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Working President, Bharat Pensioners' Samaj

Heartfelt Tribute

Late Shri Madan Mohan Kapur (Former Working President – Bharat Pensioners Samaj) Age: 89 years With profound grief and a heavy heart, Bharat Pensioners Samaj (BPS) shares the sorrowful news of the passing away of our revered senior, dedicated pillar, and visionary guide Shri Madan Mohan Kapur Ji on 20th April 2025 at A.I.I.M.S., New Delhi. His last rites were performed the same day at 6 PM at Nigambodh Ghat, New Delhi, with full respect and devotion. On behalf of Bharat Pensioners Samaj, Shri Vijay Kumar Taneja, Shri Rameshwar Kumar, and Shri Subhash Chandra Sharma paid floral tributes at the cremation ground and bowed in reverence to the departed soul.

Shri Madan Mohan Kapur Ji's life was a living embodiment of service, sacrifice, and unwavering commitment. After retiring as Deputy Director, Intelligence Bureau, he devoted the last three decades of his life entirely to Bharat Pensioners Samaj. He served the organization in various critical capacities—as a Member of the Executive Body, Internal Auditor, Editor, and eventually as Working President. In every role, he led with clarity of thought, dedication of spirit, and nobility of heart.

His most impactful contribution was shaping BPS's policy of advocacy and persuasion, which became the cornerstone of our national and international recognition.

Under his guidance, BPS emerged as a powerful voice for pensioners on global platforms. A torchbearer, a brave fighter, a stalwart of principle and purpose—Shri Kapoor Ji was the soul of today's BPS. His wisdom, leadership, and courage illuminated our path. His absence has left behind an irreparable void in our organization.

In his sacred memory, on 21st April 2025, morning, a collective prayer ceremony was held at the Bharat Pensioners Samaj Headquarters, including Gayatri Mantra chanting and two minutes of silence, offering our heartfelt homage and praying for his eternal peace.

On behalf of the entire Bharat Pensioners Samaj family, we bow in solemn tribute to his ideals, service, and inspiration. We pledge to carry forward his legacy with the same courage and conviction that he demonstrated throughout his life.

**"Lead us from darkness to light,
From untruth to truth,
From death to immortality."**

Om Shanti, Om Shanti, Om Shanti.

**BHARAT PENSIONERS SAMAJ
STRONGLY CONDEMNS THE
BARBARIC TERROR ATTACK IN
PAHALGAM, JAMMU & KASHMIR
- April 23, 2025**

Bharat Pensioners Samaj, the oldest and largest national federation of pensioners in India, expresses its deepest anguish and strongest condemnation of the cowardly and barbaric terrorist attack that took place in Pahalgam, Jammu & Kashmir, on 22nd April 2025, where 29 innocent tourists lost their lives and many others were grievously injured.

This inhuman and dastardly act is not just an attack on individuals, but an assault on our collective peace, freedom, and unity as a nation. That unarmed tourists—families and children—were targeted in cold blood exposes the sheer moral bankruptcy and brutality of the perpetrators.

Bharat Pensioners Samaj mourns this unspeakable loss and stands in full solidarity with the families of the victims. We offer our heartfelt condolences to the bereaved families and pray for the swift recovery of the injured.

We urge the Government of India to treat this not merely as an act of terror but as a war against the soul of the nation—and respond with unflinching resolve. Those responsible for this bloodshed—be it the attackers, their masterminds, or their protectors—must be identified, exposed, and eliminated with the strongest force of the law.

Let it be known—India will not bow to terror. We demand justice. We demand action. And we demand it now.

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

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Extract Financial Act 2025

Validation of The Central Civil Services (Pension) Rules And Principles For Expenditure on Pension Liabilities From The Consolidated Fund of India
Whereas article 309 of the Constitution provides that, subject to the provisions of the Constitution, Acts of the appropriate Legislature may regulate the recruitment and conditions of service of persons appointed to public services and posts in connection with the affairs of the Union;⁵⁰ And Whereas the recruitment and the conditions of service of persons appointed to public services and posts in connection with the affairs of the Union are governed by rules made under the proviso to article 309 of the Constitution;
AND WHEREAS the pension of the Central Government employees was governed by the Central Civil Services (Pension) Rules, 1972 which was 5 subsequently replaced by the Central Civil Services (Pension) Rules, 2021 and the Central Civil Services (Extraordinary Pension) Rules, 2023 (hereinafter in this Part referred to as the pension rules) and instructions issued from time to time for matters connected therewith; which allows the revision of pension by the Central Government in accordance with any general order issued for implementation of the recommendations of the Central Pay Commission;
AND WHEREAS the Central Pay Commissions are expert bodies set up by the Central Government for periodic review and revision of the entire gamut of emoluments structure including retirement benefits of the Central Government employees which recommend different pay scales and different allowances for different categories of the Government employees and in particular, pension claims and liabilities;
AND WHEREAS till the Third Central Pay Commission, it was a general view that past and future pensioners cannot be treated at par and the practice was that benefit of improvement in the pension would be available to newly retiring pensioners from a prospective date; and subsequently, the Fourth Central Pay 20 Commission considered the suggestion of Continued to page no 5

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BPS 70th AGM scheduled to-be held at Ambala Cantt in the first week of November 2025

Plan your journey Now ?

The Bharat Pensioners Samaj 70th annual Conference cum AGMC in Ambala Cantt not only provides an opportunity to discuss crucial pensioner issues but also allows participants to explore the city's historical sites, temples, parks, and military heritage. Additionally, a visit to Kurukshetra can enrich one's experience by delving into the spiritual and mythological past of India.

For attendees and visitors, this trip will be a perfect blend of advocacy, history, and spirituality!

S. C. Maheshwari, Secretary General

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Mobile/WhatsApp No.: 8860412898 only for WhatsApp, 'SMS'. But No Voice Call please. Contact Time: 11.00-2.30 PM only, Visitors Time: 11.30-2.00 PM. Membership Rates wef 01.01.2023. Individual One year Rs. 400/- (Foreign) \$ 72 Two years Rs.750/- Three years Rs.1100/- Annual Affiliation (Assn/ Institution etc): Rs.1000/- . You may deposit amount for membership/affiliation fee or donation through our website bps1955.in OR by drafts/Multi City cheques in favour of BHARAT PENSIONERS SAMAJ OR may send eMO with complete details to Bharat Pensioners Samaj - 2/13A, LGF (Back side) Jangpura 'A' Hospital Road, New Delhi-110014.

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equalisation of pension with reference to that admissible in the revised scales of pay and did not accept it, and in its report also referred to the decision of the Supreme Court in the case of State Government Pensioners Association and others Vs. State of Andhra Pradesh [SLP (Civil) Nos. 14179-80, 1985] wherein the Supreme Court, inter alia, has observed as under:—

“Improvements in pay scales by the very nature of things can be made prospectively so as to apply to only those who are in the employment on the date of the upward revision. Those who were in employment say in 1950, 1960 or 1970, lived, spent and saved, on the basis of the then prevailing cost of living structure and pay-scale structure, cannot invoke Article 14 in order to claim the higher pay scale brought into force say, in 1980. If upward pay revision cannot be made prospectively on account of Article 14, perhaps no such revision would ever be made.”;

AND WHEREAS the Fifth and Sixth Central Pay Commission also maintained the distinction between pension payable to employees retired before and after the 1st January, 1996 and before and after the 1st January, 2006, respectively, consequently, as on 1st January, 2006, a distinction in pension existed between past employees who had retired before that date and employees retired after that date on the basis of the revision in pay scales recommended by the Sixth Central Pay Commission, as accepted by the Central Government, implemented from the 1st January, 2006, a pension revision formula which did not amount to complete parity between pension of Government employees retired before or after the 1st January, 2006;

AND WHEREAS the treatment of existing and past pensioners was again considered by the Seventh Central Pay Commission and it was pointed out in its report that the issue of pension has been a matter of debate in a large number of cases before the Supreme Court of India and there have been differing views;

AND WHEREAS the pension payable to a Government employee can be said to be a deferred portion of the compensation for service rendered and usually, the compensation earned by an employee varies over the service period, as they are periodically revised on account of implementation of the Central Pay Commissions recommendations or otherwise and as such, pension as a derivative of compensation, may also vary;

AND WHEREAS the right to impose such distinctions rests with the Central Government and are an inevitable outcome of the implementation of the recommendations of a Central Pay Commission;

AND WHEREAS the judgment of the Supreme Court in SLP (Civil) No. 29124 of 2024 in the case of the Union of India and Ors. Vs All India S-30 Pensioners Association and Ors. has obliterated such distinction and proceeded on the premise that the Government lacks authority for providing for such distinction of the Central Government pensioners based on their date of retirement;

AND WHEREAS it has become necessary to deal with the interpretation of the Courts and to address the issue relating to pensioners of the Central Government, and expedient to retain the relevance of having such distinction by a validation legislation, dealing with the pension rules and instructions issued from time to time in this regard. 147. This Part shall come into force and shall be deemed to have come into force on the 1st day of June, 1972.

Commencement of Part.

148. In this Part, unless the context otherwise requires,—

Definitions.

(a) “pensioner” means a retired Government servant under the pension rules; and

(b) “pension rules” means the Central Civil Services (Pension) Rules, 1972 as it existed prior to its cesser of operation; or the Central Civil Services (Pension) Rules, 2021 or the Central Civil Services (Extraordinary Pension) Rules, 2023 made under the proviso to article 309 of the Constitution and instructions issued thereunder.

149. (1) Without prejudice to the provisions of the pension rules, the Central Government shall have the authority to establish distinctions among pensioners as a general principle.

Powers and authority of Central Government.

(2) Having regard to the recommendations of the Central Pay Commission, and subject to such norms, principles and method as may be determined by the Central Government, a distinction may be made or maintained amongst the pensioners, which may emanate from the accepted recommendations of the Central Pay Commissions, and in particular a distinction may be made on the basis of the date of retirement of a pensioner or the date of operationalisation of an accepted recommendation of a Central Pay commission.

(3) The Central Government may from time to time lay down such norms, principles and methods in regard to acceptance of the recommendations of the Central Pay Commissions including, among other things, distinction among pensioners that may arise out of the acceptance of such recommendation and in particular pension claims and liabilities.

(4) The norms, principles and method of pension revision, as per accepted recommendations of a particular Central Pay Commission, shall be effective from such date as may be determined by the Central Government and the benefit of such accepted recommendation shall not be given effect to from an earlier date.

150. Notwithstanding anything contrary contained in any judgment, decree or order of any court, tribunal or authority and notwithstanding anything contained in the pension rules,—

Validation.

(a) it is hereby clarified that the Central Government has the authority and shall always be deemed to have had the authority, to classify its pensioners, and may create or maintain distinction amongst pensioners as deemed expedient for implementing the recommendations of the Central Pay Commissions under this Part;

(b) it is also clarified that the date of retirement of pensioners shall be the basis of distinctions and for classification in regard to pension entitlement.

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Secy Genl BPS writes

No BPS/SG/PM /Appeal Date:28.03.2025

To

Shri Narendra Modi ji, The Honorable Prime Minister, Government of India.

Subject: Request for Equitable Relief and Dignity in Pension Revision

Respected Prime Minister Sir,

On behalf of Bharat Pensioners Samaj (BPS), representing millions of pensioners across our nation, we deeply acknowledge and respect your recent decision to revise salaries and pensions of MPs retrospectively to address rising inflation.

However, pensioners, too, have been severely affected by persistent inflation, significantly eroding purchasing power and quality of life.

Sir, we are deeply concerned by the recent amendment introduced in the Finance Bill, which threatens to deprive existing pensioners of the benefits provided by the Central Pay Commission (CPC). This amendment, on implementation, would severely harm the financial stability and dignity of existing pensioners nationwide. & will remind us of the British colonial era of past when dignity and basic needs of pensioners were often overlooked.

After a prolonged interval of ten years, the minimal adjustments provided by merging Dearness Relief into the basic pension, coupled with nominal fitment benefits against squeezed DR paid over the period of ten years, barely offer genuine respite. Such limited revisions place pensioners in vulnerable circumstances. Withdrawal of even this benefit, will be reminiscent of the past colonial era.

We earnestly appeal to you to compassionately review this policy, and specifically request the immediate withdrawal of this damaging amendment to the Finance Bill. Ensuring that pensioners receive fair, just, and timely adjustments reflecting the real impact of inflation is imperative. Pensioners deserve to live their twilight years with dignity and comfort, in recognition of their lifetime contributions to the progress and prosperity of Bharat Varsh.

Bharat Pensioners Samaj holds great faith in your leadership and deeply trusts that you will deliver

justice to pensioners by ensuring adequate and meaningful revision in pensions.

With sincere regards,

Yours faithfully,

S.C.Maheshwari, Secy Genl. B p S

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Finance act2025-Outcomes of the NC JCM Meeting
with Secretary (Pension) held on 29/03/2025

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No.NC-JCM-2025/Pension March 29, 2025

To

All the Staff Side Members of National Council
JCM

Sub: Brief on the Meeting held with Secretary
(Pension) DOP&PW on 29/03/2025 through Video
Conference on the provisions on Pension Disparity
passed in the Finance Bill by the Parliament —
Reg.,

Dear Comrades,

The Government of India while moving the Finance
Bill for the approval of Parliament has included a
chapter for “Validation of the Central Civil Services
(Pension) Rules and Principles for expenditure on
pension liabilities from the Consolidated Fund of
India”. Through this the Government has got
authority to establish distinctions among
pensioners which may emanate from the accepted
recommendations of the Central Pay Commissions,
and in particular a distinction may be made on the
basis of the date of retirement of a pensioner or the
date of operationalisation of an accepted
recommendation of a Central Pay commission.

After the passage of the Finance Bill in the
Parliament, there was opposition inside the
parliament and outside by the Staff Side of the NC
JCM and also by the various Pensioners
Associations, since it takes away the parity in
pension recommended by the 7th CPC and
implemented by the Government of India.
Moreover since the 8th CPC has also been
announced Pensioners all over the country were
concerned about their pension revision and also
for maintaining the parity between the pensioners
who retired prior to 01/01/2026 and those who will

be retiring after 01/01/2026 (expected date of
recommendations of 8th CPC). In this situation
Secretary (Pension), DOP&PW convened a
meeting with the Staff Side Members of the
Standing Committee of National Council JCM and
also with a few pensioners associations through
Video Conference today.

The Staff Side was represented in the meeting by
the following Comrades:

1. Shiva Gopal Mishra
2. Guman Singh
3. C Srikumar
4. Bhosle
5. Shankar Rao
6. Roopak Sarkar

We protested and opposed the move of the
Government for taking the authority through
Parliament for establishing disparity among
pensioners, as such discrimination amongst the
pensioners is a clear violation of the Supreme Court
Judgment and also a threat on the
recommendations of the 7th CPC which was
accepted by the Government for maintaining parity
between pensioners who retired prior to 01/01/2016
and after 01/01/2016. Government having
announced the 8th CPC and the present decision
has come as a big blow on the pensioners and
hence this needs to be reconsidered and withdrawn
by the Government. Our views were supported by
Pensioners Associations also.

Responding to the views expressed by the Staff
Side Members and the representatives of the
Pensioners Associations, Secretary (Pension)
clarified the following:

1. Since the 5th and 6th CPC has maintained
disparity between Pensioners who retired before
and after 1st January 1996 and before and after 1st
January 2006 respectively which the Government
also agreed and implemented those
recommendations. However Government was not
having any authority in the Pension Rules for
providing such distinction according to the
Supreme Court and hence Government for having
that authority the provisions have been
incorporated in the CCS (Pension) Rules.

2. The apprehension that the parity between pensioners given by the 7th CPC and implemented by the Government will be taken away is not correct since it is already there and the same will continue to be there with the 8th CPC also and hence there is nothing to worry and Government is committed towards the welfare of the pensioners.

In view of the above clarification given by the Secretary (Pension) we demanded that to remove the fear and apprehensions in the mind of pensioners, Government should issue a clarification in this regard and the same should be included in the Terms of Reference of the 8th CPC as already demanded by the Staff Side. Secretary (Pension) assured that a clarification will be issued in this regard. On a query about restoration of commuted portion of pension after 12 years, he informed that it has been decided to refer the matter to 8th CPC. We will be updating you about further developments in this regard.

Yours fraternally,

(Shiva Gopal Mishra)

Secy Genl BPS writes

No BPS/SG/Appeal/PM/2025 Dated:04.04.2025

To: Shri Narendra Modi ji, The Honorable Prime Minister of India,

Subject: Urgent Appeal for Review and Amendment of Finance Act 2025, Part IV – Potential Violation of Constitutional Rights of Pensioners

Respected Prime Minister,

I am writing to you on behalf of Bharat Pensioners Samaj (BPS), representing a significant number of retired government pensioners who have served the nation with dedication and integrity. We are compelled to bring to your immediate attention our concerns regarding the Finance Act 2025, Part IV, which we believe may infringe upon the constitutional rights granted to pensioners.

1. Pension as a Property Right: The Supreme Court, in its landmark judgment of D.S. Nakara vs. Union of India (1982), affirmed that pension is not merely a statutory benefit but a fundamental right derived from the service rendered by an employee. It was

categorized as a form of social security essential for ensuring a dignified life for retired employees.

2. Article 21 - Right to Life: Article 21 of the Constitution of India protects the right to life and personal liberty, which the Supreme Court has expansively interpreted to include the right to a dignified existence, encompassing adequate financial means through pension.

3. Concerns with Finance Act 2025, Part IV: It has come to our notice that the provisions outlined in the Finance Act 2025 concerning the management of pension funds from the Consolidated Fund of India may potentially impose arbitrary restrictions or discriminatory practices against pensioners. Such measures, if proven true, would contravene the protections guaranteed by the Supreme Court under the D.S. Nakara judgment and could undermine the financial security and dignity of countless retired personnel & will infringe the Article 21 & 14 of the constitution of India.

4. Potential Constitutional Violations: Should the Finance Bill indeed impose unreasonable limitations on pension rights, it would not only be in violation of Article 21 but also Article 14, which ensures the right to equality before the law. Any alteration to pension rights must be justified as rational, necessary, and serving a legitimate public interest, as per the dictates of our Constitution.

Appeal for Your Intervention:

Comprehensive Review: We respectfully urge your esteemed office to initiate a thorough review of the Finance Act 2025, Part IV, to ensure all provisions are in harmony with the Constitution and the judgments of the Supreme Court concerning pension rights.

Ensuring Transparency and Justice: We seek assurance that any changes to pension policies are made transparently and justly, respecting the contributions of retired government employees, Supreme court judgement in DS Nakra vs GOI and maintaining the trust placed in our democratic institutions.

We trust in your leadership and commitment to justice, and we look forward to your support in

upholding the rights and dignity of pensioners across the nation.

Thank you for considering our appeal.

With highest regards,

Yours Faithfully, S.C.Maheshwari, Secy Genl B P S

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MEDIA RELEASE Date: 6th April

Pensioners' Associations Appeal for Withdrawal of Recent CCS Pension Rule Amendments.

Leading organizations representing Central Civil Services pensioners have expressed deep concern over the recent amendment to the CCS (Pension) Rules, introduced as part of the Finance Bill, 2025. The amendment, which retrospectively alters pension provisions dating back to 1st June 1972, has alarmed the pensioner community due to its discriminatory implications.

The representatives believe that the change violates the spirit of the Supreme Court's Constitution Bench judgment in D.S. Nakara & Others v. Union of India (1982), which prohibits classification among pensioners based on the date of retirement. They have also expressed disappointment that the amendment was introduced through the Finance Bill, thereby bypassing standard consultative and legislative processes.

A peaceful and widespread demonstration by pensioners on 3rd April 2025 across the country reflected the growing unease among retired employees who devoted their careers to national service. There is apprehension that such a policy could influence similar measures by State Governments, adversely affecting lakhs of pensioners.

The undersigned associations urge the Government of India to reconsider the decision and repeal the amendment in the interest of justice, constitutional propriety, and the welfare of senior citizens.

Issued by:

Secretary General, Bharat Pensioners Samaj (BPS)
General Secretary, All India Federation of Pensioners Association.

Secretary, Karnataka Central Govt. Pensioners Association.

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General Secretary, All India BSNL Pensioners' Welfare Association

General Secretary, Sanchar Nigam Pensioners' Welfare Association

General Secretary, All India Retired BSNL Executives' Welfare Association

General Secretary, BSNL & DOT Pensioners Association (India)

General Secretary, Retired Telecom Officers' Welfare Association, Delhi

General Secretary, Retired Telecom Officers' Welfare Association, Mumbai

General Secretary, MTNL Executives Welfare Association, Mumbai

General Secretary, MTNL Retired Executives Welfare Association, New Delhi

General Secretary, Mumbai Pensioners' Welfare Association

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Economic times 10.04.2025

Pay Commission math doesn't work - Article by Mr Ajay Vir Jakhar

Synopsis

"Historically, pay commission recommendations have led to a fitment factor of around 2.8, implying that salaries could rise nearly 3x. To pre-empt accusations of bias, comparisons are often made between incomes of lower-grade gov employees and those of farmers."

On hearing that MPs have awarded themselves a 24% salary hike, one's thoughts drifted to that class of society known for low performance accountability and high job security: government employees. The class is so powerful that no political party dares to trifle with it. To avoid rocking the boat, academicians, economists and policymakers steer clear of publicly discussing the adverse impact of pay panels, including the forthcoming 8th Commission.

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Incorrect and misleading information The Economic Times 10th April 2025 " Pay Commission Maths Doesn't Work" Article by Mr Ajay Vir Jakhar

Dr Vijay Kumar, Executive Member BPS writes to the Editor Economic Times

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SJ Thursday 10 April, 2025

**Subject: Incorrect and misleading information
 The Economic Times 10th April 2025 “ Pay
 Commission Maths Doesn’t Work”**

Dear Editor,

The article by Mr Ajay Vir Jakhar shows not only incorrect information but is also misleading public opinion through your prestigious paper.

1. There is no comparison between time tested agriculture as a profession and a government job. Both professions have totally different job qualifications, work requirements, legal/ethical considerations, accountability and remuneration.
 2. Income tax issues have been totally ignored in the article. While most of the income tax payers are government servants and pensioners, tax benefits to agriculturists are well known.
 3. Most of agricultural subsidies are funded by income tax realised from government employees and pensioners.
 4. It has been proved time and again that any increase in wages is less than minimum and also most of these are paid back as taxes by salaried class/pensioners.
 5. Last para of article stating “ must freeze budgetary expenditure on salaries and pensions” is far fetched and indicates complete disconnect from ground realities and reeks of extreme bias.
- It is requested that a disclaimer should be posted by your newspaper, so that the views expressed may not influence public opinion wrongfully through your esteemed newspaper.

Dr Vijay Kumar Tel - 8427682400

**Press Statement by Bharat Pensioners Samaj
 (BPS)-10.04.2025**

**In Response to Misplaced Concerns on the 8th
 Pay Commission’s Financial Impact- {Economic
 Times Article-Pay commission Maths Doesn’t
 Work date 10.4.2025}**

Bharat Pensioners Samaj (BPS) strongly refutes the narrative that the 8th Central Pay Commission (CPC) recommendations will strain government finances. This perception is not only misleading but also

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deeply unjust to millions of pensioners who have devoted their lives in service to the nation.

Let us be clear: what the pensioners receive through pay commissions is not a burden — it is a **deferred wage**, a rightful entitlement earned over decades of hard work. The government has ten full years to plan, adjust and manage its financial resources to implement CPC recommendations. If instead, it allows wasteful expenditure to flourish and fails to optimize fiscal management, the blame does not lie with the pensioners but with systemic inefficiencies.

The media and civil society must remember that whatever India has achieved since independence is built on the sweat and toil of those who are today’s pensioners. These individuals have served in critical roles across all sectors — governance, education, security, and infrastructure — laying the very foundations on which the modern Indian state rests. What do these pensioners really get from a pay commission? For a full decade, they endure squeezed Dearness Relief (DR), which does not reflect the actual rise in cost of living. After ten long years, that suppressed DR is merged into the basic pension, and a small portion of the cumulative loss is returned as a “fitment benefit.” The government has clearly benefited from this delayed compensation model — gaining financial room for ten years — and thus has no moral or fiscal justification to now label it a “burden.” {Refer: S. Montek Singh Ahluwalia then Deputy Chairman Planning Commission Statement to PTI 27.02.2008 published on 28.02.2008}

Why then, in the evening of their lives, should these pensioners be subjected to further hardship? Why are they being asked to bear the cost of economic mismanagement, when all they ask for is dignity and peace in their final years?

Pensioners do not demand privilege — they demand justice.

BPS calls upon policymakers, the media, and the informed public to reject this damaging rhetoric. It is time to stop vilifying pensioners and instead uphold the principles of respect, fairness, and responsibility toward those who built the nation.

S.C.Maheshwari, Secretary General, B P S

**From the memory lane-PIB release regarding
BPS - April 20, 2025
Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances &
Pensions**

Secretary (P&PW) addresses members of Bharat Pensioners' Samaj at their office; Reiterates commitment of Government of India to work continuously towards improving pensioners' welfare and 'Ease of Living'

Posted On: 08 JUL 2023 3:45PM by PIB Delhi

Department of Pension & Pensioners' Welfare has taken a number of initiatives for augmenting pensioners' welfare with a view to enhance their 'Ease of Living'. It has been a constant endeavor to take steps to reach out to all pensioners through various modes and spread awareness about the initiatives of DoPPW, thus enabling all pensioners to use the benefits curated specially for them.

DoPPW has been holding awareness programs for pensioners in online mode as well as through interactive meetings to dispense information and also to understand issues faced by pensioners as well as dwell on any suggestions forwarded by them. Under the Pensioners' Portal, DoPPW has registered 50 Pensioners' Associations across the country.

As part of the outreach program of DoPPW, meetings are held with these Associations, online as well as physically, at regular intervals. One such meeting was held with Bharat Pensioners' Samaj, a registered Pensioners' Association, for which Shri V Srinivas, Secretary (P&PW), Shri Sanjiv Narain Mathur, Additional Secretary, DoPPW and other officials from DoPPW visited the Association's office at Jangpura, Delhi on 7th July, 2023.

During the interaction, Secretary (P&PW) apprised the Association members of the various initiatives taken by the department including holding of a Nationwide DLC Campaign, compilation of CCS (Pension) Rules, 2021, development of an Integrated Pensioners' Portal for providing pension

related information to pensioners from a single portal, Nationwide Pension Adalats for on the spot resolution of grievances and Anubhav Awards. The various policies made for the benefit of pensioners, such as pension for widowed, unmarried, divorced daughters were also discussed.

Shri Sanjeev Narain Mathur, Additional Secretary, DoPPW, shared the initiative of the department related to holding of a Nationwide DLC Campaign to enable reach out to pensioners in the remotest corners, with special emphasis on hospitalized and incapacitated pensioners. He informed that the previous Nationwide DLC Campaign held in November 2022, at 37 locations across the country had enabled generation of more than 35 lakh DLCs of Central Government pensioners and a similar Campaign is proposed to be held in November 2023 at 100 locations, in which Pensioners' Associations would be actively involved, being an extended arm of the department.

Shri S C Maheshwari, General Secretary, Bharat Pensioners' Samaj, shared the best practices of the Association which included maintaining a Directory of Members, disseminating information and interacting with members through WhatsApp groups, Newsletters, the Association's website and various Social Media platforms. He gave detailed information about the various activities undertaken by the Association and assured complete support and participation in all initiatives of DoPPW including the proposed Nationwide DLC Campaign. The members of the Association also gave a feedback regarding the nature of pension related grievances received by them and a discussion was held to initiate steps to ensure non-occurrence of issues generating such grievances.

After the meeting, Shri V Srinivas, Secretary (P&PW), Shri Sanjiv Narain Mathur, Additional Secretary, DoPPW alongwith Shri S C Maheshwari, General Secretary, Bharat Pensioners' Samaj and other Association members planted a Mango sapling at Jangpura, Delhi.

Government of India Ministry of Finance-
Department of Expenditure

Rajya Sabha

Unstarred Question No. 2776

Answered on Tuesday, March 25, 2025

"Approval of 8th Central Pay Commission"

2776: Shri Shambhu Sharan Patel, Shri Madan Rathore & Kiran Chaudhry:

Will the Minister of Finance be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the 8th Central Pay Commission (CPC) has been approved;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the estimated number of Central Government employees and pensioners that would benefit from this at the level of the 8th CPC which would boost consumption in the economy?

Answer

Minister of State in The Ministry of Finance (Shri Pankaj Chaudhary)

- (a) & (b): It has been decided by the Government to constitute the 8th Central Pay Commission (CPC).
- (c): The approximate number of Central Government civilian employees and pensioners/family pensioners is 36.57 lakh (as on 01.03.2025) and 33.91 lakh (as on 31.12.2024) respectively. Defence Personnel and Pensioners will also be benefitted.

R/S -Q/A Digitalization of Pension Processing and Direct Benefit Transfers: - March 21, 2025

Digitalization of Pension Processing and Direct Benefit Transfers: Rajya Sabha Unstarred Question No. 2367 Answered on 20.03.2025

Government of India Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions (Department of Pension & Pensioners' Welfare)

Rajya Sabha

Unstarred Question No. 2367 (Answered on 20.03.2025) Digitalization of Pension Processing & Direct Benefit Transfers 2367. Sh Muzibulla Khan:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

- (a) the current status of the digitalization of pension processing in Government departments;

- (b) the number of pensioners who have been migrated to Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) mode;
- (c) whether Government has launched any mobile application for pensioners to track payments; and
- (d) the steps taken to ensure transparency and accountability in pension disburse

Answer

Minister of State in The Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances & Pensions and Minister of State in The Prime Minister's Office (Dr. Jitendra Singh)

- (a) to (d): 'Bhavishya', is an online system of pension processing and monitoring of pensionary benefits to Central Government civil employees. So far, Bhavishya is implemented in 99 Ministries/ Departments/ Apex Bodies, 1032 offices, 9280 DDOs (Drawing and Disbursing Officer) and 2,74,222 PPOs (Pension Payment Order) have been issued as on 13/03/2025.

Through Bhavishya pensioners can download pension slip and Form 16. Bhavishya has a mobile application and is integrated with DigiLocker. Pensioners can get their e-PPO in DigiLoc Government has notified new Single Pension Application Form 6-A wherein existing 9 forms and formats have been merged. Form 6-A is integrated in Bhavishya and e-HRMS portal. Central Pension Accounting Office (CPAO) is a fully computerized office. A wide range of software's/ packages have been developed/ implemented for streamlining pension authorization, accounting, Grievance Redressal etc. Pension cases processed on Bhavishya have enhanced transparency and accountability with timely issue of PPO in 83 percent pension cases.

Government of India Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions (Department of Pension & Pensioners' Welfare)

Lok Sabha

Unstarred Question No. 2991 (Answered on 19.03.2025)

Eligibility Age For Additional Pension Benefits

2991. Shri Manickam Tagore B: Shri Vijayakumar Alias Vijay Vasanth: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

- (a) the rationale behind setting the eligibility age for additional pension benefits at 80;
- (b) whether the Government is considering to reduce this age threshold to 65 years as recommended by the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Pensioner's grievances and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the number of Central Government pensioners expected to benefit from the additional pension scheme and the estimated annual expenditure likely to be incurred under this scheme;
- (d) the measures taken/being taken by the Government to ensure that pensioners receive their additional pension benefits in a timely and transparent manner and there are no delays or discrepancies in the payment process;
- (e) whether the Government is considering to extend the additional pension benefits to State Government pensioners and other categories of retirees and if so, the timeline for implementing this extension; and
- (f) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to address the concerns that the additional pension benefits may not keep pace with inflation and the mechanisms put in place to ensure that the benefits are indexed to rising living costs?

Answer

Minister of State in The Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances & Pensions and Minister of State in The Prime Minister's Office (Dr. Jitendra Singh)

(a) to (f): Government has on the recommendation of the 6th CPC approved the quantum of additional pension of 20% on attaining the age of 80 years, 30% on attaining the age of 85 years, 40% on attaining the age of 90 years, 50% on attaining the age of 95 years and 100% on attaining the age of 100 years, on the rationale that the older pensioners require a better deal because their needs, especially those relating to health, increase with age. The recommendation of the Parliamentary Standing Committee for amendments in additional pension in its 110th report dt 10.12.2021 have been duly examined in the Government and an action taken report was submitted on 06.06.2022. The Parliamentary Standing Committee in its 120th

report dated 08.12.2022 noted the action taken report and observed that the Committee does not wish to pursue this matter for now.

The additional pension is automatically paid to the pensioner/family pensioner by the Pension Disbursing Authorities/Banks as soon as it becomes due. The instructions/guidelines, as issued by the Government from time to time, are there in place ensuring scrupulous and timely payment of additional pension. The grant of additional pension is age based only. To address the concern regarding inflation and rising living costs, Dearness Relief equivalent to Dearness Allowance is payable to the pensioners/family pensioners at such rate as Central Government may specify from time to time. The dearness relief is applicable on additional pension also.

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LS-Q/A— Retirement Age of Government Employees – Government of India confirms No Proposal to Alter Retirement Age. - March 21, 2025 Retirement Age of Government Employees – Government of India confirms No Proposal to Alter Retirement Age. The Government of India, in response to Unstarred Question No. 2999, confirmed that there are no current proposals to change the retirement age for government employees. The Minister of State highlighted that there is no policy to abolish vacancies created by retirements and that data on retirement ages across central and state governments is not centrally maintained. Additionally, there has been no formal request from employee unions regarding changes in retirement age, reflecting a lack of demand for such alterations.

Government of India Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions (Department of Personnel & Training)

Lok Sabha

Unstarred Question No. 2999 (Answered on 19.03.2025) Changes in Retirement Age of Government Employees 2999. Dr. Ganapathy Rajkumar P: Prof. Sougata Ray:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has any proposal to change the retirement age of Government employees of the country and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether there is any policy to abolish the vacancy created from retirement of employees and if so, the details thereof along with the number of posts abolished since 2014;
- (c) the details of retirement age of the Government employees of Central Government and various State Governments;
- (d) the reasons for non uniformity in retirement age for Government employees irrespective of Central and State Governments; and
- (e) whether any Government employees' union/ organizations demanded changes in retirement age and if so, the details thereof?

Answer

Minister of State in The Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances & Pensions and Minister of State in The Prime Minister's Office (Dr. Jitendra Singh)

(a) & (b): No proposal to change the retirement age of Government employees is under consideration of the Government. The Government has no policy to abolish the vacancy created from retirement of employees.

(c) & (d): No such data is centrally maintained in the Government as the subject matter falls in the State List.

(e): No formal proposal has been received from staff side of National Council (Joint Consultative machinery).

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UNIFIED PENSION SCHEME – Whether the UPS will resolve identified the problems of NPS? Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 3681 answered on 24.03.2025

Government of India Ministry of Finance

Department of Financial Services

Lok Sabha

Unstarred Question No. 3681 Answered on

Monday, 24 March, 2025/ Chaitra 3, 1947 (Saka)

Implementation of Unified Pension Scheme 3681.

Shri Dharmendra Yadav

Will the Minister of Finance be pleased to state:

- (a) the timeline for full implementation of Unified Pension Scheme (UPS) and the manner in which it is likely to impact the existing New Pension Scheme (NPS) Subscribers;
- (b) the likely long-term financial viability for UPS in comparison to NPS for the Government;
- (c) the difference between investment flexibility in NPS and
- (d) whether the Government has identified the problems of NPS and if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) whether the UPS will resolve the above problems, if so, the details thereof?

Answer

Minister of State for Finance
(Shri Pankaj Chaudhary)

(a) Unified Pension Scheme (UPS) has been notified by the Government on 24.01.2025, as an option under National Pension System (NPS) with the objective of providing assured monthly payout after retirement to the Central Government employees covered under the NPS. The UPS has been envisaged to address the demand of the employees covered under National Pension System (NPS) regarding assured pension after retirement while ensuring fiscally responsible funded and contributory pension scheme.

(b) UPS is a defined contribution scheme with elements of defined benefit. It relies on the regular and timely accumulation and investment of applicable contributions (from both the employee and the employer) for assured payout to the employees. The monthly contribution of the UPS subscriber shall be ten percent of the basic pay and dearness allowance matched by the Central Government by crediting an equal amount, to the individual PRAN of the UPS subscriber. The Central Government shall also make an additional contribution at an estimated eight and half percent of basic pay plus dearness allowance of all employees who opt the UPS, to the pool corpus on aggregate basis. The additional contribution is for supporting assured payouts under the Unified Pension Scheme to ensure long-term financial viability of UPS.

(c) Presently, Central Government subscribers are allowed to choose any of the pension funds registered with PFRDA and exercise investment options from (a) 100% investments in Government securities; (b) Conservative Life Cycle fund with maximum equity exposure capped to 25%; (c) Moderate Life Cycle fund with maximum equity exposure capped to 50%; and (d) Default scheme. Under UPS, the employee can exercise investment choices for the individual corpus alone. Such investment choices shall be regulated by the Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority. If an employee does not exercise an investment choice on individual corpus, the 'default pattern' of investment will apply. The investment decisions for the pool corpus built through the additional Central Government contribution solely rests with Central Government.

(d) & (e) NPS is a defined contribution-based scheme with market linked returns for postretirement benefits. An NPS review committee was constituted to suggest measures as are appropriate to modify the NPS with a view of improving upon the pensionary benefits of Government employees covered under NPS, keeping in view the fiscal implications and impact on overall budgetary space, so that fiscal prudence is maintained to protect the common citizens. UPS is a defined contribution-based schemes with elements of defined benefit which addresses the concerns regarding assured payout after retirement

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Grant of Notional Increment on 1st July/1st January to the employees who retired from Central Government service on 30th June/31st December respectively for the purpose of calculating their pensionary benefits.

Government of India Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions (Department of Personnel & Training)

Rajya Sabha

Unstarred Question No. 3798

(Answered on 03.04.2025)

Grant of Notional Increment To The Employees

3798. Shri Nagendra Ray:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has issued orders for grant of notional increment on 1st July/1st January to the employees who retired from Central Government service on 30th June/31st December respectively for the purpose of calculating their pensionary benefits;

(b) if so, the date from which this order has been applicable and implemented; and

(c) whether the implementation of the order is applicable to the employees who have retired prior to 2023?

Answer

Minister of State in The Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances & Pensions and Minister of State in The Prime Minister's Office (Dr. Jitendra Singh)

(a): Yes. Instructions in this regard were issued vide D/o Personnel & Training's O.M. No. 19/116/2024-Pers.Pol. (Pay)(pt) dated 14.10.2024 in pursuance of the Interim Order dated 06.09.2024 passed by the Hon'ble Supreme Court in M.A. Dy. No. 2400/2024, and after due consultation with D/o Legal Affairs and D/o Expenditure.

(b) and (c): It has been provided in para 6 of D/o Personnel & Training's O.M. No. 19/116/2024-Pers. Pol. (Pay)(pt) dated 14.10.2024 that the judgment dated 11.04.2023 will be given effect to in case of third parties from the date of the judgment, that is, the pension by taking into account one increment will be payable on and after 01.05.2023. Enhanced pension for the period prior to 30.04.2023 will not be paid. In case any retired employee has filed any application or writ petition and a beneficial order has been passed, the enhanced pension by including one increment will be payable from the month in which the application for intervention/impleadment was filed

Eligibility Age for Additional Pension Benefits – Information on Parliamentary Standing Committee Report - March 21, 2025

Eligibility Age for Additional Pension Benefits – Information on Parliamentary Standing Committee Report – The Indian Government’s Ministry of Personnel addressed Unstarred Question No. 2991 concerning the eligibility age for additional pension benefits. The current eligibility is set at 80 years, justified by increased health-related needs of older pensioners. Recommendations to lower this age to 65, as suggested by the Parliamentary Standing Committee, have been reviewed but not pursued further. The additional pension is automatically disbursed, with measures in place to ensure timely payments. To counter inflation, dearness relief applicable to pensions is provided. The government is also considering extending these benefits to state pensioners, although no specific timeline has been established.

Unified Pension Scheme to start from April 1. Check eligibility and contribution - 21.03.2025

The Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (PFRDA) has announced new rules for the Unified Pension Scheme (UPS), which will be effective from April 1, 2025.

The said rules, called “Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (Operationalisation of Unified Pension Scheme under National Pension System) Regulations, 2025” have been notified on March 19, 2025.

This scheme will be available as an option for central government employees who are currently under the National Pension System (NPS).

WHO CAN JOIN UPS?

UPS will be available to central government employees who meet specific criteria. This includes existing employees under NPS as of 1st April 2025. It also includes newly recruited employees joining central government services on or after April 1, 2025 (must opt in within 30 days of joining).

Those who retired from NPS on or before 31st March 2025, whether through superannuation or voluntarily, can also participate.

Furthermore, the legally wedded spouse of a retired employee who passed away before making the UPS choice is also eligible.

India’s unified pensions scheme; why is it a game changer?

What is The Monthly Contribution Under UPS?

As per the gazette notification, employees will contribute 10% of their basic pay and dearness allowance (DA) each month.

The government will match this amount and contribute an additional 8.5% of basic pay and DA, to support guaranteed payouts.

It must be noted that the minimum guaranteed payout under UPS is Rs 10,000 per month, provided the employee has at least 10 years of service.

Notification from the Pension Fund Regulatory & Development Authority (PFRDA), dt 19.03.2025.

It outlines regulations for the implementation of the Unified Pension Scheme (UPS) under the National Pension System (NPS) specifically designed for Centl Govt employees. - 22.03.2025

Notification from the Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (PFRDA), dated March 19, 2025. It outlines regulations for the implementation of the Unified Pension Scheme (UPS) under the National Pension System (NPS) specifically designed for Central Government employees.

Key highlights of the document include:

1. Applicability and Eligibility:

* Applicable from April 1, 2025, for existing Central Government employees under NPS, new recruits joining after this date, and eligible retirees or their spouses who retired on or before March 31, 2025.

* Options to enroll must be exercised within specified timelines and are irreversible once chosen.

2. Enrolment Procedure:

* Eligible employees must submit applications through designated forms, either physically or via the Central Recordkeeping Agency (CRA) online portal.

* Employees will be assigned or retain their Permanent Retirement Account Number (PRAN), specifically tagged for UPS.

3. Contribution and Corpus:

* Monthly contributions by subscribers are 10% of their basic pay plus Dearness Allowance, matched equally by the Central Government.

* An additional pool corpus is established, comprising an 8.5% government contribution and other contributions as defined.

4. Investment Management:

* Contributions will be invested by pension funds following guidelines issued by the Central Government, with both default investment patterns and individual choices available.

* Subscribers have options to invest in schemes like government securities or equity-based lifecycle funds.

5. Payout and Benefits:

* Assured monthly payouts based on average last 12 months' pay, with guaranteed minimum monthly payouts of Rs. 10,000 subject to certain conditions.

* Provisions for lump-sum payments at retirement based on length of service.

* Family payout to spouse upon subscriber's death, equating to 60% of the subscriber's admissible payout.

6. Partial Withdrawal Conditions:

* Allowed after three years of enrollment, restricted to 25% of personal contributions, permissible only under specific circumstances like higher education, marriage of children, housing needs, or medical expenses.

7. Operational Roles and Responsibilities:

* Roles clearly defined for intermediaries such as NPS Trust, CRA, pension funds, trustee banks, & custodians for smooth operationalization of UPS.

8. Regulatory and Administrative Framework:

* Detailed guidelines on fee structures, grievance redressal, inspection, audit procedures, confidentiality obligations, and conflict of interest avoidance.

In essence, this Notification provides a comprehensive regulatory framework designed to offer secured, regulated pension benefits to Central Govt employees, ensuring financial stability post-retirement under a structured investment and payout system.

Efficient & Effective management of litigations by Government of India-April 06, 2025

Directive for the Efficient & Effective management of litigations by Govt of India - April 06, 2025

Directive for the Efficient and Effective Management of Litigation by Government of India: Department of Legal Affairs O.M. dated 04.04.2025 F.No. J-18/5/2016-Judicial Government of India

Ministry of Law and Justice Department of Legal Affairs Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi dt 04.04.2025

Subject: Directive for the Efficient and Effective Management of Litigation by Government of India
In line with the recommendations of the Committee of Secretaries (CoS) led by the Cabinet Secretary, the Department of Legal Affairs, Ministry of Law and Justice, has framed the 'Directive for the Efficient and Effective Management of Litigation by Government of India', which is an integrated approach in reinforcing the goal of good governance and ensuring public welfare and timely dispensation of justice. The Directive shall apply to all Central Government Ministries/Departments., their attached and subordinate offices, autonomous bodies and for arbitration matters to CPSEs as well. State Governments may also consider adopting the Directive.

2. The Directive seeks to introduce effective measures to simplify legal processes, prevent unnecessary litigation, address inconsistencies in notifications and orders, minimize unwarranted appeals, streamline inter-departmental coordination in litigation, ensure greater public accountability in arbitration matters, and establish a strong Knowledge Management System (KMS) to improve overall efficiency. A copy of the Directive is enclosed herewith for necessary action.

3. A review of the implementation of the recommendations, enshrined in the Directive, will be conducted by the Committee of Secretaries, chaired by the Cabinet Secretary.

4. This issues with approval of the Competent Authority.

Encl: As above.

(Dhruva Kumar Singh) Chief Controller of Accounts Phone No. 011-23384446

Exemption from Tax Deduction on Withdrawals under Section 80CCA – Income Tax Notification No. 27/2025 dated 04.04.2025

The Gazette of India CG-DL-E-04042025-262293 Extra Ordinary Part II—Section 3—Sub-section (ii) Published By Authority No. 1596] NEW Delhi, Friday, April 4, 2025/Chaitra 14, 1947 Ministry of Finance (Department of Revenue) (Central Board of Direct Taxes) Notification New Delhi, the 4th April, 2025 No. 27/2025 (INCOME-TAX)

Exemption from Tax Deduction on Withdrawals under Section 80CCA

S.O. 1615(E).—In exercise of the powers conferred by sub-section (1F) of section 197A of the Income-tax Act, 1961 (43 of 1961), the Central Government hereby specifies that no deduction of tax shall be made under section 194EE of the Act on payment of amount referred to in clause (a) of sub-section (2) of section 80CCA, which is withdrawn by an assessee being an individual, on or after the date of publication of this notification in the Official Gazette.

[F. No. 370142/13/2025-TPL] Surbendu Thakur, Under Secy. (Tax Policy and Legislation)

Enforcement of Sections of the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (RPwD) Act 2016: Railway Board Order dated 06.02.2025

Government of India Ministry of Railways Rly Bd) No.2025/E(LL)/RPwD/1 Delhi, dated: 6.2.2025
The General Managers, All Zonal Railways, Metro Railway/Kolkata, CORE/Prayagraj, RWO/Bela, WPO/Patna, The Director General, RDSO, Lucknow, The Director General, NAIR, Vadodara.
Sub: Enforcement of Sections of the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (RPwD) Act 2016.
Please find enclosed herewith a copy of DO Letter No.CC-12016/1/2023-CCPD dated 13.01.2025 received from Joint Secretary, Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities, Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment (Divyangjan) regarding lack of awareness and sensitivity in government establishments about provisions 6f the RPwD Act-2016. The Act provides several rights

to the persons with disabilities with respect to education, employment, accessibility, justice etc. However, the government establishments are not responding to the notices and recommendations issued under the provisions of the Act by statutory authorities.

2. Zonal Railways/Production Units/PSUs & other units are advised to sensitize the concerned officials and make aware the importance of provisions/sections of RPwD Act, 2016 and its adherence as mentioned in DO letter ibid, for ensuring the rights and dignity of persons with disabilities and fostering an inclusive environment within the organization.

DA:- As Above

(M.K. Meena) Director Estt (LL) Railway Board

Amendments related to Tax Deduction at Source (TDS) deductions under various sections of Income Tax Act 1961 notified in the Finance Act 2025 w.e.f. 01 April, 2025: SB Order No. 06/2025 dated 04.04.2025

SB Order No. 06/2025 FS-10/1/2022-FS-DOP GoI Ministry of Communications Deptt of Posts (Financial Services Division) Dak Bhawan, New Delhi — 110001 Dated: 04.04.2025

To, All Heads of Circle/Region

Subject: Amendments related to Tax Deduction at Source (TDS) deductions under various sections of Income Tax Act 1961 notified in the Finance Act 2025 w.e.f. 01 April, 2025 — Reg.

Madam / Sir,

This is with reference to amendments made vide Finance Act, 2025, published on the 29th March 2025.

2. In accordance with the Finance Act, 2025, provisions related to TDS deduction under various sections of Income Tax Act 1961 have been amended as under:

2.1 'In section 194A of the Income-tax Act, in sub-section (3),— (a) in clause (i),—

i. for the words “forty thousand rupees”, wherever they occur, the words ‘fifty thousand rupees’ shall be substituted;

ii. in sub-clause (d), for the words “five thousand rupees”, the words “ten thousand rupees” shall be substituted;

iii. in the third proviso,—

A. for the words “forty thousand rupees”, the words “fifty thousand rupees” shall be substituted;

B. for the words “fifty thousand rupees”, the words “one lakh rupees” shall be substituted;

2.2. “In section 80CCA of the Income-tax Act, in sub-section (2), after the first proviso, the following proviso shall be inserted and shall be deemed to have been inserted with effect from the 29th August, 2024, namely:— “Provided further that the amount referred to in clause (a) which is withdrawn on or after the 29th August, 2024, shall not be charged to tax in the case of an assessee, being an individual”.

2.3 “In section 194H of the Income-tax Act, in the first proviso, for the words “fifteen thousand rupees”, the words “twenty thousand rupees” shall be substituted”

3. It is requested to circulate it to all concerned for information and necessary guidance. This may also be placed on the notice board of all Post Offices in public area.

4. This issues with the approval of the Competent Authority

Encl. As above.

Deven Kumar Sharma Asst Dtr (SB-II)

Seeding bank account details with UAN – Important change in procedure now no requirement of uploading of cheque leaf/passbook and employer approval: EPFO Order dated 03.04.2025

Employees Provident Fund Orgn (Min of Labour & Employment GoI) Head Office Plate A G Flr. Blk II. East Kidwai Nagar, New Delhi- 110023 No: WSU/IssuesofBKG/E-49885/2024-25/16 dt: 3.4.25 To, All ACC (HQ)/ACC (Zones) All RPFC-I/ RPFC-II/APFC OICs

Subject: Removal of uploading of the image of cheque leaf/ attested bank passbook and Removal of the requirement of Employer approval for seeding bank account details with UAN -reg.

Madam/Sir,

BHARAT PENSIONER

In continuation of earlier efforts to facilitate the speedy settlement of claims filed online and to reduce the rejection of claims due to the reason of non-uploading of the image of cheque leaf/ attested bank passbook while filing claims online, it has been decided that the members shall not be required to upload the image of cheque leaf/ attested bank passbook at the time of filing a claim provided the bank account seeded with UAN is validated by concerned bank/NPCI, with effect from the date of this circular.

It has also been decided that there shall be no requirement of approval of Employer in the bank account seeding process henceforth. Further, all requests pending for bank KYC seeding at Employer level will be auto-approved following the verification process from the Bank/NPCI.

[This has the approval of CPFC]

Yours sincerely,

G. R. Suchindranath, ACC (WSU)

Payment of past contributions of employees by an employer through Demand Draft: EPFO Order dated 03.04.2025

Employees Provident Fund Orgn (Min of Labour & Employment, GoI) Head Office Blk II, East Kidwai Nagar. New Delhi – 110023

Ref: Compliance/DD/ Remittances/M/sLabournet Services India Pvt Ltd/2025 Date: 03.04.2025

To, All Addl.CPFC(HQ)s / ACCs, Zonal Offices

All OICs, Regl Offices All OICs, District Offices

Subject: Payment of past contributions of employees by an employer through Demand Draft – reg.

Madam/Sir,

References have been received from Field Offices from time to time seeking guidance in cases where the employer is not able to remit the past dues in respect of the beneficiary employees through Electronic Challan-cum-Return (ECR) but has agreed to pay the said dues through Demand Draft.

2. The matter has been examined and although the filing of the ECR and remittance of dues through internet banking should be the preferred mode of remittance, not allowing the employer to remit the

employee contribution deducted from the employees' wages and employer contribution should be avoided.

3. It is therefore clarified that where the Officer-in-Charge of the Region is satisfied that such request is for a one-time payment of past dues and the employer is not seeking a mode other than the internet banking for the payment of future remittances, he may collect the dues in the manner as is practiced for recovery of any demand in arrear, i.e., through a Demand Draft in the name of RPFC-in-Charge of the Region and payable at the bank branch where the Regional Office concerned holds a bank account.

4. An undertaking from the employer should be obtained for verification of beneficiaries in case a claim arises.

5. Further, all out efforts should be made to collect the returns from the employer.

6. The corresponding Damages and Interest payable by the employer should be timely determined and collected from the employer in the manner already specified in the Compliance Manual. (This issues with the approval of Competent Authority)

(Arun Kumar) Regl PF Commner-I (Compliance)

Operationalisation of Unified Pension Scheme under National Pension System Regulations - 2025: Rly Bd RBA No. 12/2025 dated 02.04.2025
GoI Min of Rlys (Rly Bd) RBA NO.12 /2025 No. 2025/AC-II/21/9- Part(2)/ e 3493218 New Delhi, dt: 02.04.2025 General Managers, All Zonal Rlys/PUs
Sub:- Operationalisation of Unified Pension Scheme under national Pension System Regulations -2025- regarding.

Ref:- 1.Bd's ltr No. F(E)IN/2025/UPS/1 dt 28.03.2025 (RBE No. 25/2025)

2. Bd's ltr No 2025/AC-II/21/9-(PART92)/33493218 dt 30.3.25 (RBA No. 9/2025 & RBA No. 10/2025)

In continuation of the directives issued by Board vide cited above on the subject, suitable arrangements may be made to ensure the following:

1. Training Campaigns for dealing staff:

Training Campaigns in detail may be conducted to all the staff assigned with the duties related to NPS

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and Migration of NPS-UPS . In such campaigns, the staff may be educated in sufficient detail regarding the roles and responsibilities of DDOs and PAOs in operationalisation of the UPS scheme. [adisnerter name="p13]

2. Awareness Campaigns among the eligible NPS employees:

Awareness campaigns may also be organized for educating the eligible NPS employees about the details of the scheme and on-line submission of the forms for opting of the scheme.

3. An immediate drive for rectification of missing contributions of the NPS employees for the past period shall also be launched jointly by PCPOs and PFAs.

It is also reiterated that operational guidelines on Unified Pension Scheme are available at the website the link of which is <https://www.npsra.nsdl.co.in/ups.php>

These instructions may be noted and notified to all concerned.

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Issuance of CGHS serving card to serving CG employee upon deduction of monthly CGHS contribution – Clarification: CPWD O.M. dated 07.04.2025

F. No.11/03/2024-EC. VII/134 (H) GoI Directorate
Genl Central Public Works Deptt Nirman Bhawan,
New Delhi : 07.04.2025

Subject: Issuance of CGHS serving card to serving Central Govt. employee upon deduction of monthly CGHS contribution- regarding.

The undersigned is directed to refer to MoOH&FW OM No. S-6252/2003-2004-R&H/CGHS/CGHS(P) dt 15.0.2004 (copy enclosed) on subject cited above.

2. All SDGs/ADGs are requested to ensure that all the employees of CPWD who are contributing towards the CGHS are issued with CGHS cards. In case where the Govt. Servants in spite of written intimation/Memorandum do not apply for a CGHS card, such cases may be immediately reported to Senior Officers for taking suitable action.

3. This issues with the approval of the Competent Authority.

Enclose: As above

F.NO.S-6252/2003-2004-R&H/CGHS/CGHS (P)

Government of India Ministry of Health & Family Welfare (Department of Health) Nizman Bhawan, New Delhi Dated the 15th June, 2004.

Subject:- Issue of CGHS serving card to the serving Central Govt. employees upon deduction of monthly CGHS contribution – Clarification regarding –

The undersigned is directed to state that various Ministries/Departments of the Govt. of India are raising the question of accrual of CGHS benefits to the 'Central Govt. Servants.

2. In this connection, it is stated that as per CGHS rules, th benefits Of CGHS accrue from the date on which the Central Govt. Servant applies for a CGHS card. Further, the CGHS is a compulsory scheme for all Central Govt. employees having their place of residence as recorded in the service book in an area covered by a CGHS dispensary. Therefore, as soon as the Govt. employee joins a particular Office and intimates his/her residential address that falls in a CGHS covered areas, the Administration Branch officially intimates the Cash Branch to start deducting the monthly CGHS contribution from the salary of the Govt. Servant. This is not linked/made conditional to the Govt. Servant filling up the necessary forms and applying to his Administration Branch for getting a CGHS card.

4. In some cases, the administrative Ministry/ Department have referred medical reimbursement cases to the Department of Health wherein the Govt. servant has been regularly contributing towards the CGHS by way of deductions from the monthly salary but he/she has not applied to his Administration Branch for obtaining a GGHS Card by filling up the necessary forms.

3. The Matter has been considered in the Department of Health and it is of the view that if the CGHS contribution were being compulsorily deducted from the monthly salary of the Govt. employee, it would be unfair to deny the Govt. servant the benefit of CGHS facilities merely on

the ground that he/she had not applied to the Administration Branch for getting a CGHS card. As a Matter of fact, if the concerned Office/ Department is regularly deducting the CGHS contribution from the monthly salary of the Govt. servant, it is the. responsibility of the said Office/ Department to ensure that a CGHS card is issued to such Govt. servants.

4. In view of the above, the Administration/Estt. Branches of all the Ministries/Departments of the Govt. of India are requested to ensure that all such Govt. servants who are contributing towards the CGHS are issued with CCHS cards. In cases where the Govt. servants in spite of written intimation/ Memorandum do not apply for a CGHS card, such cases may be immediately reported to the Senior Officers for taking suitable action.

(ANUPPANDEY) DIRECTOR

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Dearness Allowance to Railway employees — Revised Rates effective from 01.01.2025: Railway Board Order RBE No. 31/2025 dated 09.04.2025 Government of India Ministry of Railways Rly Board PC-VII No.- 225 RBE No : 31/2025 File No. PC-VII/2016/1/7/2/1 New Delhi, dated: 09.04.2025 The General Manager/CAOs(R), All India Rlys & Production Units, (As per mailing list)

Sub:- Grant of Dearness Allowance to Railway employees — Revised Rates effective from 01.01.2025.

The undersigned is directed to refer to this Ministry's letter RBE No. 99/2024 dated 22.10.2024 (F.No. PC-VII/2016/1/7/2/1) on the subject mentioned above and to say that the President is pleased to decide that the Dearness Allowance payable to Railway employees shall be enhanced from the existing rate of 53% to 55% of the Basic Pay with effect from 1st January, 2025.

2. The term 'Basic Pay' in the revised pay structure means the pay drawn in the prescribed Level in the Pay Matrix as per 7th CPC recommendations accepted by the Government, but does not include any other type of pay like special pay, etc.

3. The Dearness Allowance will continue to be distinct element of remuneration and will not be

treated as pay within the ambit of Rule 1303 (FR 9(21)), Indian Railway Establishment Code, Volume —II (Sixth Edition — 1987) — Second Reprint 2005.

4. The payment on account of Dearness Allowance involving fractions of 50 paise and above may be rounded to the next higher rupee and the fractions of less than 50 paise may be ignored.

5. The payment of arrears of Dearness Allowance shall not be made before the date of disbursement of salary of March, 2025.

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

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Implementation of Health Management Information System developed by C-DAC for CGHS – Operational Guidelines and Transition Plan – www.cghs.mohfw.gov.in - April 25, 2025

F.No. 44/103/MCTC/CGHS/2025/I/3760224/2025 (Comp No. 8324219)

Subject: Implementation of Health Management Information System developed by C-DAC for CGHS – Operational Guidelines and Transition Plan

The Central Government Health Scheme (CGHS) has been providing healthcare services to central government employees, pensioners, and other eligible categories since 1954. The existing software system, developed in 2005, has not undergone version upgrades in nearly two decades and was deemed technically obsolete. Consequently, CGHS undertook a comprehensive assessment and decided to adopt the "Health Management Information System (HMIS)" developed by the Centre for Development of Advanced Computing (C-DAC), a government agency under MeitY.

1. Timeline and Impact on Existing Services

The new C-DAC developed software will be made operational from 28th April 2025.

CGHS services will be suspended on 26th April 2025 for final transition activities.

A parallel run of both existing and C-DAC systems for providing continuity of Pharmacy services.

From 28th April 2025, the old CGHS websites www.cghs.gov.in and www.cghs.nic.in will be deactivated.

All services and information will henceforth be hosted on the new unified CGHS Digital Platform at: www.cghs.mohfw.gov.in

2. Key Operational Changes and Procedures

(a) Payment Procedure

Contribution payments will now be auto-verified through direct integration (Line of Business Application Integration) with Bharat Kosh.

There will be no manual choosing of options or entry of details on Bharat Kosh portal, eliminating errors and refund issues.

From 28th April 2025, the existing payment purpose on Bharat Kosh portal will be disabled.

All applications for which contribution payment has not been made by 27th April 2025 will lapse.

New applications must be submitted exclusively through www.cghs.mohfw.gov.in.

The contribution amount will be processed via the portal after verification.

(b) Public Dealing Suspension

All CGHS Wellness Centres will remain closed to public interaction on 26th April 2025.

(c) Departmental Identification

Department identity for serving employees will be based on PAO (Pay and Accounts Office) and DDO (Drawing and Disbursing Officer) codes.

Applicants are advised to refer to their salary slips for correct PAO/DDO codes.

Until a department is onboarded, physical submission at CGHS Card Sections will continue.

(d) User Access and Login

All beneficiaries will be required to reset their passwords on first login.

SMS and email alerts will be sent for application progress.

A CGHS mobile app is available.

3. New Functionalities and Service Enhancements
PAN-based unique beneficiary identification, eliminating duplication

Pre-payment application scrutiny to prevent errors and refund cases

Auto-verification of contribution via Bharat Kosh/ PFMS

Real-time application tracking and acknowledgement system

Online services for card transfer, dependent addition, and card type change applications

4. Measures for Seamless Transition and Support

(a) Data Migration and Security

All existing beneficiary data shall be migrated securely

No loss of historical records of Pharmacy, Referral or card information

Strict compliance with data privacy and security protocols has been ensured

(b) Support and Training

Master Trainers have been deployed across CGHS AD offices and major Wellness Centres.

User manuals and helpdesk facilities are available on CGHS Website and myCGHS App for beneficiaries, departments, and CGHS staff.

(c) Contact and Help

Official portal: ?? www.cghs.mohfw.gov.in

Queries may be addressed to the respective Additional Director (AD) Office or CGHS Card Section

This transition aims to deliver a transparent and future-ready digital health service platform for CGHS.

Advisory for Beneficiaries and Departments

From 28th April onwards, CGHS Contributions shall be made only through CGHS Website:

?? www.cghs.mohfw.gov.in

The existing manual process on www.bharatkosh.gov.in will discontinue from 28th April 2025.

Applications for CGHS services in progress but not paid for by 27th April 2025 will lapse.

A fresh application will be required through the new portal.

All Beneficiaries aged above 18 years are advised to link their PAN Card with their CGHS Beneficiary ID and apply for corrections in case of any errors. Departments may contact CGHS regarding Onboarding on the new platform (Instructions to be issued subsequently)

(Dr. Sateesh Y.H.)

Director, CGHS

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CGHS rules revamped: Old websites shut down, major service changes for beneficiaries from April 28

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CGHS rule changes: A major digital change is happening in the Central Government Health Scheme (CGHS). From 28 April 2025, the new digital platform and Health Management Information System (HMIS) of CGHS will be fully launched. With this, the old websites <http://www.cghs.gov.in> and <http://www.cghs.nic.in> will be closed. Now all the services will be available through the new portal <http://www.cghs.mohfw.gov.in>, according to a Health Ministry circular.

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Apart from this, a new CGHS mobile app has also been launched for Android and iOS users, which has better interface and digital services.

To implement this change smoothly, all the services of CGHS – including health centers – are closed for one day on 26 April 2025 (Saturday). During this time the work of data migration and system switching will be completed, so that the new system can start without any interruption.

What are the new changes?

Now CGHS beneficiaries will be identified through PAN number. This will eliminate the need to re-check documents and make it easier to confirm eligibility.

Contribution payments will now be directly linked to the Bharat Kosh portal. This means that there will be no need to make manual entries, which will also reduce problems related to errors and refunds.

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In the new system, on applying for a card, first full information about eligibility and contribution amount will be given. Only after that payment will have to be made. This will eliminate the problem of depositing money without information.

Facilities like card transfer, adding dependents or other changes in the card will now be available completely online. This will save time and people will not have to visit the office.

You will now keep getting updates through SMS and email at every step of the process of every application. This will increase transparency and reduce the need to follow-up at any stage.

Keeping cyber security in mind, all existing users will have to reset their password when logging in for the first time. This step has been taken to protect the system from threats like hacking.

Apart from this, now the departments will be identified by their DDO (Drawing and Disbursing Officer) and PAO (Pay and Accounts Officer) codes, as recorded in the salary slips of the employees. This will also strengthen the backend records of the officers.

Why was this change necessary?

The old software of CGHS was being used continuously since 2005. But now it had become technically very old and had become weak in terms of new IT standards and cyber security. With the arrival of the new HMIS system, CGHS services will not only be available faster, but they will also be more secure, transparent and user-friendly. This will give a better experience to millions of beneficiaries and the operation of government health services will be even more effective.

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Recovery from Family Pensioner after five years is not permissible in law in absence of fraud or misrepresentation – Madras High Court – 21-03-2025. - March 25, 2025

2025:MHC:727

WP(MD).22607 of 2022

Before The Madurai Bench of Madras High Court
Reserved on : 13.03.2025

Pronounced on : 21.03.2025

Coram:

The Honourable Mr. Justice Shamim Ahmed

WP(MD)No.22607 of 2022

WMP(MD)Nos.16775 and 16776 of 2022

A.Pavunammal, W/o.B.Aandappan (Late)

No.7/35, Sempatti, Andakulam Post

Kulathur, Pudukottai Petitioner(s)

Vs

1. The Accountant General (A&E), Department of
Treasuries and Accounts, Chennai-18

2. The District Treasury Officer, Pudukottai

3. The Assistant Treasury Officer, Sub Treasury
Keeranur, Pudukottai

Respondent(s)

Prayer:- This Writ Petition has been filed, under the Article 226 of the Constitution of India, to issue a Writ of Certiorari to call for the records relating to the order passed by the 3rd Respondent, in proceedings in Na.Ka.No.312A, dated 22.08.2022 and to quash the same.

For Petitioner(s) : Mr.Alagia Nambi

For Respondent(s) : Mrs.S.Mahalakshmi-R1

Mr.D.Sadiq Raja, AGP and

Mr.P.Thambidurai, GA-RR2 and 3

ORDER

1. This Writ Petition has been filed, under the Article 226 of the Constitution of India, to issue a Writ of Certiorari to call for the records, relating to the order passed by the 3rd Respondent, in proceedings in Na.Ka.No.312A, dt 22.08.2022 & to quash the same.

2. The facts of case, in a nutshell, led to filing of this Writ Petition and necessary for disposal of same, are that the Petitioner's husband, B.Aandappan had joined as a Village Head Man on 17.05.1957 and after his retirement, he died on 19.11.2017. By the GO.Ms.No.828 (Rev), dated

23.08.1996, family pension was sanctioned in favour of the Petitioner from 19.12.2018 onwards. The Petitioner received the entitled pending pension amount and she also started to receive the family pension at the rate of Rs.6,750/- p.m. While so, in the year 2022, the 3rd Respondent had passed the impugned order, dated 22.08.2022, stating that since it was found, during the audit conducted by the concerned Authorities that an excess family pension amount to the tune of Rs.2,94,233/- was paid to her for the period from 20.11.2017 to 31.07.2022, the Petitioner had to repay the above said excess amount. From 01.08.2022 onwards, the pension amount was not credited in her pension account till date to recover the alleged excess pension amount paid to her. Hence, contending that unless the impugned order of recovery is set aside, she will be put to irreparable loss and hardship, since she is the sole bread-winner of the family and relying on various decisions of the Honourable Supreme Court and the High Courts, passed in similar circumstances, this Writ Petition has been filed, seeking the prayer as stated above.

3. In the counter affidavit filed by the 3rd Respondent, it is stated as follows:-

(a) The husband of the Petitioner, B.Aandappan had joined as a Village Head Man on 17.05.1957 and after his retirement, he died on 19.11.2017. The husband of the Petitioner was dismissed from service with special ordinance passed by the Government of Tamil Nadu, with effect from 14.11.1980. Then, as per GO.Ms.No.828, dated 23.08.1996, he was authorised to receive a special pension of Rs.175/- with effect from 05.12.1986 and at Rs.250/- from 22.07.1998, by the 1st Respondent, vide Pension Payment Order No. 52871/VOA and he was drawing pension from the Office of the 3rd Respondent.

(b) As per the GO.Ms.No.336, Finance Department, dated 17.11.2017, the pension was revised at Rs.6750/- with effect from 01.10.2017. Based on the application of the Petitioner, seeking family pension, she was sanctioned the family pension of Rs.6,750/- plus allowance per month as per the Rules in force with effect from 20.11.2017 by the 3rd Respondent

by the Order No.49/2018/A1, dated 19.02.2018 and she was paid family pension upto July 2022 in the above mentioned rate of pension.

(c) While so, during the Audit of Keeranur Sub Treasury records by the Regional Joint Director of Treasuries and Accounts, Trichy during July 2022, it was found that though the Petitioner is a Ex.V.O's Family Pensioner, she is eligible for the pension of Rs.2,250/- plus allowances only with effect from 20.11.2017 as per G.O.Ms.No.336, Finance Department, dated 17.11.2017 and hence, excess payment of pension and allowances amounting to Rs.2,94,233/- has to be recovered from the Petitioner. During the Audit, the Petitioner had also given a consent letter, dated 22.08.2022 to recover the excess amount in monthly instalment basis at the rate of Rs.3,000/- p.m. from her monthly pension. Only on the basis of the consent letter for recovery of the excess pension amount paid to her, the 3rd Respondent had passed the impugned order, dated 22.08.2022 for recovery of the excess pension amount paid to the Petitioner and revised the monthly pension from Rs.6,750/- to Rs.2250/- from August 2022 onwards. Since the Petitioner's family pension is not in consonance with the GO.Ms.No.336, dated 17.11.2017, hence, the excess pension amount paid to the Petitioner has to be recovered. In such circumstances, this Writ Petition is liable to be dismissed.

4. This Court heard Mr.Alagia Nambi, the learned counsel for the Petitioner and Mrs.S.Mahalakshmi, the learned Standing Counsel for the 1st Respondent and Mr.D.Sadiq Raja, the learned Additional Government Pleader and Mr.P.Thambidurai, the learned Government Advocate for the Respondents 2 and 3.

5. For the sake of convenience, the Petitioner and her late Husband are herein after referred to as the Family Pensioner and the Government Servant or Pensioner, respectively.

6. The learned counsel for the Petitioner/Family Pensioner has submitted that the impugned order had been passed, without giving sufficient opportunity or show cause notice to the Petitioner, thereby violating the principles of natural justice

and that the family pension cannot be recovered from the family pensioner, even if an excess amount has been paid by way of either mistake or wrong fixation. The learned counsel would further submit that recovery cannot be made from the retired employees and also when the excess payment has been made for a period in excess of five years and from the employees belonging to Class III and Class IV Service (Group C and D Categories) and that when there was no misrepresentation or fraud on the part of the Pensioner/Family Pensioner for receiving the pension more than the eligible pension amount, recovery of the same cannot be permissible in law, that too, after a long duration of period and hence, the impugned order is not sustainable and that the Respondents may be directed to pay the arrears of the family pension amount at the rate of Rs.6,750/- p.m. from 01.08.2022 till date and therefore, to continue to pay the family pension at the above said rate, by allowing this Writ Petition.

7. In support of his contentions, the learned counsel for the Petitioner/Family Pensioner has relied on the following decisions:-

- i. 2015 4 SCC 334 (State of Punjab Vs. Rafiq Masih (White Washer) and others.
- ii. 2022 1 CTC 736 (R.Jeyaprakash Vs. Executive Officer)
- iii. Judgement and order, dated 26.07.2019 made in WP(MD)No.20358 of 2014 (C.Rajeswari Vs. The Accountant General (A&E), Chennai and others of the Madurai Bench of the Madras High Court.

8. The learned counsel for the Respondents, while reiterating the averments made in the counter affidavit filed by the 3rd Respondent, submit that since the family pension of the Petitioner is not in conformity with the GO.Ms.No.336, 17.11.2017, which entitles the Petitioner/Family Pensioner to receive the family pension only with effect from 20.11.2017 and when the Petitioner/Family Pensioner herself had given a consent letter on 22.08.2022 to recover the excess family pension amount paid to her in monthly instalments, the impugned order, directing the Petitioner to repay the excess pension amount paid to her is in order

and hence, this Writ Petition is not sustainable and consequently, the Respondents are entitled to recover the said excess pension amount paid from the Petitioner/Family Pensioner, as per the impugned order.

9. I have given my careful and anxious consideration to the contentions put forward by the learned counsel on either side and also perused the entire materials available on record.

10. On perusal of the records, it is seen that admittedly, the deceased husband of the Petitioner, B.Aandappan was a Government Servant and Pensioner. The Petitioner is the wife of B.Aandappan, who had joined as a Village Head Man on 17.05.1957 and after his retirement, he died on 19.11.2017 and thus, the Petitioner is the Family Pensioner.

11. According to the Family Pensioner, she was sanctioned family pension as per GO.Ms.No.828, dated 23.08.1996 from 19.12.2018 onwards and started to receive the pension at the rate of Rs.6,750/- p.m. The said fact is also not in dispute. However, pursuant to the impugned order, family pension is not credited to the account of the Family Pensioner from 01.08.2022. There is also a interim order of stay of recovery, passed by this Court on 27.09.2022.

12. According to the Respondents, the husband of the Petitioner/Family Pensioner was dismissed from service with special ordinance passed by the Government of Tamil Nadu with effect from 14.11.1980. As per the G.O.Ms.No.828, dated 23.08.1996, he was authorised to receive a special pension of Rs.175/- with effect from 05.12.1986 and at Rs.250/- from 22.07.1998. As per the GO.Ms.No.336, Finance Department, dated 14.11.2017, the pension was revised at Rs.6750/- with effect from 01.10.2017.

13. However, it is the contention of the Respondents that since in the Audit conducted in July 2022, it was found that she is eligible for the pension amount of Rs.2,250/- plus allowances only with effect from 20.11.2017 and since as per the G.O.Ms.No.336, Finance Department, dated 17.11.2017, the family pension of the Petitioner is not in order, the impugned order, dated 22.08.2022

was passed, directing the Petitioner to repay the excess payment of pension and allowances amounting to Rs.2,94,233/-. Only after receiving the consent letter from the Petitioner/Family Pensioner on 22.08.2022 for recovery of the excess amount, the impugned order had been passed.

14. Be that as it may, firstly, it is to be seen that whether there was sufficient opportunity or show cause notice given to the Petitioner/Family Pensioner before passing the impugned order of recovery of the excess pension amount paid to her. It is stated by the Respondents that the Petitioner/Family Pensioner had given a consent letter on 22.08.2022 to recover the excess pension amount paid to the Petitioner/Family Pensioner, but the impugned order had been passed on the same day itself, i.e. on 22.08.2022. There is no evidence to show that the Petitioner/Family Pensioner had given such a consent letter. There is also no evidence to show that the Family Pensioner was given sufficient opportunity or show cause notice before passing the impugned order. Thus, it is established that the Petitioner/Family Pensioner was not given sufficient opportunity or a show cause notice at all before passing the impugned order of recovery. Hence, the impugned order is in violation of principles of natural justice. On this ground, the impugned order is vitiated.

15. Secondly, even assuming that there was sufficient opportunity or show cause notice given to the Petitioner/Family Pensioner, it is to be seen as to whether the impugned order, directing the Petitioner/Family Pensioner to repay the excess pension amount paid to her, after a long duration of time after the retirement of the Pensioner/Government Servant, that too, after his demise, is permissible in law?

16. In this case, admittedly, the Government Servant, who is the husband of the Petitioner/Family Pensioner, died on 19.11.2017 after his retirement. Even according to the Respondents, the husband of the Petitioner was dismissed from service with special ordinance passed by the Government of Tamil Nadu, with effect from 14.11.1980. As per the GO.Ms.No.828, dated 23.08.1996, the Government Servant was authorised

to receive a special pension of Rs.175/- with effect from 05.12.1986 and at Rs.250/- from 22.07.1998, by the 1st Respondent, vide Pension Payment Order No.52871/VOA and he was drawing the pension from the Office of the 3rd Respondent. After the demise of the Government Servant on 19.11.2017, the Petitioner/Family Pensioner was sanctioned with the family pension as per the GO.Ms.No.828, dated 23.08.1996, from 19.02.2018. Even as per the averments made in the counter affidavit filed by the 2nd Respondent, the Family Pensioner was paid with the family pension upto July 2022 at the rate of Rs.6,750/- plus allowances p.m. Even prior to date of death of the husband of the Family Pensioner, on 19.11.2017, the Government Servant retired. Thus, it is clear that the impugned order had been passed on 22.08.2022 after more than five years from the date of retirement of the Government Servant, that too after the demise of the Pensioner/Government Servant on 19.11.2017.

17. At this juncture, in the above said facts and circumstances, it would be appropriate to refer to the decision of the Honourable Supreme Court rendered in the case of State of Punjab Vs. Rafiq Masih (White Washer) and others, reported in 2015 4 SCC 334, on the question of permissibility of the Respondents/Recovering Authorities to recover the excess payments. In the said decision, the Honourable Supreme Court had summarized a few situations of hardship that may be faced by a Government Servant/Employee on the issue of recovery and held to be impermissible in law. Among these situations, (i) recovery from the employees belonging to Class III and Class IV (Group C and Group D) Categories, (ii) recovery from the retired employees or the employees, who are due to retire within one year and (iii) recovery from the employees when the excess payment has been made for a period in excess of five years, before the order of recovery is issued, etc. are some of the situations, which were held to be impermissible in law in the above said decision.

18. In 2015 4 SCC 334 (State of Punjab Vs. Rafiq Masih (White Washer) and others, the Honourable Supreme Court, was pleased to observe as under:-

“12. It is not possible to postulate all situations of hardship, which would govern employees on the issue of recovery, where payments have mistakenly been made by the employer, in excess of their entitlement. Be that as it may, based on the decisions referred to herein above, we may, as a ready reference, summarise the following few situations, wherein recoveries by the employers, would be impermissible in law:

- (i) Recovery from employees belonging to Class-III and Class-IV service (or Group ‘C’ and Group ‘D’ service).
- (ii) Recovery from retired employees, or employees who are due to retire within one year, of the order of recovery.
- (iii) Recovery from employees, when the excess payment has been made for a period in excess of five years, before the order of recovery is issued.
- (iv) Recovery in cases where an employee has wrongfully been required to discharge duties of a higher post, and has been paid accordingly, even though he should have rightfully been required to work against an inferior post.
- (v) In any other case, where the Court arrives at the conclusion, that recovery if made from the employee, would be iniquitous or harsh or arbitrary to such an extent, as would far outweigh the equitable balance of the employer’s right to recover.”

19. The present case is squarely covered by the one of the situations summarised by the Honourable Supreme Court referred to above, namely, recovery from retired employees, or employees who are due to retire within one year, of the order of recovery, inasmuch as, in the present case, admittedly the Government Servant, after his retirement from service, died on 19.11.2017 and the impugned order of recovery was passed on 22.08.2022 more than five years after the retirement and death of the Government Servant. In view of the law laid down by the Honourable Supreme Court as stated supra, the impugned order, contemplating recovery of the excess payment, cannot be legally sustained.

20. In 2009 3 SCC 475 (Syed Abdul Qadir Vs. State of Bihar), the Honourable Supreme Court was pleased to observe as under:-

“59. Undoubtedly, the excess amount that has been paid to the appellants - teachers was not because of any misrepresentation or fraud on their part and the appellants also had no knowledge that the amount that was being paid to them was more than what they were entitled to. It would not be out of place to mention here that the Finance Department had, in its counter affidavit, admitted that it was a bona fide mistake on their part. The excess payment made was the result of wrong interpretation of the rule that was applicable to them, for which the appellants cannot be held responsible. Rather, the whole confusion was because of inaction, negligence and carelessness of the officials concerned of the Government of Bihar. Learned counsel appearing on behalf of the appellants-teachers submitted that majority of the beneficiaries have either retired or are on the verge of it. Keeping in view the peculiar facts and circumstances of the case at hand and to avoid any hardship to the appellants-teachers, we are of the view that no recovery of the amount that has been paid in excess to the appellant-teachers should be made.”

21. In 2022 1 CTC 736 (R.Jeyaprakash Vs. Executive Officer), the Madurai Bench of the Madras High Court was pleased to observe as under:-

“40. The ratio to be gleaned is that the facts and circumstances of every case have to be examined and appreciated on their own merit to discern whether the re-fixation and recovery in question was warranted or justified. Exceptional circumstances that call for complete justice must be taken note of while deciding the fate of the action initiated. 41. The take-away thus, is that the duty of the Court must be to balance whether the re-fixation and recovery ordered is iniquitous or unfair on the one hand or whether the corresponding right of the employer to recover the amount is greater on the other hand, in effect, whether the recovery has ‘a harsh and arbitrary effect on the employee’. In deciding so, the Court must bear in mind that the concerned employee

would normally not have any vested right in the excess amount received by him. It is upon an application of those principles that the present case must be decided.”

22. In the judgement and order, dated 26.07.2019 made in WP(MD)No.20358 of 2014 (C.Rajeswari Vs. The Accountant General (A&E), Chennai), the Madurai Bench of the Madras High Court was pleased to observe as under:-

“3. This Court is of the opinion that the family pension cannot be recovered from the family pensioner, even if an excess amount has been paid by way of either mistake or wrong fixation. This apart, the monetary benefits cannot be recovered from the family penr, without providing any show cause notice or opportunity to the person affected.

5. The writ petitioner is a family pensioner and there was no misrepresentation or otherwise on the part of the writ petitioner, even there was no undertaking in this regard. Under these circumstances, the impugned order of recovery is untenable and the excess payment already paid to the writ petitioner cannot be recovered from the writ petitioner. This being the factum, the following orders are passed:

i. The impugned order of recovery, dated 14.11.2014, passed by the second respondent, is quashed.

ii. The respondents are directed to fix the correct scale of pay as applicable to the writ petitioner’s husband and accordingly, pay the revised family pension and continue the pay to the writ petitioner with reference to the pension rules in force.”

23. It is also pertinent to note that unless it is established that the said excess payment was made due to misrepresentation of fraud on the part of the Government Servant or the family pensioner, recovery of the same cannot be permitted. Admittedly, in the present case, it is not the case of the Respondents that there was misrepresentation or fraud on the part of the deceased Government Servant or the Petitioner/Family Pensioner in getting the excess pension amount. After the demise of the Government Servant, the Family Pensioner was receiving the family pension and she is the only breadwinner of the family. This Court is of the view that at this stage, recovery of excess

payments, made from the Petitioner/Family Pensioner, when her husband had retired from service very long back and also died, would entail harsh consequences. Therefore, this Court finds no reason to exercise its judicial discretion exercising judiciously so as to justify the claim of the Respondents to recover the excess pension amount paid to the Petitioner/Family Pensioner, at this long duration of period.

24. To sum and substance, in this case, as stated above, the Petitioner was not given a sufficient opportunity or show cause notice, before passing the impugned order. In view of the above said referred decisions of the Honourable Supreme Court and the Honourable Principal Bench and the Madurai Bench of the Madras High Court, the impugned order of recovery cannot be permissible in law, since the impugned order was passed after long duration of period after retirement of the husband of the Petitioner/Family Pensioner. Therefore, there is no merits whatsoever in the claim of the Respondents to recover the excess pension amount paid to the Petitioner/Family Pensioner, at this belated stage and hence, the present Writ Petition is liable to be allowed and the impugned order of recovery is liable to be quashed.

25. In the result, in the light of the observations and the discussions made above and in the light of the decisions referred to above, this Writ Petition is allowed, as prayed for. The impugned order passed by the 3rd Respondent, in proceedings in Na.Ka.No.312A, dated 22.08.2022 is hereby quashed. The Respondents are directed to pay the arrears of the family pension amount, if any, at the rate of Rs.6,750/- p.m. from 01.08.2022 till the date of payment, within a period of six weeks from the date of receipt of a certified copy of this order and thereafter, to continue to pay the family pension at the above said rate to the Petitioner/Family Pensioner regularly.

26. There is no order as to costs. Consequently, the connected Writ Miscellaneous Petitions are closed.

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To 1. The Accountant General (A&E), Department of Treasuries and Accounts Chennai-18

2. The District Treasury Officer, Pudukottai

3. The Assistant Treasury Officer, Sub Treasury, Keeranur, Pudukottai

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Summary of S Court Judgment- State of Rajasthan & Ors. vs. Mahendra Nath Sharma & Ors., Civil Appeal No. 1123 of 2015 [Arising out of SLP(C) No. 321 of 2015] & connected appeals. 17.04.2025

Summary of Supreme Court Judgment

Citation: State of Rajasthan and Ors. vs. Mahendra Nath Sharma & Ors., Civil Appeal No. 1123 of 2015 [Arising out of SLP(C) No. 321 of 2015] and connected appeals. Bench: Justice Dipak Misra
Background:

* The case involved retired Lecturers, Librarians, and PTIs who had retired before 01.01.2006.

* They were appointed between 1950 and 1976 and retired between 1991 and 2004.

* All were granted the Lecturers (Selection Scale) on or before 01.01.1986 and had completed the required service.

Key Issues:

* The dispute revolved around the denial of revised pension benefits post-6th Pay Commission recommendations, based on the date of retirement.

* The Govt of Rajasthan had limited pension revision to those who retired on or after 01.01.2006.

Judgment:

* The Hon'ble Supreme Court upheld the High Court's view that pensioners form one homogenous class, as held in the landmark D.S. Nakara v. Union of India (1983) 1 SCC 305.

* The Court ruled that date of retirement cannot be the sole basis for discrimination in pension revision.

* The benefit of revised pay scales and pension as per the 6th Pay Commission must be extended to

all similarly situated retirees, irrespective of their date of retirement.

Conclusion: The appeals filed by the State of Rajasthan were dismissed. The Court emphasized that pension is not a bounty but a right, and differential treatment based solely on the date of retirement violates Article 14 of the Constitution.

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Pension, gratuity or earned leaves are hard-earned properties of employees, can't be taken away: HC - April 11, 2025

In a key ruling, the Chhattisgarh High Court has held that the state government cannot deduct any part of a retired employee's pension, gratuity or leave encashment unless there is a statutory provision allowing it. The court said this cannot be done even under administrative instructions. The order came in a case involving the late Rajkumar Gonekar, a retired government officer, whose family was facing recovery of over Rs 9.2 lakh from his pension, a TOI report stated.

Employee benefits are property under the Constitution

A single-judge bench of Justice Bibhu Datta Guru stated that benefits like pension and gratuity are not given as a favour but are earned by employees for their long and honest service. "It is an accepted position that gratuity and pension are not bounties. An employee earns these benefits by dint of his long, continuous, faithful and unblemished service. It is thus a hard-earned benefit which accrues to an employee and is in the nature of 'property'," the court said.

The judge also said that under Article 300-A of the Constitution, such property cannot be taken away without following legal procedures.

Court says state cannot act without statutory provision

The court observed that the Chhattisgarh government tried to recover money without any statutory backing. "It follows that the attempt of the appellant state govt to take away a part of pension or gratuity or even leave encashment

without any statutory provision and under the umbrage of administrative instruction cannot be countenanced,” the order said.

As a result, the high court quashed the recovery order against Gonekar and directed that the deducted amount be returned to his family within 45 days.

Case background and service history

Gonekar was appointed as an assistant director on March 29, 1990, and promoted to deputy director in 2000. Due to changes in the gradation list, he was later demoted, but a court order restored him to the post of deputy director. He retired on January 31, 2018.

During his service, Gonekar was accused of misappropriation. He denied the allegations both before and after retirement. He responded to a showcause notice in January 2019, rejecting the charges again. Despite this, the government ordered recovery of Rs 9.23 lakh from his pension. State said due process was followed

The state government argued that Gonekar’s response was considered and recovery was ordered only after taking proper permission. However, the court noted that there was no finding of guilt in any judicial or departmental inquiry.

Court cites pension rules and earlier judgments

The court referred to Rule 9 of the Chhattisgarh Civil Services (Pension) Rules, 1976, which says pension can be withheld if a retired employee is found guilty of grave misconduct or negligence in a proper proceeding. It also pointed to earlier Supreme Court rulings that emphasised the need to give the accused a fair hearing before such action.

Since Gonekar was not found guilty in any such proceeding, the court concluded that the order of recovery was invalid and directed a refund of the deducted amount to his legal heirs.

For more news like this visit The Economic Times. The Chhattisgarh High Court ruling in the case of Rajkumar Gonekar (deceased) through LRs & Ors v. State of Chhattisgarh & Anr. is cited as 2025:CGHC:15440. The judgment was pronounced on April 2, 2025

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If poor not provided treatment, will ask AIIMS to take over: Supreme Court tells Apollo Hospital, orders scrutiny-What about other Super speciality hospitals ?- March 25, 2025

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The apex court has asked the government to inspect Apollo Hospital’s records for the last five years to find out whether it had fulfilled its commitment to provide free treatment.

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The Supreme Court gave liberty to the hospital administration to file its affidavit.

The Supreme Court on Tuesday said if poor people are not provided free treatment at Indraprastha Apollo Hospital, it will ask the All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) to take it over and ordered the Centre and Delhi government to send a joint team to inspect its records.

The apex court has asked the government to inspect Apollo Hospital’s records for the last five years to find out whether it had fulfilled its commitment to provide free treatment to 30% indoor and 40% outdoor patients as per the 1994 lease agreement, according to a Times of India report.

A bench of Justices Surya Kant and N Kotiswar Singh took serious note of alleged violation of lease agreement under which the hospital run by Indraprastha Medical Corporation Limited (IMCL) was to provide free medical and other facilities to poor patients without any discrimination.

“If we find out that poor people are not provided free treatment, we will hand over the hospital to AIIMS,” the bench said, PTI reported.

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रेलवे पेंशनर्स समाज, सहारनपुर (पंजीकृत) : 26 अप्रैल 2025 रेलवे पेंशनर्स समाज के 12वें वार्षिक सम्मेलन का शुभारंभ मां भारती चित्र सम्मुख दीप प्रज्वलन, पुष्पार्पण, वंदे मातरम गायन एवं ईश वंदना के साथ अम्बाला रोड स्थित होटल मे किया गया।

मुख्य अतिथि मंडल कार्मिक अधिकारी रविंद्र सिंह ने कहा कि रेलवे सेवानिवृत्त वरिष्ठ नागरिक ज्ञान एवं अनुभव के भंडार हैं, वे अपने ज्ञान एवं अनुभव से रेलवे कार्यरत का मार्गदर्शन कराते रहे। उन्होंने कहा कि मंडल स्तर पर रेलवे पेंशनर्स की समस्याएं वरीयता के आधार पर निस्तारित कि जाती हैं, अगर किसी भी पेंशनर की किसी भी प्रकार की कोई समस्या हो तो वह स्वयं व्यक्तिगत रूप से सीधे संपर्क करके अथवा संस्था के माध्यम से अपनी समस्याएं प्रस्तुत कर सकते हैं, वरीयता के आधार पर उनका निस्तारण किया जाएगा।

मुख्य वक्ता उपाध्यक्ष भारत पेंशनर्स समाज नई दिल्ली हंसराज माही ने बताया कि भारत पेंशनर्स समाज 1955 से पेंशनर्स के हित के लिए निरंतर संघर्षरत है, इससे लगभग 500 पेंशनर्स संगठन सम्बद्ध है तथा लगभग दस लाख सदस्य है। इसका आगामी 70वां वार्षिक सम्मेलन नवंबर 2025 में अंबाला में आयोजित किया जा रहा है। उन्होंने सरकार से मांग की कि शीघ्रातिशीघ्र 8वें केंद्रीय वेतन आयोग के चेयरमैन की नियुक्ति की जाए, आठवे वेतन आयोग की संस्तुतिओं का लाभ सभी पुराने और नए सेवानिवृत्ति कर्मचारियों को मिलना सुनिश्चित किया जाए, पेंशनर्स की बढ़ती उम्र एवं उनके खर्चों को देखते हुए अतिरिक्त पेंशन 80 वर्ष की उम्र के स्थान पर 65 वर्ष की उम्र से प्रदान की जाए, कम्प्यूटेशन कटौती 15 वर्ष के स्थान पर 10 वर्ष पर बंद की जाए, नियत चिकित्सा भत्ता रु 1000/- प्रतिमाह से बढ़ाकर रु 5000/- प्रतिमाह किया जाय तथा कर्मचारी परिवार की परिभाषा में विधवा पुत्रवधू को भी सम्मिलित किया जाए आदि।

मेयर डा. अजय कुमार सिंह ने कहा की वरिष्ठ नागरिक हमारी बौद्धिक सम्पदा है, हमारी विरासत है हमको इनका उचित सम्मान कर ध्यान रखना चाहिए तथा उनके अनुभव एवं ज्ञान का समुचित उपयोग करना चाहिए।

विधायक राजीव गुम्बर ने कहा कि रेलवे वरिष्ठ नागरिक अपने आर्थिक एवं पारिवारिक उत्तरदायित्वों से मुक्त है, अतः उनको सामाजिक एवं धार्मिक कार्यों में व्यस्त रहकर, मस्त एवं स्वस्थ

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रहना चाहिए उन्होंने उनके कार्यों में पूर्ण सहयोग का आश्वासन दिया।

संस्थापक आर सी शर्मा ने संस्था के गठन 2013 से अब तक 12वर्ष की गतिविधिओं एवं उपलब्धियों पर प्रकाश डाला, अध्यक्ष अरविंद शर्मा ने अतिथियों एवं प्रतिनिधिओं का स्वागत किया। महामंत्री एन एस चौहान ने वर्ष 2024- 2025 की वार्षिक रिपोर्ट प्रस्तुत की। कोषाध्यक्ष अजय शर्मा ने वित्त वर्ष 2024- 2025 का वित्त विवरण प्रस्तुत किया। संचालन मूल चंद रांगड़ा एवं मीना कटारिया ने किया।

सम्मेलन में जम्मू कश्मीर के पहलगांव में हुए आतंकी हमले की कड़ी निंदा की गई, सरकार से आतंकवादियों एवं साजिश कर्ताओं के विरुद्ध सख्त कार्रवाई की मांग की गई एवं मृतकों को श्रद्धांजलि समर्पित की गयी तथा भारत पेंशनर्स समाज नई दिल्ली के कार्यकारी अध्यक्ष एम एम कपूर एवं वर्ष में निधन हुए संस्था सदस्यों को श्रद्धांजलि समर्पित की गई।

अन्य विशिष्ट उपस्थित- चीफ वेलफेयर इंस्पेक्टर-अरुन कुमार, कर्म सिंह तथावरुण देव मिश्रा, कुलदीप सिंह आदि।

पेंशनर एसोसिएशन ऑफ रेलवे झांसी मंडल: पेंशनर एसोसिएशन ऑफ रेलवे झांसी मंडल द्वारा दि. 12.4.25 को मासिक बैठक का आयोजन एन. सी. आर. आई. एस कार्यालय वर्कशॉप में आयोजित किया गया। जिसमें लगभग 200 पेंशनरों ने भाग लिया। इस अवसर पर एसोसिएशन की वर्कशॉप ब्रांच का गठन किया गया जिसमें ब्रांच अध्यक्ष श्री शेखी राम कुशवाहा, कार्यकारी अध्यक्ष बलराम हुंडेत, उपाध्यक्ष मो हमीद खान, सचिव राकेश कुमार संयुक्त सचिव अंबिका प्रसाद श्रीवास्तव उपसचिव आर पी अहिरवार, प्रमोद कुमार आयोजन सचिव पी के सिंग, अब्दुल जाहिद कार्यकारणी समिति सदस्य पीर खान, जय सिंह, जहांगीर, प्रभात मिश्रा, अरविंद त्रिपाठी, पी डी तिवारी, विजय राठौड़, चन्द्र सेन, योगेश, प्रेमनारायण, संरक्षक श्री आर के थापक, नामित किए गए। कार्यक्रम की अध्यक्षता श्री ओ. एस. भटनागर मंडल कार्यकारणी अध्यक्ष एवं संचालन श्री मन्नू खान मंडल उप सचिव द्वारा किया गया। पी के श्रीवास्तव, मण्डल सचिव ने 8वा वेतन आयोग में पेंशनर्स के हकों में सरकार द्वारा कटौती की मंशा पर प्रकाश डाला तथा भारत पेंशनर समाज नई दिल्ली द्वारा पेंशनर्स के हितों के लिए किस प्रकार से लड़ाई सरकार से लड़ी जा रही है उनके द्वारा प्रधानमंत्री, वित्त मंत्री को लिखे गए पत्रों से अवगत करवाया वा भारत पेंशनर्स समाज का 70वा वार्षिक ए. जी. एम अम्बाला में दि, 8.11.25. को होने जा रहा है। जिसके ट्रेजेस्ट्रेशन फीस रु, 500/- जिसमें चाय नाश्ता, लंच, टी, शामिल है व कुरुक्षेत्र घूमने के रु 1000/- फीस है के बारे में विस्तार से जानकारी दी। इस अवसर पर आई एस अरोडा, आर पी पाल, शैलेन्द्र निगम, राम पाल, आर एल साहू, इंद्र विजय, आदि ने अपने विचार प्रगट किए।

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A2625	C G Penr Assn	Kakinada	06/26
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