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BPS 68th AGM will be held on 18th November 2023 (Saturday) at New Delhi

BPS President and the managing committee cordially invites Affiliated/Associated Associations and MOU Partners to send delegates to 68th AGM to be held on 18th November 2023 at Sri Sathya Sai International Centre Auditorium, Bhisham Pitamah Marg, Lodhi Road, Delhi - 110003 (Near JLN Stadium, Opposite Sai Baba Mandir, Pragati Vihar)

It is a crucial meeting wherein along with other issues constitution of 8th CPC will also be discussed and action plan to protect the interests of pensioners/family pensioners will be drawn. Delegation fee is Rs 500/- per delegate which includes Breakfast, Lunch & evening Tea only on 18th November, 2023. Accommodation will have to be arranged by the delegates themselves. Hotel accommodation can be booked online through MakeMytrip.com If needed Contact for guidance & assistance for online booking Mob No 09503001599 C. N. Lanjewar BPS Member Managing committee. Confirmation of your participation needed for arranging cattering.

As soon as you book your journey ticket, send delegation fee by online transfer / multicity cheque/DD/MO Rupees 500/- per delegate in favour of Bharat Pensioner Samaj (No Charges for spouse). Details of retiring rooms & few budget hotels given on page 2

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PLATINUM AGE BROTHERHOOD - 2023

The 68th Annual General Body Meeting of BHARAT PENSIONERS' SAMAJ will be held on Saturday, the 18th of November 2023 at Sri Sathya Sai International Centre Auditorium, Bhisham Pitamah Marg, Lodhi Road, Delhi - 110003
(Near JLN Stadium, Opposite Sai Baba Mandir, Pragati Vihar)
As per our past tradition, members who are BPS individual members & would be completing 80 years of age any time between 1.1.2023 -18.11.2023 or having completed 80 yrs 0f age earlier as per the criteria given hereunder will be honoured.

The eligibility criteria for Platinum Age Brotherhood is:

i) members should have been born 01.01.1940 to 18.11.1943 and
ii) be either whole life Members and are still subscribing to the publication Bharat Pensioner OR are continuous Annual/Biennial/Triennial Members from 01.01.022 or from an earlier date.

Such of eligible members, who are interested to participate (in 68th AGM) and be so honoured, are requested to send their Bio-data in brief, not more than 100 words duly typed in the Performa given below along with 2 copies of coloured passport size photographs (with their name & membership number mentioned at the back). This should reach the Secretary (PR), Bharat Pensioners Samaj, 2/13-A, LGF (Backside), Jangpura 'A' Hospital Road, New Delhi-110014 latest by 15.08.2023 RPT 15.08.2023. certain Bio-Data received after this date will not be considered Members who do not have Membership number in their own names will not be considered and may kindly excuse.

Members entitled must inform specifically whether they will be attending or not. No proxy/ authority will be entertained and the citation only in respect of members absent will be sent to them by ordinary post. Kindly note that BPS is not liable to reimburse any expenditure whatsoever. They also will pay delegation fee

BIO-DATA FOR PLATINUM AGE BROTHER HOOD

1. Name of Pensioner (IN BLOCK LETTERS) .....
2. Postal Address with Pin code .....
3. Mobile No. .....
4. Membership No. (ID No / WL No.) .....
5. Date of Birth .....
6. Whether you would yourself actually attend the AGM on 18.11.2023 .. Yes /No
7. Brief Bio-data in Not more than 100 words .....
8. Whether 2 Passport size photographs with details on back enclosed ....Yes/No

Dated: Signature

S.C.Sharma
Secy. (PR)
Bharat Pensioners Samaj

BPS PMES (Performance Monitoring and Evaluation System).
awards 2023 for affiliated Associations

Survival of pensioners' organization is on performance. Good organization care more for the recognition by the masses they serve (pensioners/family pensioners in our case) than the recognition by the Government. BPS has a history of learning from the past & to mould itself to the future requirement. It has been our endeavour to serve you better & it is this zeal that BPS wishes its affiliates to progress & strengthen themselves. If you grow, BPS too will grow. Though often Secretary Genl. has been giving you inputs through his writings & speeches being published in monthly magazine of Bharat Pensioners Samaj, but in today's scenario of modern technology & management skills, up gradation of both i.e. the Federation & the affiliates in necessary. BPS, therefore, is constantly in the process of adopting modern technology & managerial skills to provide better guidance, information, training & real-time support to its affiliates. We wish our affiliates also to keep them updated. Performance oriented scheme of two awards of Rs 5000 cash each with Trophies was in vogue for the last several years but was discontinued due to covid-19 Pandemic. This scheme is being reintroduced from this year. Entries for 2023 awards are invited on the following Performa to reach BPS HQ by 30.08.2023.

However, those of the Associations who have received BPS PMES awards within, the last Three years need not send their entries.

BPS PMES awards 2023 proforma:

1. Name of Pensioners Association....
2. Is it registered if yes, attach a Xerox copy of the registration cert.....
3. Mobile No. with name & designation in association of contact person
4. e-mail
5. Does the assn. has a website if yes, give address
6. Does the association Publishes Journal etc (give Name)
7. Premises (Whether owned / hired or wkg from someone residence
8. Infrastructural details like, computer hardware / soft ware / internet connectivity/staff etc
9. MOA & Rules (attach copy)
10. Total No of Members
11. Amount of Membership subscription
12. Accounts (attach the latest copy of Balance sheet)
13. Attach activity report for the year 2022-23
14. Any other information you wish to provide
15. No of pensioner's grievances you got resolved during the year.
16. No of meeting you held with pensioners to disseminate information etc
17. Other welfare activities if any, give brief details
18. Your BPS affiliation No.

M.M.Kapur
Working President
Bharat Pensioners Samaj

NoBPS/SG/PM/04/023 Dated 24.4.2023

To, The Honourable Prime Minister, Union of India

Subject: Pensioner's Grievance regarding the adoption of 15th ILC 1957 norms (which are based on Dr Aykroyd's Formula) for the Calculation of Minimum salary of the lowest rank Central Government Employees

Sir,

15th ILC norms 0f 1957 based on Dr. Aykroyd, Wallace Ruddell's concept of the normative family for the calculation of salary of Central Government lowest rank employees need to be revised, for not only including old and dependent parents as additional consumption units. But also, to assign the wife & the Two children one unit each.,

The pay commission is responsible for revising the Salaries/Pensions of Central Government employees, considering the effects of inflation in the economy and other related parameters. The Central Pay Commission has been the driving force behind changes in the pay structure of Central Government employees since 1947.

Directly or indirectly, all pay commissions i.e. Ist to 7th pay commissions have in one way or the other adopted the Akroyd formula for calculating the salary of the lowest rank C.G. Employee. The Chairman of the 7th Pay Commission stated in his final report that the famous Aykroyd formula was used to calculate inflation over the last ten years. This formula will be used in the future also.

What exactly is the Aykroyd formula?

To estimate the minimum pay in the government, the VI & 7th CPCs used the norms set by the 15th Indian Labour Conference (ILC) in 1957. The norms are based on Dr Akroyd formula basics of which are as below:

i. A need-based minimum wage for a single worker should cover all the needs of a worker's family. The normative family is taken to consist of a spouse and two children below the age of 14. With the husband assigned 1 unit, the wife, 0.8 units, and two children, 0.6 units each, the minimum wage needs is addressed for 3 consumption units only.;

ii. The food requirement per consumption unit specified Dr.Wallace Aykroyd, the noted American nutritionist, was based on the perception that an average Indian adult engaged in moderate activity should, on a daily basis, consume 2,700

It is surprising as to how a gender bias 1948 formula of Dr Aykroyd adopted by the 15th ILC in 1957 was applied, without updating, in digital India of 2016.

In today's scenario how can Indian civil society accept a formula for a minimum requirement, which treat the lady of the house as 0.8 unit compared to the adult male of the house as 1 unit, further this formula does not at all take into consideration the minimum requirement of today's digital India i.e. a smart mobile phone with internet connection.

Considering wife to be 80 units is nothing but gender bias indicating a colonial mindset of Dr Aykroyd. In the present scenario, a wife too puts in the same amount rather more physical and intellectual work as compared to the husband. She needs more nutrients & healthcare to keep herself fit to be a mother and as an educationist for her school-going children. She needs better clothing than in 1957. A lady whether she is a wife of a labourer or of a Secretary to Govt. of India, has a basic right to keep herself reasonably presentable for which she needs some minimum add-ons. As such treating her to be less than a unit is a gross injustice, gender bias, and unconstitutional. Similarly growing children of up to 14 years of age need more of proteins, fats & carbohydrates, and need to take sufficient exercise & field activities for healthy growth. Today they need much better and more clothing, better education & healthcare compared to the 50s. The Nation needs healthy & stout young citizens. No weightage is given to their education & other needs after 14 years of age. 15th ILC perhaps presumed that the children of the lowest rank govt employee will start earning their own living after the age of 14 years. It is against the National interest to restrict their need-based minimum requirement to .6 units only.

Dr.Wallace Aykroyd stated that an average Indian adult engaged in moderate activity should, on a daily basis, consume 2,700 food calories. Unmindful of ground realities 7th CPC applied it in its calculation of the minimum salary of all C.G. employees in the lowest rank including Railway's Track maintainers & soldiers in the Army whose duties involve arduous physical activities needing around 3600 or more calories daily.

In view of the above facts brought out, Dr. Wallace Aykroyd's formula & the 15th ILC norms need to be reinvented urgently.

In the annexure to this communication, Bharat Pensioners Samaj Suggests as to how the Govt can nullify the financial impact of the revision of the 15th ILC 1957 norms & the subsequent 8th CPC.

With Thanks & regards DA/Annexure

Truly yours,

S.C. Maheshwari

Secy General Bharat Pensioners Samaj

Annexure

How the Govt. neutralise the financial impact

Fiscal prudence-Revision of Dr. Akroyd formula,15th ILC norms for calculation of Salary of lowest rank Central Government Employee & the 8th CPC

1. Pay Commissions are constituted once in 10 years and the Govt can do many things to neutralize the impact. The government has to affect an increase in the salaries of its employees at the end of 10 years as the dearness allowance (DA) does not adequately take care of inflation. "So at the end of 10 years, the government is benefited from a squeeze in real pay because the Dearness allowance was never enough...So you have a big increase Monteks Ahluwalia, Deputy Chairman, Plan panel.

2. 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 come from indirect taxes, for which the poor have to pay the same as the rich for a commodity. So, by increasing direct taxes for the very rich — in particular corporate taxes-increase individual tax net- Tax agricultural income of those holding large chunks of Agricultural lands — 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 mobilized if India were to target property and wealth taxes, which are almost zero

3. Savings: Food & food items worth over one lac crore are wasted every year- Save it

4. Stop freebies to attract Voters.

5. Restrict Govt. Expenditure on Publicity & Advertisements

6.Stop wastage/decay of foodgrains in transit & stores

7. Introduce one lawmaker one pension rule.

8. Round-the-year elections- Hold elections to all states in one go.

NoBPS/SG/CGHS/023/04 Dated:17.5.2023

To

The Honourable Minister, for Health & Family Welfare, Government of India

(For the kind attention of DR.MansukhMandaviya)

Subject:- Provision of CGHS facilities at District Headquarters through Empanelment of private Hospitals in non-CGHS area.

Sir,

At present Government provides medical facilities to Central Government Civil Pensioners/ family pensioners pensioners through CGHS Wellness Centres/empanelled Private Hospitals. These CGHS facilities are available in Metros and large Cities only.Pensioners residing in the area of these cities can get registered under CGHS Wellness Centre after making payment of the requisite subscription and avail both.OPD and IPD facilities.

Pensioners who are residing in areas not covered under the CGHS are entitled to getting a Fixed Medical Allowance of Rs.1000/- per month in lieu of Outdoor Medical treatment (OPD) which is too small an amount in the present scenario.

Many Pensioners who are residing at District headquarters and villages have no excess to CGHS facilities though good multispecialty hospitals are available at District Headquarters which can be empanelled if not already empanelled.

To extend the CGHS facilities at the District Headquarters to cover the pensioners residing at District Headquarters and nearby villages. CGHS Wellness centres need to be established at every District headquarters. Parliamentary Standing Committee on Personnel, Public Grievances, Law and Justice (Report No. 120) is also in agreement with the views of Pensioners.Associations that Government may explore the opening of CGHS Wellness Centres at District Headquarters.

We understand, sanctioning the Wellness Centre at the District Headquarters, searching, and getting approval for suitable accommodation, appointment of Medical Officer and paramedical Staff is a lengthy and cumbersome process. For example, CGHS Wellness Centre at Aurangabad (District Maharashtra) was sanctioned vide DOH&FW letter dt 6.04.2021 but CGHS Wellness Centre could be opened only on 24 March, 2023 i.e. it took two

years to open. Also, several issues are faced after opening the CGHS Wellness Center.

Bharat Pensioners Samaj (Federation popularly known as BPS) an associate NGO of the International Federation on Ageing CANADA is an apex body of Pensioners in the country registered with the Registrar of Societies Delhi, with DOP &PW, Niti Ayog, and RNI. Working as an 'Extended ARM' of DOP&PW for resolving Pensioners'/Family pensioners' grievances; **Suggests that instead of opening CGHS Wellness Centers at all District Headquarters, approve empanelled Private Hospitals at district Hd quarters for providing IPD facilities to the Pensioners**.

Under such an arrangement, a large number of pensioners residing at District Headquarters and nearby villages will have the option to avail of CGHS facility of IPD treatment after paying the requisite subscription and avail of Fixed Medical Allowance for OPD treatment which may kindly be raised to Rs 3000/ a month as has been recommended by the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Personnel, Public Grievances, Law and Justice (Report No. 120)

Hoping for favourable consideration of the solution suggested

With regards

Truly yours, S.C.Maheshwari, Secy. Genl. B P S

No BPS/Pr/ Dated 17.5.023

The Director General, CRPF

SUB: Regarding grant of dependents family pension to Kumari Ratana Prabha Shantaram D/O Shri Shanta Ram Rajaram Ghatge, Ex Dy Commandant,

Sir,

Reference to yur letter No P.III-1/2023-pension-Gos-Entt dated 26 April 2023 addressed to this Federation with copy to Commandant 10 Bn CRPF.

2 In this connection it is brought out that all the information available with the daughter of Late Dy Commandant Shantaram Rajaram Ghatge has been provided by the applicant to Your HQ as well as to the Commandant 10 Bn CRPF. During the COVID period, all these documents have been resubmitted to your HQ as well as Commandant 10 Bn CRPF on 21 Mar 2023. Copies of all the documents are attached in PDF along with this letter.

3 The original copy of PPO could not be made available from the Bank as they refused to part with the original copy of the PPO. It is a fact that copies of PPOs and Corrigendum PPOs are available in the service documents of the deceased officer and copies of the same can be made available by the department/unit concerned. The Daughter of the deceased officer is facing drastic financial problems and needs blessings from the department so that she can serve in the life to come.

4 It is once again requested that the dependent daughter's pension case may be progressed towards finalization as a priority.

Tanking you,

With kind regards,

Sincerely yours, (R K Chauhan) President, B P S

Copy to. Commandant 10 Bn CRPF along with a copy of the PDF file for taking immediate action to help the daughter of the deceased. The sanction of the family pension to a defendant unmarried daughter of the pensioner is authorized as per rules on the subject. The harassment of the daughter of a pensioner may kindly be stopped.

No Dated

CGDA Palam Road, Delhi Cantt

PCDA Pension Allahabad

Sub: Recovery of Commutation Amount from Pension of J S Kari PPO NO:C/FYS/27610/2007 dated 25 Oct 2007.

Sir,

The Pension of Shri J B Kari, PPO No given in the subject has been migrated from the Legacy system of PCDA Pension to team Sparsh. The commutation recovery period of 15 Years has been completed on 28 Feb 2023 but the recovery of the commutation amount is still being done by the Sparsh Team, the copy of the pension slip is attached.

2 Your office as well as PCDA Pension is requested to reconcile and stop further recovery of the installments of the commutation amount. The extra recovery already made may please be credited in his account forthwith under intimation to this Federation and pensioner.

3 copies of the relevant documents are attached as PDF

Thanking you

Sincerely yours,

R K Chauhan, President, Bharat Pensioners Samaj

No. BPS/BDPA(I)/NPA/MAY/2023 Dtd 17.5.2023
To:
Ms. Jayati Samaddar, Controller of Communication Accounts, Gujarat Telecom Region, 7th Floor, P & T Administrative Bldg, Opp. Khanpur Post Office, Ahmedabad-380001
Subject: **Non-supply of link for Virtually National Pension Adalat held on 17.05.2023 & amp; Non-Receipt of Minutes of previous National Pension Adalat held on 29.03.2023.**
Respected Madam,
1. The previous National Pension Adalat was held on 29.03.2023 and the District Secretary of Valsad District had participated physically and the undersigned virtually on line.
2. The issues of S/Shri S.P. Contractor, M.D. Chaudhari and M.G. Patel were discussed in the meeting where all the concerned pensioners were also present with D.S. All the cases are pending since long and it has become a punishment for these pensioners as the Administration is not taking due interest and care of these pensioners.
3. If your office feels that the office of the CGM Gujarat is not cooperative, then the matter ought to have been brought to the notice of Secretary DoT/CMD BSNL. Keeping silence and to give long rope to the office of the CGM indirectly reflects upon the functioning of Pension Adalat and make it mockery of the system.
4. We regret to write that the minutes of the said Pension Adalat are not published and the second National Pension Adalat was held on 17.05.2023.
5. We have membership of 7761 from Gujarat Circle and that is the largest figure any Pensioners Association in Gujarat is holding.
6. We were informed that for virtual presence a link will be provided to us and we were kept waiting till completion of the Pension Adalat. This gave a shabby picture of our functioning before our Surat District Secretary and his team – who were physically present in the Adalat and were anxious to watch the role of the Circle.
7. We drew the attention of high profile officers of your office to get the link but unfortunately our say was not heard. Copies of conversation are enclosed herewith.
8. Merely saying to say that "sorry sir... just missed to send" will not help the Association.
We, therefore, request your august office to:
1. Supply minutes of the Pension Adalat dated 29.03.2023 & 17.05.2023.
2. To give us the latest position on SAMPANN for the Pensioners of Post Offices and guide us for your future road-map.
3. If the Pensioners Identity Cards are ready, then as proposed by our District Secretary, Surat to send them Surat Pensioners Card instead of sending them by post as your proposal to send by ordinary post will result in large complaints of non-receipt as now a day's post offices are not delivering ordinary posts and the department can not afford the expenditure of Regd. Post.
4. We specially request you to kindly personally examine case of Shri M.G. Patel, whose case is pending since 2010 for no fault of the Pensioner.
With Regards,
Yours Sincerely,
(D.D. MISTRY)
Secretary BSNL/PSU ENCL: TWO.
Copy to:
1. Shri K. RAJARAMAN, Secretary, DoT, New Delhi.
2. The District Secretary, BDPA (I) Surat/Valsad.
3. Shri Mr. Sandeep Sawarkar, CGM Gujarat.

No.BPS/BDPA(I)/Fixed-Med/Enhancement/2023
Dated 26 th April, 2023
To, Hon'ble Smt Nirmala Sitaraman, Finance Minister, Govt of India, 15, Safdarjung Rd, New Delhi
Sub: A request to expedite decision for enhancing Fixed Medical Allowance from Rs. 1000/- Per Month to Rs. 3000/- PM.
Respected Madam,
1. That the Parliamentary committee on Pensioner's Grievance has submitted its 110th report on 10.12.2021; wherein it has been recommended the enhancement vide para3.14, sub Para (iii) "Fixed Medical Allowance may be enhanced from Rs 1000 to Rs 3000 per month since most pensioners are suffering from different diseases at old age and are unable to manage with meager pension as CGHS hospital is not available in every town".
2. As per Para 2.21 of 120th Action Taken Report, "DoP&;PW has taken-up the issue of enhancement of FMA with the Finance Ministry.

3. Now, as we understand the GOI Min of Personnel, Public Grievance;Pensions, DoP&PW F. No. 4/34/2017-PPW(D dated 31-01-2018 has forwarded the said proposal to your Minister for further decision in the matter.

4. That GOI Min of Personnel, Public Grievance& Pensions, DoP&PW F. No. 4/34/2017-P&PW (D) dated 31-01-2018 had increased it from Rs.500/- to Rs.1000/- per month in the year 2018 to meet the day-to-day expenses on medicines for those retired Central Govt. pensioners who are residing beyond 2.5 KMs from any CGHS dispensary or any other health unit corresponding Health unit administered by other Ministries/Departments. In turn BSNL Corporate Office had also implemented the same for the BSNL Pensioners.

5. For your information, EPFO pensioners get Rs. 2000/- PM since 01.03.2013.

6. Since 2018 till date the FMA is paid per month on the above rates whereas it is established fact that during these six years the price index has increased resulting in to rise in prices of medicines which are required by the aged pensioners to maintain their health.

In light of above factual reasons, we request you to kindly expedite decision to enhance Fixed Medical Allowance from Rs 1000 to Rs 3000 per month since most pensioners are suffering from different diseases at old age and are unable to manage with paltry sum of Rs. 1000/- per month.

Your ministry will be aware of the fact that nowaday's our Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra bhai is also reiterating the stand of govt.showing its concern for Senior citizens. Your sympathetic consideration of the issue will be a boon to all the Pensioners fraternity.

We therefore look forward to your august office for an early sympathetic decision in the matter.

With Regards,

Yours Sincerely,

(D.D. MISTRY) Secretary BSNL/PSU.

Copy to: 1. Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendrabhai Modi Ji, New Delhi.

2. Shri Mansukh L. Mandaviya, Health Minister, New Delhi.

3. Dr. Jitendra Sing, MOS, PMO Office, New Delhi.

No. BPS/BDPA(I)/PEN/MED-FUND/2023 Dated 22nd May, 2023

To, Shri Rajiv Kumar, Director (Finance) BSNL, Corporate Office, New Delhi-110011

Subject: A request to allot funds for fixed medical allowance/outdoor and indoor medical bills for BSNL Pensioners.

Respected Sir,

1. We are thankful to corporate office for considering long pending demand for medical payment for medical allowance/outdoor and indoor medical bills for BSNL Pensioners and releasing funds; which has given relief to the pensioners in the time of their distress and a ray of hope for future payments.

2. Now, majority of the BSNL Pensioners have already switched over to the C.G.H.S. which has provided financial relief to the Corporate Office and relieved from its future liability towards medical expenditure.

3. Many of the remaining pensioners are also willing to switch over to C.G.H.S. but could not do so for want of sufficient fund with them.

4. We have time and again suggested finding out solution to the issue by inviting their option from BSNL Pensioners and like SAMPANN SYSTEM; and company should effect payment directly to the CGHS and transfer their data to CGHS for issuing their medical cards in segments as per its financial viability.

5. This will reduce agony of the Pensioner to approach SSA, apply for cancellation of his Medical Facility, surrender his BSNL Medical Card, to obtain certificate, to approach the office of CCA to get certificate of last pay drawn, to pay his subscription on line, approach CGHS Office, to apply for refund of subscription paid by him and to wait anxiously for refund of the same amount by SSA.

6. In our proposed system, Corporate Office can introduce an online system to seek options from BSNL Pensioners to avoid present cumbersome procedures for their visit to BSNL Office; exercising his option for reverting to C.G.H.S.

7. We have been informed by our activists that

after 31st March, 2023 no funds is released towards the payment of medical allowance/outdoor and indoor medical bills for BSNL Pensioners.

We therefore request your office

A) To release funds for payment of pending medical allowance/outdoor and indoor medical bills for BSNL Pensioners.

B) To effect quarterly payment of fixed medical allowance on regular measure as the fiscal condition of the company is now comfortable. To issue clarification – till our request for directly switching over to C.G.H.S. as considered – that those who want to switch over to C.G.H.S. can apply and will get timely payment. This is required as confusion prevail in the field regarding continuance of the scheme.

C) To introduce online system for revalidation of BSNL MRS Medical card as we are in receipt of numerous complaints from our members that they have to run from pillar to post and many have to return as the responsible officer nominated to sign is not available.

D) To provide new Medical Identity Cards to all the Pensioners whose cards were issued more than a decade and there is no space to write their renewal.

E) To allot funds for clearance of indoor cases of Kovid-19 cases; which were piled up for want of required clarification.

With Regards,

Yours Sincerely,

(D.D. MISTRY) Secretary BSNL/PSU B P S

Copy to:

1. Shri Pravin Kumar Purwar, CMD BSNL, New Delhi
2. Shri K Rajaraman, Secretary, DoT, New Delhi

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No. BSP/BDPA(I)/BSNL-MTNL/PEN/ REVISION2023 Dated 25th May, 2023.

To: Hon'ble Shri Narendrabhai Modi,

Prime Minister of India, P.M.O. ,New Delhi

Subject: Prayer from BSNL-MTNL for their Pension Revision due since January, 2017.

Respected Sir,

Jay Shri Krishna,

1. We are fully aware of the fact that your office is fully aware of our long pending issue and we will not elaborate but for placing few words before you on behalf of more than three lac MTNL-BSNL Pensioners.

2. Sir, it was initiative of your office to make BSNL Corporate Office to revamp Wage Revision Committee in order to settle our issue.

3. Since we sense that the issue is not handled in a way it ought to have been, we pray before your office to express our view on the issue by the DoT.

4. We were quite happy that our prayer was heard and in October 2022, we were provided opportunity to have our say and also to know the status of our case and stand taken by the authorities.

5. Thereafter we had a number of meetings with the concerned and competent authorities in DoT and appreciated the stand taken by them to delink pension revision of BSNL-MTNL Pensioners from Wage Revision of Working Employees trusting/ hoping that it may yield positive result.

6. Now, as we understand, the office of the DoT has been interacting with concerned ministries and has finalized the proposal and waiting for nod from Hon'ble Shri Ashwini Vaishnaw, MOC.

7. We will be highly indebted to your august office, if the final decision is expedited providing oxygen to Pensioners who have been waiting since seven years.

With Regards,

Yours Sincerely,

Sd/-

(D.D. MISTRY)

Secretary BSNL/PSU

Bharat Pensioner Samaj.

Copy to:

(1) Hon'ble Shri Ashwini Vaishnaw, MOC, New Delhi.

(2) Hon'ble Amitbhai Shah, Home Minister, New Delhi.

Payment of Pension to Government Pensioners Frequently Asked Questions: Issued by RBI updated as on April 3, 2023-FAQ

Payment of Pension to Government Pensioners (Updated as on April 3, 2023)

Scheme for Payment of Pension to Central Government Pensioners by Authorised Banks Payment of pension to retired government employees, including payment of basic pension, increased Dearness Relief (DR), and other benefits as and when announced by the governments, is governed by the relevant schemes prepared by concerned Ministries/Departments of the Government of India and State Governments. RBI has issued certain instructions in this regard which is available in the Master Circular – Disbursement of Government Pension by Agency Banks dated April 03, 2023. Clarifications, in the form of questions and answers, on certain issues related to the instructions issued by RBI is given below.

1. Whether a Joint Account can be continued for family pension after the death of a pensioner?

Yes, the banks should not insist on opening of a new account in case of Central Government pensioner if the spouse in whose favour an authorization for family pension exists in the Pension Payment Order (PPO) is the survivor. The family pension should be credited to the existing account without opening a new account by the family pensioner for this purpose.

2. When is the pension credited to the pensioner's account by the paying branch? The pension paying banks credit the pension amount in the accounts of the pensioners based on the instructions given by the Pension Paying Authorities.

3. Can the pension paying bank recover the excess amount credited to the pensioner's account?

(a) Agency banks are requested to seek guidance from respective Pension Sanctioning Authorities regarding the process to be followed for recovery of excess pension paid to the pensioners, if any.

(b) Where excess pension payment has arisen on account of mistakes committed by the bank, the amount paid in excess should be refunded to the Government in lump-sum immediately after detection of the same and without waiting for recovery of any amount from the pensioners.

4. Should acknowledgement be given by pension paying banks while accepting Life Certificates from pensioners?

There have been complaints that life certificates submitted over the counter of pension paying branches are misplaced causing delay in payment of monthly pensions. In order to alleviate the hardships faced by pensioners, agency banks were instructed to mandatorily issue duly signed acknowledgements. They were also requested to consider entering the receipt of life certificates in their CBS and issue a system generated acknowledgement which would serve the twin purpose of acknowledgement as well as real time updation of records

5. Who is responsible for deduction of Income Tax at source from pension payment?

The pension paying bank is responsible for deduction of Income Tax from pension amount in accordance with the rates prescribed by the Income Tax authorities from time to time.

6. Can a pensioner withdraw pension from his/ her account when he/she is not able to sign or put a thumb/toe impression or unable to be present in the bank?

Yes, instructions have been issued by RBI to pension disbursing banks to allow withdrawal of pension by following certain procedures which are given below:

Withdrawal of pension by old/ sick/ disabled/ incapacitated pensioners

(i) In order to take care of problems/ difficulties faced by sick and disabled pensioners in withdrawal of pension / family pension from the banks, agency banks may categorise such pensioners as under:

(a) Pensioner who is too ill to sign a cheque / unable to be physically present in the bank.

(b) Pensioner who is not only unable to be physically present in the bank but also not even able to put his/ her thumb impression on the cheque/ withdrawal form due to certain physical defect / incapacity.

(ii) With a view to enabling such old/sick/ incapacitated pensioners to operate their accounts, banks may follow the procedure as under:

(a) Wherever thumb or toe impression of the old/ sick pensioner is obtained, it should be identified by two independent witnesses known to the bank, one of whom should be a responsible bank official.

(b) Where the pensioner cannot even put his/her thumb/ toe impression and also would not be able to be physically present in the bank, a mark can be obtained on the cheque/withdrawal form, which should be identified by two independent witnesses, one of whom should be a responsible bank official. The responsible bank official has to be from the same bank, preferably from the same branch, where the pensioner is having his/her pension account. Agency banks have been asked to display the instructions issued in this regard on their notice board at the branches so that sick and disabled pensioners can make full use of these facilities.

7. How the payment of Dearness Relief at revised rate is to be paid to the pensioners?

The pension paying agency banks have to revise the Dearness Relief based on the copies of government orders supplied by government to them through post, fax, e-mails or by accessing the information from the website of the concerned governments, and authorize their pension paying branches to make payments to the pensioners immediately.

8. Whether a pensioner is entitled for any compensation from the agency banks for delayed credit of pension/ arrears of pension?

Yes, pension paying banks should compensate the pensioner for delay in crediting pension/ arrears thereof at a fixed interest rate of 8 per cent per annum for the delay after the due date of payment. This compensation should be credited to the pensioner's account automatically without any claim from the pensioner on the same day when the bank affords credit for revised pension/ pension arrears, in respect of all delayed pension payments made since October 1, 2008.

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Submission of Medical Reimbursement Claims (MRCs) by CGHS Pensioner beneficiaries in the city, wherein the treatment was taken -regarding:

Clarification by DG CGHS dated 08.05.2023

F No Z 15025/2/2023/DIR/CGHS GoI Min of Health & Family Welfare Department of Health & Family Welfare Directorate General of CGHS RK Puram – Sector-13 New Delhi Dated the 8th May, 2023

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject: Submission of Medical Reimbursement Claims (MRCs) by CGHS Pensioner beneficiaries in the city, wherein the treatment was taken - regarding

The undersigned is directed to convey the approval of Competent Authority to state that CGHS pensioner beneficiaries(principal card holders) are now permitted to submit Medical Reimbursement Claims (MRCs) to CGHS of city , where the treatment was taken.

The MRCs may be submitted to CGHS Wellness Centre / Additional Director, CGHS of city / Additional Director of concerned Zone in Delhi, as the case may be.

2. However, the option to submit the MRC at the CGHS Wellness Centre , where the card is registered shall remain unchanged.

3. The concerned Additional Director shall generate MRC ID number, process MRCs as per CGHS rates and guidelines to make reimbursement from the CGHS city, where the MRCs have been submitted, within specified 30 days, when no special approvals are involved.

Additional Directors, CGHS shall bring the contents of this order to the notice of the CMOs in charge in the meetings and ensure strict compliance with the instructions.

4. The Additional Directors shall also bring the contents of the order to the notice of Members of Local Advisory Committees and Zonal Advisory Committees.

(Dr. Manoj Jain) Director, CGHS

Deployment of Chief Medical Officers as Sanctioning Authorities for settlement of credit bills of CGHS empanelled HCOs as a temporary measure

F. No. MISC. 2011/103/NHA ISSUE/2023 GOI
MOH&FW Department of H&FW-DG/CGHS
OM Dated the 22nd May, 2023

Subject: Deployment of Chief Medical Officers —in-charge of CGHS Wellness Centres as Sanctioning Authorities for settlement of credit bills of CGHS empanelled Health Care Organizations (HCOs) as a temporary measure -regarding

The undersigned is directed to convey the approval of Competent Authority and to state that in order to expedite the settlement of credit bills of CGHS empanelled HCOs, it is now decided that Chief medical Officers -in-charge of CGHS Wellness Centres shall also act as Sanctioning Authorities, on a temporary basis. The details are given below:

i. Additional Directors of concerned cities shall provide the details of the CMOs in Charge working under them and may take necessary steps for procuring DSC for them.

ii. CMOs in charge shall work as sanctioning authorities for at least 3 hours in a day during free time or after duty hours in Wellness Centres. CMOs -in-charge shall perform these special duties, in addition to their regular duties.

iii. Existing Sanctioning Authorities shall act as nodal officers for the CMOs I/c in the city for any clarifications/ assistance, in addition to their own duties as SAs.

iv. NHA- shall create user names and passwords for the new sanctioning authorities.

v. The timelines prescribed are

4-7 days- NHA shall create login User Name and Passwords for CMOs i/c

8-10-Days – Online training for the CMOs in charge

11th Day onwards- CMOs in charge shall act as Sanctioning Authorities till the clearance of pending credit bills of HCOs.

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2. The target for every CMO in charge is settlement of hospital credit bills amounting to Rs.2.0 Crore /per week (approx.).

3. The Additional Directors shall bring the contents of the order to the notice of all the CMOs in charge working under their administration and ensure the compliance of the aforementioned directions.

4. The settlement of bills by CMOs i/c shall be monitored on a daily basis, by the Directorate of CGIIS.

Sd/
(Dr. Manoj Jain) Director, CGHS

Guidelines for availing treatment under CGHS and CS(MA) Rules 1944 for Occupational Therapy, Speech Therapy and Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) based behavioral therapy in individuals with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD)/ Non-autistic person/children with ADHD and specific learning disabilities

File No: S.11030/86/2022-EHS Government of India

Ministry of Health & Family Welfare EHS Section

Nirman Bhawan, New Delhi Dated 01.05.2023

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject: Guidelines for availing treatment under CGHS and CS(MA) Rules, 1944, for Occupational Therapy, Speech Therapy and Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) based behavioral therapy in individuals with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD)/ Non-autistic person/children with ADHD and specific learning disabilities – regarding

The undersigned is directed to enclose herewith the Guidelines for availing treatment under CGHS and CS(MA) Rules, 1944, for Occupational Therapy, Speech Therapy and Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) based behavioral therapy in individuals with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD)/ Non- autistic person/children with ADHD and specific learning disabilities. These guidelines shall come into force from the date of issue of this O.M. and shall be valid till further revision.

2. These guidelines issue with the concurrence of the Integrated Finance Division of Ministry of Health & Family Welfare.

Signed by Hemlata Singh

Date: 01-05-2023 13:52:19

(Hemlata Singh)

Ud Secy to the GoI Tel. 011-23061778

Validity of CGHS Card in all CGHS Centres in the Country for availing CGHS benefits – CGHS

F No Z 15025/1/2023/DIR/CGHS GoI Min. of Health & Family Welfare Deptt of Health & Family Welfare Directorate General of CGHS RK Puram Sector-13, New Delhi. Dated the 1st May, 2023

Subject: Validity of CGHS Card in all CGHS Centres

The undersigned is directed to draw attention to the Order No Misc 6024/2007/CGHS(HQ)/CGHS(P) dt 17.12.2012 & to reiterate that CGHS Card is valid at any CGHS Wellness Centre in the Country for availing CGHS benefits as per the details given under:

i) CGHS Card is valid in any Wellness Centre in India and no additional document / attachment is required.

ii) Medicines shall be issued for upto to '3' months, in case of beneficiaries undergoing treatment for chronic illnesses.

iii) Referral/endorsement for treatment from private HCOs empanelled under CGHS shall be issued from any CGHS Wellness centre.

Addl Directors, CGHS are advised to ensure that these guidelines are complied with by CMOs in Charge and other staff of CGHS Wellness Centres. The contents of this order are to be brought to the notice of Members of the Local Advisory Committees/Zonal Advisory Committee.

(Dr. Manoj Jain) Director, CGHS

Cashless treatment facilities now available to all CGHS beneficiaries at 6 AIIMS at Bhopal, Bhubaneswar, Patna, Jodhpur, Raipur and Rishikesh

Ministry of Health and Family Welfare Cashless treatment facilities now available to all CGHS beneficiaries at 6 AIIMS at Bhopal, Bhubaneswar, Patna, Jodhpur, Raipur and Rishikesh

CGHS Pensioners and other entitled categories of CGHS beneficiaries will be eligible for cashless treatment in OPD, investigations and Indoor treatment at these 6 AIIMS Cashless treatment to CGHS beneficiaries at AIIMS New Delhi, PGIMER Chandigarh and GIPMER Puducherry in the offing

Posted On: 20 MAY 2023 1:25PM by PIB Delhi

Cashless treatment facilities will now be available to all CGHS beneficiaries (serving and pensioners) at 6 AIIMS located at Bhopal, Bhubaneswar, Patna, Jodhpur, Raipur and Rishikesh. This significant decision was taken today, as Memorandum of Agreement were signed between these six AIIMS and CGHS, Union Health Ministry in the presence of Shri Rajesh Bhushan, Union Health Secretary.

Patient care facilities available at 6 fully functional AIIMS at Bhopal, Bhubaneswar, Patna, Jodhpur, Raipur and Rishikesh shall be extended to the CGHS beneficiaries on cashless basis. It will be particularly beneficial for the senior citizens (retired pensioner beneficiaries of CGHS) who find it difficult to submit individual reimbursement claims and follow up approvals. The CGHS beneficiaries will have the advantage of accessing state of art treatment facilities available in these AIIMS, without the hassle of first making payments and then seeking reimbursements from CGHS. This initiative will save time, reduce paperwork and also delays in settlement of individual claims. Till now, CGHS pensioner beneficiaries, availing treatment at AIIMS, are required to first make payment and claim reimbursement later from CGHS.

The salient features of this initiative are as under:

The CGHS Pensioners and other entitled categories of CGHS beneficiaries will be eligible for cashless treatment in OPD, investigations and Indoor treatment at these 6 AIIMS.

These 6 AIIMS shall raise credit bills of CGHS Pensioners and other categories of eligible beneficiaries to CGHS and CGHS shall preferably make payment within 30 days of receipt of the bills.

Admission of the CGHS beneficiary shall be made only against production of valid CGHS Beneficiary ID Card for the treatment at AIIMS.

AIIMS shall create a separate Help Desk and a separate accounting system for CGHS beneficiaries.

Medicines prescribed by the doctors at AIIMS, for OPD treatment or at the time of discharge from AIIMS, will be collected by the beneficiaries through CGHS.

The Health Secretary lauded this development stating "CGHS is a significant service-oriented vertical of the Health Ministry through which existing and retired employees can avail medical services. He further added that "the government endeavors to expand the number of hospitals empaneled under CGHS providing excellent tertiary

care facilities aligned with the rising requirements of the patients." He also stated "in the near future the AIIMS institutions established in New Delhi, Post Graduate Institute of Medical Education & Research Chandigarh and Jawaharlal Institute of Postgraduate Medical Education and Research, Puducherry will be incorporated in this agreement." Shri Rajesh Bhushan elaborated that "a big segment will benefit from this agreement, as it seeks to ease the lengthy formalities and expedite access to medical care." He noted that will also widen the reach of CGHS services across the nation, as this agreement allows the beneficiaries to avail the CGHS beneficiaries from the AIIMS institutions in their respective states. He further added that CGHS has upwardly revised certain rates of treatment and medical care, further aiding access of treatment facilities for patients.

The beneficiaries under the CGHS are referred to Government hospitals and private hospitals empaneled under CGHS for indoor treatment. CGHS pensioners and other entitled categories of CGHS beneficiaries are eligible for cashless facilities at empaneled hospitals. CGHS provides comprehensive healthcare (both OPD & IPD) to Central Government employees, pensioners and their dependent family members, Hon'ble Members of Parliament, ex-MPs and other categories of beneficiaries. Presently CGHS is in operation in 79 cities in the Country.

Under the Pradhan Mantri Swasthya Suraksha Yojana (PMSSY) 22 new AIIMS have been established across the country and they are at varying stages of operationalization. Besides providing facilities for quality medical education and research, these Premier institutions provide specialized patient care health services in various specialities and super specialities including cardiology, neurology, neuro surgery, gastroenterology, urology, cardio vascular thoracic surgery, oncology etc. These institutes also provide trauma and emergency care services, state of the art diagnostic services, including blood bank facilities.

The session was attended by Additional Secretary Smt V. Hekali Zhimomi, Joint Secretary Smt Ankita Mishra, Joint Secretary Dr. Manashvi Kumar, Director, CGHS, Dr. Jain among senior government officials. Executive Directors of AIIMS Bhubaneshwar, AIIMS Patna, AIIMS Raipur, AIIMS Jodhpur and representatives from AIIMS Bhopal and AIIMS Rishikesh were present at the MOA signing event.

Guidelines regarding reimbursement of Continuous Subcutaneous' Insulin Infusion (CSII) Pump Therapy' under CGHS/CS(MA) Rules, 1944: MoHFW OM dated 16.05.2023

S.11030/120/2022-EHS 1/3589144/2023

File No: S.11030/120/2022-EHS

Government of India Ministry of Health & Family Welfare EHS Section Nirman Bhawan, New Delhi

Dated 16.05.2023 OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject: Guidelines regarding reimbursement of Continuous Subcutaneous' Insulin Infusion (CSII) Pump Therapy' under CGHS/CS(MA) Rules, 1944 – regarding

The undersigned is directed to refer to representations seeking permission/ex-post facto approval for use /reimbursement of Insulin Pump under CGHS/CS(MA) Rules. This matter has been examined by a Committee of Experts, of the Directorate General of Health Services, in the field. Based on the recommendations of the Expert Committee; this Ministry has framed following guidelines for use/reimbursement of Cost of Insulin Pump:

A. ELIGIBLE PATIENTS

The following criteria must be met:

Patients with Type -I Diabetes

Duration of diabetes greater than 2 years

The child and family have received adequate diabetes education at a centre experienced in taking care of children with Type-l, Diabetes Mellitus.

Despite multiple daily doses of Insulin and proper adherence to diet in the last 6 months, HbAIC level is not below 8.5 %.

Recurrent and unexplained hypoglycemia on multiple doses of insulin despite proper adherence to diet in last 6 months.

B. PREREQUISITES

Should be on multiple daily doses of Insulin (basal bonus) therapy for a minimum of 6 months. During

the period there should be At least 2 HBAl1c readings over these 6 months Strict Self- monitoring Blood Glucose (SMBG) with minimum 4 readings or be on Continuous Glucose Monitoring System(CGS) Should have a concept of carbo-counting (Counting number of grams of Carbohydrate in a meal) and its application in diabetes management, as certified by the treating pediatric endocrinologist / endocrinologist/ diabetes clinic specialist

The family can understand pump usage, to calculate bolus and basal insulin doses as required, and has demonstrated motivation to follow guidelines related to SMBG monitoring and diet.

Regular follow-up with a pediatric endocrinologist / endocrinologist/ diabetes clinic specialist

No history of psychiatric illness in patient.

C. APPROVAL

A committee under the chairpersonship of Addl. Director General with 2-3 pediatric endocrinologists / endocrinologists/ diabetes clinic specialists as members will examine each request, on case to case basis, as per the guidelines. The cases, which may not be covered under these guidelines, to be taken up, on case to case basis.

In case of CGHS beneficiaries, Additional Director (R&H) / Addl DDG(HQ) , CGHS Shall be Member Secretary.

In case of CS(MA) beneficiaries, Chief Medical Officer of MG Section shall be the Member Secretary.

The concerned Ministry / Department of the serving central Government employees in CGHS covered cities shall forward the requests for permission to the Additional Director, CGHS of city concerned.

Pensioner shall submit their request to their parent CGHS Wellness Centre to which they are registered and that request will be further sent to Additional Director, CGHS of the city concerned, for consideration.

In case of CS(MA) beneficiaries the concerned Ministry / Department of the serving central Government employees shall forward the requests for permission to the Under Secretary, EHS Section, Ministry of Health & Family Welfare.

D. VALIDITY

Initial approval shall be for one year. Both basic as well as sensor augmented Insulin Pumps may be considered as prescribed by treating endocrinologist.

Re-approval will be done only if the following criteria are met:

Regular follow-up (at 3-month intervals at least) during the past one year.

Regular self monitoring of blood glucose (SMBG).

HbAlc test every 3 months over past one year with at least two HbAl1c values below 8.5%.

If re-approval is not granted as above, the patients can re-apply after 6 months, if he/she meets these criteria – HbAlc less than 8.5% at least one in last 6 months.

E. CEILING RATE FOR CONTINUOUS SUBCUTANEOUS INSULIN INFUSION (CSII) PUMP THERAPY UNDER CGHS/CS(MA) RULES

Ceiling rate for basic version of Insulin Pump are fixed at 2 Lakhs.

Ceiling rate for a sensor-augmented Insulin Pump are fixed at Rs. 3.0 Lakhs.

In addition, the monthly cost for the consumables is fixed at Rs 5,000/- (reservoir, infusion set and Insulin).

2. These guidelines issue with the approval of competent authority and concurrence of IFD vide CD No. 385 dated 15.05.2023.

(Hemlata Singh)

Signed by

Hemlata Singh Date: 16-05-2023 11:25:17 Under Secretary to the GoI Tel. No. 011-23061778

Disbursement of Railway Pension through Private Sector Banks: RBA No. 16/2023

GOI MOR (Railway Board) RBA No. 16 /2023

No. 2010/AC-II/21/10/Pt IV dated 15.5.2023

Pr.Financial Advisors,All Zonal Railways & PUS

Pr. Chief Personnel Officers,All Zonal Railways & PUs

Sub:- Disbursement of Railway Pension through Private Sector Banks.

Ref:1.Board's Letter No. 2021/AC-II/9/2/e dated

18.02.2022(RBA No. 12/2022) and No. 2010 /AC-II/21/12(pt) dated 23.02.2022 (RBA no. 14/2022),
2. Letter No. 2018/AC-II/21/2/ARPAN dated 12.05.2022 (RBA No. 29/2022)

Please connect Board's letters cited above conveying the preparedness of Axis Bank and HDFC Bank for processing of e-PPOs issued by Railways. Now, ICICI Bank has also confirmed that the bank has completed all technical modalities in this regard. Railway Pensioners can now opt for drawal of pension from ICICI Bank.

The retiring employees may, therefore, be advised accordingly.

(Ajay Bartwal)
Joint Director Finance/CCA Railway Board

Pension on Higher Wages: MoL&E issues notification in compliance of judgement dated 4.11.22 of Hon'ble Supreme Court

M/o Labour & Employment issues notifications in compliance of judgement dated 4.11.22 of Hon'ble Supreme Court in the case pertaining to Pension on Higher Wages Posted PIB 03 MAY 2023

The Hon'ble Supreme Court, in its judgment dated 04.11.2022 in Civil Appeal No. 8143-8144 of 2022 titled the Employees Provident Fund Organisation & Anr. etc. Vs. Sunil Kumar B. and Ors. etc., while upholding the validity of the amendments made to the Employees' Pension Scheme,1995 (EPS,1995) vide G.S.R 609 (E) dated 22.08.2014(effective from 01.09.2014) had also given certain directions along with deadlines for complying with the same. Ministry of Labour & Employment has promptly taken all actions within the stipulated deadlines to comply with the directions of the Hon'ble Supreme Court in the said order.

First direction of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of the said judgement was in respect of giving opportunity to pensioners who had retired before 1.9.2014 after exercising joint options under paragraph 11(3) of the EPS,1995 but the joint options were rejected by the Employees' Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO) (on account of cut-off date). This was to be done with in eight weeks. In compliance of this direction, the EPFO issued circular on 29.12.2022 for filing online applications for validation of joint options by the above pensioners. The last date for submission of applications was 03.03.2023. However, last date was extended up to 03.05.2023 which has been further extended up to 26.06.23.

Further, the Hon'ble Supreme Court held that all members who were in service prior to 01.09.2014 and continued to be in service on or after 01.09.2014 and who did not exercise joint option due to interpretation on cut-off date, but were entitled to do so ought to be given a further chance to exercise their option and the time for giving options was to be extended by a further period of four months. To comply with these directions, EPFO issued instructions on 20.02.2023 for online joint options to be filed by the above employees/pensioners. Joint options were to be filed on or before 03.05.2023. However, the date has been extended to 26.06.2023.

Further, Hon'ble Supreme Court held the requirement of the members to contribute at the rate of 1.16% of their salary to the extent such salary exceed Rs.15000/- per month as an additional contribution under the amended scheme to be ultra vires of the provisions of the Employees' Provident Fund and Miscellaneous Provisions Act,1952 (EPF & MP Act). The Hon'ble Court directed the authorities to make necessary adjustments in the Scheme within a period of six months.

For implementing the above direction, all aspects of the matter including legal and administrative were examined in detail. It was decided that since the Code on Social Security,2020 (the Code) has already been notified , it would be appropriate to bring relevant provisions of the Code into effect. Earlier also section 142 of the Code was operationalised as a singular provision. The Code also provides for repeal of EPF & MP Act. Accordingly, certain provisions of the EPF & MP Act get repealed while giving effect to the relevant provisions of the Code. The spirit of the EPF & MP Act as well as the Code do not envisage contribution from the employees into the pension fund. Accordingly, keeping in mind the letter and spirit of the EPF & MP Act and the Code , it has been decided to draw 1.16 % additional contribution from within the overall 12% of the contribution of the employers into the provident fund. This provision is retrospective in nature in line with the

directions given by the Hon'ble Supreme Court. Accordingly, the Ministry of Labour & Employment has issued two notifications today i.e. 3 May,2023 implementing the above.

With the issue of above notifications, all the directions of the Hon'ble Supreme Court contained in judgment dated 04.11.2022 have been complied with. MJPS (Release ID: 1921830)

Clarification regarding continuance of Widow Pass (WP) facility after demise of the Railway Servant and his/her spouse.-Rly Board

RBENo.64/2022 (Rly Bd) No.2022/E(W)/01/09 New Delhi Dated 10.06.2022

The General Managers (P) All Zonal Railways & Production Units.

Sub: Clarification regarding continuance of Widow Pass (WP) facility after demise of the Railway Servant and his/her spouse.

Ref: MCF/Raebare1i's letters No. MCF/RBL/Estt/ PuFi1e/187/Pan-11 dt 09.12.2021 and 17902.2022.

Modern Coach Factory/Raebare1i vide their above cited letters have sought clarification on the aspect of continuance of WP facility in favour of remaining beneficiaries after the death of spouse of deceased Railway Servant stating that the extant Railway Servants (Pass) Rules, 1986 (Second Edition - 1993) is silent in this regard. The families which lost both the parents during COVID-19 pandemic and facing severe hardships have also represented for continuance of WP facility. Requests have also been received from All India Railwaymen's Federation and National Federation of Indian Railwaymen for extending Pass facility in such cases. Keeping the above and the provisions connected with WP facility in view, the issue has been examined and with the approval of Competent Authority, it is clarified that even after the demise of spouse of deceased Railway Servant, the WP facility may be continued in the name of eldest beneficiary eligible to be included in the WP in terms of extant Pass Rules. Other eligible members may also be continued in the Widow Pass Account (WPA), as like before.

2. In cases where WPA is closed or not even opened but a family member of deceased Railway Servant is eligible to be a beneficiary of WP, on receipt of application, the Pass Issuing Authority (PIA), where the WPA existed or from where the deceased Railway Servant retired, may reopen the closed WPA or open a new WPA, as the case may be. However, the entitled number of Passes will be reckoned and issued only from the current Calendar Year.

3. The Class of Pass, number of Passes and other facilities/conditions shall be regulated by the rules prevalent for grant of WP to the spouse at the time of demise of Railway Servant.

4. The individual Family Identity Cards (FIC), already issued with lifetime validity, as an eligible WP beneficiary, shall continue to be valid. In cases where no such FIC is available with the eligible beneficiary, fresh FIC may be issued.

5. The WP facility will be discontinued in respect of the beneficiary who becomes entitled to Pass facility on any account or becomes ineligible for pass facility under any other provision of extant Pass Rules.

6. The Zonal Railways/PUs may bring this clarification to the notice of all PIAS under their control and direct them to take necessary action to settle the requests in this regard on priority.

7. This issues with the concurrence of the Finance Directorate of the Ministry of Railways.

Sd/

(V. Muralidharan)

Dy. Dt Estt. (Welfare)-I Rly Bd

EPFO extends date for filing Applications till 26th June, 2023 regarding pension on Higher Wages for Validation of Option / Joint Option from pensioners / members as per the Hon'ble Supreme Court order dated 04.11.2022

Ministry of Labour & Employment EPFO extends date for filing Applications regarding pension on Higher Wages Posted On: 02 MAY 2023 9:09PM by PIB Delhi

EPFO has made arrangements for obtaining Applications for Validation of Option / Joint Option from pensioners / members as per the Hon'ble Supreme Court order dated 04.11.2022. To facilitate this process an online facility has been made available. More than 12 lakh applications have been received till date. The online facility was to remain available only till 03.05.2023.

In the meantime, many representations have been received from various quarters seeking extension of time. The issue has been considered and it has been decided that in order to provide a larger window of opportunity and in order to enable all eligible persons to file their applications, the timeline for filing applications would now be till 26th June, 2023.

The timeline is being extended to facilitate and provide ample opportunity to the pensioners / members so as to ease out any difficulty being faced by them. This has been decided after sympathetically considering the various demands received from employees, employers and their associations.

ECHS Advisory on Processing of Pending Claims due to Delay in Submission: Order dated 17.04.2023

Central Organisation ECHS Adjutant General's Branch Integrated HQ of MoD(Army) Thimayya Marg, Near Gopinath Circle New Delhi- 110 010 B/ 49778/AG/ECHS/Claims/Advisory 17 Apr 2023 (All Regional Centres) UTLITSL

Advisory on Processing of Pending Claims Due to Delay in Submission

1. Ref to this HQ letter No B/49778/AG/ECHS/Claim/ Policy dt 09 Jul 2021.

2. A one-time waiver window was periodically extended for 'all those remaining bills generated upto 31 May 2020 inclusive of bills generated till 31 Jul 2021 'which were to be actioned by 31 Dec 2021. Thereafter no further waiver was proposed to be given. Accordingly, the term and condition of MoA became applicable wherein 30% deduction was to be applied if hospital submits bills beyond the 60-day period.

3. Queries have been raised from various stakeholders to accord waiver for Claims generated beyond 31 Jul 2021. The following resolution mechanism is recommended:–

(a) Claim submitted within 07 days	To be processed as per policy
Claim submitted beyond 7 days but upto 60 days:-	
(i) If waiver obtained from RC within 60 days	To be processed based on available documents.
(ii) If waiver not obtained from RC within 60 days	Claim to be pending in NMI till 60 days and then minimum 30% deduction be applied on the basis of available documents.
(c) Claim documents submitted beyond 60 days	Deduction to be applied at minimum 30% deduction deduction based on available documents

4, This has the approval of MD ECHS.

(Rajesh Batlish) Surg Capt JD (Claim) for MD ECHS

UIDAI allows resident to verify email/mobile number seeded with Aadhaar

Ministry of Electronics & IT

UIDAI allows resident to verify email/mobile number seeded with Aadhaar

Posted On: 02 MAY 2023 3:51PM by PIB Delhi

Keeping user benefits in mind, Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI) has allowed resident to verify their mobile numbers and email IDs seeded with their Aadhaar.

It had come to the notice of the UIDAI that in some instances, resident were not aware/sure about which of their mobile numbers is seeded to their Aadhaar. Hence resident were worried that Aadhaar OTP might be going to some other mobile number. Now, with this facility, the resident can check these quite easily.

The facility can be availed under 'Verify email/ mobile Number' feature on the official website (https://myaadhaar.uidai.gov.in/) or through mAadhaar App. It has been developed for the resident to verify that their own email/mobile number is seeded with respective Aadhaar.

This feature gives confirmation to resident that email/mobile number under his/her knowledge is only seeded to respective Aadhaar. It also notifies the resident in case a particular mobile number is not linked, and informs resident to take necessary steps to update the mobile number, if they wish so. In case mobile number is already verified resident will see a message like, 'the mobile number you

have entered is already verified with our records', displayed on their screen.

In case a resident does not remember the mobile number, she/he has given during enrolment she/he can check the last three digits of the mobile on Verify Aadhaar feature on Myaadhaar portal or mAadhaar App.

If a resident wants to link email/mobile number with Aadhaar or wants to update her/his email/mobile number, she/he may visit a nearest Aadhaar centre.

One Rank One Pension to the Defence Forces Pensioners: MoD Order 28.04.2023 in pursuance of Hon'ble Supreme Court order dated 20.03.2023 in MA No. 219/2023 in WP(C) No. 419/2016 filed by Indian Ex-Servicemen Movement vs Union of India.- April 30, 2023 No. 1(1)/2019/D(Pen/Pol) /Vol-I Government of India

MOD Department of Ex-Servicemen Welfare , Dated: 28 April, 2023

To The Chief of the Defence Staff

The Chief of the Army Staff;The Chief of the Naval Staff;The Chicf of the Air Staff

Subject: One Rank One Pension to the Defence Forces Pensioners.

I am directed to refer to this Ministry's letter No. 1(1)/2019/D(Pen/Pol)Vol-II dated 20.01.2023 on the above subject. Para 6 of the said letter is reproduced as under:

"Arrears on account of revision of pension from 01.07.2019 till date of its implementation shall be paid by the Pension Disbursing Agencies in four half yearly installments. However, all the family pensioners including those in receipt of Special/ Liberalized family pension and all Gallantry award winners shall be paid arrears in one installment."

2. In pursuance of the Hon'ble Supreme Court order dated 20.03.2023 in MA No. 219/2023 in WP(C) No. 419/2016 filed by Indian Ex-Servicemen Movement vs Union of India, the Para 6 of the above mentioned MoD letter dated 20.01.2023 stands amended as follows:-

"Arrears on account of revision of pension from 01.07.2019 till date of its implementation shall be paid by the Pension Disbursing Agencies as under:

a) The payment of OROP dues to family pensioners including those in receipt of special/liberalized family pension and Gallantry Award winners shall be made in one instalment on or before 30.04.2023;

b) The payment of arrears arising out of revision of pensions under OROP due to pensioners who are of the age of 70 years or above as on 01.01.2023 shall be made on or before 30.06.2023.

c) The outstanding arrears arising out of revision of pensions under OROP payable to the remaining pensioners shall be paid in equal instalments on or before 31.08.2023, 30.11.2023 and 28.02.2024.

3. All other terms and conditions which are not affected by this order shall remain unchanged.

4. This issues with concurrence of Finance Division of this Ministry vide their ID Note No. 10(01)/2019/KFin/Pen dated 28.04.2023.

(B.L.Meena) US/ Govt. of India

Pre-Retirement Counseling Workshop and Pension Adalat: Address of V.Srinivas, IAS Secretary Department of Pension and Pensioners Welfare at Vigyan Bhavan, New Delhi on 17.05.2023

Government of India

Department of Pension and Pensioners Welfare

dt: 17 May 2023

Address of V.Srinivas, IAS Secretary Department of Pension and Pensioners Welfare at the Pre-Retirement Counseling Workshop and Pension Adalat, at Vigyan Bhavan, New Delhi

At the outset, let me congratulate each one of you for your services to the Nation through your long career marked by several achievements. There is so much that each of you can look back with an immense sense of pride and satisfaction.

Today is a very significant day for the Department of Pension and Pensioners Welfare. The Department has successfully convened the 50th PRC Workshop along with the 8th Pension Adalat today at Vigyan Bhavan along with an Exhibition by all Pension Disbursing Banks. Hon'ble MOS PP Dr. Jitendra Singh ji has conveyed his good wishes to all officials participating in today's event.

The subject "Improving Pensioners Welfare" was a part of DPPW's Chintan Shivir Hon'ble Prime Minister had shared his vast experience in governance, urged officials that impersonal governance models need to find life through deep personal commitment.

The PRC workshop and the Pension Adalat are important steps in implementing the directions of Hon'ble Prime Minister. My congratulations to Shri

Sanjiv Mathur Additional Secretary DPPW and his team of dedicated officers who have strived tirelessly to curate today's event.

The objective of today's PRC workshop is to prepare the Retiring Officials for their post-retirement life, to enable a deeper understanding of the procedures and interaction with Government after retirement. Retirement envisages a transition from nearly 3 – 3 ½ decades in Government, and an official needs to be oriented adequately to ensure an orderly transition.

Pension gives retiring officials a sense of financial security in old age, should be sanctioned timely, with pay revisions and DA arrears being applicable as soon as they are due. In my interactions with Pension Welfare Associations, two issues always stood out – (i) timely disbursement of pension and (ii) quality health care. Both these issues have been taken up for discussion in today's PRC workshop.

The DPPW has focused on the following subjects:

Formalities necessary for timely payment of retirement benefits

Filling up forms on Bhavishya

Briefing on Integrated Pensioners Portal and Bhavishya

CGHS/ Fixed Medical Allowances after Retirement

Income Tax Incentives and Banking Facilities for Senior Citizens/ Pensioners

DLC, Face Authentication, Pensioner Associations

ANUBHAV – the platform for showcasing outstanding work done during service.

The first step is to complete the formalities necessary for timely payment of retirement benefits. The session on Filling up Pension Forms on Bhavishya is a guiding session on the subject. To monitor timely disbursement, the CGA had launched the "Dirghayu" App in the last PRC. Bhavishya is amongst Government of India's top e-service delivery portals and has ensured end to end digitization of pension processing and payment.

The second step to understand the Integrated Pensioners Portal. The Department of Pension & Pensioners Welfare in collaboration with Pension Disbursing Banks has operationalized the Integrated Pensioners Portal which provides a range of services to Pensioners. The SBI and Canara Bank are the front runners in integrating their Pension Seva Portal with Bhavishya. With this integration, pensioners can get their pension slip, status of submission of life certificate and form 16 through the Integrated Pensioners Portal.

The third step is to submit an Anubhav Write up. It is important for every Retiring official to document his contribution to governance and I would urge each one of you to submit a write up of your decades of experience on the Anubhav Portal. The best write-ups receive the Anubhav Awards. Further the Anubhav Awardees Speak Webinar series provides opportunities to several Award Winners to share their experiences attended by massive audiences.

The fourth step is to understand the hospitals and CGHS benefits. CGHS plays a vital part in quality health care for pensioners with coverage from orthopedics to neurology, general medicine to surgery. Hospitals have dedicated wards and treatment facilities for pensioners. I have visited the RML and Safdarjang Hospitals to understand the facilities available to Pensioners for OPD and IPD care, both hospitals have organized structures for CGHS Pensioners. The CGHS has also undertaken a number of systemic reforms in their packages to ensure improved health care for pensioners.

The fifth step is to understand the Income Tax law for Pensioners and Senior Citizens. As also its important to understand the financing instruments available for pensioners. I would urge each of the participants to visit the exhibition curated by the Pension Disbursing Banks in the Vigyan Bhavan foyer.

Every Pensioner has to submit an annual certificate of existence. This is simplified by the Digital Life Certificate and the Face Authentication App. 30 Lacs Pensioners availed the DLC in 2022, and in 2023 it is expected that the number will rise to 50 lac.

Pensioner Grievances are filed on CPENGRAMS

portal and addressed on a timely basis. Grievances are categorized, and nodal and appellate authorities are well defined. The timeline for redressal of grievances on CPENGRAMS is 30 days. Grievances can be filed through the call center operationalized by Department of Pension & Pensioners Welfare. Grievances often relate to delayed disbursement of pensions and interpretational issues under various rules administered by the Department of Pension and Pensioners Welfare. Let me assure you that each grievance is accorded highest important and all efforts are made to provide redressal. Grievances of long standing nature are taken up in the Pension Adalat. The Pension Adalat provides an interface between the pensioner and the government.

The Rules administered by the Department of Pension and Pensioners Welfare are the following:

CCS Pension Rules 2021

CCS Implementation of NPS Rules 2021

CCS Extra-Ordinary Pension Rules 2023The provisions of these rules will be presented in the sessions today.

The Department of Pension and Pensioners welfare publishes monthly reports on CPENGRAMS and pending PPO's which are circulated to all Departments/ Ministries. The publication of data sets has enabled timely processing of PPO's.

Pensioner Welfare Associations are operational in all major cities and State Capitals and helpful in exchanging information on the challenges faced by Pensioners. For those officials who wish to join a Pensioner Welfare Association, the detailed list is available on DPPW portal.

I sincerely hope that this PRC Workshop will prepare each one of you for Retirement. If you have doubts, you are always welcome to reach out to any of the senior officials of Department of Pension and Pensioners Welfare for clarifications.

Wishing each one of you a happy, healthy and peaceful retirement where pension benefits are sanctioned on time, digital portals provide ease of living post retirement and continued engagement with government is seamless and simple.

Jai Hind.

Checking of the one of the prescribed proof of Identity by the ticket checking staff: Western Railway dated 06.05.2023

W RLY C 549/16/17/Instructions Divisional Office, Mumbai Central, Mumbai Date – 06/05/2023

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CTI (I/C) – BL & ND

CTL/SL – MMCT, BDTS, BL, ST & NDB

CTI (Rajdhani) – MMCT

Sub: – Checking of the one of the prescribed proof of Identity by the ticket checking staff.

With reference to the subject quoted above, Railway Board through its various Commercial Circulars has instructed to check the prescribed proofs of Identity Which are valid for undertaking Journey in any reserved coaches on Indian Railways. The list is furnished as under:

Voter Photo identity card issued by Election Commission of India.

Passport.

PAN Card issued by Income Tax Department.

Driving Licence issued by RTO.

Photo identity card having serial number issued by Central/State Govt.

Student Identity Card with photograph issued by recognized School/ College for their students.

Nationalised Bank Passbook with photograph.

Credit Cards issued by Banks with laminated photograph.

Printed Unique Identification Card "Aadhaar" or downloaded Aadhaar (e-Aadhaar).

Ration card with photograph of passenger travelling.

However, it has been observed that during ticket checking duties in trains TTEs are not checking Identity cards of Passengers and are only taking attendance of Passengers.

In view of the above, to ensure that only genuine Passengers are allowed and security aspects are not compromised, all the ticket checking staff are hereby Instructed to ensure that the prescribed proof of Identity, valid for undertaking journey by the passengers in reserved coaches are checked properly.

Ensure rigid compliance and acknowledge the receipt of the letter

(Ramkripal Sharma)

ACM (R) – MMCT/For DRM (C) – MMCT

Implementation of Category S (Extraordinary Pension) and Category T (Extraordinary Family Pension) for OPS cases – CPAO O.M dated 18.05.2023

Government of India Ministry of Finance Department of Expenditure Central Pension Accounting Office Trikoot-II, Bhikaji Cama Place, New Delhi CPAO/IT&T tech/e-6462/OPS Category/105/2023-24 Dated- 18.05.2023

Office Memorandum

Subject: Implementation of Category S and Category T for OPS cases.

All the Authorised Banks are informed that following categories have been created under CCS Pension Rules-

Category S – Extraordinary Pension

Category T – Extraordinary Family Pension

2. These categories will be used for Extraordinary Pension cases and Extraordinary Family pension cases respectively for the cases processed under the Old Pension Scheme. This office has made necessary changes in e-scroll Format 'A' to include these categories.

3. In view of the above, Heads of CPPCs/GBDs of all Authorized banks are requested to update the changes in Format 'A' for future references. You are directed to upgrade/update the software/ system in order to consume new formats of SSAs/ e-SSAs for Category S and Category T and ensure reporting of e-scroll in the modified format 'A'. The cut- off date for implementation of these categories is 01.06.2023.

4. In case of any technical advice, Sh. Dhiraj Kumar [Scientific Officer- SB, CPAO) at dhiraj.kumar8g [at] nic.in may be contacted.

This issues with the approval of Chief Controller (Pensions).

(Satish Kumar Garg)

(Sr. AO- IT & Technical)

Railmadad Complaint regarding PNR seizure – Modified course of action to be adopted by Commercial Staff on receipt of such PNR seizing memo from RPF: Railway Board Order dated 27.04.2023

GOI MOR (Railway Board) No.2023/TG-1/20/22 dated 27.04.2023 PCCMs All Zonal Railways CRIS, Managing Director,Chanakyapuri, New Delhi

Sub: Railmadad Complaint regarding PNR seizure.

Recently an instance regarding inconvenience faced by genuine passengers due to seizing of tickets and its release by RPF under Section 143 of Railway Act 1989, has been brought to the notice of this office. To avoid such cases, it has been decided to slightly modify the course of action to be adopted by Commercial Staff on receipt of such PNR seizing memo from RPF as mentioned below:-

The PNR may be seized by the commercial staff in the system after receipt of the memo from RPF clearly mentioning that the same is required for taking action under section 143 of the Railways act.

In case of seizure of PNR, a message shall be immediately sent by CRIS informing the passenger of the seizure.

Present format of the message being sent is:

"PNR "10 Digit PNR no" has been seized."

The same may be modified as: "Your PNR "10 Digit PNR no" has been seized for being booked illegally. Your PNR "10 Digit PNR no" is not valid to undertake train journey."

When the first reservation chart corresponding to the PNR provided in the seizure memo has been already prepared, the PNR should not be seized. All necessary details may, however, be provided to the RPF staff who may, however, process the case further under section 143 of Railway Act and take action as deemed fit.

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

Sd/

(Sanjay Manocha)

Director Passenger Marketing-II

Nomination of Pensioners under the Payment of Arrears of Pension (Nomination) Rules, 1983 for payment of life-time arrears: CPAO OM dated 20.04.2023 for early action.

Government of India Ministry of Finance Central Pension Accounting Office Trikoot-II, Bhikaji Cama Place, New Delhi-110066 CPAO/IT&Tech/ Nomination Form/103/12839/2023-24/13 20.04.2023 Office Memorandum

Subject: Nomination of Pensioners under the Payment of Arrears of Pension (Nomination) Rules, 1983 for payment of life-time arrears

Attention is invited to CPAO's OM dated 23.06.2022 wherein all the Pr. CCAs/CCAs/CAs/ AGs were requested to direct their respective PAOs to comply with the DPPW order dated 31.03.2022. It is observed that PAOs are not forwarding the Nomination Form A to CPAO as per direction of DPPW's order dated 31.03.2022. As a result, CPPCs of the Authorised Banks often do not have the Nomination Form A which is required in the case of death of a Pensioner.

All the Pr. CCAs/CCAs/CAs/AGs are once again requested to direct PAOs under their jurisdiction to strictly comply with DPPW's order dated 31.03.2022 and forward all the requisite documents along with PPO/e-PPO to CPAO for onward transmission to the CPPCs of the Authorised Banks.

(Bhupal Nanda)

Chief Controller (Pension)

Enclosed: CPAO's order dated 23.06.2022

Encl: Nomination by pensioners under the Payment of Arrears of Pension (Nomination) Rules, 1983 for payment of life-time arrears: DoP&PW dated 31.03.2022

Availability of Visitor Pass in SWAGATAM portal (https://swagatam.gov.in – developed by MHA): Railway Board Circular

GoI Ministry of Railways Railway Board

CIRCULAR

Sub: Availability of Visitor Pass in SWAGATAM portal.

At present, the Ministry of Home Affairs' (MHA) Reception Cell at Ground Floor in Rail Bhawan issues daily visitor passes after getting telephonic confirmation of the visitors' identity from the concerned officers (JD/DS & above) or their personal staff, feeding in the visitor details into the SWAGATAM portal (https://swagatam.gov.in – developed by MHA), taking the visitors' photographs and then issuing the entry passes. All these activities consume precious time and necessitates queueing up of people at the Reception counter.

2. MHA has developed the SWAGATAM portal in such a way that even before arriving at Rail Bhawan, the visitors can login to the said portal with their mobile numbers & OTP, key in their required details and submit for getting visitor pass approved. Further, the concerned Officer in Rail Bhawan (or their personal staff) can login to the SWAGATAM portal through the Officer's Parichay account (the same as for email.gov.in or eOffice accounts), and check and approve / reject the visitor passes. All of the above process is completely electronic with only printing of the passes physically by the Reception Cell. This will significantly speed up generating visitor passes.

3. At the outset, all Officers of the rank of JD/DS and above whose details are not yet available in the SWAGATAM portal, may please furnish their complete details (full name, designation, email id—gov.in, mobile no., room no. and railway telephone) to G. Branch at the earliest for entering the same in the portal. All the Officers may also kindly take note of the process as in para 2 above and also apprise the same to their personal staff and to the persons intending to visit them so as to avoid queueing up of people at the Reception counter and save precious office time.

(Priya Gopalakrishnan)

Deputy Secretary (G) Railway Board

Northeast Frontier Railway
Office of the General Manager (P) Maligaon,
Guwahati- 11 Date: 16.05.2023

PFA, FA&CAO/Con, Dy.CPO/Con/MLG, ALL CMS & MS; DRMs/KIR, APDJ, RNY, LMG ; TSK;Sr. DPO/KIR & LMG: DPO/IC/APDJ, RNY, TSK & GHY, SO to PCSC, Sr.AFA/Pen All CWMs, APO/DBWS ;NBÌS, WAO/DBWS ;NBÌS; Sr.AFA/NJP, APONJP; APO/ZRTIVAPDJ, AM (P;S)KGN,All PRINCIPAL/RLY HEAD MASTER/ HEAD MISTRESS RAILWAY H.S School/ HIGH SCHOOL.DY.CMM/PNO, CHAIRMAN/RRB/GHY, CRRC/GHY.AMM/BLST; SR.DME (D)NGC ; SGUJ: AREA MANAGER /BPB, NJP,RPAN & GHY,DSTE (WS/PNO, DY.CE/ BR. LINE/MLG; DY.CSTE(TC/MLG, Sr. DSTE (MW))MLG

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ALL PERSONNEL BRANCH OFFICER AT HÌ/ MLG,GENERAL SECRETARY/N.F. RAILWAY PENSIONERS' ASSOCIATION/PNO

GSINFREU, GSNFRMU, AISCTREA, NFROBCA, NFRPFA/MLG

Sub:- Revised Joint Procedure Order in connection with family pension to unmarried/ Widowed/divorced daughters beyond 25 years of age of the Railway Servants/Pensioners.

Please find enclosed herewith Revised Joint Procedure Order in connection with family pension to unmarried/Widowed/divorced daughters beyond 25 years of age of the Railway Servants/Pensioners.

This is for your information & necessary action please.

DA:- As above

(C.S.Pand) SPO/Rectt/MLG for General Manager (P)/MLG N. F. Railway

Sub:- Revised Joint Procedure Order in connection with family pension to unmarried/ Widowed/divorced daughters beyond 25 years of age of the Railway Servants/Pensioners.

Ref:- (i) RB's letter No. F(E)IIW/98/PNI4 dated 16.03.2005 (ii) RB's letter No. F(E)III/ 2005/PNV22

dated 05.07.2005 (ii) RB's letter No. F(E)III/ 98/PNI/4 dated 13.10.2006 (iv) RB's letter No. F(E)III/2007/PNV/S dated 18.09.2007 based on DOP PWs office memorandum No. 1/19/03-PPW(E) dated 06.09.2007 (v) RB's letter No. F(E)III/ 2005/PNI/I2 dated- I 1/02/2013 (vi) RB's letter No. F(E)III/2007/PNI/5 dated- 23/08/2017 (vii) DOP& PW's 0. M. No. F. No. I/1(/2022-P&PW(E) dated-26/10/2022 Vide Railway Boards letters under reference, family pension is admissible to an unmarried daughter beyond 25 years of age of the Railway Servants/Pensioners from 06/09/2007 and to widowed/divorced daughters of the Railway Servants/Pensioners from 25/08/2004 or from the date on which their turn for family pension materializes, whichever is later. Consequent upon introduction of various amended circulars it is considered necessary to issue a revised Joint Procedure order (compilation of the initial JPO No. E/105/31//Pt.I(FS) dated-02/09/2008, Addendum No. E/105/3|/IIPt.l(FS) dated 07/05/2010, Corrigendum No. E/105/3 1/IL/PtI(FS) dated- 06/ 08/2009) to facilitate the implementation of the latest instructions for the benefit of the applicants and sanctioning authorities and to facilitate expeditious processing of the cases in Personnel and Accounts Offices and to ensure correct payment of family pension to the unmarried/widowed/divorced daughters of deceased railway Servants/ pensioners to avoid fraudulent cases.

The applicants, as per Railway Boards above instructions. should submit an application with the following documents to the concerned Excutive Deptt./Personnel Department to substantiate their claims.

1. Copy of PPO of the ex-employee (Photocopy).
2. Copy of Service Certificate issued to the ex-employee at the time of retirement/death or any other documents where the relevant service particulars of the ex-employee are available.
3. An affidavit in original duly notarized (which should inter alia state the following) be submitted along with a photocopy (Specimen of the affidavit is enclosed).

(a) The name and date of birth of the applicant.
(b) That the applicant is the unmarried/widowed/ divorced daughter of the deceased railway servant.
(c) That she is a widowed/divorced daughter and she has not remarried after the death/divorce of/ from her husband.

(d) That as on the date of application she is unemployed and her income is not more than minimum family and dearness relief there on per month from any employment/service or any other source.
(e) That there is/are no younger brother/sisters below the age of 25 years who are otherwise entitled to family pension.
(f) That she is the bonafide applicant and fulfils all conditions for family pension.
(g) That there is no physically handicapped child of the deceased railway pensioner (brother or sister of the applicant)
(h) No objection Certificate (NOC) and physical and mental status of all other off springs other than the applicant of the deceased employee/pensioner shall be submitted in the form of Affidavit (Two options are open- Affidavits can be submitted separately or jointly by all other off springs).
4. In addition to affidavit, the following documents/ certificates should also be given by the applicant.
4(1) In case of divorced daughter:Proof of marriage such as certificate of marriage registration, date of marriage, name of husband and a valid decree of divorce from the court of law in which maintenance charges etc. are mentioned.
4 (2) In case of Widow daughter:
Death Certificate of the husband and Proof of marriage registration, date of marriage, name of husband, his profession, Family pension granted from husband(if any) should be furnished or proof of marriage issued by Mukhia, Sarpanch or Gram Panchayat/Gaonbura. Chairman of Town Committee/Councilor, Local MP/ MLA indicating date of marriage, name of husband, his profession,Family pension granted from her husband(if any) in the certificate / letter.
4 (3) Regarding income certificate :
As per DOP PWs O. M.No.F. No. 1/I(1)/2022-P&PW(E) dated-26/ 10/2022, (i) Copy of last Income Tax Return filed by the applicant or (i) a certificate of Income from SDM (or) (iii) in case the member of the family is not able to submit either a copy of the Income Tax Return or a certificate of income from a sub-divisional magistrate, the Head of Office may rely on any other document produced by the said member of the family in support of his or her claim regarding income and decide the eligibility of the said member of the family for family pension accordingly.
4 (4) An Indemnity Bond:- An indemnity Bond in original in stamp paper should be given by the applicant to indemnify the railways against any fraudulent payment. Surety and witnesses of the applicant should submit their ID/Address Proof
5. Status of Non-remarriage/Non-marriage should be furnished in the application form.
6. The applicant should submit all the Photostat copies/papers with self-attestation which will be accepted by the PSA on verification of the original documents submitted.
7. The Personnel Branch/sanctioning authority(i.e the authority who sanctioned the original pension of the parent) shall ensure that the claimant is the bonafide beneficiary and fulfils all the conditions stipulated in the extant instructions for grant of family pension. The sanctioning authority may adopt. necessary checks to adjudge the authenticity of the claims and weed out fraudulent claims. The following be also ensured before forwarding to Accounts Department for issuing the family pension PPO.
7.1 The genuineness of the daughter :
Whether the applicant unmarried' widowed/ divorced daughter is genuinely the daughter of the deceased pensioner has to be verified from the existing records submitted by the railway servant during the service life such as family declaration for Railway Pass, nomination form submitted for pension etc. or any other collateral authentic document available with the department or submitted by the applicant. In absence of any documents as mentioned above. a legal Heir ship Certificate issued by competent authority (Court of l aw) may be accepted towards genuineness of the daughter (applicant) or in absence of "legal Heir ship Certificate&;Next of Kin certificate issued by competent authority may be accepted towards genuineness of the daughter (applicant).
In all Category-|I family pension cases, Ss verification report shall be submitted bv the PSA to Accounts Department to ensure the genuineness of the details of the family details/ marital/income etc. as submitted by the applicant

in their application and the same has to be countersigned by the PSA.
7.2 The sanctioning authority:
The Sanctioning Authority should satisfy that the claimant fulfills all the conditions stipulated in extant instructions for sanction of family pension.
7.3 All the documents/papers submitted by the applicant should be countersigned by the concerned sanctioning authority in token of acceptance of the facts.
7.4 The sanctioning authority to ensure that the following documents in original with the counter signature of the concermed sanctioning authority are sent to pension section of Accounts Deptt for processing.
(i) Application for sanction of family pension (Annexure- A for unmarried daughter and Annexure-B for Divorced/Widowed daughters).
Note:- (1) The form should be signed by a Magistrate (including Hon Magistrate) or a Railway Gazetted Officer of District Rank or over only are accepted.
(2) If the Form is signed by an Hon'ble Magistrate without appending his court seal it must be countersigned by the District Magistrate.
(i) Specimen signature of the applicant in triplicate (Form No 10).
(iii) Thumb & Finger impression in triplicate (Form no 11).
(iv) Permanent address and mode of payment (Form no 12).
(v) Original sanction memorandum in triplicate.
(vi) Death Certificates of parents, who were drawing last pension/family pension: Submission of death certificate issued by " Registrar of Birth and death" in case of death occurring on or after 31.05.1969 or any other date stipulated by the respective State Government is mandatory. In absence of death certificate issued by Registrar of Birth and death;. death certificate of father / mother /husband issued by Railway civil / State Medical Authority which may be an Assistant Surgeon or a Registered Medical Practitioner in letter Pad indicating Registration No. etc. or Sarpanch or the head of village Panchayat as the case may be, may be submitted for the period prior to 31.05.1969.
(vii) Three copies of passport size photographs of the applicant is to be attached along with the application.
(viii) An "Undertaking Form" from the applicant may be taken for crediting of pension in the concerned Bank.
7.5 The case will be sent to Accounts Deptt with a check list indicating that all documents duly filled in are enclosed.
8.0 In the Accounts Deptt. All the proposals for family pension received shall be first checked with reference to the check list. In case of any deficiency the case will be returned for needful action.
Accounts will point out all the deficiencies at onc time so as to avoid shuttling of file between the departments frequently.
8.I The proposals received shall be subjected to internal audit with reference to document submitted as per the Railway Board's instruction on the subject. All etforts shall be made to finalize the cases expeditiously.
9.0 Both Accounts and Executive/ Personnel Deptt. shall meet at least once in three months to reconcile the cases of difference or any other issues if any to avoid delay.
This issues with the approval of PFA and PCPO.
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Coram: Hon'ble Mr. Justice V. Kameswar Rao Hon'ble Mr. Justice Anoop Kumar Mendiratta

Judgment Anoop Kumar Mendiratta, J.

1. The challenge in this petition is to an order dated September 03, 2021 passed by the Central Administrative Tribunal (hereinafter referred to as the „Tribunal") in O.A. No.4664/2018 whereby the petitioners were directed to reimburse the respondent, the balance amount against his claim for the expenditure of Rs.2,60,000/- incurred by him on medical treatment at Rancan Gamma Knife Centre-VIMHANS Hospital, Nehru Nagar, Delhi after adjusting the amount of Rs.31,556/- already paid to the respondent.

2. In brief, as per the facts noticed in O.A. No.4664/2018, the respondent retired as Senior Carpenter on March 30, 2016 and is a pensioner availing Neutral Citation Number: 2023:DHC:3138-DB W.P.(C) 10684/2022 the CGHS facility. On November 03, 2017, the respondent fell unconscious and was taken to Mata Chanan Devi Hospital, Janak Puri, Delhi wherein he was examined in the Neurology Department and advised further treatment at Rancan Gamma Knife Centre-VIMHANS Hospital, Nehru Nagar, Delhi specializing in Neurosurgery cases. The wife of the respondent accordingly took him in emergency to VIMHANS Hospital wherein respondent underwent a surgery on November 04, 2017 and was discharged on November 05, 2017.

3. Respondent thereafter submitted the medical bills amounting to Rs.2,60,000/- as raised by VIMHANS, for reimbursement on 14.11.2017 along with the emergency certificate at CGHS Dispensary, Rajouri Garden. However, respondent was reimbursed only an amount of Rs.31,556/- against the claim for Rs.2,60,000/-.

4. Aggrieved by the rejection of his claim, vide letter dated October 16, 2018, respondent preferred O.A. No.4664/2018 before the Tribunal.

5. The claim of the respondent was opposed by the petitioners herein and it was submitted before the Tribunal that emergency certificate was not submitted by the respondent from Mata Chanan Devi Hospital, wherein he took the treatment on November 03, 2017. The case of the respondent was also examined by the Standing Technical Committee on October 10, 2018 which did not find justification in the treatment availed by respondent, as it was not a case of medical emergency and the treatment is stated to be available in several Government hospitals at lower price.

6. Considering the records of treatment at VIMHANS, the Tribunal Neutral Citation Number: 2023:DHC:3138-DB W.P.(C) 10684/2022 observed that there is no reason to refute the emergency as indicated in the certificate issued by VIMHANS and the fact that the respondent was operated on November 04, 2017 makes it clear that this was a medical emergency. Further, relying upon the judgments passed by Hon"ble Supreme Court in Shiva Kant Jha Vs. Union of India, (2018) 16 SCC 187 and Basant Dabas Vs. Government of India & Others, W.P. (C) No.9849/2015 decided on July 31, 2019 by High Court of Delhi, the O.A. preferred on behalf of the respondent was allowed and the impugned order dated October 16, 2018 rejecting the claim of the respondent was set aside.

7. Learned counsel for the petitioners assails the impugned order passed by the Tribunal on the ground that there was no emergency prescription from Mata Chanan Devi Hospital dt 03.11.2017 and the prescription dt 03.11.2017 from VIMHANS stated that the patient complained of Severe Rt V1V2 Trigeminal Neuralgic since last four months and is conscious/awake/oriented. It is contended that the case of the respondent was placed before the Standing Technical Committee for full reimbursement on 10.10.2018 and as per the opinion of experts, the condition of the respondent was not a case of emergency. Further, treatment for the same is available at many Government hospitals at lower price. It is contended that the treatment was undertaken by the respondent at VIMHANS, a non empanelled hospital at his own choice and as per the policy and Standing OMs, the respondent is not entitled to reimbursement as it may open flood gates for similar cases. Reliance is also placed upon a subsequent report of the Standing Technical Committee dt 13.10.2022 which observes as under:- Neutral Citation Number: 2023:DHC:3138-DB W.P.(C) 10684/2022 "The committee members reviewed the case file provided in detail. The committee unanimously observed that the patient was suffering from Trigeminal neuralgia which is not an emergency to be treated by Gamma knife."

8. On the other hand, the order passed by the Tribunal is supported by the learned counsel for the respondent. It is urged that in the initial report dt 10.10.2018 of the experts relied by the petitioners, the claim was stated to be not justified on the ground that the condition is not an emergency and the treatment is usually available at many Govt hospitals at much lower price but the said report was signed only by two experts instead of four experts who were called for attending the meeting. It is contended that only in a recent subsequent meeting dt 13.10.2022 the opinion has been further improved by Technical Committee without giving any reasons for differing with the opinion of the treating Neurosurgeon at VIMHANS, who was in the best position to take the call for treatment/surgery at the relevant time of admission in emergency.

9. We have given considered thought to the contentions raised. Respondent is a retired pensioner, who was merely employed as a Senior Carpenter with the Central Government. On 03.11.2017, he was initially taken to Mata Chanan Devi Hospital, Janak Puri, Delhi since he fell unconscious and was duly examined. Further, as advised at Mata Chanan Devi Hospital, respondent was taken by his wife for treatment to Rancan Gamma Knife Centre-VIMHANS Hospital, Nehru Nagar, Delhi which specializes in Neurosurgery and underwent surgery on 04.11.2017. Neutral Citation Number: 2023:DHC:3138-DB W.P.(C) 10684/2022

10. It may be noticed that “Trigeminal Neuralgia” is a chronic pain condition affecting the trigeminal nerve in the face which carries the sensation from the face to the brain. The symptoms of the disease range from mild to severe facial pain often triggered by chewing, speaking or brushing of teeth. The treatment available to alleviate the debilitating pain may be with combination of medication, surgery and complementary therapies. Generally, if a patient does not respond to the medication or condition worsens over a period of time, surgical option may have to be preferred, which includes stereotactic radiation surgery using gamma knife and cyber knife.

11. It is pertinent to note that prescription dt 03.11.2017 issued by Dr. Jayant Misra, MS M Ch. Consultant Neurosurgeon, Rancan Gamma Knife Centre reflects that „the respondent was advised Gamma Knife Radiosurgery as emergency treatment" apart from other treatment as advised therein. Merely because the respondent was conscious, awake and oriented at time of admission at VIMHANS cannot lead to an inference that his claim of being admitted in emergency, is false. It may further be noticed that an emergency treatment certificate was again issued on 18.10.2018 by Dr. Jayant Misra certifying that the respondent was admitted on 04.11.2017 after OPD consultation on 03.11.2017 on emergency basis for his severe „Right Sided V1V2 Region Trigeminal Neuralgia." The certificate also reflects that the respondent was unable to eat/drink/sleep/wipe his face/speak at the time of admission on 04.11.2017. In the facts and circumstances, there existed continued emergent condition for undertaking the treatment by respondent at VIMHANS, as Neutral Citation Number: 2023:DHC:3138-DB W.P.(C) 10684/2022 advised at Mata Chanan Devi Hospital. Merely because the respondent was suffering from the „Right Sided V1V2 Region Trigeminal Neuralgic" for past four months, does not lead to an inference that the medical condition did not require emergent treatment, which was undertaken as a last resort by the respondent as advised.

12. The medical claim for treatment undertaken in emergency should not be denied for reimbursement merely because the hospital is not empanelled. The test remains whether the claimant had actually undertaken the treatment in emergent condition as advised and if the same is supported by record. Preservation of human life is of paramount importance. The State is under an obligation to ensure timely medical treatment to a person in need of such treatment and a negation of the same would be a violation of Article 21 of the Constitution of India. Administrative action should be just on test of fair play and reasonableness. Accordingly, keeping into consideration the constitutional values, the executive instructions need to be applied than rejecting the claim on technical ground of undertaking treatment in a nonempanelled hospital, since the CGHS/State is responsible to ensure proper medical treatment in an emergent condition and further cannot escape the liability, if the treatment undertaken is genuine. Any denial of claim by the authorities in such cases only adds to the misery of the Government servant by further forcing him to resort to Court of law. Observations of the Hon"ble Apex Court in Shiva Kant Jha (supra), as reflected in paras 17, 18 & 19 may also be beneficially reproduced:-

17. It is a settled legal position that the Government employee Neutral Citation Number: 2023:DHC:3138-DB

W.P.(C) 10684/2022 during his life time or after his retirement is entitled to get the benefit of the medical facilities and no fetters can be placed on his rights. It is acceptable to common sense, that ultimate decision as to how a patient should be treated vests only with the Doctor, who is well versed and expert both on academic qualification and experience gained. Very little scope is left to the patient or his relative to decide as to the manner in which the ailment should be treated. Speciality Hospitals are established for treatment of specified ailments and services of Doctors specialized in a discipline are availed by patients only to ensure proper, required and safe treatment. Can it be said that taking treatment in Speciality Hospital by itself would deprive a person to claim reimbursement solely on the ground that the said Hospital is not included in the Government Order. The right to medical claim cannot be denied merely because the name of the hospital is not included in the Government Order. The real test must be the factum of treatment. Before any medical claim is honored, the authorities are bound to ensure as to whether the claimant had actually taken treatment and the factum of treatment is supported by records duly certified by the Doctors/ Hospitals concerned. Once, it is established, the claim cannot be denied on technical grounds. Clearly, in the present case, by taking a very inhuman approach, the officials of the CGHS have denied the grant of medical reimbursement in full to the petitioner forcing him to approach this Court.

18. This is hardly a satisfactory state of affairs. The relevant authorities are required to be more responsive and cannot in a mechanical manner deprive an employee of his legitimate reimbursement. The Central Government Health Scheme (CGHS) was propounded with a purpose of providing health facility scheme to the central government employees so that they are not left without medical care after retirement. It was in furtherance of the object of a welfare State, which must provide for such medical care that the scheme was brought in force. In the facts of the present case, it cannot be denied that the writ petitioner was admitted in the above said hospitals in emergency conditions. Moreover, the law does not require that prior Neutral Citation Number: 2023:DHC:3138-DB W.P.(C) 10684/2022 Page 8 of 9 permission has to be taken in such situation where the survival of the person is the prime consideration. The doctors did his operation and had implanted CRT-D device and have done so as one essential and timely. Though it is the claim of the respondent-State that the rates were exorbitant whereas the rates charged for such facility shall be only at the CGHS rates and that too after following a proper procedure given in the Circulars issued on time to time by the Ministry concerned, it also cannot be denied that the petitioner was taken to hospital under emergency conditions for survival of his life which requirement was above the sanctions and treatment in empanelled hospitals.

19. In the present view of the matter, we are of the considered opinion that the CGHS is responsible for taking care of healthcare needs and well being of the central government employees and pensioners. In the facts and circumstances of the case, we are of opinion that the treatment of the petitioner in non-empanelled hospital was genuine because there was no option left with him at the relevant time. We, therefore, direct the respondent-State to pay the balance amount of Rs. 4,99,555/- to the writ petitioner. We also make it clear that the said decision is confined to this case only."

13. It needs to be kept in perspective that patient has a little scope to decide the nature of treatment and merely looks forward to an expert guidance/treatment for relieving him from immense pain and suffering. The patient in distress is not in a position to go against the specialist medical advice for surgery in emergency. Even assuming that in emergency, gamma knife surgery may not render an immediate relief as contended by learned counsel for the petitioners, but it is an established alternative medical treatment for trigeminal neuralgia as per literature. There may be a difference of opinion Neutral Citation Number: 2023:DHC:3138-DB W.P.(C) 10684/2022 on the line of treatment to be adopted by the experts but only the treating physician/surgeon appears to be the best placed to adopt the right course of treatment in an emergent situation. Keeping in view the emergency certificate and the treatment papers filed by the respondent, it cannot be said that the treatment was not taken in an emergent condition or the respondent should have deferred the immediate surgery by gamma knife, as advised by the Specialist. For the foregoing reasons, we agree with the reasons and findings of the Tribunal.

The writ petition is accordingly dismissed. No order as to costs. Pending application, if any, also stands disposed of. (Anoop Kumar Mendiratta) Judge (V. Kameswar Rao) Judge May 10, 2023/A/sd

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FEFMO New Delhi : AGM 23 of Forum For Excellence Former MES Officers, New Delhi was held on 30 April 2023 in the premises of Officers Mess Chief Engineer WAC AF Palam, Delhi Cantt.About 40 members attended the meeting. Shri K C Kathuria, former CE and Founder Member of the Association presided over the Function.All the Present members including lady members paid homage to the departed souls who lost their life during the last one year. Shri B M Kohli, former DG and President of FEFMO addressed the gathering and gave brief how the Association was raised and brought to this level. Shri R K Chauhan, former SBSO, the Gen Secretary of the Association presented the financial position of the Association Which was passed by the house unanimously. The membership of the BPS was approved as requested by the Gen Secy. At the end Shri Sivom Parkash former CE was requested to conduct the Elections, The Following main office bearers were elected for two years:

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रेलवे पेंशनर्स समाज सहारनपुर : 27.05.2023 रेलवे पेंशनर्स समाज की मासिक मिलन बैठक संस्था कार्यालय पर आयोजित की गई। बैठक को सम्बोधित करते हुए संस्थापक आर सी शर्मा ने कहा की सहारनपुर में लगभग 3000 रेलवे कार्यरत एंव लगभग इतने ही संवानिवृत कर्मचारी है, उनके एंव उनके परिवार के लिए रेनवे हॉस्पिटल नामित है, जिसमें आकस्मिक परिस्थितियों में वे अपना एंव अपने परिवारजनों का उपचार करा सकते है,परंतु कभी–कभी उस हॉस्पिटल में अपेक्षित चिकित्सा सुविधाएं नही मिल पाती है, अतः उन्होंने रेल प्रशासन से मांग की कि सहारनपुर में कम से कम एक और निजी हॉस्पिटल नामित किया जाए। अध्यक्ष आर के धीगंडा ने कहा कि एक्स–रे, अल्ट्सांउड, सीटी स्कैन एंव एम आर आई आदि कराने के लिए अम्बाला अथवा दिल्ली भेजा जाता है, जिस से आने जाने में बड़ी परेशानी होती है, उन्होंने इस कार्य के लिए भी सहारनपुर में ही एक निजी हॉस्पिटल नामित करने की मांग की।

महामंत्री एन एस चौहान ने सप्ताह में एक बार अथवा माह में एक बार आवश्यकतानुसार सुविधा उपलब्ध कराने की मांग की।

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Subject: **Guidelines Governing Adoption of Children, 2015 under Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2000 – reg**.

The undersigned is directed to say that the CCS (Leave) Rules, 1972 have been amended vide Notification G.S.R. No. 374(E) dated 18.05.2023 (copy enclosed) to bring them in conformity with the Guidelines Governing Adoption of Children, 2015 under the Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children Act, 2000.

2. In the Central Civil Services (Leave) Rules, 1972 (hereinafter referred to as the said rules), in rule 43-AA, in sub-rule (1), for the portion beginning with the words "surviving children, on valid adoption" and ending with the words "six months from the date of valid adoption", the following shall be substituted, namely:– "surviving children, on accepting a child in pre-adoption foster care or on valid adoption of a child below the age of one year, may be granted Paternity Leave for a period of 15 days, within a period of six months, from the date of accepting the child in pre-adoption foster care or on valid adoption, as the case may be: Provided that in a case where the pre-adoption foster care is not followed by valid adoption of the child, the Paternity Leave already availed shall be debited from any other kind of leave available to the credit of such male Government Servant".

3. In the said rules, in rule 43-B, in sub-rule (1), for the portion beginning with the words "surviving children, on valid adoption" and ending with the words "after the date of valid adoption", the following shall be substituted, namely:– "surviving children, on accepting a child in pre-adoption foster care or on valid adoption of a child below the age of one year, may be granted child adoption leave, by an authority competent to grant leave, for a period of 180 days, immediately after accepting the child in pre-adoption foster care or on valid adoption, as the case may be: Provided that in a case where the pre-adoption foster care is not followed by valid adoption of the child, the leave already availed shall be debited from any other kind of leave available to the credit of such female Government Servant'.

4, These orders are to be effective from the date of their publication in the Official Gazette.

Sd/-
(Sunil Kumar)
Under Secretary to the Govt. of India

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