendering pension grossly inadequate”. The Govt. was not prepared to consider our just demands and does not bother to redress our grievances adequately. The next decade will be one of struggle, not only for Pensioners but for the entire community of Sr citizen & organizations will have to determine whether - Co-operation is a better model or the conflict?”

vi) Referring to FMA he informed that BPS was seized of the issue right from 2005 & had been demanding Rs 1200 as FMA without distance restriction and with linkage to inflation. M/O Health & family welfare, in their reply to BPS, has committed that they had no objection if FMA is raised to Rs 1200/ & that BPS representation is now pending with the Minister for Finance.

vii) Regarding RSCWS request for filing legal suit for raising FMA, he said that legal recourse is the last alternative, as it not only involves huge expenditure but lot of strain & stress on litigants. He informed the audience that presently BPS is seized of the issue of equal percentage rise in pension of all pre 2006 Pensioners & that legal consultations were on.

viii) He, however, assured that after studying the information provided by RSCWS and obtaining legal advice, issue will be put up to BPS Managing committee for suitable decision. Maheshwari, emphasized, that to get desired results legal battle alone is not sufficient, it is to be supplemented by field struggle too which involves discussions with concerned officers to create favorable opinion as well as show of strength in field to earn political favor.

ix) He said, “Let's then mobilize ourselves in a big way, convincing the public opinion that we are not a burden & that we are not asking for largesse but our own rights established by none else than the apex court of the country. Let the Govt. & the political parties realize that we too have a vote Bank & that they will not be able to neglect us for long”.

8. Shri N. P Mohan President RSCWS in his concluding speech called upon the Govt to ameliorate the problems of the Pensioners – especially those residing in the tri-city by upgrading the Heath Care facilities at Chandigarh, recognising Private Hospitals in the tri-city for treatment of Railway Pensioners and their dependants and to increasing the FMA adequately for those not getting OPD facilities.

Meeting dispersed after a vote of thanks to the chair & others.

Sd/- N. P. MOHAN,
PRESIDENT RSCWS

Sd/- HARCHANDAN SINGH,
SECRETARY GENERAL RSCWS

RAILWAY PENSIONERS / FAMILY PENSIONERS BE ACTIVE MEMBERS OF RSCWS
PAY YOUR SUBSCRIPTION FOR RSCWS EARLY @ Rs. 300 PA IF NOT DONE ALREADY
 (ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP RS.100 PA (INCLUDING JOURNAL), - FOR THOSE RESIDING OUTSIDE CHD, PKL & MHL)
DONATE LIBERALLY TO LEGAL-CUM-STRUGGLE FUND TO FIGHT FOR THE CAUSE OF PENSIONERS
DONATIONS & SUBSCRIPTIONS MAY BE SENT BY LOCAL / AT PAR CHEQUES OR DD OR M.O. IN FAVOUR OF
“RAILWAY SENIOR CITIZENS WELFARE SOCIETY” – OR MAY BE PAID IN CASH TO –
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- President & Secretary General, RSCWS

LIST OF NEW MEMBERS & DONORS DURING THE YEAR SHALL BE PUBLISHED IN OCT-DEC ISSUE OF PRS

AMENDMENTS IN THE CONSTITUTION OF RSCWS ADOPTED BY GENERAL BODY IN THE MEETING HELD ON 27-4-2013 & PROPOSED TO BE CONFIRMED IN THE GENERAL BODY MEETING ON 11-8-2013

- II. OFFICE:** i) Registered Office of the Society shall be located at Chandigarh.
 ii) Head Office of the Society may be either at Chandigarh, Mohali or Panchkula either at the residence of the Secretary General or President or at any other suitable place in the tri-city.
 iii) Any change in the address shall be notified to the Registrar within 14 days.
- IV) C) BRANCHES:** Branches of the Society may be formed, with the approval of the Central Executive Committee - wherever 20 or more Retired Railway Officials become Members of the Society.
 D) Zones of the Society may be formed with the approval of the Central Executive Committee of the Society - wherever 100 or more Retired Railway Officials – located at different stations - become Members of the Society
- V) SUBSCRIPTION:** a) i) The subscription for the Members of the Society shall be Rs. 300 per annum.
 ii) The subscription for the Associate Members of the Society shall be Rs. 150 PA
 iii) Branches of the Society shall pay 50% of total Subscription collected by them, to Central Executive Committee.
 b) Subscription will be re-fixed according to the requirements so warranted with the approval of the General Body.
 c) Life membership of the Society will be Rs. 2500 for Life Members & Rs.1250 for Associate Life Members.
 d) Special contribution may be raised to meet with the special programme (s), if any.
 e) Donations from members or non-members may be accepted to pursue the objectives of the Society.
 f) Subscription paid shall relate to calendar year.

IX. CENTRAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (CEC)

- a) General management of the Society shall vest in the Central Executive Committee (CEC).
 b) General Body shall elect the Central Executive Committee at its biannual meeting which will consist of the following Office Bearers & CEC Members:

Patron / Patrons	To be nominated by CEC	Secretaries	Two
Chairman	One	Joint Secretaries	Two
President	One	Treasurer	One
Working President	Two	Joint Treasurer	One
Sr Vice President	Two	Auditor	One
Vice President	Two	Executive Members	Ten
Secretary General	One	Zonal Secretaries	Ex-Officio

- c) All Zonal Secretaries of the Society shall be Ex-Officio Members of Central Executive Committee.
 d) Additional Office Bearers or CEC Members may be nominated - by the President or by the CEC – with special assignments – in organizational interest.
 e) Central Executive Committee may nominate any prominent persons as Patron or Advisor.
 f) Ex-President & Ex Secretary General shall be Ex-Officio Members of Central Executive Committee.
 g) Any vacancy occurring during the course of 2 years shall be filled up by the President / CEC.
 h) Composition of the Branch and Zonal Executive Committees shall be decided by the respective General Bodies with the approval of the Central Executive Committee.
- XII (A) POWERS & DUTIES OF PATRON**
 To guide the President, Secretary General and the Executive Committee regarding the affairs of the Society for achieving its aims and objectives as per provisions of the Constitution.

XII (B) POWERS & DUTIES OF CHAIRMAN

- i) He shall guide the activities of the Society during the meetings of Executive Committee & General Body and advise them from time to time to achieve the objectives of the Society as per provisions of the Constitution.
 ii) He shall have the final Casting Vote in the event of a tie in the voting on any issue.
 iii) He shall be authorised to sanction expenditure above Rs.5000 and up to Rs.10000 in case of an exigency to meet the aims and objectives of the Society.
 iv) He shall be the Appellate Authority in Disciplinary Cases.

XII (C) POWERS AND DUTIES OF PRESIDENT

- i) President shall preside over all meetings of the General Body and the Executive Committee.
 ii) He shall have a casting vote in the event of a tie.
 iii) He shall be authorised to keep an Imprest of Rs.1000 for urgent expenditure to meet the objectives.
 iv) He shall be authorised to sanction up-to Rs.5000 to meet exigencies to meet with the objectives of the Society.
 v) He shall be authorized to call an emergent meeting of the Executive Committee and the General Body.
 vi) He shall generally be responsible for conducting the affairs of the Executive Committee and ensuring that the decisions of the Committee are fully carried out under his guidance.
 vii) He is empowered to warn / suspend a member for misbehaviour or for working against the interest of society.
 viii) He shall be authorized to accept the Resignation of the Members/Office Bearers of the Society and to nominate a Member to fill up any vacancy in the Executive Committee in consultation with the Secretary General.

XII (D) POWERS & DUTIES OF WORKING PRESIDENTS:

- i) To help the President in discharge of his duties
 ii) To represent & function as the President in his absence.
 iii) To oversee the Welfare activities and overall organizational growth of the Society.

XIII) POWERS & DUTIES OF SR. VICE PRESIDENT & VICE PRESIDENT

- i) To supervise the Welfare activities of the Society.
 ii) To help in expanding the activities of the society and for inducting new members in the Society.
 iii) To carry out any duty assigned by the President.
 iv) To function as President in absence of President, Working President & Sr. Vice President.

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AMENDMENTS IN THE CONSTITUTION OF RSCWS (Continued from Page 5)**XIV. POWERS & DUTIES OF SECRETARY GENERAL**

- i) Secretary General will be the in-charge of the office of the Society - subject to the control of the Executive Committee.
- ii) He will Correspond on behalf of the Society and maintain files, membership Register, Minutes Books and all such other record.
- iii) He will convene meetings of the General Body and Executive Committee and issue notices of meetings to the members in writing.
- iv) He will record all the proceedings of the meetings and get it confirmed in the next meeting.
- v) He will arrange and organize all functions of the Society.
- vi) He will present annual report of activities of the Society before General Body.
- vii) He will be authorised to keep an Imprest amount of Rs 1000 for day to day expenditure to meet the objectives of the Society.
- ix) To coordinate the Welfare activities of the Society.

XV. POWERS & DUTIES OF SECRETARIES & JOINT SECRETARIES:

- i) To look after the Welfare activities of the Society and inter-act with Members (especially those residing in their area / region) for welfare, general awareness and health care.
- ii) To help in collection & raising of Funds from Members and through other resources.
- iii) To look after the arrangements of Meetings and other functions of the Society.
- iv) To discharge the duties and functions of the Secretary General in his absence as advised by him or the President / Working President.
- v) To play an active role towards expanding the activities of the Society and for inducting new members of the Society through personal contacts and other means.

XVI A) POWERS & DUTIES OF TREASURER & JOINT TREASURER

Treasurer will carry out the following duties with the help & assistance of the Joint Treasurer:

- i) To keep accounts of income & expenditure of the Society.
- ii) To keep the funds of the Society in safe custody.
- iii) To present monthly statement of receipt & expenditure to the Executive Committee through the Secretary General.
- iv) To collect subscription from the members and issue receipt thereof.
- v) To keep with him an imprest of Rs. 1000 as cash in hand and deposit the balance in the Bank as decided upon by the Executive Committee.
- vi) To make payment of Bills after they have been verified by the Secretary General or the President/ Working President.
- vii) To prepare Annual & Quarterly statement of Receipt and Expenditure to be presented in the General Body meeting along with Balance Sheet through the Secretary General.
- viii) To assist the Secretary General as required by him.
- ix) To get the Accounts audited from the Auditor in each quarter and every year.
- x) To help in enrolling new Members of the Society and for raising additional Funds for the Society.

XVI. B) DUTIES OF AUDITOR:

To audit the accounts of the Society in each quarter & prepare Annual Balance Sheet of Accounts.

XVI. C) DUTIES OF CENTRAL EXECUTIVE MEMBERS:

To carry out the duties as are specifically assigned to them by the President / Secretary General or the Executive Committee and such other duties as enjoined as the constituents of the Sub-Committees of the Society.

XVI. D) DUTIES OF ZONAL SECRETARIES:

To organize the activities of the Society in the respective Zone, as per Constitution of the Society; and as per directives and policies of the Executive Committee.

VALIDITY OF ALL PASSES ON DORONTO EXPRESS TRAINS

Railway Board has extended the Validity of all Passes on Doronto Express Trains – including Duty/Privilege/Post-Retirement Complementary Passes. The orders in this regard have been issued by the Government vide Railway Board's Letter No. E(W)-2009/PS-5-1/30 Dated 1-3-2013.

**PERIOD OF ADVANCE RESERVATION REDUCED TO 60 DAYS,
PASS AVAILABILITY IS NOW 4 MONTHS**

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TAX RETURNS: GOVT. URGES TAX PAYERS TO DISCLOSE TRUE INCOME & PAY APPROPRIATE TAXES

Union Finance Minister Shri P. Chidambaram has emphasized that there is need for a non-intrusive tax administration for the tax payer to file his/her return 31st July, 2013 and pay appropriate taxes. A Cell will Ensure Follow-up Action and Track Return Filing and Tax Payment; Data analysis has identified 12,19,832 non-filers out of 4.7 crore information records.

Exemption Limits for the AF 2013-13 (FY 2012-13) are Rs 2 lakhs for Male/Female Individuals. Exemption Limit for Senior Citizens (above 60 to 80 years) is Rs 2.5 Lakhs & **Very Senior Citizens, above 80 years of age - Rs.5,00,000.**

No return need be filed by Sr Citizens if Total Income is less than Exemption limit (2.5 Lakhs). Rate of Income Tax: Individual 10% from 2 to 5 Lakhs, 20% for 5 to 10 Lakhs and 30% above 10 Lakhs. For Senior Citizens: 10% for 2.5 to 5 Lakhs IT is 20% for 5 to 10 Lakhs and 30% above 10 Lakhs; and for Very Senior Citizens IT is NIL upto 5 Lakhs & 30% above 5 Lakhs.

E-Filing of Income Tax Returns is mandatory for AY 2013-14 (FY 2012-13) for total Income above Rs. 5 Lakhs.

Income Tax Return Forms may be downloaded from the Website of [Income Tax Dept of India http://incometaxindia.gov.in/](http://incometaxindia.gov.in/)

ITEMS DISCUSSED WITH SECRETARY PENSION WITH JCM STAFF SIDE REPRESENTATIVES

1. **COMMUTATION OF PENSION:** Govt. have not agreed to reduce the period of 15 years to 11 years for restoration It was explained that the matter of revision of old/new commutation table was discussed with Department of Expenditure. It was observed that this issue should be considered by the next pay commission.

JCM Staff Side intimated that by the new Commutation table, the restoration of the commuted portion is completed by 11 years because interest rate is at 8% unlike the old table wherein the restoration period was after 15 years because interest rate was taken at 4.75%. Department of Expenditure stated that issue for this old/new commutation table can be studied only by a specialised body and could be looked into by IRDA. These are larger issues for which a holistic view needs to be taken by a body like the Pay Commission. However, the matter may be referred to Department of Expenditure.

2. **EX-GRATIA PAYMENT TO SRPF / CPF BENEFICIARIES** It has been decided to implement the Kerala High Court judgment in general and extend the benefit of exgratia payment to all pre 1986 optees who retired voluntarily or on medical invalidation after rendering 20 years of service. Orders are to be issued shortly.

3. **ISSUE OF REVISED PPOS IN FAVOUR OF PRE 2006 RETIREES AND OTHERS:** In the case Civilian departments about 4 lakhs of cases reported pending on 1.8.2012, now only 1.30 lakhs are pending and these would also be cleared by 30.6.2013. In the case of Railways total pendency in August 2012 was 10.8 lakhs which has been brought down to 5.54 lakhs. Now when it has been decided that revised PPOs may be issued suo mottu rather than waiting for an application from the pensioner by the Railway authorities, the entire pending is targeted to be cleared by 30th September 2013.

4. **FAMILY PENSION TO DIVORCED / WIDOWED / UNMARRIED DAUGHTERS** –nomination for life time arrears by the family pension in respect of his / her daughter. This has not been agreed to.

5. **BENEFIT OF SUBSEQUENT UPGRADING DENIED FOR GRANT OF MODIFIED PARITY** with reference to the Revised Pay Scale corresponding to pre revised Pay Scale of the post from which an employee had retired. Govt. cited the decision of Supreme Court in K.S. Krishna Swamy-Vs-UOI (C.A. no.3173-3174/2006 and 3188-3190/2006). According to this the benefit of up-gradation of post subsequent to their retirement would not be admissible to pre 1996 / pre 2006 retirees.

REVISED REFUND RULES OF RAILWAYS FROM JULY 1, 2013

SI No	CLASS OF TICKET & TIME OF CANCELATION	CANCELATION CHARGES
1.	UNUSED UNRESERVED TICKETS - On cancellation within 3 hours of issue	Full Refund less Clerkage
	UNUSED TICKETS ON WHICH RESERVATION HAS BEEN MADE	
	MORE THAN 48 HOURS BEFORE SCHEDULED DEPARTURE OF THE TRAIN	Minimum cancellation charge*
2.	Air-conditioned First class/Executive class,	Rs 120
3.	Air-conditioned-II tier/first class	Rs 100
4.	Air-conditioned III-tier/ 3 economy/air-conditioned chair car	Rs 90
5.	Sleeper class	Rs 60
6.	Second class	Rs 30
7.	48 to 6 hours Before scheduled departure of the train	25% of Fare or Min. Charge *
8.	6 Hours Before & UP TO 2 hours after dep of train irrespective of distance	50% of Fare or Min. Charge*
9.	2 hours After departure of the train	No refund
	Unused waitlisted or RAC tickets	
10.	Upto 3 hours after actual departure of the train	Full Refund less Clerkage
11.	More than 3 hours of the actual departure of the train.	No Refund
12.	See further details on www.rscws.com at the Link http://rscws.com/pdfdocs/Revised Refund rules_01-07-2013.pdf	

RSCWS URGES RAILWAY BOARD TO REVISE LIST OF CHRONIC DISEASES

RSCWS has urged Railway Board to include the following 25 Chronic Diseases – as per definition of MCI & WHO as Chronic Diseases - in relations to Fixed Medical Allowance granted to Railway Pensioners, as all these diseases persist for a period of more than three months or are mostly lifelong.

Addison's disease, Asthma, Bronchiectasis, Cardiac failure, Cardio-myopathy, Chronic obstructive pulmonary disorder, Chronic renal disease, Coronary artery disease, Crohn's disease, Diabetes insipidus, Diabetes mellitus types 1 & 2, Dysrhythmias, Epilepsy, Glaucoma, Haemophilia, Hyperlipidaemia, Hypertension, Hypothyroidism, Multiple sclerosis, Parkinson's disease, Rheumatoid arthritis, Schizophrenia, Systemic lupus erythematosus, Ulcerative colitis

Railway Board has also been requested to issue a clarification to all concerned regarding Authority and procedure for getting Treatment for Chronic Diseases from Railway Health Units/Railway Hospitals for those who have opted out of OPD Treatment under RELHS – 97 – as per Boards orders cited above.

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