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AGM of RSCWS Held - 10 Octogenarians & 9 Senior Citizens honoured



M. S. Batra, President RSCWS (on the Left) honouring the Chief Guest S. G. Mishra, General Secretary AIRF (on the Right) addressing the AGM



Harchandan Singh, General Secretary, RSCWS, presenting Annual Report

Memorandum of demands on burning problems of the Pensioners presented to General Secretary AIRF – S.G. Mishra assures of effective pursuance

Annual General Body Meeting (AGM) of RSCWS was held on 30-1-2011 at Senior Citizens Home, Sector 43 A, Chandigarh. The Meeting was presided over by Shri M. S. Batra President RSCWS and attended by nearly 100 Members, their spouses and Guests. Ten octogenarian Members (over 80 years of age) and 9 Members over 65 years of age were honoured.

REPORT OF ACTIVITIES & PLANS: Sh Harchandan Singh, Secretary General, RSCWS, presented a report of activities of the Society during 2010 including that the last AGM held on 14-2-2010, 8 Meetings of Executive Committee held during the year, 4 Genl Body Meetings & Medical Seminars were held - 2 jointly with CCCGPA and one Medical Camp. Besides submission of detailed Memoranda a Meeting with DRM, CMS, Sr DPO, AFM – wherein important problems of Pensioners at Chandigarh, Panchkula and Mohali were discussed – including Empanelment of Hospitals including - Fortis, IVY, Alchemist, delay in Reimbursement of Medical Bills, Upgrading of Lock-up Dispensary, Non-availability & difficulties in issue of Medicines, inordinate delay in Issue of Revised PPOs.

He further mentioned that RSCWS has also submitted detailed Memorandums to all concerned reg. Anomaly in Revised Pension – in respect of - Modified Parity to Pre-2006 Pensioners; Equitable Fitment Benefit to Serving Employees and Pensioners; and enhancement of Fixed Medical Allowance to Rs 1200 pm (instead of Rs.300 PM). He informed the House that the "Pensioners Rail Sampark" - quarterly journal of the RSCWS and Website www.rscws.com – have become very popular and are quite informative & updated. The Organisational Position had highly improved over the year.

A memorandum of demands on burning problems of the Pensioners was presented to Shri S. G. Mishra, General Secretary, AIRF who assured to effectively pursue the issues at appropriate levels.

(See details of issues raised in the Memo, Minutes of Meeting & Glimpses of AGM on Page 3 to 6)

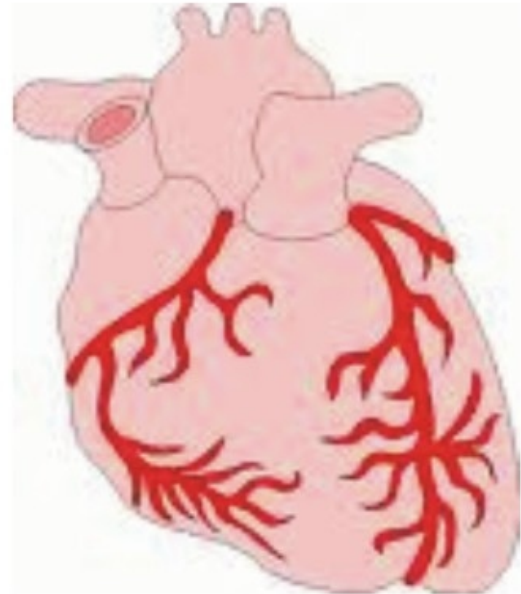
NOTICE FOR RSCWS GBM & SEMINAR

ALL THE MEMBERS OF RSCWS, THEIR SPOUSES & OTHER SENIOR CITIZENS OF RAILWAYS ARE CORDIALLY INVITES TO THE GENERAL BODY MEETING (GBM) OF RSCWS; & SEMINAR ON "UROLOGICAL PROBLEMS IN OLD AGE - PREVENTION & TREATMENT THEREOF" ON 15TH MAY, 2011, FROM 10-30 AM (SHARP) TO 1PM

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Minutes of Annual General Body Meeting (AGM) of RSCWS

Held on 30-1-2011 at Senior Citizens Home, Chandigarh

1. The Meeting was presided over by Shri M.S. Batra President RSCWS and attended by nearly 100 Members, their spouses and Guests. Shri M.S. Batra, in his inaugural speech, welcomed the members and guests and underlined the continuous growth of the Society. This was followed by singing of melodious songs by Sh. TS Chawla and Sh BR Bhalla and a poem by Shri H.S. Sachdeva.

2. **Report of activities:** Shri Harchandan Singh, Secretary General, RSCWS, presented a report of activities of the Society during 2010 including the Last AGM held on 14-2-2010, 8 Meetings of Executive Committee held during the year, 4 General Body Meetings & Medical Seminars were held - 2 jointly with CCCGPA and one Medical Camp. Besides submission of detailed Memoranda a Meeting with DRM, CMS, Sr DPO, AFM wherein important problems of Pensioners at Chandigarh, Panchkula and Mohali were discussed including Empanelment of Hospitals including - Fortis, IVY, Alchemist, delay in Reimbursement of Medical Bills, Upgrading of Lock-up Dispensary, Non-availability & difficulties in issue of Medicines, inordinate delay in Issue of Revised PPOs.

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3. Shri K.S. Bhandari, Treasurer RSCWS, presented Balance sheet of Accounts of RSCWS, which was unanimously approved along with the Report of the Secretary General

4. Constitution Amendment The meeting unanimously approved the amendment in the Constitution of RSCWS and decided to add the following Sub-clause in Clause "(IV) A) MEMBERSHIP" of the Constitution:

"(iii) Senior Citizens above 90 years of age & with 10 years of Membership of the Society shall be Honorary Members of the Society"

5. Election of Executive Committee: Election of Executive Committee of RSCWS 2011-13 were held thereafter and following were unanimously elected by the house:

Shri M.S. Batra as President, Shri N.P. Mohan as Working President, Shri Parkash Chand as Senior Vice Presidents, Shri H.D. Sharma as Vice Presidents, Shri Harchandan Singh as Secretary General, Shri Harbans Singh as Secretary (Welfare), Shri Kapil Dev as Secretary (Finance), Shri Bipin Behari as Secretary (Events) Shri K.S. Bhandari as the Treasurer and Shri H.S. Sachdeva as Auditor. Executive Members Sh Jaswnt Singh, Shri S.S. Sahota, Sh Sukhdev Singh, Shri Sunder Singh, Shri A.K. Sud, Shri O.S. Dogra, Shri G.S. Sethi, Shri M.S. Sethi, Shri T.S. Chawla, Shri J.S. Bajwa, Shri Kanwaljit Singh, Shri Jai Kumar (Arsekere, Karnatka), Shri S.K. Bose (Bhubaneswar). Two Executive Members shall be nominated by the Executive Committee.

6. Medical Seminar: A talk on Neurological Problems in old age Remedies & Treatment for Back-ache, Spine & Head injuries was given by Dr Gauri Joshi, Neuro Surgeon, Alchemist Hospitals. It was followed by an interaction with the members.

7. Honouring Octogenarian & Senior Citizens & Guests: Sh MS Batra, President RSCWS honoured Dr Gauri Joshi and the Chief Guests Sh SG Mishra GS AIRF, Sh CS Bajwa Divl Secy NRMU & Sh Subhash Sharma VP NRMU. 10 Octogenarian (including 5 in absentia) & 9 Senior Citizen (including 4 in absentia) were honoured with Shawls and Mementos respectively by Sh SG Mishra GS AIRF.

8. A Memorandum was presented to Shri S. G. Mishra, GS, AIRF on the following issues:

1. Early Setting up of Seventh Pay Commission
2. Extension of Revised Entitlement of Passes to Retirees at par with post from which they retired
3. Pension should be net of income Tax as recommended by the Vth CPC (*vide Para 167.11*)
4. Merger of DR with pension when it goes above 50%
5. Pension to Disabled & sickly pensioners be disbursed at their residence as per RBI guidelines
6. Make RELHS an open-ended scheme preferably without lock-in period
7. Inordinate delay in issue of Revised PPOs to Pre-2006 by the Divisions & Workshops
8. Repeated Reference to Govt / Private Hospitals should not be required in case of Chronic cases
9. Empanelment of Specialised Private Hospitals in & around Chandigarh for left out Specialties
10. a) Early settlement of Reimbursement Bills for Medical Treatment
b) Transparency in settlement of Reimbursement Bills for Medical Treatment
11. Reduction in charges for Rest Houses and Holiday Homes for Retired Railway Officials
12. Refund of Excess payment received by IRWO for Phase II Panchkula & settlement of account thereof.

Other important items of Pensioners proposed by RSCWS

1. Additional Pension of 5%, 10% and 15% to pensioners in age group of 65, 70 & 75 years respectively to meet with higher expenses on health care (as granted to those above 80 years of age)
2. Pension should be net of income Tax as recommended by Vth CPC

2nd National Convention of Railway Pensioners Associations Under the aegis of BPS - A grand success

750 delegates from every nook & corner of the country, rising above cast, creed, regionalism, religion and defying old age, gathered at Secunderabad on 13 February, 2011 to show solidarity not only to fight for their legitimate rights as Senior Citizens & Pensioners but also to blow the 'Bugle' for war against corruption by those in power. The rhythmic singing of "Vandey Matrum" by 95-60 yrs young oldies, stirred the atmosphere & sent nerves throbbing!

Sh. D. Prabhakar Rao Chairman Reception Committee, while welcoming the delegates raised the Slogan: "I am the 'I' in India & won't let it get polluted"

Explaining, in brief, the basic purpose of the convention, Shyam Sunder Secretary General BPS who chaired the event, in his opening remarks stated "we have gathered here to awaken the Pensioners' community in general & the 12 lakh of Railway Pensioners in particular & to impress upon them the need to unite under one banner throughout the country to achieve their goals."

Thereafter, S.C. Maheshwari Secy. (Railway) BPS presented the Discussion Paper detailing the grievances & areas of deficiencies. Sh. M. Somasekhara Rao explained the contents of Discussion Paper in 'Telugu'. Shri Harchandan Singh, Vice-President BPS emphasized the major challenges before the pensioners and called for complete unity amongst various organisations representing them.

Shri R.N. Mittal President AISCCON (All India Senior Citizen Confederation) - who was first to speak after presentation of the Discussion Paper, strongly supported the cause of pensioners & called upon the Senior Citizens community to build pressure to compel the Government to bring back Indian money stashed in foreign Banks. He further stressed that Pensioners have to contribute for the development of our country through "CIVIC ACTIVISM". He called upon the Govt. to take advantage of the knowledge and experience of Pensioners and the Senior Citizens in general.

Speaker after speaker unanimously supported the issues raised in the Discussion Paper, prominent among them were Sarvashri M. Somasekhara Rao, Bimlandu Chakarborty NFRPA New Jalpaigiri, Kanji Lal NFRPA Gowhati, Harchandan Singh, Chandigarh, J.Narain Rao Nagpur, K.Srinivasn Pensioners Samaj Chennai, R.N. Datta Kolkata, S.K.Bose Bhubaneswar, K.P.Gosh Madhupur Jharkhand, Secretary AIRROA Secunderabad, G. Nageshwar Rao, Secunderabad, S.S. Hussain RREWA, SIMOGA (Karnataka).

60 Senior Pensioners were honored by presenting a shawl to each of them on their having attained the age of 80 years. Delegates from other parts of the country were similarly honored.

It was decided to hold the 3rd National Convention of Railway Pensioners in 2012 in North East at New Jalpaiguri or Guwahati. The Convention adjourned after passing the 'Vote of Thanks' moved by Sh. M. Soma Sekhara Rao; followed by singing of National Anthem.

BPS National Advisory Council for Railway Pensioners met immediately after the Convention & finalized the action plan to achieve the goals & to take the movement ahead.

Resolutions on following issues were unanimously adopted by the Convention after detailed deliberations and these were sent to the Secretary, DOP, followed by Memorandums to PM & MoR.

1. Equal fitment benefit to pensioners at par with employees by adopting minimum pay in the pay band (instead of minimum pay of the pay band) and the grade pay thereon.

2. Complete parity to pre-2006 Pensioners with post-2006 Pensioners
3. Declare RELHS as an open-ended scheme (with an option to join any time like CGHS)
4. Issue of 'Smart Card' (on CGHS Plastic card pattern) to all RELHS beneficiaries
5. Revise Fixed Medical allowance to Rs 1200 PM & Removal of distance criteria
6. Wage & Pension revision every five years
7. Merger of 50% Dearness Relief with Pension
8. Relief to Ex-gratia optees
9. Anomaly in the case of JAG (S-21 to S-23) Should be merged with PB-4
10. Restoration of existing relativities due to Bunching of Scales
11. Grant of HRA and Transport allowances to pensioners
12. Extend revised entitlement of Passes (as per RBE No 03/2011) to Retired Officials
13. Passes to post retirement School going dependent children
14. Qualifying length of service for post retirement Complementary Passes be reduced to 10 years
15. Inclusion of Dependents in Widow Passes
16. Complimentary passes for Dependents in case of death of both the employee & widow
17. Companion in IInd class Post-retirement Passes
18. Constant Attendance Allowance for Post-retirement disability
19. Guidelines for sanction of Family pension to widowed/divorced daughter
20. Railway Pensioners Grievance Redress Mechanism

RAILWAY BOARD'S ORDERS**Railway Board's letter No. E(W)2008/PS 5-1/38, dated-6.1.11 RBE No.03/2011****Sub: Revised pay limits for entitlement of Passes/PTOs on the basis of Pay drawn in the Railway Services (Revised Pay) Rules, 2008.**

Consequent upon revision of Pay Scales on the basis of decision of the Government on the recommendations of the 6th Central Pay Commission, the question of revision of existing entitlements to Passes/PTOs under the Railway Servants (Pass) Rules, 1986 (Second Edition, 1993) has been under consideration of this Ministry.

2. The matter has been examined and the President is pleased to decide that the entitlements of Passes/PTOs in respect of railway servants drawing pay in the Railway Services (Revised Pay) Rules, 2008 shall be as under

S. Category	Type of Privilege Pass & PTO	Type of Duty Pass
1 <u>Group 'A' & Group 'B' (Gazetted)</u>	1st Class 'A' Pass	1st Class 'A' Pass
2 <u>Non-Gazetted employees</u>		
(i) In Grade Pay Rs.4200/- and above	1st Class Pass	1st Class Pass
(ii) In Grade Pay Rs.2,800/-	IIInd Class 'A' Pass*	IIInd Class 'A' Pass*
(iii) In Grade Pay Rs.1,900/- and above but below Grade Pay Rs.2,800/-	One IIInd Class 'A' Pass* in a year, remaining passes and PTOs of Second/Sleeper Class.	IIInd Class 'A' Pass*
(iv) Employees in Grade Pay : Rs.1,800/-	One IIInd Class 'A' Pass* in a year, remaining passes and PTOs of Second/Sleeper Class.	Second/Sleeper Class.

*Note: In terms of the extant instructions, the holder of IIInd Class 'A' pass shall be entitled to travel by AC-3 tier class in trains other than Rajdhani/Shatabdi/Duronto Exp. trains. IIInd Class 'A' Pass is of yellow colour.

3. In all other respects, the provisions of the Railway Servants (Pass) Rules, 1986 (Second Edition, 1993) will apply.

4. The Railway employees who are already entitled to 1st Class Passes, shall continue to draw 1st Class Passes, irrespective of their eligibility in terms of these orders.

5. Necessary amendment to the Railway Servants (Pass) Rules, 1986 (Second Edition, 1993) shall follow.

2. Railway Board's letter No.PC-V/2009/ACP/2, dated 12.01.11 RBE No. 6/2011**Sub: Entitlement of Pass facilities under MACPS- Clarification reg.**

Ref: Board's letter of even number dated 10.06.2009.

The issue regarding the entitlement of privilege and other passes in case of employees who have been granted financial upgradation under the MACP Scheme has been under consideration.

In terms of para 16 of Annexure of Board's letter referred to above, financial upgradation under MACP Scheme is personal to the incumbent and entitles the employee to certain benefits which are linked to the pay drawn by the employee. Hence, the benefit of Passes/PTOs corresponding to the next higher Grade Pay granted under MACP Scheme will be available to the employee. It is also reiterated that the grant of financial upgradation under the MACP Scheme does not entail any change in the designation, classification and status of an employee. Accordingly, the benefits related to higher status inherent in the higher Pay Band and / or Grade Pay is not available to such an employee who has been granted Grade Pay under the MACP Scheme.

3. Railway Board's letter No.2008/H-1/2/15, Dated 10.12.2010**Sub: Inclusion of legally divorced daughter of serving Railway employees and pensioners.**

Arising out of demand raised by AIRF, it is hereby clarified that a legally divorced dependent daughter may be included in the list of family members in para 601 (5) (c) of IRMM 2000. The rest of the contents of the above mentioned letters will remain unchanged.

Income Tax exemption limits enhanced marginally for 2011-12

 **For individual tax payers - from Rs.1,60,000 to Rs.1,80,000,**

 **For Senior Citizen - from 2.4 Lakhs to 2.5 Lakhs**

 **For a new category of Super- Seniors above 80 years - upto 5 Lakhs**

 **Qualifying age for senior citizens lowered from 65 to 60 years**

Direct Taxes Code (DTC) to be finalised for enactment during 2011-12. DTC proposed to be effective from April 1, 2012.

Members, RSCWS Please Pay Your Subscription @ Rs.200 P.A. and Donations @ Rs.500, if not done already.

By Cheque in favour of: "RAILWAY SENIOR CITIZENS WELFARE SOCIETY" Or directly by Cash to: Sh. K. S. Bhandari, Treasurer, RSCWS, # 3098, Sector 22-D, Chandigarh (Ph. 2711641 & 9815012641).

Secretary General, RSCWS

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Attention ! Pensioners / Family Pensioners - If you fulfill the following conditions

You are entitled to FMA @ Rs100 pm up to 1.09.08 & @ Rs. 300 pm after that.

(Vide Rly. Board's letter No. RBE 168-2009 Dated 15-9-2009 & RBE No. 92-2010 dated 29-06-2010)

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i) Residing more than 2.5 Km from Railway Hospital & ii) a) Not joined the RELHS 97

OR ii) b) Not taking OPD Facility from Railways (except for Chronic Diseases) even though joined RELHS

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Send a copy to the Pension Sanctioning Authority (i.e. the Office from which you retired) with a copy of the PPO

GLIMPSES OF THE AGM OF RSCWS

SG Mishra GS AIRF honouring Octogenarians & Senior Citizens



M.S. Batra honouring C.S. Bajwa,
Div. Secy. NRMU, Ambala

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Sahota on the Dias

Glimpses of the audience



H.S. Sachdeva reciting a Poem



Mrs Rama Dogra
Presenting a Song



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