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Old Pension of civil servants is not a burden on exchequer

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An employee in the organized sector covered by so called non-contributory Pension scheme in fact during his hey days contributes to his old age security in three ways i.e.

1. By tirelessly toiling, for the development of the country during the entire period of his/her productive years.

2. By accepting Lower salaries. As salaries of pensionable employees are by design kept on lower level: In the context of Civil Servants Pension payments, the principal guiding the fixation of pay package is one intentionally spreading out the compensation over long period of time, whereby the wages paid out during the work tenure is kept low by design and pension payments during the retirement phase compensate for the low wages. (This has also come out in studies got conducted by 6th Central Pay commissions.)

3. By foregoing every month with interest the matching contribution by employer to his/her PF(which is to the tune of 8.33To 10% of his/her monthly emoluments) Therefore, it is a big lie to say that pension system in vogue for civil servants who joined service prior to 1.1.2004 in organized sector In India, is the defined benefit i.e. the system is essentially non-contributory in nature and any particular year's pension liabilities are met from the government's annual revenue expenditure account for that year. Pension of central civil pensioners is a deferred wage as pronounced by the Honourable Supreme court in D.S. Nakara & Others vs Union Of India on 17 December, 1982 Equivalent citations: 1983 AIR 130, 1983 SCR (2) 165

In-fact, Govt is trying to shy away from paying us adequate pension without any cut off dates on the basis of date of retirement of employees i.e. 65% as was worked out & recommended by TECS (Tata Economic Consultancy Services) consultant to Vth CPC (Para 127.9 Vol III 5th CPC report) & cashless quality health care as a fundamental right of the ex-employee as ruled by the honourable supreme Court in Consumer

Education and Research Centre & Others vs UoI (AIR 1995 Supreme Court 922), because over the decades it has been wasting tax payers money & Penrs' contributions on subsidies, populist schemes & Scams. The Scheme of payment of pension was introduced: as it was greatly advantageous to the government.

- (i) Government saved thousands of million by stopping matching contribution to provident fund.
- (ii) One third the commuted part of pension was permanently retained by the govt, till 1986. Even after 1986 in restoring the commuted portion after 15 years, Govt. retains the substantial balance with itself (As per calculations the amount commuted would be got back by the government in ten years)
- (iii) Due to delayed payment of arrears Govt. retains millions of rupees on a/c of death of penrs/family penrs during the intervening period. Thus enormous amount of money has been with the govt for very long period.

Even today pensioners have immense potential with their treasure of knowledge & experience. Whenever, need arises due to natural calamities or otherwise, Pensioners are first to come out with emotional, monetary & physical support. Stand shoulder to shoulder with the administration and the fellow citizens not only to donate money, but they go to the extent of donating their organs & even the bodies so that others may live to serve this beautiful country. Despite old age penrs make endless contributions to families, communities, the society & the economy. They contribute through charity, as family care givers, as workers, consumers, volunteers & taxpayers. Infect Penrs are the ones who have been & are still paying Taxes most honestly. Valuation of their unpaid services today to the family, community, society, economy & to the country's development is much more the monetary benefits they get by way of pension etc & in return they face abuse even by the Govt. when each one of them is pushed to the court of law to seek redress of the issues which have already attained legal finality.

Had the govt created a corpus out of the savings & invested it properly, today's pension would not have been a burden today.

But why should ex employees suffer for the misgovernance by the govt.

S C Maheshwari, Secy Genl Bharat Peners Samaj.

Making a case for the Old Pension Scheme- Courtesy The Hindu-17.10.2022 By

Rohit Azad & Indranil Chowdhury who teach Economics at JNU and PGDAV College, Delhi University, respectively

If the more favourable Old Pension Scheme is to be financially sound, the focus should be on increasing revenues to fund it

After Rajasthan and Chhattisgarh, Punjab is the latest State that has announced its plan to revert to the Old Pension Scheme (OPS). Many have argued that this is a fiscally irresponsible move. We argue why and how we must go back to the OPS.

The OPS is an assured inflation-indexed monthly family pension till you (and your spouse) live(s). The OPS level is linked to the last pay you drew. The NPS is a corpus from which you can draw a pension after retirement. Its value is determined by the market prices in which the corpus is invested. There are many issues with the NPS. One, as Chart 1 (visit URL: <https://scm-bps.blogspot.com/2022/10/the-demand-for-restoring-old-pension.html>) shows, the amount of monthly pension you would draw (for the same contribution during service) with three hypothetical market rates of return is significantly lower for NPS. {Hover over the charts to find the exact figures} **TWO**, it is dependent on the vagaries of the market prices of equity/bonds in which the corpus is invested. To be sure, the markets do not crash often and in the long run they go up rather than down. But it is still a lottery. If there is a crash, the downside has to be absorbed by the retirees. According to a 2008 OECD study, the global financial crisis had wiped a total of \$5 trillion off the value of private pension funds in rich countries compared to the start of the year. It's true that this is the value of assets on paper, but such a fall can, and did, induce withdrawals among panic-stricken retirees who didn't have age on their side to be in the long game of speculation.

Three, the OPS is a fixed government expenditure irrespective of an economic slowdown or a stock market crash, which makes it a good counter-cyclical policy measure during a crisis. In fact, the Sixth Pay Commission in India did precisely this during the Great Recession of 2008.

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It has been argued that the OPS is a big hole in the exchequer's pocket (25% of the States' budget). This number is misleading because three other parts of States' revenue receipts — tax the Centre collects on behalf of the States (SGST, a part of direct taxes, etc.); non-tax revenue that the States collect; and non-tax grant that the Centre shares with the States have not been taken into account. Chart 2A (Visit URL: <https://scm-ps.blogspot.com/2022/10/the-demand-for-restoring-old-pension.html>) shows that the OPS outlays, when calculated correctly, are less than half of 25%. Additionally, as Chart 2B (Visit URL: <https://scm-bps.blogspot.com/2022/10/the-demand-for-restoring-old-pension.html>) shows, when the revenues (as a share of State GDP) go up, the share of pensions falls. So, shouldn't the focus then be on mobilising revenues instead of cutting expenditures? But how?

Chart 3

(URL: <https://scm-ps.blogspot.com/2022/10/the-demand-for-restoring-old-pension.html>) plots the tax-GDP ratio (State plus Centre's taxes) for 18 of the G20 countries. India is the fifth country from the bottom and performs poorly among BRICS nations. Even within that, two out of three rupees comes from indirect taxes, for which the poor have to pay the same as the rich for a commodity. So, by increasing direct taxes — in particular corporate taxes — **enough room can be created to ensure decent pensions for all.**

Not only is there enough room in corporate taxes, a lot more can be mobilised if India were to target property and wealth taxes, which are almost zero (Chart 4A URL: <https://scm-bps.blogspot.com/2022/10/the-demand-for-restoring-old-pension.html>).

Not surprisingly, India ranks the lowest among the 18 of G-20 countries. At one point, India did have some property tax, however, insignificant, which rose between 2005 to 2012 but has fallen precipitously since (Chart 4B URL: <https://scm-bps.blogspot.com/2022/10/the-demand-for-restoring-old-pension.html>). Perhaps there is a need to rationalise the level of pensions under the OPS to make room for non-permanent workers.

But doing away with the old pension altogether is like throwing the baby with the bath water.

The demand for restoring the old pension scheme Vijaita Singh APRIL 01, 2022

courtesy : The Hindu

How will the National Pension Scheme benefit the employees? What are the changes introduced in the scheme?

The story so far: On February 23, Rajasthan Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot announced restoration of the old pension scheme for the government employees, who joined the service on or after January 1, 2004. The announcement meant that the National Pension System (NPS) would be discontinued in the State. Following this, another Congress-ruled State, Chhattisgarh announced restoration of the Defined Pension Benefit Scheme (DPBS/OPS).

In the recently concluded Uttar Pradesh assembly election, Samajwadi Party president Akhilesh Yadav had announced the restoration of OPS, drawing the support of several government teachers and employees in the process. The BJP had maintained that restoration of the old system would cause an unnecessary financial burden on the government. The demand has resonated in other parts of the country. In the last week, protests were organised in J&K, Punjab, Andhra Pradesh, Himachal Pradesh and Madhya Pradesh. Trade unions across the country organised a two-day strike on March 28 and 29 and demanded scrapping of the old pension scheme. The Finance Ministry had earlier ruled out proposals by a federation of Central and State governments employees saying that the "changes will be financially untenable."

What is the old pension scheme or the Defined Pension Benefit Schemes?

The scheme assures life-long income, post-retirement. Usually the assured amount is equivalent to 50% of the last drawn salary. The Government bears the expenditure incurred on the pension. The scheme was discontinued in 2004.

What is the National Pension System (NPS)?

The BJP-led Union government under Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee took a decision in 2003 to discontinue the old pension scheme and introduced the NPS. The scheme is applicable to all new recruits joining the Central Government service (except armed forces) from April 1, 2004. On introduction of NPS, the Central Civil Services (Pension) Rules, 1972 was amended.

It is a participatory scheme, where employees contribute to their pension corpus from their salaries, with matching contribution from the government. The funds are then invested in earmarked investment schemes through Pension Fund Managers. At retirement, they can withdraw 60% of the corpus, which is tax-free and the remaining 40% is invested in annuities, which is taxed. It can have two components — Tier I and II. Tier-II is a voluntary savings account that offers greater flexibility in terms of withdrawal, and one can withdraw at any point of time, unlike Tier I account. Even private individuals can opt for the scheme.

What were the changes introduced in 2019?

In 2019, the Finance Ministry said that Central government employees have the option of selecting the Pension Funds (PFs) and Investment Pattern in their Tier-I account. The default pension fund managers are the LIC Pension Fund Limited, SBI Pension Funds Pvt. Limited and UTI Retirement Solutions Limited in a predefined proportion.

Who is the regulatory authority to manage the funds of government employees that are linked to the market?

The Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (PFRDA) is the regulator for NPS. PFRDA was set up through the PFRDA Act in 2013 to promote old age income security by developing pension funds to protect the interest of subscribers to schemes of pension funds.

What is the subscriber base?

As on February 28, there were 22.74 lakh Central

government employees and 55.44 lakh State government employees enrolled under the NPS.

What is the latest directive from the government on the pension system?

The Department of Personnel and Training (DoPT) informed Parliament on March 24 that there is no proposal to reintroduce the old pension scheme for Central government civil employees under consideration of the Government of India. Union Minister Jitendra Singh said that the returns being market-linked is a basic design feature of the NPS. However, pension being a long-term product also enables the investments to grow with decent returns, despite short term volatility. "Further, the prudential guidelines stipulated by the PFRDA, the skills of the professional Fund Managers chosen through a rigorous process, and choice of asset allocation across various asset classes (Equity, Corporate Bond, Government Securities) enable the subscriber's accumulations to grow over the long term, riding over the short term volatility," he said. What will be the number of government employees impacted when Rajasthan and Chattisgarh revert to the old system?

According to Rajasthan Karmachari Samyukta Mahasangh president Gajendra Singh, the move would benefit over 4 lakh employees. In Chattisgarh, the move will benefit over three lakh employees, who joined service after January 1, 2004.

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S C Maheshwari, Secy Genl, BPS write

No BPS/SG/RELHS/022/6 Dated: 02.10.2022

To

Sh Ashwini Vaishnav, IAS Honorable Minister of Railways, Communications and Electronics & Information Technology

Sub: Rly Medical Services: smells a rat.

Sir,

In the words of Sh. A. K Chopra IRSSE (Retd), GM CORE (Retd), Founder MD (Retd) Rail Tel corporation "It is surprising that while CGHS scheme of Central Government does not distinguish the employee /hospital and location, Railways have chosen to follow a complicated and expensive procedure and also denying proper service to its retired employees." Serving GMS SER &NER say that the Railway Medical card does not provide the level of convenience & facilities as the CGHS card Provides" The Joint representation dated 05.10.2020 regarding Medical facilities to retired Railway employees by F.C. (Retd) Railway Board & Member Staff (Retd) Railway Board and the representation dated 07.09.2020 by GM CORE (Retd), Founder MD (Retd) Rail Tel corporation.

Sir, the above-mentioned representations/ observations by Railways top serving/retired officers can be summarized to say that the functioning, indifferent attitude, duplicacy, complicated & expensive options adopted by the Railway Medical Directorate smells rat.

Railway Board letter 2016/H-1/11/69 dated 23/12/2016 laid down that once a hospital is recognized by any unit of Railway it shall be empaneled for the whole of Indian Railway.

According to Railway Board letter 2018/Trans/Health/CGHS/e-office No3270783 dated 28.12.2020 Para 1 for emergency treatment Rly beneficiary can avail cashless facility in any Rly empaneled hospital w/o referral letter from the railway and that empaneled hospital shall not insist upon the patient or the attendant to bring a referral letter from Rly. As per para 2 of the same letter UMID/CTSE card will be the valid ID of the patient.(Format of MOU circulated by Rly Bd vide their No 2021/H-1/11/10/ MOU dated 22.11.2021 is to be signed by all Rlys authorities with private empanelled hospitals)

Painfully, in spite of repeated complaints to Rly medical officers, compliance with the above instructions is not being ensured. Leave aside private empaneled hospitals, many Rly doctors do not know anything about CTSE cards.

Bharat Pensioners Samaj the All-India Federation of Pensioners with a reach to over 20lac pensioners, an Associate NGO of the International Federation on Ageing (IFA)-Canada, a registered Pensioners Welfare Organization of GOI-DOP & PW as well as that of Niti Ayog India, earnestly hopes for early corrective action.

With regards

Meeting for discussion on BSNL Pensioners'

Pension Revision held on 17.10.2022.

The meeting of Pensioners Associations including the BDPA (I) and BPS was held on 17.10.2022 at 04.00 PM in Conference Hall, 2nd floor, Sanchar Bhavan, New Delhi under the Chairmanship of Dr. Mahesh Shukla, Member (Services).

The Member (Services) placed before the Committee Members' Views of the DOPP&W on the DoT's proposal of 0% fitment benefit for pension revision.

BDPA (I) have placed our views to revise the pension giving 15% benefit as per 3rd P.R.C. recommendations.

All pensioners unions present in the meeting including BDPA (I) opposed the suggestion of Zero Percent fixation and demanded 15%.

It has reportedly suggested notional fixation of pay from 01.01.2017 and to fix their pension on that notional pay to avoid anomaly of pension between Pre and Post 2017 retirees.

BDPA (I) suggested notional fixation of their pay with 15% fitment formula and to calculate the pension on their retirement on notional pay to avoid any anomaly between Pre and Post 2017 retirees. It has been welcomed by the majority of Assns and official side. BDPA (I) has submitted detailed Memorandum regarding revision of pension of BSNL Pensioners.

The DoT will take all the views in their mind and also in consultation with DoT finance prepare a new proposal of revision of pension for Pre and Pro 2017 retirees and send it to DOPP&W after consulting Deptt of Expnd of the Finance Ministry.

Dr. Mahesh Shukla, Member (Services) is very much interested in solving the issue as it has been delayed for the past five years and he is on the job now. Let us hope for the best in the near future.

BPS was represented by D.D. Mistry and M.R. Vashist. From to-day's meeting it can be concluded the DoT has got clearance for delinking pension revision for BSNL Pensioners from that of Employees. It was clear that Pension Revision will never be with Zero percent formula and could be in between 5 to 15%.

On 18.10.2022, Thomas Johnk and D.D. Mistry met Dr. Mahesh Shukla, Member Services and presented Memorandum for additional points in connection with yesterday's meeting. We also requested for his presence in our 4th A.I.C. on 12th and 13th December, 2022 at Kanyakumari and he accepted our invitation. Individual cases requiring DoT's attention were also handed over to him. Joint Meeting of BSNL/MTNL Associations was held at 11.00 hours in Conference Room of Kidwai Bhavan, New Delhi and 28 representatives participated and gave their views in relation to yesterday's discussion on pension revision. It was concluded that one more meeting will be convened to arrive at workable solution.

Dineshchandra D. Mistry

BPS Secretary

JCM Standing Committee met on 22.09.2022 – Gist of Decisions.

The meeting of the standing committee of National Council JCM was held (22.9.22) under the Chairmanship of Secretary (Personnel).

1. FMA to Pensioners of National Institute of Ayurveda: Awaiting Supreme Court directive.
2. Restoration of Senior Citizen Facility in Railways: The matter is under consideration.
3. Treating the Pensioners on par with the officials on duty for Guest House: Orders have been issued. Copy will be provided.
4. Pension to be exempted from Income Tax: The matter will be reconsidered in the light of discussions.
5. Disability Pension of War Heroes to be exempted from Income Tax: Will be reconsidered.

6. Pension revision in the case of Personnel Compulsorily retired: Orders issued.

7. Grant of enhanced pension on completion of 79 years: Not accepted.

8. Grievance redressal mechanism for Pensioners: The staff side wanted Pension Adalats to be held at Departmental levels. The issue will be further discussed.

9. Restoration of Commuted value of Pension after 12 years: Will be further discussed.

10. CGHS Related Issues:

- i. Ward Entitlement.
- ii. Lifetime CGHS facility for dependent disabled children.
- iii. Health Insurance to Pensioners.
- iv. To have Dispensary/Wellness Centres at all 108 Stations.
- v. Enhancing FMA.
- vi. Reimbursement of Medical Expenses for those who are not covered by CGHS.
- vii. Increase the number of empanelled hospitals.
- viii. Provision of sufficient staff in the dispensaries taken over from Postal Department.
- ix. CGHS entitlement for Pensioners of Andaman and Lakshadweep Islands.
- x. CGHS related Problems of Kerala.
- xi. Online consultation facility.
- xii. Cashless medical facilities to CGHS beneficiaries to be extended to all cities.

All the above items are to be discussed with Secretary Health. The date of the meeting will be indicated soon.

11. Board of Arbitration Awards: The matter will be discussed with the Staff Side.

12. MACP to be effective from 1.1.2006: The matter will be further discussed.

13. Notional Increment for those who retired on 30th June: Matter is sub-judice.

14. Time limit to complete disciplinary proceedings of retired personnel: The staff side demanded that in case proceedings cannot be finalized within 3 years, he should be deemed to have been exonerated: The matter will be discussed further.

Entitlement for family on death of a Central Government servant covered under National Pension System – Applicable rates of death gratuity

No. – 57/03/2022-P&PW(B)/8361(1) GOI-M/O P,PG & Pensions-DOP &PW, dt the 28th October, 2022

Subject: Entitlement for family on death of a Central Government servant covered under National Pension System -reg.

The undersigned is directed to say that Deptt of Pension and Penrs' Welfare has notified the Central Civil Services (Implementation of National Pension System) Rules, 2021 and Central Civil Services (Payment of Gratuity under National Pension System) Rules, 2021 which are applicable from the date of its publication in the Official Gazette, to govern service related matters and for grant of gratuity respectively to Centl Govt civil employees covered under National Pension System.

2. Rule 20 of the Central Civil Services (Implementation of NPS) Rules, 2021 provides for the entitlement of family members on death of a Centl Govt covered under National Pension System. As per rule 20, on death of a Subscriber, who had exercised option or in whose case the default option under rule 10 of the CCS(Implementation of NPS) Rules, 2021 is for availing benefits under the Central Civil Services (Pension) Rules, 1972 or Central Civil Services (Extraordinary Pension) Rules, further action will be taken by the Head of Office for disbursement of benefits in accordance with the Central Civil Services (Pension) Rules. However, if the death is attributable to Govt service, further action will be taken by the Head of Office for disbursement of benefits in accordance with the Central Civil Services (Extraordinary Pension) Rules subject to fulfillment of all the conditions for grant of benefits under those rules.

3. If on death of the Subscriber, benefits are payable to the family under the Central Civil Services (Extraordinary Pension) Rules or the Central Civil Services (Pension) Rules, the Govt contribution and returns thereon in the accumulated pension corpus of the Subscriber shall be transferred to Govt account. The remaining accumulated pension corpus shall be paid in lump sum to the person(s) in whose favour a nomination has been made under the Pension Fund Regulatory and Development

Authority (Exits and Withdrawals under National Pension System) Regulations, 2015. If there is no such nomination or if the nomination made does not subsist, the amount of remaining accumulated pension corpus shall be paid to the legal heir(s).

4. In the case of death of a Subscriber who had exercised option or in whose case the default option under rule 10 of the CCS(Implementation of NPS) Rules, 2021 is for availing benefits under the Natl Pension System, such benefits may be granted in accordance with the Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (Exits and Withdrawals under Natl Pension System) Regulations, 2015.

5. In the event of death of Government employees covered under NPS during service, and in whose case benefits from accumulated pension corpus under NPS have been availed, family member of such deceased Government employee would also be eligible for death gratuity in accordance with rule 22 of the Central Civil Services (Payment of Gratuity under NPS) Rules, 2021. The rates provided in the rules for death gratuity is as under:

S N Length of QS	Rate of death gratuity
(i) Less than one year	2times of emoluments.
(ii) Once year or more but less than five years	6 times of emoluments
(iii) Five years or more but less than eleven years	12times of emoluments
(iv) Eleven years or more but less than twenty years re	20times of emoluments
(v) Twenty years or more	Half of emoluments for every completed six monthly period of qualifying service subject to a maximum of thirty three times of emoluments:

The maximum amount of death gratuity payable under this rule shall in no case exceed twenty lakh rupees.6. All Ministries/Depts are requested that the above provisions regarding entitlement in respect to Central Govt employees covered under National Pension System may be brought to the notice of the Govt servants covered under NPS and personnel dealing with the pensionary benefits in the Ministry/Deptt and attached/subordinate offices thereunder, for strict implementation.

(S. Chakrabarti) Under Secy to the GoI

To All Ministries/Departments/Organisations,
(As per standard list)

Options under CCS (NPS) Rules, 2021 to avail benefits under old pension scheme on death of Govt servant covered under NPS during service or his discharge from service on account of invalidation or disablement:

No-57/03/2022-P&PW(B)/8361 GoI Min of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions DOP &PWdt 26.10.022 with Option Form & Family Details Form

Sub:Options under Centl Civil Services (Implementation of Natnl Pension System) Rules, 2021 to avail benefits under old pension scheme on death of Govt servant covered under Natnl Pension System during service or his discharge from service on account of invalidation or disablement-reg.

The undersigned is directed to say that Deptt of Pension and Penrs' Welfare has notified the Centl Civil Services (Implementation of National Pension System) Rules, 2021 to govern service related matters of Centl Govt civil employees covered under National Pension System. Rule 10 of these rules deals with the option to be exercised by every Central Govt employee covered under National Pension System for availing benefits under National Pension System or old pension scheme in the event of death of Govt servant during service or his discharge on the ground of invalidation or disablement.

2. In accordance with rule 10 of the Centl Civil Services (Implementation of National Pension System) Rules, 2021, every Govt servant covered under the National Pension System shall, at the time of joining Govt service, exercise an option in Form-1 for availing benefits under the Natnl Pension System or under the Centl Civil Service (Pension) Rules or the Centl Civil Service (Extraordinary Pension) Rules in the event of his death or boarding out on account of disablement or retirement on invalidation. Govt servants, who are already in Govt service and are covered by the Natnl Pension System, shall also exercise such option.

3. The option shall be exercised to the Head of Office who will accept the same after verifying all the facts submitted therein and place it in the service book. A copy of the option shall be forwarded by the Head of Office to the Central

Recordkeeping Agency through the Drawing and Disbursing Officer and the Pay and Accounts Officer for their record. The Pay and Accounts Officer shall also make suitable entry in the online system indicating the details regarding the option exercised by the Government servant.

4. Every Government servant shall, along with the option in Form 1, also submit details of family in Form 2 to the Head of Office. The Head of Office shall, on receipt of the Form 2, acknowledge receipt of the Form 2 and all further communications received from the Government servant in this behalf, countersign it indicating the date of receipt and get it pasted on the service book of the Government servant concerned. The Head of Office on receipt of communication from the Government servant regarding any change in the size of family shall also incorporate such a change in Form 2.

5. The option exercised may be revised at any number of times by the Subscriber before his retirement by making a fresh option intimating his revised option to the Head of Office. On receipt of the revised option, the Head of Office and the Pay and Accounts Officer shall take further action as mentioned above.

6. A Subscriber who is discharged on invalidation or disability shall be given an opportunity to submit a fresh option at the time of such discharge. Where such Subscriber does not exercise a fresh option or is not in a position to exercise fresh option at the time of discharge, the option already exercised by the Subscriber shall become operative. Where no option was exercised by the Subscriber and the Subscriber is not in a position to exercise an option at the time of discharge, his case will be regulated in accordance with para 9 below.

7. In the case of death of a Subscriber while in service, the last option exercised by the deceased Subscriber before his death shall be treated as final and the family shall have no right to revise the option.

8. Where a Subscriber who did not exercise an option and dies before completion of service of 15 years or within 3 years of the notification of Centl Civil Services (Implementation of Natnl Pension System) Rules, 2021, his family will be granted family pension in accordance with the provisions

of the Centl Civil Services (Pension) Rules or the Centl Civil Services (Extraordinary Pension) Rules, as the case may be, as a default option.

9. Where a Subscriber is discharged from Govt service on invalidation or disability before completion of service of fifteen years or within three years of the notification of these rules without exercising an option, and is also not in a position to exercise an option at the time of discharge, he will be granted invalid pension or disability pension in accordance with the provisions of the Central Civil Services (Pension) Rules or the Central Civil Services (Extraordinary Pension) Rules as the case may be, as default option;

10. In all other cases, where no option was exercised by the Subscriber, the claim of the Subscriber on discharge from the service and that of the family on death of the Subscriber, shall be regulated in accordance with the Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (Exits and Withdrawals under Natnl Pension System) Regulations, 2015, as default option.

11. In cases where the option exercised by the deceased Subscriber or the default option for benefit under the Centl Civil Services (Pension) Rules or the Centl Civil Services (Extraordinary Pension) Rules becomes infructuous on account of non-availability of an eligible member of the family for grant of family pension under the Centl Civil Services (Pension) Rules or the Centl Civil Services (Extraordinary Pension) Rules, such option would be deemed to have become invalid and the benefits admissible under the Natnl Pension System shall be granted to the legal heir(s) of the emplye in accordance with the Pension Fund Regulatory & Development Authority (Exits & Withdrawals under Natnl Pension System) Regulations, 2015.

12. Copy of Form 1 and Form 2 are also enclosed.

13. All Mins/Depts are requested that the above provisions regarding option to be exercised under Centl Civil Services (Implementation of National Pension System) Rules, 2021 may be brought to the notice of the Govt emplys covered under NPS, Head of Offices and personnel dealing with the NPS matters in the Min/Deptt & attached/subordinate offices thereunder, for strict implementation.

(S. Chakrabarti) Under Secy to the Govt of India

Annual validation of ECHS membership of Dependents by submission of Life Certificate & eligibility documents by primary beneficiaries

Central Organisation ECHS Adjutant General's Branch Integrated Headquarters of MoD (Army), T B/49711-NSC/AG/ECHS/Gen Corr 26 Oct 2022

1. Please refer the following:-

(a) Central Organisation letter No B/49711-NSC/AG/ECHS/Gen Corr dated 06 Jul 2022.

(b) Central Organisation letter No B/497171-NSC/AG/ECHS dated 27 Jul 2022.

2. A detailed procedure on Annual Validation of ECHS Membership of Depdts (excluding spouse) above 18 years of age was promulgated vide letter under reference. Based on the inputs received from the environment, few addl features including change in timelines have been incorporated to the software, so as to provide adequate time to beneficiaries to obtain & upload the requisite documents. The details are given in the succeeding paragraphs.

3. Already Rejected Cases. All beneficiaries whose eligibility has been rejected by the respective OIC Parent Polyclinic, based on the Form 26AS/TR/other uploaded documents, will get one more online opportunity to apply for review with respective Director Regional Centre. In such cases, the ESM/Primary Beneficiary will receive an interactive window for rejected cases to upload fresh Form 26AS/ITR/other authorised documents, which, once uploaded will be directly visible to the concerned Director Regional Centre for review. Incase the uploaded documents meet the eligibility criteria, the Director Regional Centre will approve or reject the application. Incase of rejection, the 64 KB ECHS Card of the concerned dependent will be blocked from the date of completion of one year or date of rejection or effective date whichever is later.

4. Cases Pending Approval By OIC Parent Polyclinic. The OIC Polyclinics will get three options as mentioned below in respect of all primary beneficiaries who have uploaded the documents for validation and are pending for decision with OIC: –
(a) Approval. OIC Parent Polyclinic will check the uploaded documents and if satisfied, will click on 'Approved Tab' to approve the eligibility to extend the validity for another one year, from the date when 64 KB ECHS Card was due for Annual Validation.

(b) Reverted with Observation. In case, the OIC Parent Polyclinic ascertains—that the documents uploaded are incorrect, then by using Tab ‘Revert with Observation’, the eligibility validation is reverted with an option to the ESM/Primary beneficiary to re-submit the correct documents. In such cases, the ESM/Primary Beneficiary will re-submit the required documents and the same will be visible to Director Regional Centre once uploaded. If the required documents are submitted before the date by which the card is to be blocked, the card will remain functional/active till the documents are reviewed by Director Regional Centre. In case the required documents are not submitted before the date by which the card is to be blocked, the card will get blocked as per the date by which the card is scheduled to be blocked. Once the documents are submitted and if approved, the card will become active and if rejected will be blocked.

(c) Rejected and Forwarded to Dir Regional Centre. Once the OIC Parent Polyclinic is satisfied that the uploaded documents are incorrect and ascertains that the dependent beneficiary does not meet the eligibility criteria, then OIC Polyclinic to use Tab ‘Rejected and Forwarded for Review to Dir Regional Centre’ and forward the same for review/rejection to Dir Regional Centre.

Thereafter, the application will be visible to respective Director Regional Centre for first review. Based on the uploaded documents, the Dir Regional Centre will either approve or reject the verification of documents. If it is rejected by the Dir Regional Centre, the card will get blocked.

5. Blocking of ECHS Cards. ECHS cards will be blocked on the date by which the annual validation was due, once it is rejected by OIC Parent Polyclinic. However, the ECHS Cards will be unblocked in case the Dir Regional Centre approves the application in the first review as given at Para 4 (c) above.

6. Beneficiary with New PAN Card. As per the feedback received from the environment, few ESM/Primary beneficiaries are unable to obtain the Income Certificate from the State Revenue Deptt and have now processed the applications for the preparation of their PAN Cards. However, in such cases, as the PAN Card is new, the Form 26AS generated will be from the date when the PAN Card is prepared. Hence, the following two documents

will be uploaded in the following sequence:-

(a) Self-attested copy of PAN Card duly certifying date of preparation of PAN Card.

(b) Self-attested Form 26AS, generated for the new PAN Card for the current financial year.

7. The above will also be applicable to all dependents who have attained age of 18 years and above, on or after 01 Jan 2020.

8. The OIC Parent Polyclinic or Director Regional Centre will approve/reject the ECHS membership based on eligibility as per above mentioned documents.

9. Date of Implementation. The new upgraded software will be made live by 31 Oct 2022. To facilitate all pending cases to upload and apply for annual validation, the blocking of ineligible cards will now be undertaken with effect from 01 Jan 2023.

10. It is requested that the contents of this letter to be disseminated in the environment for information of all the ECHS beneficiaries. All Regional Centres will ensure that all Polyclinics under their jurisdiction are informed on Top Priority.

(Anupam Agarwal) Brig Dy MD For MD ECHS

Deduction of commuted pension from the pension revised in implementation of recommendations of Pay Commission: DoP&PW OM dtd 25.10.2022

No. 42/15/2022-P&PW(D)/4 GoI Min of Personnel, P.G. & Pensions Deptt of Pension & Penrs' Welfare 3rd Floor, LN Bhawan, New Delhi-110003 25.10.2022 Sub: Deduction of commuted pension from the pension revised in implementation of recommendations of Pay Commission etc.

In accordance with Rule 5 of CCS (Commutation of Pension) Rules, 1981 a Government servant can commute for a lump-sum payment of an amount not exceeding 40 per cent of his pension.

2. The amount of pension so commuted is deducted from subsequent monthly pensions. References have been received in this Deptt as to what amount shall be deducted from pension in cases where the pension is subsequently revised on implementation of recommendations of Pay Commission, etc.

3. It is clarified that in such cases, the portion/ amount of pension which was originally commuted shall only be deducted from the revised pension.

Sd/-

(Charanjit Taneja) Under Secretary

Commutation value of Pension for Government servant whose date of birth is the first of a month and who retires on the afternoon of the last day of the preceding month – Clarification by DoP&PW vide No. 42/15/2022-P&PW(D)/2 dt 25th Oct, 2022 No. 42/15/2022-P&PW(D)/2 GoI Min of Personnel, P.G. & Pensions Deptt of Pension & Penrs' Welfare 3rd Flr, L N Bhawan, Khan Market, New Delhi-110003 Date:- 25th Oct, 2022

Sub: Clarification regarding commutation value for Govt servant whose date of birth is the first of a month and who retires on the afternoon of the last day of the preceding month-reg

In accordance with proviso to Fundamental Rule [FR-56(a)], a Govt servant whose date of birth is the first of a month shall retire from service on the afternoon of the last day of the preceding month.

2. References/Representations have been received in this Department seeking clarification as to which commutation value is to be taken in cases where a Government servant whose date of birth is first of a month and who retires from service on the afternoon of the last day of the preceding month.

3. In such cases, pension becomes due from the day following the date of retirement. Further, as per Rule 6(1)(i-a) of CCS(Commutation of Pension) Rules, the commutation of pension shall become absolute on the day following the date of retirement. Therefore, the retiring Govt servant will be eligible for commutation of pension on the day following the date of his retirement and the commutation value expressed as the number of year's purchase will be age on next birthday.

4. Accordingly, in the case of such Govt servants who retire on attaining the age of 60 years, the age next birthday will be 61 years, including in cases where the date of birth is first of a month and the Govt servant retires on the afternoon of the last day of the preceding month. Therefore, the commutation value of 61 years (i.e age on next birthday) will be applicable in this case.

(Charanjit Taneja) Under Secretary

Dearness Relief payable on Original Basic Pension before commutation as revised on implementation of recommendations of Pay Commission: Clarification by DoP&PW

No. 42/15/2022-P&PW(D)/1 GoI Min of Personnel, P.G. & Pensions Deptt of Pension & Penrs' Welfare

3rd Flr, L N Bhawan, Khan Market, New Delhi-110003 Date:- 25th Oct, 2022

Sub: Clarification regarding Dearness Relief payable on Original Basic Pension -reg

In accordance with Rule 52 of CCS (Pension) Rules, 2021, Dearness Relief on Pension and Family Pension against price rise is granted to Pensioners including the persons drawing compassionate allowance under Rule 41 and Family Pensioners at such rates and subject to such conditions as the Central Government may specify from time to time.

2. References/Representations have been received in this Deptt seeking clarification whether the Dearness Relief is payable on original basic pension or on pension as reduced after commutation. It is clarified that dearness relief is payable on the original basic pension before commutation or such basic pension before commutation as revised on implementation of recommendations of Pay Commission etc. and not on the pension as reduced after deduction of commuted pension.

Sd/-

(Charanjit Taneja) Under Secretary

Clarification regarding pension to be taken for commutation after retirement: DoP&PW OM dated 25-10-2022

No.42/15/2022-P&PW(D)/3

GoI Min of Personnel, P.G. & Pensions Deptt of Pension & Penrs' Welfare 3rd Flr, L N Bhawan, Khan Market, New Delhi-110003 Date:- 25th Oct, 2022

Sub: Clarification regarding pension to be taken for commutation after retirement-reg

In accordance with Rule 5 of CCS (Commutation of Pension) Rules, 1981, a Government servant can commute for a lump-sum payment of an amount not exceeding 40 per cent of his pension.

2. Doubts have been raised as to which pension i.e pension authorized at the time of retirement or the pension revised subsequently and payable at the time of application for commutation shall be allowed to be commuted.

3. As per Rule 10 of CCS (Commutation of Pension) Rules, 1981, an applicant who has commuted a percentage of his final pension and after commutation his pension has been revised and enhanced retrospectively as a result of Govt's decision, the applicant shall be paid the difference

between the commuted value determined with reference to enhanced pension and the commuted value already authorized. For the payment of difference, the applicant shall not be required to apply afresh.

4. This Deptt's OM No. 42/14/2016-P&PW (G) dt 24.10.2016 provides that those penrs who retired from 01.01.2016 till 04.08.2016 i.e the date of issue of orders for revised pay/pension based on the recommendations of the 7th CPC may be given an option, in relaxation of Rule 10 of CCS (Commutation of Pension), Rules, 1981, not to commute the pension which has become additionally commutable on revision of pay/pension on implementation of recommendations of the 7th CPC. The cases where the additional pension after 7th CPC has already been commuted will not be re-opened.

5. In cases where the pension was authorized on retirement before 01.01.2016 and the pensioner applied for commutation on or after 01.01.2016, the pension which was originally sanctioned at the time of retirement only shall be allowed to be commuted. (Charanjit Taneja) Under Secretary

Clarification in operation of Senior Citizens' Savings Scheme by Ministry of Finance
Ministry of Finance Clarification in operation of Senior Citizens' Savings Scheme Posted On: 29 SEP 2022 4:32PM by PIB Delhi

In the operation of Senior Citizens' Savings Scheme (SCSS), it has been noticed that in few cases on the death of the account holder, operating agencies are closing the SCSS account by treating it as premature closure.

In this context, attention is drawn to Rule 7(2) of SCSS, and the following is clarified: in cases where the SCSS account holder/s passes away and the account is being closed on request of the nominee/legal heir, the rate of interest as applicable on SCSS scheme shall be paid till the date of demise the account holder. Thereafter, the interest rate applicable on Post Office Savings Account shall be paid from the date of demise of the account holder till the date of final closure of the account. Premature closure clause does not trigger on account of demise of the SCSS account holder. The premature closure of the account is applicable only when the SCSS account holder requests for closure

of own SCSS account before the maturity period. In such cases of premature closure of the account, a penalty shall be levied as mentioned in the rule 6 of the SCSS.

Counting of periods spent on training as qualifying service for pension and gratuity under the Central Civil Services (Pension) Rules, 2021: DoP&PW OM No.-28/90/2022-P&PW(B)/8297 dated 02.10.2022
No. - 28/90/2022-P&PW(B)/8297 GoI Min of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions Deptt of Pension and Penrs' Welfare 3 Flr, L N Bhavan, Khan Market, New Delhi, dt the 2nd October, 2022
Sub: Counting of periods spent on training as qualifying service for pension and gratuity under the Central Civil Services (Pension) Rules, 2021.

The undersigned is directed to say that Deptt of Pension and Penrs' Welfare has notified the Central Civil Services (Pension) Rules, 2021 in supersession of the Central Civil Service (Pension) Rules, 1972. In accordance with Rule 22 of the Central Civil Services (Pension) Rules, 2021, in the case of a Govt servant who was required to undergo a departmental training before regular appointment to a Group C post and was in receipt of pay in a scale of pay or a stipend or a nominal allowance during such training, the period of such training shall count as qualifying service. In other cases, the Govt may, by order, decide whether the time spent by a Govt servant under training immediately before appointment to service under that Govt shall be counted as qualifying service.

2. Where time spent by a Govt servant under training immediately before appointment to service under that Govt is counted as qualifying service, interruption due to the training and regular appointment being at different stations, not exceeding the joining time permissible under the rules of transfer, is required to be counted as qualifying service. Where the period of interruption is in excess of joining time due to administrative reasons, such period of interruption in excess of joining time is required to be regularised by grant of leave of the kind due or, if no such leave is due, by grant of extraordinary leave by the Head of Deptt. The period of interruption regularised by grant of extraordinary leave in such cases is required to be counted as qualifying service.

3. All Mins/Depts are requested that the above provisions regarding counting of period spent on training and period of interruption due to the training and regular appointment being at different stations, as qualifying service for pension and gratuity under the Central Civil Services (Pension) Rules, 2021 may be brought to the notice of the personnel dealing with the pensionary benefits in the Ministry/Deptt and attached/subordinate offices thereunder, for strict implementation.

(S. Chakrabarti) Under Secy to the GoI

Deduction of commuted pension from the pension revised in implementation of recommendations of Pay Commission: DoP&PW OM dtd 25.10.2022 No. 42/15/2022-P&PW(D)/4

GoI Min of Personnel, P.G. & Pensions Deptt of Pension & Penrs' Welfare 3rd Flr, L N Bhawan, Khan Market, New Delhi-110003 Date:- 25th Oct, 2022

Sub: Deduction of commuted pension from the pension revised in implementation of recommendations of Pay Commission etc.

In accordance with Rule 5 of CCS (Commutation of Pension) Rules, 1981 a Government servant can commute for a lump-sum payment of an amount not exceeding 40 per cent of his pension.

2. The amount of pension so commuted is deducted from subsequent monthly pensions. References have been received in this Deptt as to what amount shall be deducted from pension in cases where the pension is subsequently revised on implementation of recommendations of Pay Commission, etc.

3. It is clarified that in such cases, the portion/amount of pension which was originally commuted shall only be deducted from the revised pension. Sd/-

(Charanjit Taneja) Under Secretary

Deductions towards commutation to be made from family pension or not? Clarification by DoP&PW that commuted amount of pension is not required to be deducted from family pension and family pension shall be paid in full without any deduction No. 42/15/2022-P&PW(D)/5 GoI Min of Personnel, P.G. & Pensions Deptt of Pension & Penrs' Welfare 3rd Flr, L N Bhawan, Khan Market, New Delhi-110003 Date:- 25th Oct, 2022

Sub: Clarification regarding whether deductions towards commutation are required to be made from

family pension for the remaining period in cases where the pensioner dies before the restoration of commuted pension-reg

In accordance with Rule 5 of CCS (Commutation of Pension) Rules, 1981, a Government servant can commute for a lump-sum payment of an amount not exceeding 40 per cent of his pension. Further, in accordance with Rule 10-A of CCS (Commutation of Pension) Rules, 1981 the commuted amount of the pension shall be restored on completion of fifteen years from the date of reduction of pension on account of commutation becomes operative in accordance with Rule 6.

2. References/representations have been received in this Department seeking clarification whether deductions towards commutation are required to be made from family pension for the remaining period in cases where the pensioner dies before the restoration of commuted pension.

3. It is clarified that in such cases monthly commuted amount of pension is not required to be deducted from family pension and family pension shall be paid in full without any deduction in this regard.

(Charanjit Taneja) Under Secretary

Amendment in Atal Pension Yojana (APY) Notification – Change in eligibility criteria: Instructions by Department of Post

F. No. FS-10/24/2022-FS-DOP GoI Min of Communications Deptt of Posts (FS Division) Dak Bhawan, New Delhi-110001 dt: 30th September, 2022. Sub: Amendment in Atal Pension Yojana (APY) Notification – Change in eligibility criteria – reg.

This is in continuation of this office letter of even number dt 22.08.2022 on the captioned subject.

In this connection, this office is in receipt of additional clarifications from PFRDA vide their office letter No. PFRDA/03/05/1/0071/2017-PnD-APY-Part (1) dt 15.09.2022, the same are forwarded herewith for kind information and further needful in the matter.

Circles are requested to collect the self-declaration regarding income tax payee status from the subscribers at the time of enrolment w.e.f. 01.10.2022. Further, registration of subscribers with Income Tax Payee status as “NO” only be registered under APY as per the eligibility criteria.

This is for kind information and further needful.
This issues with the approval of competent authority.

Encl. : As above

Amit Ranjan ADG (FS-1)

To, All HOCs Copy for kind information to :

1. PFRDA, New Delhi: It is requested to revise the APY enrolment form by making necessary changes in view of the gazette notification under reference. Further, the complete requirements for changes in APY module may kindly be conveyed to this office further taking up with our FSI Vendor. It is suggested that PAN validation of APY Accounts may be undertaken at NSDL (now Protean) itself
2. NSDL (Now Protean), Mumbai
3. Deputy Director CEPT Chennai/FSI Team, CEPT Chennai
4. AD FS (Delhi) / Sr. PM SMHO
5. Portal Upload Team, CEPT Mysuru
6. Office Copy

F.No.FS-10/24/2022-FS-DOP GoI Min of Commns
Deptt of Posts (FS Division) Dak Bhawan, Sansad Marg, New Delhi-110001 Dated: 22nd August, 2022.
Sub: Amendment in Atal Pension Yojana (APY) Notification – Change in eligibility criteria – reg.
This is in reference to the the Gazette notification dt 10.08.2022 of the Deptt of Financial Services, Ministry of Finance regarding Amendment in Atal Pension Yojana (APY) Notification – Change in eligibility criteria (copy enclosed).

2. Initially, it has been informed that as per the

notification, any citizen between 18 and 40 years, who is an income tax payer, shall not be eligible to join APY from 1st October, 2022. In case a subscriber, joining APY on or after 1st October, 2022, is subsequently found to have been an income-tax payer on or before the date of application, his/her APY account shall be closed and the accumulated pension wealth till date would be given to the subscriber.

3. Now, PFRDA vide its email communication has clarified that the new notification is not applicable to existing APY subscribers/income tax-payers who have ALREADY joined APY and also it will not be applicable to prospective subscribers/income tax-payers who will be joining APY by 30th September, 2022. It is also clarified that any APY subscriber joining APY on or after 1st October, 2022, who is not an income-tax payer on the date of application, subsequently becomes an income-tax payer, his/her APY account will not be closed.

4. Accordingly, the Circles are requested to continue accepting subscribers registration forms from prospective subscribers who are income-tax payers, for opening of their APY accounts in the system till 30th September, 2022 in order to avoid any dispute/grievance.

5. The above clarification may be circulated to all concerned in the circle for compliance. This issues with the approval of competent authority.

Encl. : As above

(Amit Ranjan) ADG (FS-I)

Grievances Redressal by Department of Ex-Servicemen Welfare (DESW), Ex-Servicemen Contributory Health Scheme (ECHS), Directorate General Resettlement(DGR) & Kendriya Sainik Bd (KSB) grievances-redressal-by-desw-echs-dgr-ksb

Grievances Redressal, DESW

Name & Contact No.

Sl No.	Name of Officers	Designation	Contact No.	Subject being dealt by concerned Deputy Secretary
(a)	Dr. P. P. Sharma	OSD (WE & IC)	23015772	General Coordination and Ex-Servicemen Contributory Health Scheme (ECHS) related matters.
(b)		Director (Pension/ Legal & Res-I)	23793290 (Telefax)	Matters relating to Court Cases, Legal notices pertaining to Ex-Servicemen, Mercy-Petitions, Second Appeal Cases for grant of disability pension, Matters relating to Reservation in Central Government/State Government direct recruitment posts for Ex-servicemen, Grant of status of Ex-Servicemen, Self-Employment Schemes run by Directorate General Resettlement(DGR), Recognition

(c) Shri Sarvjit Singh	Deputy Secy (Pension Grievance)	23010244	of Ex-servicemen Associations, Matter relating to ex-servicemen corporations in various States, Resettlement/Skill Development Training Courses for retiring/retired personnel of Indian Armed Forces Grievances related to pension and pensionary matters of ESMs and their families.
(d)	Deputy Secretary (Res-II)	23015529	Matters relating to Kendriya Sainik Board (KSB), e-Governance, e-office, e-Samiksha and maintenance of DESW's Website.
(e) Shri A.K. Agrawal	Deputy Secy (Pension /Policy)	23015650	Pension Policy issues of Armed Forces Personnel, Pension Regulations for Army, Air Force and Navy, Entitlement Rules for Casualty Pension Awards, Guide to Medical Officers (Military Pension), continuation of posts of MPB/PPO, Nepal.

Department of Ex-Servicemen Welfare, in respect of grievance redress, this Deptt entertains grievances exclusively of the Ex-Servicemen and their family members on issues ranging from grant, rectification and revision of pension/ family pension/ disability pension, facilities under ECHS, land allotment from state govts, benefits being extended under schemes of DGR and KSB, other issues related to civil life of ESM etc. These grievances are being received, directly, through online mode (centralised grievance redress mechanism portal (pgportal.gov)), through e-mails, dak, over phone and other means of communications. Some of the grievances are also received through the office of Parliaments' Committees on Petitions, Raksha Mantri/Raksha Rajya Mantri, Members of Parliament, Prime Minister's Office, Cabinet Secretariat, President Secretariat, Deptt of Pension and Penr's Welfare, Natl Human Rights Commission, Deptt of Administrative Reforms & Public Grievances, Secy (Defence), Secy (ESW). An officer of the rank of Joint Secy is the Nodal Officer for redressal of these grievances.

Each of the grievance is examined in the Deptt at the first stage, then forwarded to the concerned authority (Service Headquarters, Records Offices, Pension Sanctioning Authorities, ECHS, DGR, KSB, State Govts, Pension Disbursing Agencies etc) for taking necessary action and then is followed up (through modes of online, e-mail, letters and phone calls), individually, till disposal/ redressal of the grievance. In the process of grievance redressal services of local network of the KSB is being extensively utilised.

Grievances Redressal, ECHS

Name & Contact No. for queries related to ECHS smart Card

Sl No.	Name of Offrs	Appt	Contact No.	Mobile No.
(a)	Col Rakesh Kakar (Retd)	Jt Dir (S&A) (B) (Online ECHS Card)		Mob -8979800177
(b)	Col Jai Parkash Chahal	Dir (S&A)	Tele-25684645	Mob-7004600623

Name & Contact No. for Other Grievances

Sl No.	Name of Offrs	Appt	Contact No.	Mobile No.
(a)	Lt Col Deepak Bhatt	Jt Dir (C&L)	20892332	MB-7091567780
(b)	Col Anirudh Shekhawat	Dir (C&L)	20892332	Mob -9217010070
(c)	Maj Gen NR Indurkar SM	MD ECHS	Tele-25684846	Mob-9971129165

1. STATUS OF GRIEVANCE DISPOSAL GRIEVANCES/COMPLAINT RESOLUTION SYSTEM IN ECHS

Gen. ECHS est wef 01 Apr 2003 and providing comprehensive medical care to ESM and their dependents through polyclinics and empanelled hospitals. Central Organisation ECHS is Central HQ at Delhi and Regional Centres are est all over India for co-ordination and functioning of the Scheme. Being not a stand alone scheme, the Comd & Control is channelized through various Stn HQ/ Sub Area HQ / Area HQ / Comd HQ / Army HQ and DGAFMS. Like all other schemes and orgs, the Scheme is also having some shortcomings and the beneficiaries are facing problems. Our attention is, therefore, focused on the grievances redressal

mechanism to alleviate the rising problems by forming a Grievance Cell at Central Organisation ECHS by employing a ret'd Army Medical Officer (rank of Col) who has been associated with ECHS in various appointments like Director (Medical), Commanding Officer Military Hospital and Senior Executive Medical Officer (SEMO) at Central Organisation ECHS under Director (Complaints & Legal) to look into the grievances and monitor redressals and assist the functionaries of Central Org ECHS in resolving the issues raised by the beneficiaries

2. Types of Complaints/ Grievances Received.

Following types of complaints/ grievances are generally received at his HQ:-

(a) Against the Functionaries.

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| 1. OIC ECHS Polyclinics. | 2. OIC ECHS Cell, Station Headquarters. |
| 3. Staff of ECHS Polyclinics. | 4. Doctor at ECHS Polyclinics. |
| 5. Referring to a particular Hospital. | 6. Denial of Treatment by ECHS Polyclinics. |
| 7. Ill treatment by ECHS Polyclinics. | |

(b) Eligibility and ECHS Card.

1. Eligibility for ECHS Membership in respect of Non Defence personnel.
2. Eligibility of Ex-Recruits for ECHS.
3. Eligibility of World War II veterans/SSCOs/ECOs for ECHS members.
4. Upgradation/Renewal/Change of Cards.
5. Status for application of ECHS membership cards.

(c) Medicine/ Claims.

1. Non availability of Medicine at ECHS Polyclinics.
2. Non issue of medicines for 3 months.
3. Issue of medicines for 7 to 8 months for persons going abroad.
4. Shortage of life saving medicines.
5. Reimbursement of Medclaims.
6. Emergency treatment in Empanelled/ Non Empanelled/ Govt Hospitals.

(d) Against Empanelled Hospitals.

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| 1. Negligence by Hospitals. | 2. Denial of Treatment by Empanelled Hospitals. |
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(e) General Complaints.

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| 1. Refund of Contributions. | 2. Shortage of doctors. |
| 3. Opening of additional ECHS Polyclinics. | 4. Improvement in ECHS Polyclinics. |
| 5. Extension of contractual employment. | 6. Referral procedure lengthy. |
| 7. Treatment Abroad. | |

3. Manner of Receipt of Grievances/ Complaints.

- a. Through personal visits by veterans or their representatives.
 - b. Through Toll Free No 1800-114-115.
 - c. Through CPGRAMS.
 - d. Through E-mails atdiritechs-mod[at]nic[dot]in jdclechs-mod[at]nic[dot]in, dymdechs-mod[at]nic[dot]in and all functionaries listed at the website www.echs.gov.in
 - e. Through higher HQ/MoD.
 - f. Through normal mail.
4. Methodology Adopted to Resolve.
- a. Personal interaction immediately resolving the issues raised.
 - b. For queries where instant reply cannot be given, views and clarification are sought from different sections and then the reply is communicated to the indl by tele, e-mail and by letter wherever required.
 - c. Issues pertaining to any clarification/ action by Regional Centre ECHS, Stn HQ and Command HQs are communicated to them and action is ensured.

d. Any issues requiring clarification from MoD also sought and action taken communicated to the indl.
 e. Issues some times raised-pertain to different/various section-views/recommendations sought on file for approval of MD/ MoD. In the meantime interim reply is given to the indl. Once finalized then communication is made through tele/ fax/ letters to the indl.

5. Measures Undertaken to Further Improve the Grievances (Redressal Mechanism).

Toll free No 1800-114-115 which is at present being functional at Central Organization HQ. Beneficiaries of respective Regional Centres can call to Director Regional Centre ECHS/ Jt Dir (Med) Regional Centre ECHS and clarify their queries/process their grievances which will enable them in getting a faster service. Some FAQs pertaining to various ECHS aspects have been formulated and streamlined at Central Organisation and same will be fwd to Regional Centres ECHS so that uniformity will be maintained in making reply to the ECHS beneficiaries PAN INDIA by Dir Regional Centres ECHS.

6. Conclusion.

Clientele satisfaction will always be our motto. Our constant endeavours will be on to redress the grievances of ECHS beneficiaries and every functionary will take it as a contributory responsibility to resolve the issues raised.

Recovery of wrongful/excess payments made to Government Servants—DoP&T instructs for audit of pay fixation i.r.o. employee due to retire within next 4 years vide OM dated 03.10.2022

No. 18/03/2015-Estt (Pay-I) GoI Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions Deptt of Personnel & Training North Block, New Delhi Dated 3rd October, 2022

Sub: Recovery of wrongful/excess payments made to Government Servants.

The undersigned is directed to invite attention to the D/o Personnel & Training (DoPT)'s OM No 18/03/2015-Estt (Pay-I) dated 02.03.2016 on the subject mentioned above (copy enclosed).

2. Recently, the Hon'ble Central Administrative Tribunal (CAT), Lucknow Bench, while hearing the OA No. 302/2022 (Atul Chandra Srivastava Vs UoI & Ors.) and OA No. 303/2022 (Mohammad Irshad Vs UoI & Ors.) has passed an interim Order dated 20.07.2022 expressing concern over the mistakes/ clerical faults on the part of Ministries Departments / Offices leading to incorrect fixation of pay etc., which result in excess payments being made to the Government Servants.

3. The Hon'ble Tribunal in its Order dated 20.07.2022 referred to the judgment dated 18.12.2014 of the Hon'ble Supreme Court in CA No. 11527 of 2017 (arising out of SLP C No.11684 of 2012) State of Punjab & Ors Vs Rafiq Masih (White Washer) etc. and instructions issued vide DoPT's OM no 18/03/2015-Estt.(Pay-I) dated 02.03.2016 in light thereof. In its judgment, the Hon'ble Supreme Court

identified five situations wherein recovery of excess payment made would be impermissible in Law. One of the situations where recovery of excess payment has been decided to be impermissible relates to the employees belonging to Class-III and Class-IV Service (or Group 'C' and Group 'D' services). The Hon'ble Tribunal has noted that the applicants in both the cases under consideration are Group 'C' employees and the law in this regard has already been laid down in the judgement dated 18.12.2014 of the Hon'ble Supreme Court and subsequent instructions issued vide DoPT's OM dt 02.03.2016. 4. In this context, it is observed that the time taken' by the Ministries/Departments/Offices to discover mistakes/clerical faults in pay fixation of their employees is highly avoidable. The situation of overpayments occurs on account of erroneous calculation of payments due to an employee. If not detected in time, amount becoming due for recovery due to these excess payments keep accruing. In many cases, these overpayments come to notice of the administrative authority at a very late stage resulting in substantial amounts becoming due for recovery. However, in the wake of the Order dated 18.12.2014 of the Hon'ble Supreme Court referred above, these recoveries are to be considered for waiver in the types of cases identified therein. As a result, the administrative authorities concerned are compelled to explore other alternatives available to recover the amount involved or seek approval of the D/o Expenditure to waive off the same in accordance with the procedure prescribed in this

Department's OM dated 02.03.2016 read with the instructions contained in DoPT's OM No 18/26/2011-Estt (Pay-I) dated 06.02.2014.

5. The matter has been examined in consultation with the D/o Expenditure. It is advised that—Ministries / Departments / Offices may exercise extreme caution and take suitable measures while handling pay fixation of their employees as also in other cases involving payments so as to ensure that such lapses/mistakes do not occur;

Pay fixation orders issued due to grant of MACP/ACP/financial upgradation/ increment/ promotion etc. may necessarily be audited by the internal audit and/or the Pay & Accounts Office concerned within 3 months of issuing such orders; and

In cases where the employee is due to retire within next 4 years, audit of previous pay fixation orders shall be done on priority.

6. Hindi Version will follow.

(Shukdeo Sah) U Secy to the GoI No.011-23090489

Simplification of Procedure for Payment of Pension and Other Benefits to All India Services Officers Retiring From Government of India/State Governments [Updated as on 29.09.2022]

GoI Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions Deptt of Personnel and Training Services Division Simplification of Procedure for Payment of Pension and Other Benefits to All India Services Officers Retiring From Government of India/State Governments

Ref:- (1) DoPT Letter No.25014/2/2002-AIS(II) dated 03.06.2004

(2) DoPT Letter No.25014/2/2002-AIS(II) dated 11.04.2007

(3) DoPT Letter No.25014/2/2002-AIS(III) dated 16.01.2009

(4) DoPT Letter No.25014/1/2014-AIS-I] dated 28.07.2015

Instructions have been issued from time to time regarding simplification of procedure for payment of pension and other benefits to All India services officers retiring from Govt of India/State Govts. In order to bring clarity to the existing instructions and enable uniform implementation, the guidelines issued so far on the subject have been reviewed, consolidated and reiterated at one place.

2. In so far as the provisions which are not covered

in these instructions are concerned, the provisions in the earlier guidelines shall continue to be applicable. Accordingly, the following procedures/systems would be followed for payment of pension and other retirement benefits to AIS officers retiring from Govt of India/State Governments:-

Government of India has taken over the entire pension liability of all the All India Services officers. All retired as well as retiring AIS officers (existing as well as future retirees), either from the State Government or Central Government, uniformly have the option of drawl of pension through Government of India or through the State Government.

The option exercised by the pensioner for drawl of pension/family pension either from the Government of India or State Government at the time of retirement would constitute as "zero option" (Annexure-III). Thereafter, the retired officer can further make two options for which the first option would be permitted without obtaining the permission of Central Government and the second option would require permission of the Central Government. No further option shall be considered after the Second option is permitted by the Central Government. The first option shall be applied by the pensioner to the Drawing Disbursing Authority of her/his pension in the prescribed format (Annexure-I). The proposal for revocation of earlier options which required permission of the Central Government shall be applied to the concerned Cadre Controlling Authority of All India Services in the prescribed format (Annexure-II) and such proposal shall be processed in consultation with the Chief Controller (Pension), Central Pension Accounting Office (Department of Expenditure), New Delhi for according approval of the Secretary of the concerned Cadre Controlling Authority. Every time a change in option is made, it shall be notified to the Central Pension Accounts Office (Department of Expenditure) to update its database.

In respect of officials retiring from the State Governments and opting to receive pension through State Government, the existing system of authorisation/issue of Pension Payment Order (PPO), payment and accounting of pension and other retirement benefits through the administrative structure of the State Governments/Accountants General will continue as hitherto. In these cases,

the GoI would reimburse the expenditure to the State, subject to compliance with the Central Govt rules and instructions in this regard.

Pension authorisation, etc. of officials retiring from the GoI and opting to draw pension through the GoI, may, at their option, be finalized and paid by the Mins/Depts from which they retire as per the procedure in respect of similarly placed AIS officers belonging to the UT Cadre vide this Deptt's letter No.25011/4/83-AIS(II) dt 11.07.1984 (p.314, AIS Manual Vol.I, 2002). Other benefits like leave encashment, GPF etc. shall also be finalized by the Mins/Depts from which they retire.

In respect of officials retiring from the State Govt and opting to draw pension through the GoI, a Designated Authority in each State would completely process all matters relating to the determination of pension, gratuity, adjustment/recovery of advances/other dues and send the PPO for further processing by the Central Pension Accounting Office, MoF, New Delhi (CPAO). The CPAO would, thereafter, process/forward these cases to the relevant bank branches (through whom the penr desires withdrawal of pension) in a manner similar to the other Centl Civil Penrs. The Designated Authority in each state shall be communicated by the State Govt to the CPAO.

The banks would follow a procedure similar to those followed in respect of Centl civil penrs, while disbursing pension to the All India Service officials. The 'Scheme for Payment of Pension to Centl Govt Civil Penrs by Authorised Banks shall be followed, mutatis-mutandis, in respect of AIS officials.

All monthly disbursement on the PPOs, routed through CPAO, GoI, will be scrolled by the banks to the CPAO, irrespective of whether the person has retired from the Centl Govt or State Govt.

In order to facilitate accounting, reimbursement to State Govts, etc., a separate Head of Accounts for pension of AIS officers will be opened by the Controller Genl of Accounts, Min of Finance, in consultation with Budget Division, Deptt of Economic Affairs and Comptroller and Auditor Genl of India.

Each State will prepare and send the relevant Budget Estimates against various pensionary benefits in respect of AIS officers to the CPAO by the prescribed dates.

3. The detailed operational procedure to be followed by various agencies for preparation of pension papers, issue of PPO and arranging payment and accounting of payments etc. issued by the Central Pension Accounting Office, Deptt of Expenditure, MoF vide letter No.CPAO/AIS/M.F./01/2008-09/P-28toP-92 dt 18.08.2008 is attached at Annexure-IV.

4. In cases of any problem/dispute in individual cases, references may be made to the respective Cadre Controlling Authorities in the Central Government, for appropriate action, if necessary, in consultation with other Departments.

Submission of annual Life Certificate: Railway Board Order RBA No. 49/2022 dated 07.10.2022

GoI Ministry of Rlys (Rly Bd) RBA No. 49 /2022 No. 2010/AC-I/21/ 10/Pt.IV New Delhi dt: 7.10.2022 General Managers, All Zonal Railways and Production Units

Sub: Submission of annual Life Certificate.

Ref:- DOPPW's Office Memorandum No. 1(8)/ 202 1-P&PW(H)-7468 dated 30.09.2022

A copy of DOPPW's O.M No. 1(8)/202 1-P&PW(H)-7468 dt 30.09.2022 regarding submission of annual Life Certificate by Central Government Pensioners is enclosed for information and guidance. In this O.M, DOPPW has summarized the different modes available to a pensioner for submission of Annual life Certificate. These instructions shall apply mutatis mutandis on the Railways also.

All Pension Disbursing Authorities are requested to take note of this OM for compliance and give wide publicity of the same amongst pensioners.

DA:As above

(Sanjeev Sharma) OSD/ Accounts Railway Board

e-Passbook facility for National (Small) Savings Schemes account holders-SB Order No. 19/2022 dt 12.10.2022

SB Order No. 19/2022 F. No. FS-13/7/2020-FS GoI Min of Comms Deptt of Posts (Financial Services Div) Dak Bhawan, New Delhi-110001dt: 12.10.2022 To,

All Head of Circles/Regions

Sub: Introduction of e-Passbook facility for National (Small) Savings Schemes account holders.

Sir/Madam,

The competent authority has decided to introduce e-Passbook facility w.e.f. 12.10.2022 in order to

provide simplified and enhanced digital facilities to Natl (Small) Savings Schemes account holders.

2. With introduction of the facility, Post Office Small Savings customers will be able to access the account details anytime, anywhere and without the need of having Net Banking or the Mobile Banking access. e-Passbook facility can be accessed by an account holder through the registered mobile number. The service will be available free of cost.

3. Facilities available under e-Passbook will be as follows: –

(i) Balance Inquiry:–In this option, user can view balance of all National Savings Scheme accounts.

(ii) Mini Statement:–Mini statement will be available for PO Savings Account (POSA), Sukanya Samriddhi Account (SSA) and Public Provident Fund Account (PPF) to start with and will be extended to other schemes in a phased manner. Last 10 transactions will be displayed and mini statement can be downloaded in pdf format.

(iii) Full Statement:–Full statement will be made available in a phased manner. Customers will be able to generate account statement for specified date range.

4. The link for e-Passbook is made available on India Post website (at link <https://www.indiapost.gov.in/Financial/Pages/Content/Post-Office-Saving-Schemes.aspx>) and IPPB website www.ippbonline.com. The facility will also be made available in PostInfo App subsequently. Account holders may follow the process outlined below to use this facility:–Click on e-Passbook link provided on www.indiapost.gov.in or www.ippbonline.com.

Enter mobile number and CAPTCHA -> Login -> Enter OTP -> Submit Select e-Passbook
Select Scheme Type, Enter account number, registered mobile number and CAPTCHA -> Continue -> Enter OTP -> Verify Select option
(a) Balance Enquiry (b) Mini Statement
(c) Full Statement

Balance or Mini Statement or Full Statement will be displayed based on the service chosen by customer. Mini Statement and Full Statement can also be downloaded if required.

Note:–If the entered mobile number is not linked with the account, system will throw appropriate error message. In such cases account holders are

requested to link mobile number to their accounts by visiting the post office where the account stands.

5. It is requested to circulate this to all concerned for information, guidance and necessary action. Adequate promotion of this functionality is to be done and the same may also be placed on notice board of the post office(s).

6. Hindi version will be issued in due course.

7. This is issued with the approval of the Competent Authority.

Yours Faithfully (Devendra Sharma) Asst Dt (SB-II)

Pay full pension to retired/retiring employees in compliance to CAT, Delhi order dated 05.07.2022 in OA No.2691/2017: MIB issues order

F.No: V-11013/07/2021-BAE GoI Min of Information & Broadcasting 'A' Wing, Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi-01 Date: 06.10.2022

To, Chief Controller of Accounts, Ministry of I&B, Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi—1 10001.

Sub: Hon'ble CAT, PB, New Delhi order dated 05.07.2022 in OA No 100/2691/2021 filed by Shri Bhanwar Lal Rawal & Ors Vs Uol before Hon'ble CAT, PB, New Delhi.

Sir, In supersession of this Ministry's letter no V-11013/07/2018-BAE dated 18.08.2021, approval of the Competent Authority is hereby conveyed for implementation of Hon'ble CAT PB order dated 05.07.2022 in OA No 100/2691/2021 filed by Shri Bhanwar Lal Rawal & Ors. regarding grant of final pension with all pensionary benefits to the retiring/retired government servants.

2. However, before releasing the final pension and all pensionary benefits to the retiring/retired government servants, an undertaking may be taken from them that if any excess payment is made to an individual, then the same shall be recovered from him or her after the disposal of the WP No 9890/2019 pending before the Hon'ble High Court or any other similar litigation.

3. In view of the above, CCA, MIB may issue necessary instructions to all PAOs for release of final pension and all pensionary benefits to retiring/retired government employees of AIR/DDn immediately.

4. This matter may be accorded "Top Priority".

Yours faithfully,

Under Secretary to the Govt. of India

Grant of Disability Pension/Element/Special Family Pension in case of death of ESM due to COVID-19 – Withdrawal of earlier OM: DESW OM dated 14.10.2022

No. 2(3)/2022/D(Pen/Pol) GoI MoD Deptt of Ex-Servicemen Welfare Sena Bhawan, New Delhi, Dated, the 14th October, 2022

To, The Chief of Defence Staff, The Chief of Army Staff The Chief of Naval Staff, The Chief of Air Staff

Sub: Grant of Disability Pension/Element/Special Family Pension in case of death of ESM due to COVID-19-clarification thereon.

Sir, I am directed to refer to MoD letter No. 2(3)/2022/D(Pen/Pol) dt 16.08.2022 on the above mentioned subject. It has been decided with the approval of the Competent Authority to withdraw the MoD letter No. 2(3)/2022/D(Pen/Pol) dt 16.08.2022 as the matter requires further consultation in the Govt. Accordingly, the MoD letter No. 2(3)/2022/D(Pen/Pol) dt 16.08.2022 stands withdrawn.

2. This issues with the concurrence of Finance Division of this Ministry vide their ID Note No. 10(04)/2022/FIN/PEN dated 29.09.2022.

3. Hindi version will follow.

Yours faithfully, (B L Meena) Ud Secy to the GoI

Disposal of Pensioners Grievances in 45 days and Family Pensioner/Super Senior Pensioners in 30 Days: Railway Board Order for compliance of 110th & 113th report of DRPSC Recommendations – RBA No. 51/2022

GoI Min of Rlys Rly Bd RBA No. 51/2022 No. 2016/AC-II/21/2/CPGRAMS/Vol.II (Pension) 13.10.2022 Pr. Financial Advisors, All Zonal Railways/PUs

Sub : 110th & 113th report of DRPSC Recommendations : Compliance regarding.

Ref: DOPPW's O.M. No. 17/4/2021-P&PW(Coord)-E 7648 dated 4.4.2022

Please find enclosed a copy of DOPPW's OM ibid dt 04.04.2022 wherein Deptt Related Parliamentary Standing Committee (DRPSC) has recommended that all the Mins/Depts of Central Govt should identify core grievance-prone areas and streamline their systems accordingly and to resolve the grievances within the prescribed time limit. It shall be the responsibility of each Railway/ Production Unit to coordinate with their allied units/field units

for disposal of grievances within the stipulated time frame of 45 days in case of penrs and 30 days in case of family penrs and super senior penrs (80 years and above). It was also advised that accountability of Govt Officials dealing with penrs' grievances may be ensured and administrative action against officials habitually responsible for delayed action or summary disposal of grievances without qualitative action may be taken.

Kindly instruct all concerned to comply with these guidelines and arrange to submit the quarterly report in the format prescribed by DOPPW by 15th of next following month by mail at npsrailwayboard[at]gmail.com.

View: Submission of annual Life Certificate: Railway's RBA No. 49/2022 dated 07.10.2022

DA: As above

(Ajay Bartwal) Joint Director Finance/CCA Rly Bd

Issue of Pensioner's Identity card in prescribed format through online | - October 20, 2022

South Central Railway Vijayawada Division Divisional Office, Personnel Branch, Vijayawada, No. SCR/P-BZA/210/Pen.ID/IT cell Dt: 06.10.2022 All Concerned/BZA Divn.

Sub: Issue of Pensioner's Identity card in prescribed format through online — Reg.

Ref: Railway Bd's letter No. E(W)2016/PS5-8/1 dt. 20.09.2019 (RBE No.154/2019)

Reference to the letter cited above, revised format for issuing of Penrs' Identity Card has been circulated. Keeping in view of the difficulties facing by the Penrs to approach Divisional Office for obtaining Penr's Identity Card under Rly Services (Pension) Rules, 1993 and under 'National Pension System (NPS)', the BZA Division has first ever designed and introduced a WEB Portal for issuing Penr' Identity Card through Web Portal (Online). The same web portal will be available with the following URL from 07.10.2022 for applying the Pensioner's Identity Card by the pensioners. <https://digitalscr.in/bzadiv/personnel/>

All penrs are hereby advised to first register in the above said web portal duly furnishing the particulars of PPO No., registered mobile No., Designation & Station. Password should be created by the penr. On completion of registration, Penrs should "login" with the credentials i.e. PPO number

as “User ID” and “Password” created while registration by the pensioner.:

After “login” to Web Portal, the details of the penr i.e. Name, Address, Phone No., Blood Group, Type of Scheme, DOB, DOA, DOR etc. are to be entered and also upload the penr’s photo & copy of the PPO in JPEG format. The uploaded details of the pensioner will be verified by the verifying authority and the same will be forwarded to Competent Authority through Section In-charge for approval of issue of the Pensioner’s Identity Card.

On approval of competent authority, the same will be communicated to the pensioner through text message to the registered mobile number. Finally the pensioner has to “login” the web portal and download the Pensioner’s Identity Card.

The detailed flow chart for applying Penr’s Identity Card is enclosed for the ease of pensioners.

Encl: As above.

(M. B. MURALIDHAR, IRPS) Sr.DPO/BZA

Building a Pensioned Society enabled through Digi Locker

Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority Circular No: PFRDA/2022/30/SUP-CRA/ 11 19 Oct 2022

To, All NPS stakeholders

Sub: Building a Pensioned Society enabled through Digi Locker

Digi Locker is a key initiative under Digital India, the Govt of India flagship program with a vision to transform India into a digitally empowered society and a pensioned Society. Digi Locker embraces Digital India’s vision areas of providing the Citizens a shareable private digital space with a consent framework and making all documents/certificates digitally available and accessible at ease. The number of Registered Users of Digi Locker are nearly 13 cr and 5.60 billion issued documents under various Categories viz Centl/ State Govts, Banking & Insurance, Education, Health etc.

2. Central Record Keeping Agencies (CRAs) of PFRDA have become Digi Locker Partner Organizations to provide Subscriber Centric online Services indicated vide Circular PFRDA/2022/16/ SUP CRA/4 dated 27 July 2022.

3. As a tribute to 75 Years of India’s Independence Day Celebration and to commemorate Azadi Ka

Amrit Mahotsav, PFRDA is pleased to provide following additional features through Digi Locker:

Account opening using Driving License (DL) through Digi Locker (Annexure I)

Updation of existing address using DL through Digi Locker (Annexure II)

4. The facility can be availed by prospective subscribers opening their accounts with Protean CRA and existing subscribers of Protean CRA for updating their address.

5. This circular is issued in exercise of the powers conferred under Section 14 of Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority Act, 2013 to protect the interests of subscribers and to regulate, promote and ensure orderly growth of the National Pension System.

Digitally signed by K

MOHAN GANDHI

Chief General Manager

Annexure I

Steps for opening the NPS account using Driving License issued in Digi Locker

Open the NPS registration page on Protean CRA website.

Select the option of New Registration with Documents with Digi Locker and select Driving License (DL).

Applicant redirected to Digi Locker Website, where he can login with login credentials and provide consent for sharing of documents/information with CRA.

Allow NPS to access Digi Locker and issued documents.

The demographic Information and the photo as per Driving License will be auto populated in the account opening Page.

Provide PAN, personal details, Information related to Bank Account, Scheme & Nomination and other details to complete the application.

Payment can be made towards NPS Contribution.

NPS Account generated successfully.

Annexure II

Steps for updating the address in NPS account using Driving License issued in Digi Locker

Login to NPS account using credentials on Protean CRA website.

Select the option Update Personal Details under the tab Demographic Changes.

select Update Address Details and further select through DigiLocker and select Driving License under documents.

Subscriber redirected to Digi Locker Website, where he can login with login credentials and provide consent for sharing of documents/information with CRA.

Allow NPS to access Digi Locker, issued documents, and submit.

Old address and new address will be shown to subscriber. Subscriber can verify the details and click on 'Generate OTP'.

Upon submitting the OTP, address as per Driving License will be updated in NPS account immediately.

Single Integrated Pensioners' Portal aimed at "Ease of Living" for the Central Government Pensioners launched for CG Pensioners

Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances & Pensions Union Minister Dr Jitendra Singh launches Single Integrated Pensioners' Portal aimed at "Ease of Living" for the Central Government Pensioners

State Bank of India becomes the first pension disbursing Bank to integrate its Pension Seva Portal with BHAVISHYA in record time

Dr Jitendra Singh also inaugurates an exhibition of all the 17 Pension Disbursing Banks which showcased their digital initiatives and products for retiring employees to help them exercise choice of a Pension Disbursing Bank

The Minister confers Anubhav Awards on 15 awardees for year 2019-20, 20-21 & 21-22 for sharing experiences & giving suggestions for improvement in governance

Dr Jitendra Singh also inaugurates Pre-Retirement Counselling for about 900 officials about to retire in next One year; 47 PRC Workshops have already been conducted so far

Posted On: 18 OCT 2022 5:26PM by PIB Delhi

Union Minister of State (IC) Ministry of Science and Technology; Minister of State (IC) Ministry of Earth Science; MoS of Prime Minister's Office and Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances & Pensions Dr Jitendra Singh today launched Single Integrated Pensioners' Portal developed in collaboration with State Bank of India and aimed at

"Ease of Living" for the Central Government Pensioners. All the remaining 16 Pension disbursing banks shall now begin their integration with BHAVISHYA.

Dr Jitendra Singh said, Bhavishya 9.0 version was being released today with its integration with the Pension Disbursing Banks.

BHAVISHYA, a Portal for Pension Payment and Tracking System, said the Minister, is being integrated with Pension Seva portal of SBI and will enable Pensioners to get all information and services at one place with single login.

On completion of all phases of this integration the retirees can choose a Bank and Branch for opening an online Pension Account, check their monthly pension slips, Form 16, Status of Life Certificate as well as change their Pension Disbursing Bank through BHAVISHYA.

Dr Jitendra Singh informed that BHAVISHYA has recently been rated as the 3rd best portal among all Government of India service portals by National e-Governance Service Delivery Assessment (NeSDA). The Department of Pension & Pensioners' Welfare (DoPPW) therefore chose this End-to-End digitized portal for the integration with BHAVISHYA as the base portal which shall finally become a single window for all Central Government Pensioners. The following portals have now been merged with BHAVISHYA window: CPENGRAMS, ANUBHAV, ANUDAAN, SANKALP & Pension DASHBOARD.

Dr Jitendra Singh said, the 'Bhavishya' platform was made mandatory for all central government departments since 01.01.2017 and this system is at present being successfully implemented in the main Secretariat of 97 Ministries/Departments including 815 Attached Offices, along with 7,902 DDOs on board. He also informed that as on date, more than 1, 74,000 cases have been processed on BHAVISHYA i.e. PPOs issued which includes more than 1 lakh e-PPOs.

The Minister on arrival inaugurated a Pension Disbursing Bank Exhibition in which all the 17 Pension Disbursing Banks participated to display their digital initiatives and products meant for retiring government officials. This was a first of its kind initiative organized by Department of Pension

in order to enable retiring employees to take an informed decision while opening a Pension account.

Dr Jitendra Singh conferred Anubhav Awards on 15 awardees for year 2019-20, 20-21 & 21-22. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Anubhav Award Ceremony for the previous 2 years could not be held. The Anubhav portal was launched by the Department of Pension & Pensioners' Welfare at the behest of the Prime Minister in 2015. The portal provides an opportunity for retiring Government employee to share their experience of working in the Government and give suggestions for improvement in governance. The Anubhav Awards ceremony was started from 2016 as an annual feature to encourage retiring govt employees to share their govt experience on their retirement.

Dr Jitendra Singh also inaugurated Pre-Retirement Counselling for about 900 officials about to retire in next One year. An exhibition was put up by all Pension disbursing banks to showcase their products and services to all participants who are about to retire in One year.

The Department of Pension & Pensioners' Welfare organizes Pre-Retirement Counselling (PRC) workshop for the benefits of retiring employees of the Government of India as a welfare measure. The workshop with retiring employees focused on (i) Online filing of Pension papers by retiring employees on BHAVISHYA (ii) Retirement benefits (iii) DLC & Face Authentication technology and (iv) Income Tax Rules affecting retiring employees.

Reservation on Railway Passes/PTOs: Railway Board issued revised procedure to be followed for booking reserved tickets on authority of Railway Pass/PTO

GoI Min of Rlys (Rly Bd) No.2022/TG-I/20/85 New Delhi, dated 12.10.2022 General Managers, All Zonal Railways. GM/PRS CRIS Chanakyapuri, New Delhi

Sub: Reservation on Railway Passes/PTOs

Ref: Letter No. 94/TG-I/20/P/14 dated 28.08.2009 (CC No. 39 of 2009)

Instructions were issued vide letter referred to above, stipulating detailed guidelines on booking of tickets on railway Passes. Consequent to introduction of facility for online booking of

reserved tickets on railway Passes/PTOs issued through HRMS and also on receipt of requests for revising the guidelines for ticket booking on PTOs, the matter has been reviewed and it has been decided that the procedure to be followed for booking reserved tickets on the authority of Railway Pass/PTO will be as under:-

Pass/PTO holders or their representatives should present their passes/PTO along with the requisitions duly filled in to the Reservation Clerk who will issue ticket on realization of due fare, if any, and make endorsement on the face of the pass/PTO indicating the PNR number, the train number, date of journey, status of tickets, etc.

The option to book reserved tickets online on the authority of Railway Pass/PTOs can also be availed for that category of pass/PTO for which the same has been provided by CRIS/IRCTC.

Holders of Privilege, Duty, Post Retirement, Complimentary, Metal and other passes/PTOs may be allowed to seek fresh reservation only if the earlier reservation is cancelled before preparation of first reservation charts. The ticket booked across the computerized Passenger Reservation System (PRS) counter can also be cancelled through website of IRCTC within the stipulated time period prescribed in the Refund Rules. In such cases, it will not be mandatory to surrender the ticket across the PRS counter, if no refund is due. However, in case of due refund amount involved on tickets booked on pass/PTOs, surrender of original ticket across the reservation counter within the prescribed time limit shall be mandatory.

In case of confirmed reservation on privilege, Post retirement, complementary and other passes/PTOs, the pass/PTO holder can make maximum three time reservations provided the earlier one has been cancelled before preparation of first reservation charts, failing which the the pass/PTO will be treated as used.

There will be no restriction in number of cancellations in case of Duty Pass, Metal Pass and in case of tickets having a status of fully/partially waiting list (at the time of cancellation) against Privilege, Post Retirement and Complimentary passes/PTOs. However, fresh reservation will be given only after the earlier one has been cancelled

within the normal prescribed time limits, which at present for waitlist/ RAC/ partially confirmed tickets 1s 30 minutes before scheduled departure of train.

Telephonic requests for reservation and cancellation will not be entertained.

The portion of break journey will be treated as separate journey i.e. instructions contained at para (iii) and (iv) will be applicable for each leg of journey Separately.

It will be the responsibility of officer/staff making reservation on Metal/Duty Passes to ensure that between the same stations and on the same date, reservation should not be made in two separate trains.

The facility of modification of tickets booked on PTOs will not be available.

In case of PTOs, cancellation/clerkage charge as applicable shall be levied on each time of cancellation as per existing principles on cancellation of tickets booked on PTOs. However, after enabling this option no modification option shall be allowed on PTOs issued across HRMS.

2. CRIS will make necessary modifications in the software as required.

3. Necessary instructions may be issued to all concerned accordingly.

Signed by Sanjay Manocha

Date: 12-10-2022 11:04:54

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Revision of MOA by already empanelled HCOs under CGHS and the validity of empanelment: Extension of date for submission of Acceptance letter till 31st December 2022

FNo Z 15025/28/2022/DIR/CGHS GoI Min of Health & Family Welfare Deptt of Health & Family Welfare Directorate General of CGHS 545-A Nirman Bhawan, New Delhi. Dated the 14th October 2022

Sub: Extension of date for submission of Acceptance letter for terms and conditions of revised MoA by already empanelled hospitals under CGHS and the validity of empanelment – till 31st December 2022 – reg

With reference to the above mentioned subject, the undersigned is directed to draw attention to

the OM No S- 11011/09/2022/ CGHS (HEC) dated the 13.09.2022 and 30.09.2022 vide which orders were issued for submission by the HCOs already empanelled under CGHS of acceptance letter for the terms and conditions of revised MoA by 15.10.2022 to the concerned Additional Director, CGHS. Since then this Ministry is in receipt of representations from various quarters for extension of time. A meeting was held on October 2022 in this regard and based on the interaction with HCOs , the matter has been reviewed by the Ministry and the under signed is directed to state that:

(i) The date for submission of the acceptance letter has been extended upto 31.12.2022

(ii) The validity of empanelment of the private HCOs under CGHS has been extended till 31.12. 2022 as per the terms and conditions of existing MOA.

(iii) If any new HOCs are empanelled under revised MoA, the same terms and conditions of the existing MoA shall be made applicable for the sake of uniformity.

The Additional Directors, CGH lre advised to bring the contents of this letter to the notice of all empanelled HCOs

(Dr. Manoj Jain) Addl. Director, (HQ), CGHS

Revision of MOA by already empanelled HCOs under CGHS and the validity of empanelment: Extension of date for submission of Acceptance letter

FNo Z 15025/28/2022/DIR/CGHS GoI Min of Health & Family Welfare Deptt of Health & Family Welfare Directorate General of CGHS 545-A Nirman Bhawan, New Delhi. Dated the 30th September 2022

Sub: Extension of date for submission of Acceptance letter for terms and conditions of revised MOA by already empanelled HCOs under CGHS and the validity of empanelment reg

With reference to the above subject the undersigned is directed to draw attention to the OM No S-11011/09/2022/ CGHS(HEC) dt the 13th September 2022 vide which orders were issued for submission by the HCOs already empanelled under CGHS of acceptance letter for the terms and conditions of revised MoA within 15 days to the concerned Additional Director, CGHS. Since then this Ministry is in receipt of representations from various quarters for extension of time. The matter

has been reviewed and the under Signed is directed to state that:

The date for submission of the acceptance letter has been extended to 15th October 2022

The validity of empanelment of the private HCOs under CGHS has been extended till 15.10.2022.

The Additional Directors, CGHS are advised to bring the contents of this letter to the notice of all empanelled HCOs

(Dr. Nikhilesh Chandra) Director, CGHS

Recovery of wrongful/excess payment from government servant at the time of retirement: Joint Procedural Order by South Central Railway

South Central Railway Headquarters Office, Personnel Department, Secunderabad No.SCR/P-HQ/Settle/695/JPO Dated: 11.10.2022

All Concerned Joint Procedural Order

Sub: Recovery of wrongful/excess payment from govt servant at the time of retirement—Regd.

Ref: JPO issued under PFA's letter No. AEN/JPO/SR, dated 22.12.2017.

Further to the Joint Procedural Order issued on the above subject under reference, consequent upon the representation from the Trade Unions in connection with recovery of wrongful/excess payment from govt servants at the time of retirement due to various reasons including implementation of RBE 31/2021, etc., it has been decided to follow the guidelines mentioned below:

Read also: Recovery / waiver of the wrongful/excess payments: DoP&T OM for guidance and better understanding

In terms of Rule 79(1) (b) (iii) of RS (Pension) Rules 1993, "For the purpose of calculation of average emoluments, the Head of Office shall verify from the service book the correctness of the emoluments drawn or to be drawn during the last ten months of service and in order to ensure that the emoluments during the last ten months of service have been correctly shown in the service book, the Head of Office may verify the correctness of emoluments for the period of twenty four months only preceding the date of retirement of a Railway servant, and not for any period prior to that date." Para-1023 of Accounts Code also stipulates the same.

However, at the time of advance verification before retirement of the employee, it is noticed that the

pay on various occasions such as during Pay Commissions, Promotions, MACPS etc. was fixed with higher stage erroneously and recovery is being made from the settlement dues which is causing hardship to the employee, as well as ignoring the Rly Bd's instructions issued vide this Rly's S.C.No.75/2016.

In this connection, Rly Bd's instructions issued vide this Railway's S.C.No. 75/2016 stipulates that the Hon'ble Supreme Court while observing that it is not possible to postulate all situations of hardship which would govern employees on the issue of recovery, where payments have mistakenly been made by the employer, in excess of their entitlement has summarized the following few situations, wherein recoveries by the employers would be impermissible in law:-

(i) Recovery from employees belonging to Class-III and Class-IV service (or Group 'C' and Group 'D' service).

(ii) Recovery from retired employees, or employees who are due to retire within one year, of the order of recovery.

(iii) Recovery from employees, when the excess payment has been made for a period in excess of five years, before the order of recovery is issued.

(iv) Recovery in cases where an employee has wrongfully been required to discharge duties of an higher post, and has been paid accordingly, even though he should have rightfully been required to work against an inferior post.

(v) In any other case, where the Court arrives at the conclusion, that recovery if made from the employee, would be iniquitous or harsh or arbitrary to such an extent, as would far outweigh the equitable balance of the employer's right to recover. Now, it has been decided to follow the under mentioned guidelines by both Personnel and Accounts Departments to avoid hardship caused to the employees at the time of their retirement.

1) Personnel Branch should thoroughly verify the service register before forwarding to the Accounts deptt. During the verification by the accounts it should not lead to major difference between both verifications.

2) Cases referred for advance verification: There is a need to improve the system of concurrent/

continuous verification and updation of service record and leave charts to avoid overpayments at the time of settlement. As far as possible, it should be ensured that there should not be any over payments to the employees. In order to achieve this:

(i) Advance Verification cell which was formed 35 per GM's Order No.SCR/PHQ/Set/695/Misc DT.15.09.2021 should be made permanent to Carry out the advance verification of SR of each employee after completion of 18 years of service and before 5 years/3 years of retirement. The overpayment identified during these verifications should be recovered in accordance with the instructions given vide Railway Board Circular No.72/2016 dated 22.06.2016. Waiver of these overpayments, if any, should be processed as per item No:17, Part -F (Non Gaz matters) of MSOP-2018.

(ii) Pay fixation orders issued due to grant of MACP/ financial upgradation/increment/promotion etc. should be verified and certified by advance verification cell within 3 months of issuing of such orders (as per DOPT OM dated 03.10.2022).

3) Settlement cases where verification has not taken place earlier: The verification by Personnel and Accounts should be restricted to maximum 24 months preceding the date of retirement. For the purpose of settlement benefits, the correct Pay and Allowances to be taken after this verification. The overpayments identified during these verifications are to be waived/recovered in accordance with the instructions given vide Rly Bd Circular No.72/2016 dt 22.06.2016 (which reiterate the Supreme Court and DOPT guidelines on non-recovery of overpayments). Waiver of these overpayments, if any, should be processed as per item No:17, Part - F (Non Gaz matters) of MSOP-2018.

The above guidelines may be followed scrupulously while processing the settlement cases. This issues with the approval of PCPO & PFA.

(Prem Kumar Lakavath) Dy.CPO/Rectt.

(G. Sridhar) Dy.CAO/G

GOI-MOF-DOE- CPAO/IT & Tech/Bank Performance/37Vol-III/6476/2022-23/175 Dated:- 14.10.2022 OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Sub:-Alert to pensioners-Beware of fraud calls

It has come to the notice of this office that the cyber malefactors have been calling to pensioners to update their Life Certificate by getting their data from somewhere such as date of appointment, date of retirement, PPO number, Adhaar number, e-mail, address, monthly pension, nominee etc. The fraudsters call pensioners with their data to convince them that they are calling from pension Department and ask the pensioners to share OTP for updating their Life Certificate. Once they get OTP from pensioners, the fraudsters get direct access to their bank accounts and transfer the amount from pensioners ' account to a fraud account.

2. In this regard, all the pensioners are cautioned to beware of these type of fraud calls and intimated that no person on behalf of CPAO calls to pensioners to ask any detail or share OTP. Therefore, all the pensioners are advised not to share OTP or any other details etc. for any updation for pension to avoid such frauds.

3. Scheme Booklet of CPAO (Para 14) may be referred for submission of certificates and different mods available with pensioners for submission of Life Certificate. Department of Pension and Pensioner's Welfare (DoP & PW) OM No.1(8)/2021-P&PW (H)-7468 dated 30 th September, 2022 regarding submission of Annual Life Certificate may also be referred.

This issues with the approval of the competent authority.

(Amit Malhan) (Dy. Controller of Accounts)

Entitlement of wards in private hospitals empanelled under CGHS as per 7th CPC Basic Pay-Revision by MoHFW w.e.f. 28.10.2022 vide OM on subject of revision of rates of subscription under Central Government Health Scheme due to revision of pay and allowances.

F. No. S.11011/11/2016-CGHS(P)/EHS GoI Min of H&F W Deptt of Health & Family Welfare (EHS Section) Nirman Bhawan, New Delhi dt 28.10.2022 Sub: Revision of rates of subscription under Central Government Health Scheme due to revision of pay and allowances of Central Government employees and revision of pension/ family pension on account of implementation of recommendations of the Seventh Central Pay Commission.

In partial modification to this Ministry's O.M. of even number dt 09.01.2017, the undersigned is directed to say that entitlement of wards in private hospitals empanelled under CGHS as contained in Para 3(B) of the O.M. ibid stands revised as under with effect from the date of issue of this O.M. :-

S.No.	7 th CPC Basic Pay	Ward Entitlement
1	Upto Rs. 36,500	General
2	Rs. 36,501 to Rs. 50,500	Semi-Private
3	Above Rs. 50,500	Private

2. This issues with the concurrence of the Department of Expenditure vide their I.D. Note No. 18(1)/EV/2016 dated 11th May, 2022 read with I.D. Note dated 6th October, 2022.

3. Hindi Version follows.

(Guite Elsy Gat Biak Lun) Under Secy to GoI

Regarding restoration of commuted value of pension after 13 years

Government of Gujarat Finance Department Govt. Resolution No-NVT/102010/D/66/P (PENSION CELL) Sachivalaya, Gandhinagar, dt:-12/10/2022

Read: (1) G.R. Finance Department No-NVT/1186/3041/p1, Dated:-06/12/1989

(2) G.R. Finance Department No-NVT/1186/3041/p1, Dated:-03/04/1990

(3) Gujarat Civil service (PENSION) Rules, 2002- Rule-101

(4) G.R. Finance Department No: NVT/102010/D/66/P, Dated:-02/11/2010

Introduction: Commuted value of pension is being restored after 15 years vide G R mentioned at (1),(2) and(4) above and under the provision of Gujarat Civil Service (Pension), Rules, 2002, Rule-101 read at (3) above.

Various employee organizations and penr assn of the state had made representation to reduce the period for restoration of the commuted value of pension and the same was under active consideration of the Government.

Resolution: After careful consideration, Govt is pleased to resolve the restoration of commuted value of pension after 13 years under Rule-101 of Gujarat Civil Service (Pension) Rules, 2002.

This order takes effect from dt. 24/09/2022. This benefit shall also be admissible to the pensioners who have already received commuted value of part of their pension. In case of the penrs who have

received commuted value of part of their pension and completed 13 years or more, their pension will be restored from the month of October,2022.

The above amendment in Rule-101 of Gujarat Civil Service (Pension) Rules,2002 shall be incorporated by separate notification. Other rules and instructions regarding this matter shall continue to be applicable. By order and in the name of the Governor of Gujarat, (Dipal Hadiyal) Deputy Secy to Govt Finance Deptt

NO.Fin.(Pen) A (3)-1/2021-Loose Govt of Himachal Pradesh Finance (Pension) Deptt dt:4.10.2022

Sub: Regarding Grant of pension allowance @ 5%, 10%, & 15% on revised basic pension/ basic family pension.

The undersigned is directed to say that vide this department's Office Memorandum No.Fin (Pen) A(3)-1/09 dated 23 rd April 2014. Pension allowance @5%, 10% & 15% was granted on basis pension/family pension to the State Govt penrs/ Family penrs, including AIS penrs/ family penrs, on attaining the age of 65 years 70 years and 75 years respectively,

Further, vide Office Memorandum No.Fin(Pen)A(3) -1/09 dt 17.09.2016 & No. Fin(Pen) A(3)-1/2021 dt 25.02.2022. Pension allowance was ordered to be paid to the AIS penrs and State Govt penrs respectively on pre-revised basic pension/family pension. In the wake of revision of pension & family pension w.e.f.01.01.2016.

The Governor, Himachal Pradesh is now pleased to decide that Pension Allowance @5%, 10% and 15% will be paid with effect from 01.10.2022, on attaining the age of 65 years, 70 years and 75 years respectively on revised pension/family pension to the Govt penrs/family Penrs.

These orders will also apply to the All India Services Penrs/Family penrs of Himachal Pradesh Cadre.

These instructions may be strictly adhered to by all the Govt Deptts and Pension Disbursing Authorities. All the Pension Disbursing Authorities (PDA's) are requested to take necessary action accordingly.

Other terms and conditions for grant of Pension/ Allowance will remain same.

By Order

Prabodh Saxena Addl Chief Secy (Finance) to the Government of Himachal Pradesh

Central Civil Services (Classification, Control and Appeal) Amendment Rules, 2022 – CCS(CCA) Rules: Proviso regarding review of Suspension Min of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions (Deptt of Personnel and Training) 19.10.2022
G.S.R. 156.-In exercise of the powers conferred by proviso to article 309 & clause (5) of article 148 of the Constitution, & after consultation with the Comptroller & Auditor Genl of India in relation to persons serving in the Indian Audit & Accounts Deptt, the President hereby makes the following rules further to amend the Central Civil Services (Classification, Control & Appeal) Rules, 1965, namely:-

1. Short title and commencement:- (1) These rules may be called the Central Civil Services (Classification, Control and Appeal) Amendment Rules, 2022.

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

2. In the Central Civil Services (Classification, Control and Appeal) Rules, 1965, in rule 10, in sub-rule (7), for the proviso, the following provisos shall be substituted, namely:-

“Provided that no such review of suspension shall be necessary in the case of deemed suspension under sub-rule (2), if the Government servant continues to be under detention and in such case the ninety days’ period shall be computed from the date the Government servant detained in custody is released from detention or the date on which the fact of his release from detention is intimated to his appointing authority, whichever is later:

Provided further that in a case where no charge sheet is issued under these rules, the total period under suspension or deemed suspension, as the case may be, including any extended period in terms of sub-rule (6) shall not exceed,—

(a) two hundred seventy days from the date of order of suspension, if the Government servant is placed under suspension in terms of clause (a) of sub-rule (1); or

(b) two years from the date of order of suspension, if the Government servant is placed under suspension in terms of clause (aa) or clause (b) of sub-rule (1) as the case may be; or

(c) two years from the date the Govt servant detained in custody is released or the date on which

the fact of his release from detention is intimated to his appointing authority, whichever is later, in the case of deemed suspension under sub-rule (2).”.

[F. No.11012/04/2016-Estt.A-III] Manoj Kumar Dwivedi, Jt. Secy.

Note: The principal rules were published in the Gazette of India vide notification number S.O. 3703, dt the 20.11.1965 and last amended vide notification number G.S.R. 125 (E) dt the 18.02.2021 published in the Gazette of India.

Bank Dearness Allowance for Nov-Dec, 2022 & Jan-2023 @ 38.92% – 556 Slabs for Workman and Officer Employees under XI BPS: IBA Order dt 01.11.22 Indian Banks’ Assn HR & Indl Relations HR&IR/MBR/76/D/2022-23/11592 01.11.2022

All Members of the Association

(Designated Officers)

Dear Sir/ Madam,

Dearness Allowance for Workmen and Officer Employees in banks for the months of November, December 2022 and January 2023 under XI BPS/ Joint Note dated 11.11.2020

The confirmed All India Average Consumer Price Index Numbers for Industrial Workers (Base 1960=100) for the quarter ended September 2022 as published by GoI in its website Labour Bureau are as follows:-

July 2022 8539.44

August 2022 8559.16

September 2022 8631.48

The average CPI of the above is 8576.69 and accordingly the number of DA slabs are 556 (8576 — 6352= 2224/4= 556 Slabs). The last quarterly Payment of DA was at 526 Slabs. Hence, there is an increase in DA slabs of ‘30’ i.e. 556 Slabs for payment of DA for the months November, December 2022 and January 2023.

In terms of clause 7 of the 11th Bipartite Settlement dated 11.11.2020 and clause 3 of the Joint Note dated 11.11.2020, the rate of Dearness Allowance payable to Workmen and Officer employees for the months of November, December 2022 and January 2023 shall be 38.92 % of ‘pay’. While arriving at dearness allowance payable, decimals from third place may please be ignored.

Yours faithfully,

Brajeshwar Sharma, Senior Advisor (HR&IR)

Revised rates of Variable Dearness Allowance (VDA) w.e.f. 01.10.2022 for contract workers engaged in Indian Railways – RBE No. 139/2022

GoI-MOR (Railway Board) RBE No.139/2022 No. 2020/E(LL)/AT/MW/2 dt: 28.10.2022 The General Managers, All Zonal Railways and Production Units, Metro Railway/Kolkata, CORE/Prayagraj, The CAO (Construction), All Indian Railways, The Director General, RDSO/Lucknow, The DG/Railway Staff College, Vadodara, The DGs/IRICEN, IRIEEN, IRISSET, IRIMEE, IRITM, The CAO, COFMOW, Tilak Bridge, New Delhi, The CAO, Rail Coach Factory / Raebareli, The CAO, Rail Wheel Plant, Bela.

Sub: Revision of rate of Variable Dearness Allowance (VDA) for contract workers engaged in various employment/activities w.e.f 01.10.2022.

Ref: Ministry of Railways Letter No.2020/E(LL)/AT/MW/2 dated 10.06.2022 (RBE No.68/2022).

A copy each of Orders No. (i) 1/16(1)/2022-LS-II, (ii) 1/16(3)/2022-LS-II, (iii) – 1/16(4)/2022-LS-II, (iv) No.1/16(5)/2022-LS-II (v) No.1/16(6)/2022-LS-II (vi) 1/16(2)/2022-LS-II and (vii) 1/16(7)/2022-LS-II dated 28.09.2022 revising the rates of variable dearness allowance for contract workers engaged in (i) Agriculture (ii) Gypsum Mines, Barytes Mines, Bauxite Mines, Manganese Mines, China Clay Mines, Kyanite Mines, Copper Mines, Clay Mines, Clay Mines, Magnesite Mines, White Clay Mines, Stone Mines, Steatite Mines (including the mines producing Soap Stones and Talc), Ochre Mines, Asbestos Mines, Fire Clay Mines, Chromite Mines, Quartzite Mines, Quartz Mines, Silica Mines, Graphite Mines, Felspar Mines, Laterite Mines, Dolomite Mines, Red Oxide Mines, Wolfram Mines Iron Ore Mines, Granite Mines Rock Phosphate Mines, Hematite Mines, Marble and Calcite Mines, Uranium Mines, Mica Mines, Lignite Mines, Gravel Mines, Slate Mines and Magnetite Mines (iii) Construction or Maintenance of Roads or runways or in Building Operations including Laying Down Underground electric, wireless, Radio, Television, Telephone, Telegraph and Overseas Communication Cables and Similar other Underground cabling work, Electric lines, Water supply lines and Sewerage Pipe Lines (iv) Loading and unloading in (a) Goods sheds, parcel offices of Railways, (b) other goods-sheds, godowns,

warehouses and other similar employments; (c) Docks and Ports; And (d) Passengers goods and Cargo Carried out at Airports (Both International and Domestic) (v) Employment of sweeping and cleaning excluding activities prohibited under the Employment of Manual Scavengers and Construction of Dry Latrines (Prohibition) Act, 1993 (vi) Watch and Ward (With arms and without arms) and (vii) Stone Mines is sent herewith for information and strict compliance. The rates are applicable w.e.f. 01.10.2022.

2. Railways, being Principal Employer are required to ensure that the contractors are complying with the provisions of the Contract Labour (R&A) Act, 1970 and Minimum wages Act, 1948 strictly and arranging prescribed minimum wages to the contract labourers.

3. This issues with the concurrence of the Finance Directorate of Ministry of Railways. Please acknowledge receipt.

4. The original letters mentioned above may be downloaded from the official website of Ministry of labour & Employment www.clc.gov.in.

Praveen Kumar) Director/Estt.(L.L.) Railway Board
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Change of name/surname in the PPO of Government employees or spouse after retirement: Clarification by DoP&PW

No. 3(2)/2022-P&PW(H)-7942 -110001

Sub: Change of name of spouse Smt. Simro Devi in PPO of Late Shri Man Mohan Chander, Ex-Asstt. — seeking advice of Department of Pension & Pensioners' Welfare- reg.

The undersigned is directed to refer to the Ministry of Statistics & Programme Implementation's UO No. A-38012/1/2021-Ad.II dated 8/7/2022 and this Department's ID Note No. 3(2)/2022-P&PW-7942 dated 17/5/2022 on the subject mentioned above and to say that the advice of this Department has already been issued vide ID Note dated 17/5/2022 as referred to above.

2. The matter has been re-examined in this Department. It is stated that: –

(i) There is no separate procedure prescribed in the CCS (Pension) Rules, 2021 or CCS (Pension) Rules, 1972 for change of name/surname in the PPO of Govt employees or spouses after retirement. The PPO is issued on the basis of service record/service

book of the employee & the maintenance of service book is concerned with DoPT.

(ii) Further, this matter was discussed in the inter-ministerial Review meeting of pending grievances in CPENGRAMS, held under the chairmanship of Director (PW), Deptt of Pension & Pensioners' Welfare. Ministry of Statistics & Programme Implementation were informed that they may follow DoPT's OM No. 190016/187-Estt. dated 12th March, 1987 for change of name of family pensioner also. In case the Ministry of Statistics & Programme Implementation feels that there is some discrepancy in the documents submitted by the complainant family pensioner in support of her application for change of name in the PPO, they may sort it out with her directly and ensure that the request for change of name fulfils the conditions of DoPT's OM No. 190016/187-Estt. dated 12th March, 1987.

3. This issues with the approval of the competent authority.

Ashok Kumar Singh, Under Secy, GoI, Ph:23310108

Discontinuation of physical processing of Files: Rly Bd Office Order No. 72 of 2022 dated 27.10.2022 Government of India Ministry of Railways (Railway Board) Office Order No. 72 of 2022

Sub: Discontinuation of physical processing of Files.

Ref. : Office Order No. 67 of 2022 and 119 of 2018 Subsequent to issue of Office Order No. 67 of 2022 mandating complete switchover to paperless e-correspondence between Railway Board & Zonal Railways/PUs/Other Units and also within Railway Board, through e-office platform, henceforth only "Classified" documents, D&AR cases, Vigilance, EO's Office & certain Parliament Matters are permitted to be processed in physical form.

2. Accordingly, now onwards, green sheet (noting page)/ A-4 size white paper would be issued to Branches/Directorates/Offices only as an exception in limited numbers, that too with the specific approval of ED/JS/PED/AM or PPS to CRB/Board Members/Secretary. The indents/procurement of these papers shall accordingly be minimised on above lines.

3. All may please ensure strict compliance of above instructions.

(B. Majumdar) Adviser(Admn.)/Railway Board

भारत सरकार वित्त मन्त्रालय, व्यय विभाग केन्द्रीय पेंशन लेख कार्यालय त्रिकूट-II भीकाजी कामा प्लेस नई दिल्ली-110066

CPAO/IT & Tech/Bank Performance/37Vol-III/6476/2022-23/175 Dated:- 14.10.2022

कार्यालय ज्ञापन

विषय:- पेंशनभोगियों के धोखाधड़ी कॉल से सावधान रहने के संदर्भ

इस कार्यालय के संज्ञान में आया है कि साइबर अपराधी पेंशनभोगी का ब्यौरा जैसे कि नियुक्ति की तारीख, सेवानिवृत्ति की तारीख, पीपीओ नंबर, आधार संख्या, ई-मेल, पता, मासिक पेंशन, नामांकित आदि कहीं से भी प्राप्त करके, पेंशनर को यह विश्वास दिलाते हैं कि वे पेंशन विभाग से कॉल का रहे हैं। और पेंशनभोगियों से अपने जीवन प्रमाण को अपडेट करने के लिए ओटीपी साझा करने के लिए कहते हैं। एक बार जब वे पेंशनभोगियों से ओटीपी प्राप्त कर लेते हैं, तो साइबर अपराधी धोखे से उनके बैंक खातों तक सीधे पहुंच जाते हैं और पेंशनभोगियों के खाते से राशि को धोखाधड़ी वाले खाते में स्थानांतरित कर देते हैं।

2. इस संबंध में, सभी पेंशनभोगियों को इस प्रकार की धोखाधड़ी कॉल से सावधान रहने के लिए आगाह किया जाता है और सूचित किया जाता है कि सीपीओ (CPAO) की ओर से कोई भी व्यक्ति पेंशनभोगियों को कोई विवरण पूछने या ओटीपी साझा करने के लिए नहीं बुलाता है। इसलिए, सभी पेंशनभोगियों को सलाह दी जाती है कि इस तरह की धोखाधड़ी से बचने के लिए पेंशन के किसी भी अपडेशन के लिए ओटीपी या कोई अन्य विवरण आदि साझा न करें।

3. सीपीएओ की योजना पुस्तिका (पैरा 14)(Scheme Booklet Para 14) में जीवन प्रमाण पत्र जमा करने और पेंशनभोगियों के पास जाकर जीवन प्रमाण पत्र जमा करने के लिए उपलब्ध विभिन्न तरीकों से अवगत कराया गया है। पेंशन और पेंशनभोगियों कल्याण विभाग (DoP&PW) के कार्यालय ज्ञापन संख्या 1(8)/2021-P&PW(H)-7468 दिनांक 30th सितंबर, 2022 (प्रतिलिपि संलग्न) को वार्षिक जीवन प्रमाण पत्र प्रस्तुत करने के संबंध में भी संदर्भित किया जा सकता है।

यह सक्षम प्राधिकारी के अनुमोदन से जारी किया जाता है।

संलग्न- उपरोक्तनुसार

(अमित मलहान) (उप लेखा नियंत्रक)

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Mumbai: The members of All India Khadi & Village Industries Commission Pensioners Welfare Association, Mumbai, held a meeting of the Managing Committee on 12 Oct 2022 under the chairmanship of Shri K K Gupta, wherein the draft resolutions forwarded by the Bharat Pensioners Samaj were placed and approved with voice of votes for adoption in the 67th AGM at Nagpur.

K K Gupta, Chairman

पेंशनर्स समाज पनकी कानपुर : 15 अगस्त 2022 को 75 वॉ स्वतन्त्रता दिवस अमृत महोत्सव के रूप में श्री साहबदीन यादव जी की अध्यक्षता में पूर्व मंत्री श्री एस.एन.लाल के निवास सं0 593 बी ब्लॉक पनकी कानपुर में प्रातः 9.30 पर सउल्लास मनाया गया झंडा अध्यक्ष जी ने फहराया एवं राष्ट्रगान के द्वारा उसका सम्मान किया गया। संरक्षक डा0 एस.पी.सक्सेना अध्यक्ष श्री साहब दीन यादव तथा अन्य लोगों ने देश की गरिमा पर प्रकाश डाला। इस अवसर पर क्षेत्रीय बालिकाओं द्वारा मधूर गीतों का गायन किया।

18 सितम्बर 2022 रविवार को पेंशन समाज पनकी की वार्षिक आम सभा श्री साहब दीन यादव की अध्यक्षता में त्रिपाठी गेस्ट हाउस पनकी में 2.00 बजे से आयोजित की गई। आम सभा में मंत्री श्री पी.एन.लाल ने वर्ष 2020 एवं 2021 की गतिविधियों से गेस्ट हाउस में उपस्थित 180 पुरुष एवं पुनः निर्वाचित कार्यकारी से भी अवगत कराया। श्री वी. के माथुर कोषाध्यक्ष द्वारा आय व्यय का ब्यौरा प्रस्तुत किया गया। अध्यक्ष श्री साहब दीन यादव, संरक्षक डा0 एस. पी. सक्सेना एवं पं0 राम जी त्रिपाठी, सलाहकार डा0 एम. पी. शुक्ला तथा अन्य व्यक्तियों ने अपने भाषण के द्वारा पेंशन समाज की गतिविधियों का सहारा एवं अन्य महत्वपूर्ण जानकारी दी

पेंशन समाज की 11 सुत्रीय मांगों का भारत सरकार को मीडिया के माध्यम से दिया गया।

संस्था के संगठन मंत्री श्री श्याम जी यादव ने सभी आगन्तुकों का स्वागत अपने विचारों के माध्यम से किया। कार्यक्रम का समापन धन्यवाद ज्ञापन के साथ श्री तिवारी ने किया।

Gaya: All India P&T Central Govt. Pensioners Association Gaya : The Bi-monthly of the Association held on 09.10.2022 in the Chairmanship of Shri Vijay Kr Mishra, the President. The following items have been discussed as details below:-

1. The message received on Whatsapp from Shri S C Maheshwari regarding Donation put forth by the Secretary Shri Satyanand Singh before the House. The Members Desired to know about the progress of the items submitted to BPS in the last three Annual General Body printings, As no item has been taken up by the BPS hence the secretary kept silent. So House resolved that the BPS apex organisation of Pensioners be attentive for redressal of the grievances of the members of the affiliates. If such step is taken by the BPS no question of lack of money will be in future because members will donate willingly.
2. The BPS AGM may be considered to be held Biennial in stead of Annual. And in the middle period meeting of the working committee be held.
3. The office bearers from all states be adjusted for the next session.
4. Statement of Income and expenditure be published in Bharat Pensioners well in advance for discussion by the affiliates in its meeting before attending the AGM of the BPS.

This for information and suitable action.

Note from President BPS ;

Secretary, All India P&T Central Govt.

Pensioners Association Gaya : Please send list of items submitted by you earlier.

2. AGM 67 booklet in pdf containing Balance sheet already circulated on WhatsAap

NEW MEMBER

A4498	Gopal Singh	Yamuna Nagar	10/22
A4499	P B Nandeshwar	Wardha	10/25

AFFILIATED ASSOCIATION - RENEWAL

A2681	Ctl FDTE PW Assn	Banglore	12/23
A0961	N F of Rly Pen Assn	Pallakad	10/25
A0279	Bharat Penrs Samaj	Aligarh	10/23
A2615	T Y Penrs Assn	Delhi	10/23
A2669	PP & FP Assn	Amravati	10/23
M6614	DLW P W Assn	Varanasi	10/23
A2674	A C Penrs W Assn	Vishakhapatnam	10/23

RENEWAL-ANNUAL

A2736	Syed Mustaq Ali	Navi Mumbai	10/23
A0782	P C Jain	Delhi	10/23
M5841	D C Bhatla	Bikaner	10/23
A4418	R Subbanathan	Cuddalore	10/23
A1661	KV Gpolakrishnan	Pune	10/23
A3346	Om Prakash Manroa	Faridabad	10/23
A4417	KV Subrahmanym	East Godavari	10/23
M8173	D S Aggarwal	Delhi	10/23
A2069	R B Kushava	Jhansi	10/23
A2981	P S Rathore	Ajmer	11/23
A3343	Subhash Saxena	Pilibhit	10/23
A4256	D K Dalwadi	Nadiad	10/23
A1215	T L Sathiya Murthi	Thanjavur	02/23
A0836	S P Jain	New Delhi	10/23
A2112	K V Ramana	Vishakhapatnam	10/23
A0006	Prem Chand	Ambala City	10/23
A0192	P K Biswas	Nadia	11/23
A4420	Prakash Chander	Ambala Ct	10/23
A3606	K K Sardana	New Delhi	10/23
M7507	Ajoy K Chatterjee	Burdwan	10/23
A2105	P Sree Ramamurthy	Vishakhapatnam	10/23
M5320	B G Christie	Nadiad	11/23

RENEWAL-BIENNIAL

A3738	Balbair Singh	New Delhi	10/25
A1852	Ajaib Singh	Ludhiana	10/25
L9026	S Lakshmi	Banglore	10/25
A3727	S K Sharma	New Delhi	10/25
L9213	S Khadar Masthan	Guntur	11/25
A2422	S Krishna Rao	D Kannada	10/25
L0033	S P Gupta	Jaipur	10/32
A4249	B V Bhaskar	Banglore	08/25

DONATION

A4341	Sant Singh	Noida	760/-
A0961	N F of Rly P Assn	Palakkad	200/-
L9308	G M Halvadia	Bhavnagar	500/-
N M	Altat Hussain Syed		500/-
A1661	KV Gpolakrishnan	Pune	1000/-
A3345	AIA of R off of SOI	Noida	10000/-

L0010	V Bhagyavathi	Hyderabad	5000/-
L9334	V K Taneja	New Delhi	5100/-
NM	M V Ranga Chary		5000/-
L2991	KV S Rao	Shimoga	5000/-
A1007	C G P & FP Assn	Chittoregarh	2000/-
NM	K A Pandya	Gujarat	500/-
M3648	Mizoram C P Assn	Aizwal	30000/-
L0014	Hans Raj Mahi	Ambala Ct	3100/-
A4492	Rakesh K Sharma	Kangra	500/-
M1438	C G Penrs Samaj	24-Parganas	1000/-
A4278	Phool Chand	Ambala	700/-
L2709	M M Kapur	New Deelhi	2000/-
A1251	Vinay Kapur	New delhi	2500/-
NM	Ravi Soni		500/-
A2276	Hira Nand Shahani	Delhi	1001/-
M8900	Shyam L M Boriwal	Thane	1100/-
M4209	P O Penrs Assn	Hyderabad	10000/-
M7235	S P Phogat	Rohtak	1000/-
A0006	Prem Chand	Ambala City	125/-
A1470	Sarat Chandra Padhi	Bhuvneshwar	500/-
A3606	K K Sardana	New Delhi	501/-
A4432	Penrs Assn of Rlys	Secundrabad	5000/-
L0008	R S Lavania	Agra Cant.	2000/-
L9359	Pooran Lal	Agra Cantt	1000/-
NM	G M Ganshi	Agra Cantt	500/-
NM	S K Dubey	Agra Cantt	500/-
A4330	Bhin Sen Bansal	New Delhi	1000/-
A4249	B V Bhaskar	Banglore	5000/-
NM	Ashwini K Mehra	Ghaziabad	2100/-

SUBSCRIPTION OVERDUE

FROM SEPTEMBER 22

V P Sachdev	9871667841	L9199
Bahadue Singh	9910166366	A1025
E H Parmar	9429577799	M7549
Syed Mustaq Ali	9869810471	A2736
M N Kalra	9818477848	M7833
Amri Das Aingh	9780032535	A2945
B Appireddy	NA	A3871
Raj Kumar Sodhi	7404128941	M4715
P Subbaramaiah	9490634576	M4054
P Syamala Rao	9849852700	A3342
B Subba Reddy	9942911325	A4257
R P Sinha	9952920541	A2019
Ajit Singh Sandhu	9417568367	A4262
Darshan Lal	9818650366	A4265
V Dwarkanath	NA	L9025
T Santhanam	NA	L9027
A Raghavendra	NA	L9028
B Maragathavalli	NA	L9031
K V Ramakrishna	NA	L9032

Suresh Ch Sharma		A3718
AICG Penrs Assn		M6098
K N K Mandal	9624537891	A2609
Amiya Kumar Patra	NA	M6667
DU RCGE & FWO	9831168207	M6664A
DU RCGE & FWO	9831168207	M6664
DU RCGE & FWO	9831168207	M6668
Dibakar Das	NA	M4690
Retd CGE & FWO	NA	A0394
K C Choudhary	NA	M6942
R C Sautra	NA	M6665
SUBSCRIPTION OVERDUE FROM OCTOBER 22		
R P Gaur	9717733438	A1265
J S Negi	9312165516	A3170
J K Chachhra	9868540360	M8771
M C Kapoor	NA	A3423
L S Bhatnagar	9929375015	A0956
H M Sogandhwala	9099382069	M8203
Manoharan K	9901365167	A4280
K S Ram Sharma	9480366785	A2703
K R Dheer	NA	L2408
S M Gupta	NA	A4421
K C Goel	9466463694	A4419
Nand Kishore	8433050511	A4422
K K Sharma	0120-4261686	M7201
Vijay Kumar Sachdev	8840031446	A4424
Sudhakar Dalvi	9822464218	M3962
J L Lamba	1732-233665	A0157
G T Deoskar	9575033205	A1475
L Natrajan	NA	A2897
R Janaki Raman	NA	A0434
Amarjit Singh Jabbal	NA	A1805
V M Mehta	079-25471611	A3623
R Vikarmasthandon	8375022771	A4271
R K Baldwa	9413353269	A3750
R Devendran	8618384270	A4425
R K Jhanjee	9811593080	A1773
P Sree Rama Murthy	0891-2784963	A2105
A Nath Kumar Das	8100433326	A2073
S K Pruthi	9910893788	A3872
E Gangadharan	9946028399	A3979
L C Monga	9810073370	A4428
Ashwini K Sharma	9971713086	A4429
Ajoy K Chatterjee	9734791211	M7507
C G Penrs Assn	9418022024	M4444
P & Rtd Pers Assn	9810240894	M8455
A C Penrs Welf Assn	9908483769	A2674
Senior Citizen Assn	9872877430	M4049
Railway Penrs Assn	0836-2462199	M7805
SUBSCRIPTION DUE FROM NOVEMBER 22		
O P Bhasin	9971038620	L2747
Tejinderpal S Bhalla	9818296899	L9347
N D Arora	9463946706	M7586

APPEAL

Every organization needs money to fulfil its Mandated role as nothing can be achieved without struggle.

Every struggle needs money.

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The struggle for pensioners rights & welfare goes on & on.

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AN APPEAL TO HELP PENSIONERS OF MIZORAM

No BPS/SG/MIZO/022/2

Dated: 02.10.2022

To,

Dr Jitendra Singh Hon'ble Minister of State (I/C), Ministry of S & T & Ministry of Earth Sciences, MoS in the Prime Minister's office, Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances & Pensions, Department of Atomic Energy, Department of Space and Vice President, CSIR

Sub: SOS-Prayer for immediate financial relief of Mizoram Civil Pensioners

Sir ji,

You may be aware that the State of Mizoram has no resources of its own worth mentioning and mostly depends on Central funding.

Presently, the State Government of Mizoram has not been able to release retirement benefits including the General Provident fund to its retiring employees'. There are 1367 employees 98% of whom are from Tribal communities. Who has recently retired from Government service, but who could not get their retirement benefits including pension & GPF.

Never before in the history of the State of Mizoram, such a situation arose, when Civil Pensioners were denied timely payment of the retirement benefits & Pension.

Sir as you have been looking after the affairs of Northeast Bharat Pensioners Samaj look to for help.

BPs prays for help on behalf of Mizoram Civil Pensioners.

Thanking you

With regards

Sincerely Yours,

S C Maheshwari,

Secy Genl,

Bharat Peners Samaj

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All India CPI (IW)	April 22	May 22	June 22	July 22	Aug 22	Sept 22
Base 2001=100	367	371	372	374	374	378
% increase over 01.06.06	208.8%	210.55%	212.14%	213.65%	215.09%	216.74%
% increase over 01.01.16	36.76%	37.52%	38.23%	38.98%	39.53%	40.27%

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