

Shri V. Srinivas, Secretary (Pension) held virtual meeting with Pensioners Association on 29.03.2025

A meeting chaired by Secretary (P&PW), was held with Pensioners' Welfare Associations to discuss pension related matters on 29.03.2025 at 10.30 A.M. Shri V. Srinivas, Secretary (Pension) introduced subject and invited major pensioners associations to know their views on the Finance Bill passed by the parliament. More than 91 leaders from various pensioners association across the country viewed/participated in the virtual meeting.

Shri Shiv Gopal, thanked the Secretary for immediately taking note of irritations and anger of the pensioners association and said that before taking any such action the stake holders should have been taken into confidence. He said that the when you the pensioners are not discriminated, and simultaneously passing Financial bill is the cause of irritation. If govt. clarify that there will be no discrimination between present and future pensioners, there is no issue. This clarification should come from the govt. He said that he trusts the Minister's statement that there will be no discrimination between the pensioners but if this things come our clearly in clarification form, it will appease the pensioners.

Shri S.C. Maheshwari said that Nakara judgement gave equality to pensioners and now this legislation will negate the judgement having all rights with government regarding implementation of CPC recommendations and also deciding applicability of its recommendation to pre-2026 pensioners.

Secretary clarified that distinction in 6th Pay commission was inevitable and we continuing with the policy of equality in 7th CPC.

D. Balasubramaniam, said that there is no justification for issuing the legalization when 7th CPC has already adopted principle of equality amongst pensioners and not kept any distinction. So enacting legislation is unwarranted and creates many suspicion and doubt for government intention. He said that Cabinet Minister or Pension Ministry should come out with clarification that there will be no discrimination amongst Pensioners in 8th CPC.

Other speakers also questioned need for issuing the legislation, if the intention of Govt. is not to discriminate. It was desired by them that while framing terms of reference to 8th CPC, it should be clarified that it will not discriminate or give any cuts of date of pore-post pensioners.

As many pensioners started to speak, the meeting was came to abrupt end without any concrete conclusion.

D. D. Mistry Secretary BSNL/PSU was also present in virtual meeting.

आज दिनांक 29 मार्च 2025 को प्रातः 10:30 बजे से 11:45 बजे तक भारत सरकार, नई दिल्ली के पेंशन एवं पेंशनभोगी कल्याण विभाग के सचिव ने वेबएक्स मीटिंग आयोजित की। इस बैठक का उद्देश्य लोकसभा में पारित पेंशन नियमों की वैधता के मद्देनज़र पेंशनभोगियों की आशंकाओं को दूर करना था।

सबसे पहले स्टाफ साइड JCM के सदस्य जैसे शिव गोपाल मिश्रा और गुन्मन सिंह ने सरकार की इस पहल को लेकर अपनी चिंताओं को व्यक्त किया।

सचिव ने बताया कि 6वें वेतन आयोग (CPC) में 2006 से पहले और बाद में सेवानिवृत्त हुए कर्मचारियों के बीच असमानता थी, लेकिन 7वें वेतन आयोग (CPC) में 2016 से पहले और बाद में सेवानिवृत्त हुए कर्मचारियों के बीच ऐसी कोई असमानता नहीं थी। सचिव ने स्पष्ट किया कि यह 7वें वेतन आयोग की नीति सरकार की नीति है और आगे भी जारी रहेगी।

इसके बाद सभी ने पूछा कि यदि ऐसा है तो वित्त विधेयक (Finance Bill) में पेंशन नियमों की वैधता को क्यों शामिल किया गया है?

सचिव ने स्पष्ट किया कि यह पेंशन नियमों में कोई संशोधन (Amendment) नहीं है, बल्कि मौजूदा नियमों की वैधता (Validation) है। सचिव ने स्पष्ट रूप से आश्वासन दिया कि 8वें वेतन आयोग (CPC) में भी सेवानिवृत्त कर्मचारियों के बीच कोई असमानता या भेदभाव नहीं होगा।

इसके बाद सभी संगठनों ने विभाग से इस आश्वासन को अधिसूचना (Notification) के रूप में जारी करने का अनुरोध किया।