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30th ANNUAL GENERAL BODY MEETING

Saturday the 12th July, 2025 at 09.30 am.

**Venue: Havyaka Bhavana, 101/A, 8th Main,
11th Cross, Malleshwaram, Bengaluru 560003.**

All Life Members, Associate Life Members of the Association and Subscribers to Pensioners' Champion and Well Wishers are requested to attend the meeting

Notice of the AGB, Calendar of events for election to the Executive Committee for the term 2025- 28, Annual Report and Audited Accounts and list of members aged 75 to be felicitated in the AGB will be published in the next/ subsequent issues.

Note: For any other information please contact: Murugan, Jt.Secretary, 9902020537;
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**Amendments to the Bye-Laws of the Association
Special General Body Meeting held on 12-04-2025 - report**

Proceedings of the Special General Body Meeting held on 12th April 2025 at Udayabhanu Kalasangh, Ramakrishna Mutt Extension, Gavipuram Extension,

Bengaluru 560019 for Passing the Amendments to the Bye-Laws of the Association under the Presidentship of Sri G. Babu, President KP&TPA

The special GB began at 11.15 hours and about 75 members attended the meeting. Sri G. Babu President KPTPA welcoming the gathering, granted approval to conduct the proceeding of the meeting.

Sri K.B. Krishna Rao, Secretary KPTPA informed the gathering the necessity of holding the special GB and requested the joint Secretary to read the agenda for approval

Agenda: To pass the amendments to the Bye-laws of the association proposed by the executive Committee

Secretary informed the gathering that notice of the special GB is printed at page 2 and the proposed amendments to bye-laws at pages 8, 9 and 10 of the journal for the month of March 2025. Copies of the Journal were supplied to all the members present in the meeting even though the journal had already been sent to all by post and also by posting the same in all the WhatsApp groups of the Association. He requested all to go through and requested Jt. Secretary to read the bye-laws with the proposed amendments. Accordingly the Joint Secretary read the bye-laws with the proposed amendments as mentioned below.

Secretary once again informed that the very purpose for amending the present bye-laws is that the membership of the association has increased to 3600 and same is due to the initiative taken by Sri S.Rajashekar at Mysuru, by Sri Shashidhar at Shimoga, and by Sri K. Ananda at Kolar. In order to give proper representation and also for smooth functioning of the association it is felt necessary to increase the existing EC members from the present 14 to 17 and also it is proposed to elect the EC members one each from cities Viz. Mysuru, Shivamogga, and Hubballi where more numbers of pensioners are being admitted to the Association. Creation of additional posts of Vice -President, Joint Secretary and Assistant Treasurer to lessen the work load of the existing

posts. He recalled that in the year 2022 in the GB, President, Vice- President and Secretary were unavailable to attend due to covid-19 and some arrangements had to be made for conducting the AGB. If additional posts were there then, it would have become easier for conducting the AGB. Similarly, there is a lot of preparatory work for publishing the monthly journal. Hence it is proposed to create one more Joint Secretary Post and the responsibility can be given to him in publishing the journal. A post of Assistant Treasurer may also be created to assist the Treasurer, who is now over-worked. He further informed that term of present EC members is going to expire this year and new EC has to be constituted after election of EC members in the coming AGB likely to be held in July 2025. It is, therefore, proposed to amend the existing Bye-laws and submit to the Registrar of Co-Operative Societies and get the approval.

Later, he requested gathering to offer suggestions, modification, if any.

Sri C.S.Karanth: suggested revising the term of EC members to 5 years from 3 years. Secretary informed that earlier it was 2 years and changed to 3 years. Further he said that the founders' intention was to induct fresh members and hence it was advisable to maintain the term as 3 years.

Sri N.R. Anantha: suggested that instead of providing the facility of getting elected to the Executive Committee to the members residing in cities Viz. Mysuru, Shivamogga and Hubballi, it may be extended to all members residing in all the Districts of the State of Karnataka and the Bye-law may be amended to cover all the districts in (1) North Karnataka & Kalyana Karnataka Regions (2) Malanad Region and Karavali region and (3) Southern Karnataka covering all districts except Bengaluru.

Sri Ramanathaiah: suggested that one member from each of the 2 districts may be elected.

Secretary informed him that the Association does not have members from all the districts. President suggested that this may be considered when association has sufficient members from all the districts.

Sri M.B.Shivalingaiah: suggested that Mysuru and Kodagu may be identified as South Karnataka Region

Sri N.M.Hegde: suggested identifying Shimoga as Malnad and Karavali Karnataka

Sri A. Poobalan: suggested including Chickballapur and Kolar district also in the regions

Sri V. Gopal: suggested making special remarks mentioning the area covered in that region.

President suggested making 3 regions namely (1) South Karnataka Region (2) North Karnataka Region & Kalyana Karnataka Region and (3) Karavali Karnataka Region and Malnad Region, to cover all districts of the State in those regions

The House unanimously approved the proposal for amending the bye-laws after incorporating all the suggestions made by the members. All the members raised their hands in unison.

Secretary thanked the members for unanimously approving all the amendments proposed by the EC and suggested by the members in the special GB.

It was unanimously resolved that the amendments proposed by the EC and suggested by the Members may be taken as approved by the Special General Body meeting

Amendments to the Bye-Laws of the Association as approved by the Special General Body Meeting on 12.04.2025

Clause or Rule No.

10 (a)

As it reads after the amendment

The Management Committee of the Association shall be entrusted to an Executive Committee, consisting of 17(Seventeen) members all elected at the general body meeting. Out of the 17 Executive Committee Members, one each from the 3 Regions of the State of Karnataka Viz.(1) North Karnataka Region & Kalyana Karnataka Region (2) Malanad Region & Karavali Karnataka Region and (3) Southern Karnataka Region shall be elected to the Executive Committee. The term of office of the Committee shall be three years

Note : All the District Head Quarters in each of the above said 3 regions of the State of Karnataka are covered by the provisions of this clause

10 (b)

Within a week of election of members for the Executive Committee, the outgoing Secretary (whether he is re-elected or not) shall arrange to convene a meeting of the newly elected committee members and arrange for the election of the following office bearers. President (1) Vice-Presidents (2) Secretary (1) Joint Secretaries (2) Treasurer (1) Asst. Treasurer(1)

11(b)

Vice-Presidents (1) shall exercise all the powers of the President in his absence and shall assist him in his work. Vice-President (2) shall exercise all the powers of the President in the absence of both the President & the Vice- President(1)

11(d)

Joint Secretaries (1) and (2) shall render all possible assistance to the Secretary in performance of his duties. Joint secretary (1) shall hold charge of the post of Secretary in his absence and perform all the functions of the post. Joint Secretary (2) shall hold the charge of the post of the Secretary in absence of both the Secretary and Joint Secretary (1)

11(f)

Assistant Treasurer shall render all possible

assistance to the Treasurer in performance of his duties and shall also hold charge of the post of the Treasurer in his absence and

perform all the functions of the post
11(g) Executive Committee Members

News from Affiliates

Central Excise & Customs Pensioners' Association celebrated its "Ruby Jubilee" (40 years of its existence) on 29-3-2025 at the auditorium of the National Academy of Customs, Indirect Taxes & Narcotics, HMT Layout, Bengaluru 560031

Sri K.B. Krishna Rao, President CCCGPA and Sri S Radhakrishna, General Secretary

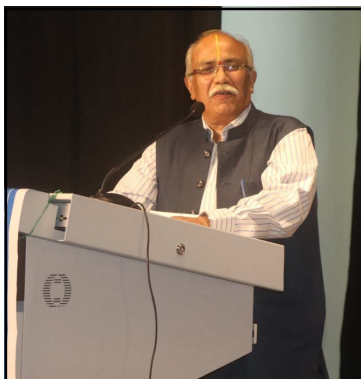
were the Chief Guest and the Guest of honour

Sri N.N. Muninarayanappa, President CE&C PA presided. Sri M.G. Kodandaram Secretary welcomed and addressed the gathering.

Sri Bylahally Raghunath Janardan, Legendary Cycling Athlete was felicitated.



Sri M.N. Muninarayanappa,
President CE&C PA lighting the lamp



Sri M.G. Kodandaram,
Secretary, CE&C PA



Sri B R Janardhan,
Legendary Cycling Athlete



Sri Krishna Rao felicitated



Sri Radhakrishna felicitated

BSNL IDA

IDA from 1-10-2025 -228. 5% (4.3% increase over Oct 2024 rate of 224.2%)

IDA from 1-4-2025 -226. 5% (2% decrease over January rate of 228.5%)

**Protest against Validation of the Central Civil Services (Pension) Rules 1972 & 2021
and Central Civil Services (Extraordinary Pension) Rules 2023 passed in
Lok Sabha as part of Finance Bill on 25.03.2025.**

**Report on the Demonstration held at FREEDOM PARK
Sheshadri Road, Gandhinagar, Bengaluru on 4.4.2025**

In response to the call given by NCCPA to hold demonstrations to oppose "Validation of CCS (PENSION) Rules and Principles for Expenditure on pension liabilities, the Coordination Committee of Central Government Pensioners Associations Karnataka (CCCGPA) organised a Demonstration on Friday 4-4-2025, at the FREEDOM PARK, Sheshadri Road, Gandhinagar, Bengaluru.

Many Pensioners Associations, affiliates of CCCGPA Karnataka, viz.

- 1) Karnataka Posts and Telecommunications Pensioners' Assn.,
- 2) IA & AD Pensioners' Association
- 3) Karnataka Central Government Pensioners Association,
- 4) All India BSNL Pensioners Welfare Association,
- 5) All India BSNL and DOT Pensioners Association,
- 6) BSNL and DOT Pensioners Association,
- 7) Karnataka Incometax Pensioners Association,
- 8) Coffee Board Pensioners Association,
- 9) Survey of India Pensioners' Association,
- 10) Central Excise and Customs Pensioners Association,
- 11) Ground Water Board Pensioners Association,
- 12) Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan Pensioners Association,
- 13) DRDO Pensioners Association
- 14) Pensioners Associations of Autonomous

bodies, and a few more, participated in the demonstration which was well attended by about 500 pensioners.

Com K B Krishna Rao, President, CCCGPA Karnataka and Secretary, Karnataka P & T Pensioners Association, Com S. Radhakrishna, General Secretary, CCCGPA and Secretary IA & AD Pensioners' Association, Com P. Gangadhar Rao and Changappa of AIBSNLPWA, Com Muddaiah, Secretary AIBDPA, Com Girish Kangotagi, President. KCGPA, Com B.V. Venkatesh, Secretary, Karnataka Income Tax Pensioners Association Com T.V. Suryaprakash, Secretary, Coffee Board PA, Com P S Prasad, Ground Water Board P A, Com Juliana Vincent, Secretary Survey of India Pen Assn, Com B.R. Venkatesha Murthy, Kendriya Vidyalaya Snagathan Retd. Employees Association & Com A Srinivasa Vice- President, COC Karnataka & Permanent invitee, NFPE and other representatives of Pensioners Associations addressed the gathering.

Com K B Krishna Rao, said that the demonstration is being held in response to a call given by National Coordination Committee of Pensioners Associations (NCCPA)(CHQ) headed by Com K Ragavendran, former Secretary General, NFPE. Speaking about the validation of amendments to pension rules made from 1.6.1972 onwards, he said that the move by the Central Government is detrimental to the interest of Pensioners and therefore, all the Associations are strongly opposing the Validation Bill.

Com Radha Krishna said that Pensioners will not rest until and unless the Government withdraws the Validation moved along with the Finance Bill 2025.

Com TV Surya Prakash read the Memorandum to be submitted to the Hon'ble Prime Minister.

Com G. Babu, President KP&TPA, & AGS, AIBSNLPWA who had made all the required arrangements for holding the successful Demonstration, assisted by Com Suryaprakash and Nagesh, in his interview to the TV Channel explained the reason for holding the protest demonstration and said that all the Pensioners

throughout the Country have held demonstration against Validation of the amendments made to Pension Rules retrospectively and thanked all the Pensioners Associations who have participated in the agitation.

The 2 hours long demonstration ended with shouting of slogans and after proposal of vote of thanks by Com Radhakrishna.



K.B. Krishna Rao, President, CCCGPA
Karnataka speaking on Validation of CCS
(Pension) Rules



S.Radhakrishna,
GS CCCGPA, addressing



Assembly of Pensioners

Minutes of the 34th meeting of SCOVA held on 11.03.2025 under the Chairmanship of Hon'ble MOS(PP) at Vigyan Bhawan Annexe

34th meeting of the Standing Committee of Voluntary Agencies (SCOVA) was held on 11.03.2025 under the Chairmanship of Hon'ble MOS (PP) at Vigyan Bhawan (Annexe) with members of Pensioners' Welfare Associations and representatives of different Ministries/ Departments. List of participants is annexed.

2. The meeting was attended by Secretary (Pension), Controller General of Accounts and other senior officers from various Ministries/ Departments including Ministry of Defence, Ministry of Railways, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Department of Expenditure, Department of Personnel and Training, Department of Telecommunications, Department of Posts, Department of Financial Services, CPAO, bank officials from J&K bank and Indian bank, officials from DoPPW and members of 13 Pensioners' Welfare Associations.

3. At the outset, Secretary (Pension) welcomed the Hon'ble Minister and other participants in the SCOVA meeting for a fruitful discussion on agenda items for the meeting.

4. Joint Secretary (Pension) made a brief presentation on the various initiatives taken by the DoPPW for easing the difficulties faced by the pensioners and their general welfare including the 100 days action plan of the Department and other achievements during the last one year. He also presented the future road map of the Department which includes digital empowerment of Pensioners, integration of Bhavishya portal with eHRMS and CGHS and timely redressal of Pensioners' grievances.

5. Thereafter, the deliberations were initiated on the new agenda items categorised into four parts viz. CGHS facilities, SPARSH portal of MoD, Pension Policy and other issues etc. which were taken up one by one for discussion by the SCOVA members.

I. CGHS Issues

Issue-CGHS-Infrastructure and Posting of Manpower Pensioners' Associations from Pune, Jammu, Bengaluru, Chennai, Balasore and Nagpur raised various issues related to CGHS which include:

- * Adequate manpower posting at all Wellness Centers (WCs)
- * Opening of new WCs at Pune, Bengaluru, Balasore, Nagpur, Chennai, Puducherry and Jammu
- * Opening of a polyclinic at Jammu with testing lab facilities
- * In addition to the empanelled labs already available, setting up of a diagnostic lab
- * Timely payment of bills of the vendors
- * Empanelment of private hospitals at the district H.Q. (Pune and other places) under CGHS
- * Continuous supply of life saving medicines.
- * Extending the services of CGHS to employees of the Central Government offices which may have been closed on account of administrative restructuring
- * Reduction of delay in release of medical reimbursement claims.
- * Improvement of the existing infrastructure like buildings and facilities of WCs (Chennai, Bengaluru and Nagpur).

Discussion/Decision on agenda item

- * DG CGHS informed that the proposal for recruitment of manpower for CGHS Wellness Centres is in active consideration through Staff Selection Commission(SSC) and the issue of manpower shortage would be resolved soon.
- * DG CGHS was requested to consider the issues related to upgradation of existing WCs, improvement of infrastructure and manpower on priority as per the availability of resources.

- * The issue of empanelment of private hospitals without opening of WCs, being a policy matter was decided to be examined separately.
- * CGHS was requested to examine the need of opening of new WCs in States/UTs after assessing the requirement based on the present population/beneficiaries at a place.
- * CGHS was requested to consider opening of a Polyclinic with a testing lab facility at Jammu.
- * Emphasis was given to consider maintaining continuous supply of life-saving drugs in the WCs based on previous demands rather than just based on demand of indent.

(Action: Ministry of Health and Family Welfare/CGHS)

II. Sparsh Portal Related Issues

Ex-Servicemen Welfare League, Pensioners' Associations from Pune and Chennai raised the issues being faced by Defence pensioners after migration of pension accounts from bank to Sparsh portal of MoD. The issues of payment of additional pension, restoration of commutation of pension etc. were highlighted. The issue related to Digital Life Certificates (DLCs) especially for pensioners residing in foreign countries was raised. The Pensioners also raised the issue of One Rank One Pension (OROP)

Discussion/Decision on agenda item

- * Jt. CGDA, MOD briefed about the benefits of Sparsh and its hassle-free transition for the new pension cases. She however, agreed that difficulties were being faced in the older cases where incomplete data was maintained with the banks. It was informed that the existing physical method of submission of DLC is also available along with other digital modes for Pensioners. It was also informed that for those Pensioners residing abroad, the provision for submission of DLC through Indian Embassies is already available.

However, the matter of facilitation of submission of DLCs through other digital modes is also being explored.

- * It was directed to MOD to issue FAQs on the issues being raised by Pensioners on migration of their pension disbursement from bank to Sparsh to increase their awareness and redressal of their grievances.
- * It was decided that OROP related policy matters may be taken up separately with Department of Expenditure.

(Action: MOD/Controller General of Defence Accounts)

III. Pension Policy

(i) Issue: Restoration of commutation period from 15 years to 12 years:

The 5th Central Pay Commission (CPC) and various State Governments recommended for reducing the recovery period for commuted pension from 15 years to 12 years to align with changing economic conditions. With the decrease in RBI interest rates, the current 15 year recovery period leads to excess recovery. Reducing the period to 12 years will ensure fairness and better matches the impact of lower interest rates on pension calculations.

Discussion/Decision on agenda item

It was informed by Department of Expenditure that this issue may be included in the Terms of Reference (TOR) of 8th Pay Commission.

In view of the above, the item was closed.

(ii) Issue: Laying down Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) for streamlining the process of starting of Family Pension:

Pensioners' Association raised the issue of difficulties being faced by family pensioners for grant of family pension after death of pensioner/family pensioner. They, therefore, requested to issue a Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) for streamlining the process of starting of Family Pension.

Discussion/Decision on agenda item

It was informed by DoPPW that comments have been sought from banks, CPAO and other concerned Ministries/Departments on the question of a Standard Operating Procedure for grant of family pension.

DoP&PW in consultation with other stakeholders will issue instructions in this regard.

(Action: DoPPW)

(iii) Issue: Notional Increment in pursuant to Judgement of Hon'ble SC:

The notional increment granted on 1st July/1st January for pension calculations, as per the Supreme Court/CAT decision, should be extended to all eligible employees, including those who retired on 30th June 2006 or 31st December 2006. This group of Pensioners, who had the requisite qualifying service, should not be excluded from receiving the benefit of the notional increment. A new Office memorandum (OM) is requested to ensure the implementation of this provision for these retirees.

Discussion/Decision on agenda item

It was informed that necessary instructions have been issued by DOPT on grant of Notional Increment due from 1st Jan/1st July to those who retired on 30th June or 31st December respectively after its finalisation by Hon'ble Supreme Court.

In view of the above, the item was closed.

IV. Other Issues

(i) Issue: Increase in the Grant-in-Aid to PWAs:

Requests have been made for an increase in the annual budget to account for inflation and rising operational costs. This includes adjusting the salary of the computer operator

to align with Jharkhand Government rates (Rs. 16,000/- to Rs. 18,000/-) as well as providing additional funding for electricity bills, stationery, computer maintenance, and the salary of an office boy. The proposal highlights the valuable social welfare initiatives being provided, particularly those supporting tribal women and environmental work.

Some Associations raised the issue of including the TA expenditure in heads of expenditure from GIA.

Discussion/Decision on agenda item

It was informed that the proposal of increasing the Grant-in-aid from existing Rs. 75000/- to Rs. 5,00,000/- per annum per association has been approved by DoE/IFD.

The process for payment for enhanced grant in aid to PWAs from next financial year is being finalised.

It was informed that the heads of expenditure from GIA is also being discussed by a committee and this would be kept flexible.

(Action: DoPPW)

(ii) Issue: Physical verification at the time of starting of Additional Pension by J&K Bank:

The issue was raised by Pensioners' Association of Jammu that Pensioners in J&K are required to appear in person for verification before receiving additional pensions after 80 years, unlike other nationalized banks. Additionally, the process for changing pension banks is slow and needs simplification.

Discussion/Decision on agenda item

It was informed by the Representative of J&K bank that the existing process being followed at district Treasury was on account of the instructions by the state government prior to 2016.

In order to facilitate the Pensioners, J&K bank further informed that they had already

provided the services of Bank employees making personal visits to the respective pensioner and furnish details to the treasury in order to avoid physical presence.

However, the Treasury has now agreed to delegate the power to the banks to certify and henceforth, in J&K, the same procedure as followed in other states with regard to verification will be followed.

In view of the above, the item was closed.

(iii) Issue: Integration of Indian Bank with Bhavishya Portal:

Pensioners' Association, Chennai raised the issue of integration of Indian bank with Bhavishya portal which is preventing the pensioners from downloading pension slips and Form 16.

Discussion/Decision on agenda item

It was informed that DoPPW is already in the process to integrate all bank portals with Bhavishya. Some banks have already been integrated.

The Indian Bank representatives informed that the matter of integration with Bhavishya portal is under active consideration and would be completed soon.

In view of the above, the item was closed.

(iv) Issue: Fixed Medical Allowance (FMA):

Increase in the Fixed Medical Allowance (FMA) to Rs. 3000 per month, as the current allowance is insufficient due to rising medical costs, as recommended by the Parliamentary Standing Committee.

Discussion/Decision on agenda item

It was informed by Department of Expenditure that this issue may be included in the Terms of Reference (TOR) of 8th Pay Commission.

In view of the above, the item was closed.

(v) Issue: Sampann portal of DoT

Pensioners' Associations from Pune and Odisha raised that the implementation of the Comprehensive Pension Management System (Sampann) should be extended to Postal pensioners, as it has already been implemented for DoT Pensioners.

Associations also raised the concern of reminders sent for updation of DLCs periodically almost every month in the Sampann instead of a fixed month which is creating confusion to some of the Pensioners.

Discussion/Decision on agenda item

Jt. CGCA, DoT informed that DoT had already written to Department of Posts (DoP) in January offering extension of Sampann to Postal employees and some other state government also. Some of the state governments have responded in affirmation. However, response from Department of Posts is awaited.

DoP informed that the issue of migration to Sampann portal is being examined in the Department.

Secretary (P) also suggested to DoP to convene a meeting to resolve the issue of migration to Sampann or Bhavishya portal as the case may be.

Regarding updation of DLCs, it was clarified by Jt. CGCA, DOT that an additional facility is being provided to the Pensioners to update their DLC in any month of the year as per their convenience. It is only a reminder SMS which is sent periodically to the Pensioners. Nevertheless, it was suggested that the concerns with respect to any technical difficulties faced by the Pensioners may be looked into.

**(Action: Department of Posts/
Department of Telecom)**

6. The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair and all the participants.

Grant of additional instalment of Dearness Relief (DR) to Central Govt. Pensioners/Family Pensioners- revised rate effective from 01.01.2025-reg.

The undersigned is directed to refer to this Department's OM No. 42/02/2024-P&PW(D) dated 30.10.2024 on the subject mentioned above and to state that the President is pleased to decide that the Dearness Relief admissible to Central Government Pensioners/Family Pensioners shall be enhanced from the existing rate of **53% to 55%** of the basic pension/family pension (including additional pension/family pension) w.e.f **01st January, 2025**.

These rates of DR will be applicable to the following categories:-

- (i) Civilian Central Government Pensioners/Family Pensioners including Central Govt. absorbee pensioners in PSU/Autonomous Bodies in respect of whom orders have been issued vide this Department's OM No. 4/34/2002-P&PW(D)Vol.II dated 23.06.2017 for restoration of full pension after expiry of commutation period of 15 years.
- (ii) The Armed Forces Pensioners/Family Pensioners and Civilian Pensioners/Family Pensioners paid out of the Defence Service Estimates.
- (iii) All India Service Pensioners/Family Pensioners.
- (iv) Railway Pensioners/Family Pensioners.
- (v) Pensioners who are in receipt of provisional pension
- (vi) The Burma Civilian Pensioners/Family Pensioners and Pensioners/families of displaced Government Pensioners from Burma/ Pakistan, in respect of whom orders have been issued vide this Department's OM No. 23/3/2008-P&PW(B) dated 11.09.2017.

3. The payment of Dearness Relief involving a fraction of a rupee shall be rounded off to the next higher rupee.

4. Other provisions governing grant of DR in respect of employed family pensioners and re-employed Central Government Pensioners will

be regulated in accordance with the provisions contained in Rule 02 of CCS (Pension) Rules, 2021 and this Department's OM No. 45/73/97-P&PW (G) dated 02.07.1999 as amended from time to time. The provisions relating to regulation of DR where a pensioner is in receipt of more than one pension will remain unchanged.

5. In the case of retired Judges of the Supreme Court and High Courts, necessary orders will be issued by the Department of Justice Separately.

6. It will be the responsibility of the pension disbursing authorities. including the nationalized banks, etc. to calculate the quantum of DR payable in each individual case.

7. The offices of Accountant General and authorised Pension Disbursing Banks are requested to arrange payment of Dearness Relief to Pensioners/Family Pensioners on the basis of these instructions without waiting for any further instructions from the Comptroller and Auditor General of India and the Reserve Bank of India in view of letter No. 528- TA, II/34-80-II dated 23/04/1981 of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India addressed to all Accountant Generals and Reserve Bank of India Circular No. GANB No. 2958/GA-64 (ii) (CGL)/81 dated the 21st May, 1981 addressed to State Bank of India and its subsidiaries and all Nationalised Banks.

8. In so far as the Persons serving in Indian Audit and Accounts Department are concerned, these orders are issued in consultation with the Comptroller and Auditor General of India, as mandated under Article 148(5) of the Constitution of India.

9. This issues in accordance with the Ministry of Finance, Department of Expenditure's OM No. 1/1(1)/2025-E.II(B) dated 02.04.2025.

(Divya A.B.)

Director to the Government of India

Grant of increment for pensionery benefits to those pensioners who had retired on 30th June/31st December - STATUS

It is understood that many Pension Sanctioning Authorities in Karnataka Postal Circle have sent revised pension calculation sheets to the GM, Postal Accounts and Finance, after granting one increment to eligible pensioners and Revised PPOs have also been issued by the GM, (PAF) and in many cases arrears of pension have also been paid along with the pension for March 2025.

Pensioner who had retired on 30th June/31st December and had the requisite qualifying service for grant of increment, may please write to the concerned Pension Sanctioning Authority (Head of the Division from which the pensioner had retired), if he/she has not yet

received a revised PPO.

The Association has written to the Secretary, Department of Personnel & Training requesting issuance of a fresh Order with clear instructions, consequent upon the Hon'ble Supreme Court modifying its earlier Order date 6-9-2024 by its Order dated 20-02-2025

It has also been requested that the benefit of increment for pensionery benefits must be extended to all pensioners who are eligible for it, **IRRESPCTIVE of their YEAR of retirement.**

The letter which is self-explanatory is reproduced below for the information of the concerned pensioners.

KARNATAKA POSTS AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS PENSIONERS' ASSOCIATION (R.)

(Registered under the Karnataka Societies Regn. Act 1960-Regn. No. 1069/98-99)

Registered as "a Wholly Charitable Trust" U/s. 12A of I.T. Act 1961

MEMBER OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE OF VOLUNTARY AGENCIES (SCOVA)

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To

The Secretary,

Department of Personnel and Training,
North Block, New Delhi 110001

No.Kptpa/NI/2025

Dated at Bengaluru

the 9th April, 2025

Respected Madam,

Issuance of a fresh OM regarding grant of notional increment to pensioners who had retired on 30th June or 31st December- consequent upon modification of its Order dated 6-9-2024 by the Hon'ble Supreme Court by its another order on the matter, passed on 20.2.2025.

The Hon'ble Supreme Court vide its order dated 20.2.2025 has modified para (D) of its earlier order dated 6.9.2024 and has clarified the dates from which the arrears of pension is payable in respect of those Pensioners who had filed intervention/ impleadment applications before CAT/ High Court etc.

In accordance with the Apex Court order dated 20.2.2025, Arrears will be payable from the dates as given below:

1) If the intervention/ impleadment application was filed BEFORE 19.5.2023, (the date of supreme court order in M. Siddaraj case),

arrears will be payable for a period of 3 years earlier to the date of filing intervention/impleadment application (or the date of retirement whichever is later.)

2) If the intervention/impleadment application was filed AFTER 19.5.2023, (the date of supreme court order in M. Siddaraj case), arrears will be payable from 1.5.2023 (or from the date of retirement whichever is later.)

In view of the Hon'ble Supreme Court's modified order dated 20.2.2025, it is necessary to issue further instructions to all the Departments in continuation of DOPT OM dated 14.10.2024, incorporating the changes made by the Apex Court to its order dated 6.9.2024 vide its order dated 20.2.2025.

Apart from the above, The Department of Personnel & Training in its OM No. 19/116/2024-Pers.Pol.(Pay) (Pt) dated 14-10-2024, issued in implementation of the Interim Order of the Supreme Court dated 6-9-2024, had stated that:

"It may also be noted that these instructions are being issued in compliance of the Interim Orders dated 06.09.2024 of the Hon'ble Supreme Court in MA Dy.No.2400/2024 without prejudice to the legal stand of the Union of India in the matter and without prejudice to any change of law in this regard. Further, the action taken shall be subject to the final outcome of the Review Petition (Dy.No.36418/2024) pending before the Hon'ble Supreme Court"

Since DOPT OM dated 14.10.2024 was issued with a rider as stated above, it is necessary to issue revised guidelines for grant of notional increment to the Pensioners who are eligible for grant of such increment since the **issue has attained legal finality** after dismissal of both the petitions pending before the Hon'ble Supreme Court.

To be more specific, the legal position as it stands now is as follows

(1) Review Petition(C) Dairy No.36418/2024 filed by the Director, KPTCL Vs C.P.

Mundinamani was **DISMISSED** by the Hon'ble Supreme Court on 18-12-2024

(2) Diary.No.2400/2024, MA 000347/2025, Union of India Vs M.Siddaraj was also **DISMISSED** by the Hon'ble Supreme Court on 20-2-2025

In view of the Orders made by the Hon'ble Supreme Court passed on 18-12-2024 and 20-2-2025 **DISMISSING** both the petitions pending before it, **the issue has attained legal finality.**

Therefore, It is, strongly urged that another OM with clear instructions, in continuation of the OM dated 14.10.2024, may please be issued immediately to all the Departments to grant notional increment for pensionery benefits to all eligible pensioners irrespective of the year of their retirement. It may be mentioned here that the Apex Court either in its orders dated 6-9-2024 or 20-2-2025, has not stipulated that the benefit of increment be extended only to pensioners who have retired in or before a particular year. The only criterion is that the pensioner must have retired a day before his/her date of NEXT increment after rendering the requisite service for drawal of increment

Further, it is earnestly requested that necessary instructions regarding grant of increment and payment of arrears of pension to the following category of pensioners may also please be issued, since OM dated 14-10-2024 does not specify the dates from which revision of pension is admissible and the period for which the arrears is payable in respect such pensioners - mentioned below. PAOs are now revising pension of only those pensioners - 3rd parties - who have not filed any application/petition before courts

(1) Pensioners who have filed writ petitions and have succeeded

(2) Pensioners whose petitions/applications/ Appeals have NOT attained Legal Finality

Thanking you Sir,

Yours faithfully
K .B.Krishna Rao

Meeting of the National Executive of NCCPA in Delhi to finalize the Common Memorandum for the 8th Central Pay Commission



NCCPA National Executive Committee meeting in progress



Sri S Radhakrishna, GS, CCCGPA Karnataka first from right in left row.



Sri T.V.Suryaprakash, Jt.GS, CCGPA in red shirt

From CCCGPA Karnataka, Sri S Radhakrishna, Genl Secretary & Sri T.V.Suryaprakash Jt. General Secretary attended the National Executive. A report by Sri Suryaprakash is reproduced below:

EXCERPTS FROM THE REPORT ON THE NATIONAL EXECUTIVE MEETING OF COORDINATION COMMITTEE OF PENSIONERS ASSOCIATIONS (NCCPA) HELD ON 19TH APRIL 2025 AT NEW DELHI

- by T V Suryaprakash

The Meeting Commenced at 11 AM under the Presidentship of Com Shivgopal Mishra. The Chief Executives of 25 affiliates of NCCPA and the office bearers attended the Meeting.

Com. K. Raghavendran, Secretary General of NCCPA, welcomed the President, office bearers, representatives of affiliates and other special invitees to the meeting. He also read out the Agenda of the Meeting. He requested the President to address the participants.

In his introductory address, the President touched upon the legislation passed by the Parliament with the Finance Bill on 25.3.2025 which empowers the Centre to establish distinction between the pensioners in terms of pension, as recommended by the Pay Commission, with reference to the date of retirement.

With regard to submission of Common Memorandum to the 8th CPC by the NCCCPA,

it was suggested that the draft Memorandum prepared by the Secretary General, Mr. Raghavendran, will be further revised after taking into account the suggestions made by the affiliates, both in writing and orally, and the revised draft memorandum will be further considered and finalized by a Committee comprising of Comrades K.G.Jayaraj (AIBDPA); Jayaraj (Atomic Energy); D.K.Debnath (AIPRPA); Lahiri (WBCCCGPA); S.K.Sharma (Jaipur CGPA); Dhandre (Nagpur Postal Accounts) K Ragavendran, Secretary General of NCCPA will be the Convenor

Separate Committees have been formed to understand the problems of Autonomous Bodies' Pensioners, Bank Pensioners and BSNL Pensioners. These Committees comprise of Working President, Vice President, Secretary General of NCCCPA and the representatives of concerned Associations.

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June 2024	141.4	141.4 X 2.88= 407	4811	400.91	53.36	53% from July 2024
Dec. 2024	143.7	143.7 X 2.88= 414	4893	407.75	55.975	55% from Jan 2025
Feb. 2025	142.8	142.8 X 2.88= 411	4915	409.58	56.676	

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8th Central Pay Commission – Update

- * The pay commission has not yet been constituted
- * Dept of Personnel & Training vide its circular dated 17-04-2025 has called for nominations/Applications to fill up 35 posts in various cadres at the CPC from the eligible officials who have the requisite qualification and experience. The officials will be engaged on deputation basis from the date of constitution of the 8th CPC till its closure.
- * The National Coordination Committee of Central Pensioners (NCCPA) had called for a meeting of its Executives and Chief Executives of the affiliated Pensioners Associations on 19-04-2025 in New Delhi, to discuss and finalise the draft Common Memorandum prepared by NCCPA after consultation with affiliate associations. The Common Memorandum finalised in the meeting will be submitted to the NC(JCM), the Confederation of CG Employees and Workers and the 8th CPC when it is constituted.

Construction of a Meeting Hall on the 2nd Floor of “Pensioners Bhavan”- Appeal for Donation for the Building Fund

In the EC meeting held on 08-3-2025, it was decided to construct a meeting hall on the 2nd floor of Pensioners Bhavan. The Architect and the Contractor who were invited to the meeting, after having a look at the space available on the terrace, suggested that we may go in for construction of an Office Room, 2 Rest Rooms, a pantry and a big hall for holding the meetings. The approximate cost of construction would be Rs.70,00,000/- (Rs.Seventy lakhs).

We appeal to our members to liberally

donate to the building fund, especially those who have not so far paid their contribution and those who got/getting arrears due to revision of their pension consequent upon grant of notional increment. Generous donations by members would facilitate construction of the meeting hall. Donations may be credited to the association's bank current account number 64209078453, IFSC : SBIN 0040659 @ HMT layout branch of SBI, Vidyaranyapura, Bangalore 560097 OR by scanning the QR code printed in page 15

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