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H. F. Chaudhari, General Secretary addressing
at AGM, Nashik held on 04.01.2023



Shri Suresh Taskhedkar, Donor was honored
at AGM, Nashik held on 04.01.2023



Working Committee elected at AGM,
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Shri Hemant Jogalekar CGM Retd. addressing
at Telecom Anand Melava on 25.01.2023



View of Anand Yatri at Telecom Anand Melava
Pune on 25.01.2023



Shri Shripad Chikse was honored at Pensioners
Melava at Ambejogai held on 05.02.2023



Ram Nimbalkar, Org. secretary addressing at
Pensioners Melava at Ambejogai held on 05.02.2023

GS Speaks:

CWC was held on 1st March, 2023 at Pune. Respectful homage was paid to our veteran leader Ex-General Secretary, Shri M.A.Karlekar, who passed away on 18.01.2023.

Pandharpur Branch was merged with AICGPA Hq. Pune on 23rd February 2023.

Hon'ble Finance Minister Mrs Nirmala Sitharaman announced a slew of measures for taxpayers in Budget 2023 presented on 1st March, 2023. With a hike in the basic exemption limit to Rs. 3 Lakhs, extending standard deductions and rebate and tweaks to the income tax slabs, Government has made the New Income Tax regime more attractive for Salaried/Pensioners individuals.

Govt has issued the orders on 11.01.2023 for Linking of CGHS beneficiary ID with Ayushman Bharat Health Account(ABHA). With this Medical reports of the beneficiary would be linked to ABHA, stored with Health Information provider with the approval of the beneficiary. There is apprehension amongst the CGHS beneficiaries that after Linking with ABHA, CGHS beneficiaries will be provided the treatment from Civil Hospitals also. We had raised this issue in CGHS Panchayat held at Pune on 20/03/2023. It is to be noted here that a beneficiary can participate at his/her own free will and choose to create ABHA number voluntarily. Also at any time he/she can request for permanent deletion or temporary deactivation of ABHA number.

In Maharashtra Circle, it is observed that Press Note of Pension Adalat itself mention that 'Cases involving Notional Pension, TBOP/MACP promotions will not be considered in Pension Adalat.' Therefore the grievance of pensioners on this account are not considered in Pension Adalat. This issue was discussed with Sr. DDG(PAF), Department of Post, New Delhi on 21.2.2023. It is thought to take up this issue first with CPMG Maharashtra Circle. Accordingly we addressed a letter dated 29 March 2023 to consider the settlement of pensioners grievances on these account in Pension Adalat. Necessary instructions may be issued in this regard, so that it is followed by Regional/Divisional offices also.

Migration of DOT/BSNL pensioners from Nationalized Banks to SAMPANN is almost completed by February 2023. As per feedback from members, some pensioners are yet to be migrated. They continue to get pension through Bank. The Pensioners who are migrated to SAMPANN are required to submit the Know Your Pensioner(KYP) form as circulated by DOT. The process of Migration from Post Offices to SAMPANN is going to commence shortly. The BSNL/DOT pensioners who receive pension through Post Office are requested to register their latest Mobile number in the Post Office records.

Regarding payment of pending Medical Bills/Allowance, In response our communication, BSNL Corporate office vide letter dated 05/02/2023, replied that CBB section has already instructed Circles to provide the list of Medical liability to take necessary action for allocation of Funds. As per latest discussions, the payments would be made by 31st March 2023. As informed by Shri Arvind Vadnerkar Director(HR), the Webportal for BSNL Retired Employees is implemented in March-2023 facilitating BSNL retirees tracking the information of pending Bills etc.

Joint forum formed on 18.1.2023 had fruitful meetigs with member (Finance) and Member (Services) on 21.3.2023. We received the positive response from both the officers.

H. F. Chaudhari

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PARLIAMENT OF INDIA
RAJYA SABHA - Report No. 120
Action Taken on One Hundred Tenth Report

of the Committee on 'Pensioner's grievances impact of pension adalats and CEPENGRAMS

INTRODUCTION

- I, The Chairman of the Department related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Personnel, Public Grievances, Law and Justice, having been authorized by the Committee to present the Report on its behalf, do hereby present this One Hundred Twentieth Report (120th) on Action taken on One Hundred Tenth (110th) Report of the Committee on "Pensioners Grievances – Impact of Pension Adalats and Centralized Pensioners Grievance Redress and Monitoring System (CPENGRAMS)" pertaining to the Department of Pensions & Pensioners' Welfare (Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances & Pensions).
2. The 110th Report of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions, Law and Justice was presented to Rajya Sabha and laid on the Table of Lok Sabha on the 10th December, 2021.
 3. The Department of Pensions & Pensioners' Welfare, of the Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions furnished their Action Taken Replies (except for one para; para no. 3.28) on the 110th Report of the Committee on 14th March, 2022 and on para no. 3.28 of the Report on 6th June, 2022. The Committee considered the draft 120th Report and adopted the same in its meeting held on 22nd November, 2022.
 4. For the facility of reference and convenience, the observations and recommendations of the Committee have been printed in bold letters in the body of the Report.

Dated : 22.11.2022,

SUSHIL KUMAR MODI,
Chairman, Department-related Parliamentary Standing
Committee on Personnel, Public Grievances,
Law and Justice

CHAPTER I

**RECOMMENDATIONS/OBSERVATIONS WHICH HAVE BEEN ACCEPTED BY THE MINISTRY
EFFECTIVENESS OF CPENGRAMS AND PENSION ADALATS – WAY FORWARD**

Recommendation/Observation

- 1.0 The Committee notes the fact that the Department has identified core grievance prone areas which account for a large number of complaints lodged on CPENGRAMS portal. It appears to the Committee that majority of grievances lodged on CPENGRAMS portal are related to Delay or incorrect sanction of pension/family pension and other retirement benefits, Non-payment of arrears of pension, Revision of pension/family pension/pension payment Order, Issues related to medical facilities and Other service-related issues such as fixation of pay, MACP. The Committee recommends the Department to rope in Quality Council of India and enable the agencies involved in Pension authorization, sanctioning, processing and disbursement to streamline their systems so as to mitigate the volume of grievances and also to ensure citizen satisfaction. (2.12)

Action Taken

- 1.1 As advised by DRPSC, DoPPW has already roped in independent third parties viz, Quality Council of India as well as Indian Institute of Public Administration (IIPA) at different intervals to enable the agencies involved in Pension authorization, sanctioning, processing and disbursement to streamline their systems so as to mitigate the volume of grievances and also to ensure citizen satisfaction. This effort shall be continued.

Further observation

- 1.2 The Committee takes note of the reply and appreciates the efforts of the Department in this regard.

Recommendation/Observation

- 1.6 The Committee notes that the Central Government provides health care facilities for both, serving as well as, retired employees. However, the Committee observes that serving employees of central government are covered under the Central Service (Medical Attendance) Rules, 1944 (CS (MA) Rules), which provides

facilities for availing medical facilities outside CGHS covered areas. However, these Rules are not applicable to pensioners and instead pensioners residing outside CGHS covered area are entitled to Fixed Medical Allowance (FMA). The Committee is of the view that non-applicability of CS (MA) Rules to pensioners residing outside CGHS areas has placed them at disadvantaged position vis-à-vis serving employees. Accordingly, the Committee feels that either the provisions for medical facilities available to serving employees also needs to be extended to pensioners or instead of increasing FMA year after year, DoPPW may moot a proposal for introducing cashless health insurance facilities for such pensioners in nearby Private Health Centers in lieu of FMA on voluntary basis. (3.23)

Action Taken

- 1.7 Ministry of Health & Family Welfare is the administrative Department concerned with providing health and medical facilities to the serving Government servants as well as pensioner retired from Central Civil service. Therefore, the matter was taken up with that Ministry.
- 1.8 Ministry of Health & Family Welfare has informed that Central Government pensioners, not residing in a CGHS city have the option to avail the CGHS facility for both IPD (indoor) and OPD (outdoor) treatment by paying the required CGHS contributions. The pensioners availing the CGHS facility for both IPD (indoor) and OPD (outdoor) treatment can have OPD treatment from a CGHS dispensary in a nearby city and indoor medical treatment in any Government hospital and empanelled private hospitals in the cities covered by CGHS. They can also get indoor medical treatment in any private hospital in emergent circumstances.
- 1.9 Alternatively, Central Government pensioners not residing in a CGHS city can avail CGHS facility for IPD (indoor) treatment by paying the required CGHS contributions and also receive Fixed Medical Allowance in lieu of the OPD (outdoor) treatment.
- 1.10 Those pensioners who are residing in a non-CGHS area and do not choose to avail CGHS facility by paying the required CGHS contributions are entitled to receive monthly Fixed Medical Allowance. At present, the amount of Fixed Medical Allowance is Rs. 1000/- per month. Department of Pension & Pensioners' Welfare has separately mooted a proposal for increasing the amount of Fixed Medical Allowance in pursuance of the recommendation No. 3.21 in the 110th Report of the Parliamentary Standing Committee.
- 1.11 Thus, the pensioners have the option to avail CGHS facility while residing in a non-CGHS area. Since serving Government servants residing in non-CGHS areas do not have the option to avail CGHS facility, they are covered by CS (MA) Rules.

Further observation

- 1.12 The Committee takes note of the reply.

Recommendation/Observation

- 2.26 The Committee is very much cognizant of the social churning taking place in our society over the years. The joint family system is breaking down giving way to nuclear families. The growth of nuclear families due to geographical and social mobility have further led to rise in individualism and individualistic thinking and the generation who want to live away from shackles of joint families and patronage of elderly parents or grandparents. According to one estimate, by 2050, the share of population over the age of 60 is likely to increase significantly in the country. In view of such changes at societal level, we need to have a robust pension system for elderly which can help them survive in this world without being a burden on anyone. The Committee is of the view that the Government should sympathetically consider the demand of Pensioners' Associations for 5% additional quantum of Pension on attaining the age of 65 years, 10% on 70 years, 15% on 75 years and 20% on 80 years to the Pensioners. The Committee recommends DoPPW to pursue vigorously with Finance Ministry and apprise the Committee of the outcome. (3.28)

Action Taken

- 2.27 On the basis of the recommendation of the Committee, before the proposal was moved to Department of Expenditure, the CPAO (in respect of civil pensioners), Railway Board (in respect of Railway Pensioners), Department of Posts (in respect of Postal pensioners) and CGDA/PCDA (in respect of Defence civilian pensioners) were requested vide letter dated 20.01.2022 to furnish the information relating to number of pensioners and monthly pension disbursement to these age groups of pensioners (from 65-70, 70-75 and 75-80 years) to work out additional quantum of pension to be involved for these age groups.

2.28 Accordingly, after working out the financial implications in this regard, the proposal was sent to Department of Expenditure (DOE) on 21.03.2022 for seeking their concurrence to the proposal.

2.29 Department of Expenditure vide their ID Note dated 05.04.2022 advised as under:

“DOPPW has not stated as to how the additional financial implications would be met by the Government. Hence, it is advised to first seek the comments of Budget Division of Department of Economic Affairs and then refer the proposal to DOE.”

2.31 Department of Economic Affairs vide their OM dated 02.05.2022 observed as under:

- (i) The Government's pension liabilities on account of old pension scheme are not only huge (Rs. 2.07 lakh crore in BE 2022-2023), but also increasing year after year. Further increase in these liabilities on account of present proposal will put significant pressure on the Govt. finances, which may not be desirable, when, Govt. focus is to provide higher resources for productive investment while adhering to the path of fiscal consolidation. Further, with the improvement in health infrastructure and demographic changes, the overall life expectancy is expected to further go up.
- (ii) Govt. has taken a policy decision to implement NPS for new entrants in the Govt. Service, which is based on the principle that, the Govt. won't have to bear pension liabilities of the Govt. employees covered under NPS, after their retirement. Therefore, the present proposal needs to be evaluated with careful consideration of the above fact/policy.
- (iii) Further, the current proposal, if accepted is also likely to have a cascading effect on the State Finances since similar demand will arise from the retired State Govt. employees.
- (iv) Therefore, from fiscal perspective, such proposal may not be desirable.

2.32 The matter was re-examined in the Department and with reference to the justifications given in the 110th Report of the Committee itself and the grounds given in the 6th CPC recommendation for additional pension to pensioners/family pensioners of 80 years and above, the proposal was again sent to Department of Expenditure to consider the proposal for grant of 5% additional quantum of Pension on attaining the age of 65 years, 10% on 70 years, 15% on 75 years and 20% on 80 years to the pensioners/family pensioners vide note dated 19.05.2022.

2.33 However, Department of Expenditure vide their ID Note dated 01.06.2022 has stated that the proposal has been examined in that Department and in line with the views offered by Budget Division of DEA considering the fiscal perspective of the Govt. the proposal is not agreed to. This has the approval of the Finance Secretary & Secretary Expenditure.

Further observation

2.34 The Committee takes note of the reply and do not wish to pursue this matter for now in wake of the reply of the Department.

Recommendation/Observation

2.35 The Committee feels that DoPPW should pursue the matter of implementation of MACP w.e.f. 1st January, 2006 with DoPT as it will give relief to pensioners retiring in the intervening period i.e. from January, 2006 to August, 2008 as all other benefits were given to them from January 2006 as per 6th CPC recommendations. The Committee also recommends DOPPW to consider the case of Pensioners' who retired on 30th June and were denied the increment on the plea that next date of retirement is 1st July. (3.35)

Action Taken

2.36 As advised by DRPSC, the DoPPW pursued the matter with DOPT vide OM dated 19.01.2022 who, in turn, have informed that the issue of effective date of implementation of MACPS has been addressed by Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in its Order dated 28.04.2021 in Civil Appeal No. 1579/2021 (arising out of SLP (C) No. 15572/2019) of Union of India V/s R. K. Sharma & Others wherein the Apex Court has upheld that date of implementation of the MACP Scheme is from 01.09.2008. In its order, the Hon'ble Court

Recommendation/Observation

2.47 The Committee also expresses its concern with regard to discontinuation/ delay in disbursement of Family Pension, especially in the case of pensioners and family pensioners of paramilitary forces based in rural areas due to various reasons. Further, as per the existing instructions, the last place of posting is considered as place of pension disbursement leading to harassment of family pensioners of paramilitary forces who have laid their life in the line of duty. The Committee, accordingly, recommends that for the benefit of pensioners/family pensioners of paramilitary forces, the Battalion Headquarter should be made place of pension's disbursement, instead of last place of posting. Further, the Committee also feels that Department needs to explore the feasibility of giving a choice to pensioners to choose place of pension disbursement in case of transferable job. (4.15)

Action Taken

2.48 Meeting with Ministry of Home Affairs and all CAPFs will be convened in this regard.

Further observation

2.49 The Committee takes note of the reply and expects the Department to pursue the matter actively with the CAPFs.

GRIEVANCES PERTAINING TO DISBURSEMENT OF PENSION

Recommendation/Observation

2.50 The Committee is highly appreciative of the Department for leveraging advanced technology to the maximum possible extent and for leaving no stone unturned in redressing pensioners' grievances and promoting their welfare. Infact, the Committee wishes that each Ministry and Department of the Government should work with similar conviction in public interest. The Committee recommends the Department to gradually expand the scope of DLC from Home project, Doorstep Banking and submission of DLC through postal agent to all major cities and towns. The Committee recommends the Department to ensure that Video based Customer Identification Process and Facial recognition technologies are operationalized on a wider scale at the earliest. (5.11)

Action Taken

2.51 DoPPW will comply with the recommendations.

2.52 Video based Customer Identification Process to submit Life Certificate has been implemented by some of the Banks like State Bank of India (SBI), Punjab National Bank (PNB) UCO Bank.

2.53 Further, Face Authentication Technology has been launched by Hon'ble MOS (PP) on 29.11.2021 to submit Life Certificate in which one can submit Life Certificate with Android Mobile without any external device.

Further observation

2.54 The Committee takes note of the reply and does not wish to further pursue the matter in light of reply furnished by the Department.

Recommendation/Observation

2.55 The Committee is of the view that elderly people, especially those aged 70 and above and those with physical infirmities experience inconvenience in withdrawing their pension amount from the Bank. Therefore, the Committee recommends the Department to take up the matter with Reserve Bank of India and Ministry of Finance and assess the feasibility of utilizing the Business Correspondent network to enable senior citizens to withdraw their pension amount from the comfort of their homes. (5.12)

Action Taken

2.56 As advised by DRPSC, DoPPW will take up the matter with RBI and M/o Finance.

Further observation

2.57 The Committee takes note of the reply and expects the Department to pursue the matter actively with the RBI and M/o Finance.

Recommendation/Observation

2.58 The Committee notes that Central Pension Processing Centre's (CPPC) had been established as the central repository of data to facilitate data management and processing in a centralized manner. The

intention was that the CPCC, one for each bank, would function as a back office to support the functioning of the large number of pension paying branches. The pension paying branches were to continue to be interface with individual pensioners. The Committee notes that pension paying branches, instead of resolving issues raised by the pensioners, either direct the pensioners to approach the CPCC or pass on the responsibility for delays and inaccuracy in payment to the CPCC. The Committee takes cognizance of the difficulties faced by Banks in processing family pension cases but also feels that Bank officials need to be properly sensitized about their role and to appreciate the special needs of senior citizens. The Committee also recommends the Department to discuss the matter with RBI and Ministry of Finance and assess the feasibility of appointing a Pensioner Ombudsman on the lines of Bank Ombudsman for resolving grievances arising out of disbursement of pensions and apprise the Committee regarding the same in its Action Taken Replies. (5.16)

Action Taken

2.59 As advised by DRPSC, DoPPW will take up the matter with RBI and M/o Finance.

Further observation

2.60 The Committee takes note of the reply and expects the Department to pursue the matter actively with the RBI and M/o Finance.

CHAPTER III

RECOMMENDATIONS/OBSERVATIONS IN RESPECT OF WHICH THE COMMITTEE DOES NOT ACCEPT THE REASONS GIVEN BY THE GOVERNMENT AND REITERATES ITS RECOMMENDATIONS

EFFECTIVENESS OF OPENGRAMS AND PENSION ADALATS – WAY FORWARD

Recommendation/Observation

3.1 The Committee is concerned to note that, on an average 20% of grievances are not being disposed of within the stipulated time limit of 60 days. The Committee recommends the Department to instruct the Ministries/Departments of Central Government to constitute social audit panels to identify core grievance prone areas and streamline their systems accordingly. The Committee further recommends DoPPW to take up the matter with higher authorities of the concerned Ministries/Department and impress upon them to resolve the grievances within the prescribed time limit. (2.10)

Action Taken

3.2 As advised by DRPSC, Department of Pension & Pensioners' Welfare (DoPPW) will instruct all Ministries/Departments of Central Government to constitute social audit panels to identify core grievance prone areas and streamline their systems accordingly.

3.3 DoPPW has identified the Ministry/Department where delays have been observed in disposal of grievances and regular Inter-Ministerial Review meetings are being held with them.

3.4 DoPPW has issued an advisory vide OM dated 6.08.2021 to all Ministries/Departments stipulating that every Nodal Officer undertake a weekly review of pending grievances in the portal and that the responsibility lies of the concerned Ministry/Department to follow up the matter with subordinate/attached units for an early resolution/disposal of the pension grievance.

Further observation

3.5 The Committee takes note of the reply of the Department. Of late there has been a trend that Grievances are not accorded priority they deserve by various Ministries/Departments/Organizations. Firstly the grievances are not addressed on time and the quality of redressed is also a matter of concern. Thus, there is a need for a system of reward and punishment while dealing with the grievances, especially pensioners grievances. Otherwise the guidelines and instructions issued by the DPPW will remain only on paper and the individuals/organizations will be violating them with impunity. There is also a need to sensitize the officials dealing with grievances by providing them right training in order to make them mindful of the citizen's grievances.

Recommendation/Observation

3.9 The Committee acknowledges the consistent efforts being made by the Department to improve the effectiveness of grievance redressed machinery. The Committee in its 100th Report recommended the

Department to strengthen the Grievance Redressed mechanism and make it more citizens friendly. The Committee desired that there should be a nodal authority in the department to whom complaints against the orders/decisions of individual Ministries/Departments can be made. The Committee hopes that the appellate mechanism shall be operationalized at the earliest. The Department may apprise the Committee about the status of appellate mechanism in its Action Taken Replies. (2.21)

Action Taken

3.10 There is already an Appellate Authority for each Ministry/Department who may take an appropriate decision on the appeal filed by the dissatisfied Petitioner.

Further observation

3.11 The Committee takes note of the reply. However, the appellate authority should be of appropriate seniority and he/she should also be empowered to recommend action as deem fit against those officials who are habitually responsible for delayed action or summary disposal of grievances without any qualitative action.

Recommendation/Observation

3.12 The Committee is pleased to note that Pension Adalat has emerged as an effective platform for the redressal of pension grievances. The Committee recommends the department to harness video conferencing technology and hold virtual All India Pension Adalats on a half - yearly basis so that the grievances which could not be resolved through CPENGRAMS during the six month period and beyond can be redressed at once. The committee urges the department to ensure that pension Adalats cover all Ministries/Departments having long pending grievances on a rotational basis so that no Ministry/Department is left out. Further, the committee impresses upon individual ministries/department to ensure that pension adalats should be presided over by officers of appropriate level and reasonable seniority having sufficient knowledge of current as well as past rules and procedures. (2.30)

Action Taken

3.13 DoP&PW is convening a Nation-wide Pension Adalat in third week of March, 2022, by each Ministry/Department/Organization/Field formation through Video Conferencing.

Further observation

3.14 Considering the effectiveness of Pension Adalats in disposing off the grievances of the pensioners, the frequency of conducting it should be increased. The Department should explore the feasibility of holding Pension Adalats regularly and more frequently. Further, as per the experience gained during COVID times, the practice of holding Pension Adalats through video conferencing should be promoted.

Recommendation/Observation

3.15 The Committee believes that denial of timely justice amounts to denial of justice itself. The Committee is of the considered view that the elderly should not be forced to approach Courts to claim their rightful entitlements. The Committee accordingly recommends the Department to explore the feasibility of institutionalizing an alternative dispute resolution mechanism such as pre-litigation conciliation to resolve the grievances of pensioners at pre-litigation stage itself. (2.33)

Action Taken

3.16 DoPPW will consult Department of Legislative Affairs and informed the Parliamentary Standing Committee.

Further observation

3.17 There are about 310 cases relating to pension matters pending in various Courts/Tribunals. It is very disheartening to note that the pensioner, who also happens to be senior citizens, have to take recourse to litigation for claiming their post retirement entitlements. Litigation somewhere is a pointer towards failure of grievance redressal mechanism. Litigation is a long drawn and costly process and considering the old age of the pensioners, the Committee recommends that the DPPW should explore the feasibility of resolving disputes between the pensioners and the Government by way of ADR mechanisms like Mediation etc., which is a cost effective and efficient system of dispute resolution. The Department may consult the Department of Legal Affairs and try to institutionalize pre-litigation Mediation.



Government Order

D.O.No. 14/6/2022 -P&PW(Coord) E-8134, Dated : 06th Feb. 2023, From Shri. V. Srinivas, Secretary, Ministry of Personnel Public Grievances and Pensions, Department of Pension and Pensioners Welfare, New Delhi

Dear Secretary,

I am enclosing the Monthly Progress Report for January, 2023 of Pensioner related grievances of Ministries / Departments on CPENGRAMS portal and status of delayed cases in issue of Pension Payment Order (PPO) on Bhavishya Portal. As of end January 2023, 2913 Pensioner Grievance cases and 720 PPOs are pending in Ministries/ Departments (up to December 2022.) The report also contains rule based interpretation/clarification/ advice given by Department of Pension & Pensioners' Welfare to Ministries/Departments in January, 2023.

2. May I request you to kindly advise the concerned Nodal officers to ensure timely redressal of pending pensioners' grievances and the cases where PPO's have not been issued.

Yours sincerely, (V. Srinivas)



F.No. 27-6/2018-PO, Dated : 27th January 2023, From Government of India, Ministry of Communications, Department of Posts (PO Division), New Delhi

Subject : Integration of Jeevan Pramaan Portal with CSI for auto-verification of Digital Life Certificates (DLCs).

Reference is invited to PO Division's letter of even no. dated 20th December 2022 regarding implementation of a centralised approach for auto - verification of DLCs, consequently disabling the erstwhile log-in IDs of HPOs to Jeevan Pramaan portal.

2. In this regard, various references are being received regarding concerns that the said order will put a stop to pensions of those pensioners who have submitted manual Life Certificate.
3. It may be noted that this change does not have any impact on pensioners submitting manual Life Certificates. It is reiterated that the automated process has been incorporated at the processing stage only for Digital Life Certificates submitted by pensioners.
4. It may further be noted that the process to be followed by DDOs in such cases has already been communicated in SOP issued vide letter of even no dated 27th December, 2022.
5. In view of the above, it is requested that this matter may be clarified to all DDO's, Pensioners and Pensioner's Associations under the jurisdiction of your Circle, so as to avoid any inconvenience in this regard.
6. This issues with approval of competent authority.

Aparajita Mridha, ADG (PO)



Important News on NPS

On 27th March, 2023 While moving the Finance Bill 2023 for consideration and passage in the Lok Sabha, Hon'ble Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman said the new approach to the NPS will be designed for adoption by both central and state governments.

I propose to set up a committee under the finance secretary to look into the issue of pensions and evolve an approach which addresses the needs of employees while maintaining fiscal prudence to protect common citizens," she said. The approach will be designed for adoption by both the central government and state governments."

**F.No. 44/67/MCTC/CGHS, Dated January 2023, Government of India, Ministry of Health & Family Welfare
Department of Health & Family Welfare, Nirman Bhawan, New Delhi**

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT : Linking of CGHS Beneficiary ID with the ABHA (Ayushman Bharat Health Account) ID.

With reference to the above mentioned subject and in alignment with its vision of being the first choice in providing quality healthcare services and ensuring holistic well-being across clients' entire life span, Central Government Health Scheme has found it imperative to adopt new technology and innovations in the delivery of quality healthcare.

In this regard, CGHS has already completed the process of onboarding on the 'Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission' (ABDM) Platform.

Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission has ushered India into a new era of technology enabled healthcare delivery. Ayushman Bharat Health Account number or popularly known as ABHA number, a component of Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission, is a randomly generated 14 digit number that will enable access to health records from registration to treatment and discharge in a paperless manner with multiple ABDM registered healthcare providers. Also, most importantly it is private and secure.

Ayushman Bharat Health Account (ABHA) Number for a patient/beneficiary is a hassle-free method of accessing and sharing his/her health records digitally. It enables the patient/beneficiary to interact with participating healthcare providers (including CGHS wellness centers) and allows him/her to receive digital lab reports, prescriptions and diagnosis seamlessly from verified healthcare professionals and health service providers.

The other benefits of Ayushman Bharat Health Account (ABHA) Number for a patient/beneficiary include:

- a. All medical reports are linked to ABHA and stored with the healthcare information provider (HIP)
- b. The health records are being shared through a Health information exchange consent management system that ensures data is not shared among healthcare information providers and users without the approval of the person to whom data is related.
- c. Safe and secure mechanism to share health records. The individual can decide the reports/records to be shared and the time period for which such record is to be shared.
- d. ABHA number helps in establishing a unique identity across different healthcare providers within the healthcare ecosystem.
- e. It helps in linking all healthcare benefits ranging from public health programmes to insurance schemes to your unique ABHA number.
- f. ABHA number also helps in avoiding long queues for registration in healthcare facilities across the country.
- g. Seamless sign up for PHR (Personal Health Records) applications such as ABDM-ABHA mobile application for Health data sharing.

How does an ABHA number work?

ABHA number is a 14 digit number that uniquely identifies a participant in India's digital healthcare ecosystem. ABHA number will establish a strong and trustable identity for the participant that shall be accepted by healthcare providers across the country.

ABHA (Ayushman Bharat Health Account) Address:

ABHA Address is a unique identifier (self declared username) that enables a user to share and access your health records digitally. The ABHA address may look like 'yourname@consent manager'. For instance, xyz@abdm is a ABHA address with ABDM Consent Manager that shall facilitate health data exchange with appropriate consent on the ABDM network.

ABHA address is a unique address or username being created by an individual and can be linked with the ABHA number. It is being created for easy remembrance and usage and is similar to any email ID.

ABHA address should not be confused with a residential address as it is only an electronic username being used in the application and at the facilities in place of the ABHA number.

A beneficiary can use his/her ABHA number to seamlessly sign up for a ABHA address and ensure that the health records created, are shared only with him/her. To enable health data sharing, it is advised that a beneficiary creates ABDM-ABHA address and link it with your ABHA number.

ABHA address can be generated through ABHA mobile application.

CGHS has already on boarded on the ABDM platform with majority of its Wellness Centers registered as 'Healthcare facilities' on ABDM platform. In the near future, a beneficiary having his/her Beneficiary ID linked with Aadhar based ABHA number can avail all the aforementioned facilities through the CGHS wellness centers as well.

Moreover, a beneficiary can participate at his/her own free will and choose to create his/her ABHA number voluntarily. Also, at any time, he/she can request for permanent deletion or temporary deactivation of the ABHA number.

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BSNL

No. BSNLCO-ADMN/MRS/Web Portal/Ret.Emp./2021-22, Dated : 26.12.2022, From BSNL, New Delhi

Subject : Provision of web portal for BSNL retired employees - reg.

In view of several representations and issues raised during processing and tracking of the claims of retired employees, BSNL management has decided to implement a web-based solution for the retired employees to submit and track latest status of their claims. Kerala circle has developed a web portal for providing various online services to retired employees and same has been working for few circles. Now this service is to be implemented on pan-India level by ITPC circle.

2. Therefor, all circles are hereby requested to nominate a circle Nodal officer (SPOC) and communicate the name, designation, email id and mobile number of nominated circle Nodal officer to ITPC, development unit, Hyderabad on email. id. persnionersp@co.in. For further coordination and training on the BSNL retired employees portal, Shri. T. Jagajeevanram, SDE (Dev), ITPC Hyderabad, Mobile 9868108117, email : persnionerssp@bsnl.co.in. may be contacted.

3. BSNL retired employees' portal can be accessed on <https://pensioners.bsnl.co.in/portal/>. portal related documents may be accessed at below-mentioned google drive link.

<https://drive.google.com/drive/u/5/floders/1f9u6VGLQKGUHI0tmaky2tO5J17KGUpt>

S.P. Singh, G.M. (Admin)

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No. BSNLCo-ADMN/MRS/Web Portal/Ret.Emp/2021-22, Dated : 8th Feb. 2023, From BSNL, New Delhi

SUBJECT : Pan India Launch of web portal for BSNL Retired Employees Regarding

Ref. : 1) This office letter of even number dated 26.12.2022

2) D.O. Letter from Director (HR) dated 02.02.2023

Kindly refer to the letters mentioned under reference on the subject matter. The web Portal for BSNL Retired Employees has already been developed by your tem along with Kerala Circle team and same is working in few circles also. This portal shall play a major role in submitting/processing/tracking claims for BSNL retired employees.

2. All telecom Circles have been directed by Director (HR) vide his D.O. letter dated 2.2.2023 to coordinate with your office so that the portal 'Goes Live' w.e.f. 1 March 2023.
3. The CMD, BSNL has now directed to put dedicated resources to implement it on pan India level as per above schedule.
4. It is, therefore, requested to take necessary action so that the portal is successfully launched on Pan India level w.e.f. 1 March 2023.

S. P. Singh, G.M. (Admin)

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No. BSNL CO-CA/11/9/2021-CA-ERP-FICO, Dated : 05.01.2023, From Sr. General Manager BSNL corporate office address to General Secretary, All India Central Government Pensioners Association HQ, Pune

Sub : Payment of Medical bills of Retired Employees – Reg.

This has reference to the communications received on the above cited subject. In this connection, it is intimated that the CBB section has already requested the Circles to provide the list of the medical liability document numbers of retired employees which are pending for payment. Also this office has issued letter to all the Circles on 04.01.2023 to provide the updated list to CBB Section.

Instructions for posting unpaid and approved bills in ERP-SAP with correct bank and other particulars, such that liability can be assessed in advance and necessary action taken for allocation of funds. It will be helpful if the association can also request its members to furnish the correct bank particulars to respective units for smooth payment of the bills/allowance.

While it is likely, considering such a distributed set up that some bills will remain unpaid, it is assured that the matter is regularly monitored from Corporate Office, such that retirees are not faced with difficulties in this regard. With kind regards
(Surajit Mandol), Sr. GM (CA/ERP-FICO)

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No.AO CSC/Gen corr/2022-23, Dated : 16.1.2023, From Bharat Sanchar Nigam limited, Mumbai.

Subject : Regarding inaction on the part of BAs in respect of creating liability documents from the Time Barred documents posted in their respective BAs under time barred GL - 1310110

Ref : Corporate CSC section No. BSNLCO-40(11)/1/2020-C-CSC dated 21.6.2022

With respect to the above subject it is important to note that most of the time barred documents posted under GL 1310110 to the respective BAs are not given attention and thus the liability documents are pending for reprocessing of payment as mandated by the Corporate office via letter cited at reference.

It should be known that the time barred documents are created for those liability documents whose payment failed while processing at corporate CSC, due to the incorrect/invalid bank details of the vendors belonging to the respective BAs. If these rejected cases are payable, then fresh liability documents are to be created from the time barred documents. If new corrected documents are not created, then this would remain unpaid. Kindly review the documents and take necessary action at the earliest.

Efile has been sent to IFA of each BA, with list of document pertaining to the concerned BA, for review of these documents. Compliance in this regards may be given by 21.1.2023 to this office.

Chief Accounts officer (CSC), BSNL MH Circle

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No. BSNLCO-ADMN/76/2021-ADMN, Dated : 2.1.2023, From From Bharat Sanchar Nigam limited, New Delhi

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject : Guidelines under BSNLMRS for reimbursement of cost of appliances Reimbursement of cost of Hearing aids.

**Ref : I. order No. BSNL / Admn/ I dated 23.12.2003.
II. O.M. No. BSNL/Admn.I/15-5/13 dated 3.4.2013**

After revision of rates and guidelines for reimbursement of expenses of purchase of hearing aids under CGHS/CS(MA) vide department of health and family welfare OM No. S1 1011/37/2019 - EHS dated 1.12.2020 (enclosed)

The revised ceiling rates fixed for various types of hearing aids (for one ear) are notified under BSNLMRS as below.

Type of hearing Aid Maximum ceiling

1. Digital BTE Rs. 8000/-

2. Digital ITC/CIC Rs. 9000/-

Including all taxes

including cost of ear mould

including cost of customized shell

Note : The hearing aid shall carry 3 year warranty

body worn / pocket type category and analogue BTE category with ceiling rates Rs. 3000/- per ear and Rs. 7000/- per ear have been excluded, since these have been obsolete.

BSNL MRS beneficiaries shall be eligible to obtain hearing aids as per the following guidelines.

- a. cost of hearing aids mentioned at S. No. 1 & 2 above may be reimbursed within the annual ceiling of outdoor limit under BSNLMRS.
- b. cost of digital hearing aids are reimbursable on the basis of recommendation of Government/empaneled hospital ENT expert with Audiometric and audio-logical assessment.
- c. Replacement of hearing aids shall be allowed after five years.
- d. Maintenance and repair and cost of batteries will be the responsibility of the beneficiary.
- e. In case of a child below 12 years hearing aid may be replaced, if damaged after 3(three) years of its purchase on the basis of condemnation certificate from technical expert and on approval of ENT specialist of a Govt. Hospital.
- f. The claim shall be furnished under outdoor medical claims along with original bill and empty box/boxes.
- g. Reimbursement shall be limited to the ceiling rate or the actual cost of the hearing aids, whichever is less.
- h. The benefit is not extendable to the optees of without voucher as it is the case of reimbursement under BSNLMRS outdoor treatment.
- i. The revised rates and guidelines shall come into force from date of issue of this letter and will be valid till further revision and shall supersede all the earlier orders issued on the subject.

S. K. Agarwal
AGM (Admin - I)



No.13-50/2020-21/BA&IT/4388-4420, Dated : 14.03.2023, From Government of India, Ministry of Communications, Department of Telecommunications, New Delhi

Subject : Extension of timeline for submission of Life certificate for migrated pensioners.

Ref. : O/o CGCA letter no. 13-5-/2020-21/BA&IT/2516-2546 dated 30.11.2022.

It is to convey that Migration of pensioners from CPPs to SAMPANN is currently underway and being taken up in a phased manner. As on date more than 1.5 lakh telecom pensioners drawing pension from CPPCs (Banks) have been migrated and their pension is being paid via SAMPANN.

For uninterrupted pension payment of migrated pensioners, such pensioners need to submit their LC/DLC to concerned CCA officers. In this regard, certain guidelines have been issued from time to time.

In modification of the letter no 13-50/2020-21/BA&IT/2516-2546 dated 30.11.2022 (Enclosure I) issued regarding extension of timelines for submission of LC/DLC by pensioners, all migrated pensioners hereby given a relaxation of 9 months from the month migration within which they would need to submit their LC/DLC. For example, for a pensioner would need to submit his/her LC/DLC by 30th April 2023 for continuation of

pension. Similarly, for a pensioner migrated in November, 2022, pension would be paid uninterrupted till July 2023. The pensioner would need to submit his/her LC/DLC by 31st August, 2023 for continuation of pension.

Also, to streamline the process of submission of LC/DLC by migrated pensioners, the guidelines (Enclosure -II) are hereby reiterated which may be followed by all Pr. CCA/CCA/Jt. CCA offices.

All pr. CCA/CCA/Jt.CCa may give wide publicity amongst the pensioners and pensioners Association via means of SMS (mSeva)/call/letters/camps about the measures being taken by the department to facilitate the submission of LC/DLC. This issues with approval of the Competent Authority.

Taraneet Singh, Dy. CGCA(BA&IT)



Pension Adalat for Postal Pensioners held on 16.03.2023

Pension Adalat for Postal Pensioners was held at CPMG office under the chairmanship of GM finance on 16.03.2023.

Sarva shri Manohar Patki AGS, Shri K S Kulkarni AGS and Shri N. M. Tikekar Vice president and two senior members of Mumbai branch were present.

Healthy discussions were carried out and amicable solutions is found.

Some cases were not under the preview of adalat has already sent to Divisions through Regional PMGs. Reply in those cases are awaited.

The cases which are not under the perview of Pension Adalat will be taken in staff adalat.

While discussing the issue official side pointed out that some cases are of routine nature (MACP, counting of training period etc) and not in purview of Adalat. Those cases are already sent to concern authorities for resolving the same.

We have asked for minutes of the Pension Adalat which was agreed by the General Manager(Finance)



Meeting with Sr. DDG (PAF), Department of Post, New Delhi on 21.03.2023

General Secretary H. F. Chaudhari met Mrs Darshana Mohamaya Dabral, Sr. DDG(PAF), DOP, Dak Bhawan, New Delhi on 21.03.2023 at 11am. Shri Sukhbir Singh DDG(FA) was also present.

We introduced as one of the identified Pensioners Associations by DOP&PW New Delhi.

We brought into notice the following main issues faced by Postal Pensioners.

1. Compressive Pension Management System has been implemented by Department of Telecom (SAMPANN) since 2019 and Department of Defence(SPARSH). What is the plan for implementation of such CPMS for Postal pensioners?

Sr. DDG(PAF) responded saying that now Telecom pensioners receiving pension from Post Offices are being migrated to SAMPANN.

Once the migration of Telecom pensioners are successful, Competent Authority in consultation with DOT will decide the implementation of similar package for Postal pensioners also.

(We confirmed this fact during the meeting with Shri Manish Sinha Member(Finance), DOT.)

2. Madum, you may be aware about the orders issued by DOP, New Delhi regarding counting of pre 1.1.1986 Induction training period for financial upgradation under OTBP/BCR.

There are complaints from many Postal pensioners about non-payment of arrears on account of counting of Induction Training period for financial upgradation OTBP/BCR.

We had also addressed this issue vide our letter dated 31st January 2023 to Secretary, DOP, New Delhi.

Secondly, It is observed that Pension Adalat are held but the complaints regarding counting of Induction training period are not considered in Pension Adalat.

DDG(FA) wanted to know the details of such cases. After explaining the issue in details, he advised to send the correspondence with details.

On receipt of correspondence, We will discuss internally and issue the suitable instructions.

We are thankful to Mrs Dabral Madum, Sr. DDG(PAF) for granting us a meeting on a short notice and considering the issues faced by the Pensioners.



JOINT FORUM OF BSNL/MTNL PENSIONERS ASSOCIATIONS.

As I discussed with you in every meeting, It was necessary to join the hands with the Pensioners Associations to put forth the demand jointly and achieve the long pending issue of revision of pension from 01.01.2017. Accordingly a Joint Forum of like minded BSNL/MTNL Pensioners Associations was formed during the meeting held on 18/01/2023. As decided, a Joint Memorandum justifying the demand of Revision of Pension as per 3rd PRC with 15% fitment was addressed to Hon'ble Minister of Communications on 25th January, 2023. On 31st January, 2023 Member (Services) stated that the financial implications on account of pension revision considering fitment of 5%, 10% and 15% has been received from CGCA. During 2nd meeting of Joint Forum held on 21st February, Joint Forum decided to meet in person at New Delhi on 19th March, 2023 and also meet Secretary DOT, Member(Finance) and Member(Services) DOT and submit the justification for 15% fitment benefit.

Meeting of Joint Forum representatives held at Kidwai Bhawan on 19th March, 2023. The stock of the developments in revision of pension is discussed and decided to visit DOT on 20th March, 2023 at 2.30pm.

Joint Forum leaders had fruitful meetings with Member (Finance) and Member(Services) on 21st March, 2023

Meeting with Shri. Manish Sinha, Member (Finance) at 12.00 hrs

The representatives of Joint Forum met M(F) and handed over a memorandum justifying 15% fitment, the concern about the huge delay in processing the issue of pension revision and pleaded with him very strongly to consider incorporating a mechanism in the present Cabinet note that ensures hassle-free Pension Revision in future. On our part, we suggested that as a special dispensation for BSNL/ MTNL Pensioners, a provision may kindly be incorporated in the Cabinet note that future pension Revision of BSNL/ MTNL Pensioners should be contained in the terms of reference of next PRC.

Member(Finance) advised us to send a note on this stating that under provisions of Rule 37(A), since provision for Payment of pension to BSNL/ MTNL by the Govt., as a special dispensation, exists already, referring future Pension Revision to next PRC for CPSUs may be incorporated in this Cabinet note.

Joint Forum shall be submitting note to Secretary, DOT exclusively for future Pension Revision within a couple of days on these lines and thereby will vigorously pursue it.

Regarding the current status of the pension revision, Member(F) mentioned that the file with calculations regarding financial implications has already been sent to the Establishment section.

The delegation asked about the pay scales of the Non- Executives and Member (Finance) replied that the calculations are made with the new pay scales. Finally the delegation requested him to recommend for 15% fitment and he responded positively and stated that the final decision has to be taken by the MOC and that he is personally trying his level best. The meeting was extremely cordial and lasted for about 45 minutes.

Meeting with Shri. Uma Shankar Pandey, Member (Services)

The copy of memorandum was handed over to the Member (Services). He assured that effective and assertive efforts are being taken to settle the issue at the earliest. He further stated that already three meetings have been held with Secretary, DoT, by Member(Finance) and Member (Services) and now the Hon'ble Minister Of Communications has to take final decision on fitment. Member(S) informed that Hon. MOC is extremely preoccupied till 1st April and that a meeting with Hon MOC is expected in the first week of April, 2023.

The meeting with Member(S) lasted for about half an hour.

The Joint Forum met briefly after the discussions and felt satisfied with the the outcome of the discussions



No. JFBMPA/MOC, Secy-T/4/23, Dated : 27 March 2023 From Joint Forum of BSNL/MTNL Pensioners Association address to Shri Ashwini Vaishnaw, Hon'ble MOC, Shri. K. Rajaraman, Secretary DOT, Shri. Mahesh Sinha, Member (Finance), Shri. Uma Shankar Pande, Member (Services), DOT, New Delhi

The Joint Forum of eight number of BSNL MTNL Pensioners Associations are thankful to your good selves for earnest efforts to settle the long pending issue of pension revision of BSNL/MTNL absorbed retirees from 01-01-2017. We understand that the processing of issue has progressed to the crucial stage of determining the fitment factor and preparation of Cabinet Note.

As you are aware, the pension revision of BSNL/ MTNL Pensioners wef 01-01-2007 was delayed for more than four years. And worse, this time, the pension revision has already been delayed by 75 months. Several thousand pensioners have left this world without getting the benefits of pension revision. It is absolutely necessary to ensure a permanent solution to avoid repetition of such horrific episodes.

BSNL was formed on 01-10-2000 by taking over the Central Government Departments of Telecom Services and Telecom Operations. The employees working in these two Departments were enmasse transferred to the new entity, Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited and absorbed later.

The government had given a solemn assurance of better prospects to the employees and pension payment from the consolidated fund of the Government. Accordingly necessary amendment was also made in the CCS (Pension) Rules, 1972 in the form of Rule 37A.

Thereafter BSNL absorbed employees are being paid salary and pension for the combined service on IDA pay scales. Pension Revision was also granted with 30% fitment, the maximum recommended by the 2nd PRC with effect from 01-01-2007. Initially, there was a formula of 60: 40 for payment of pension and pensionary benefits by the government and BSNL. This was annulled by the Cabinet in 2016 and therefore the entire liability of payment of pension and pensionary benefits to the absorbed BSNL retirees lies with the Central Government.

MTNL was formed on 01-04-1986 incorporating the telecom services of the two metropolitan cities of Delhi and Mumbai. The employees were given the option to draw pro-rata pension for the government service and pension from MTNL for the services in MTNL. Later, the pension fund formulated by MTNL having failed, the MTNL employees were also included to the provisions of Rule 37A of the CCS (Pension) Rules, 1972. (Rule 37A has been incorporated in the new CCS (Pension) Rules, 2021).

Thus BSNL/ MTNL Pensioners are the only section among the CPSEs, getting their pension from the consolidated fund of Government of India by virtue of Rule.37A of CCS (Pension) Rules, 1972. Hence there can't be any problem to include their pension revision in the terms of reference of future PRC.

In this connection, it is worth mentioning that during the pension revision wef 01-01-2007, a suggestion to this effect was made in the file in 2011 by the then Secretary- DoT. Unfortunately, there was no initiative from DoT in this regard during constitution of the 3rd PRC, despite repeated requests made by most of the Pensioners Associations.

In view of the above, we fervently request you Sir, to kindly consider our most justified suggestion that the Cabinet Note should necessarily be incorporated for including the Pension Revision of BSNL/MTNL Pensioners in the Terms of Reference of PRCs.

With kind regards, Sincerely yours **Signed by**

**K. G. Jayraj, GS AIBDPA,
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R. K. Mudgal, GS MREWA,
R. P. Sharma, President MDPA,**

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Rajender Prasad, GS MSEPA**

Pension Adalat for DOT/BSNL Pensioners held on 24th March 2023.

Pension Adalat for DOT/BSNL Pensioners was held under chairmanship of Mrs. Vibha Mishra, CCA, Maharashtra & Goa at Mumbai in hybrid mode on 24th March 2023. Dr Rashmi R. D., Jt. CCA, Shri R. S. Warang Dy.CCA and Accounts Officers were present. Shri Rohit Sharma, CGM, BSNL Maharashtra Circle and Shri Suresh Nakhale GM HR & Admn were also present.

On behalf of our Association, Shri H. F. Chaudhari General Secretary(online) and Shri K S Kulkarni AGS attended the Pension Adalat. "We raised the following issues during Pension Adalat.

1. Some of the DOT/BSNL pensioners who are receiving Pension from Bank of Maharashtra/State Bank of Maharashtra are still left out of Migration. They are to be migrated on priority basis.
2. Complaints are received from good number of Pensioners for mismatch in the data migrated from Banks. We are informing them to submit the KYP form, so that the data will be compared and corrected depending on the information in KYP form.
3. We observed that in respect of some cases CCA issued the order for revision of pension but the revised pension/ arrears have not been disbursed by the Bank. In such cases Banks should be present in Pension Adalat.
4. It is observed that some cases are not settled due to non receipt of required documents are not received from BSNL SSA/BAs. In such cases the representative may be asked to be present in Pension Adalat. Secondly CGM/ GM HR may be requested to issue the instructions to SSA/BA heads to submit the required documents in respect of Pensioners to CCA office without delay. For example case of D. S. Mahadeshwar was pending for more than one and half year for want of revised Form-7.
5. We have addressed a letter to DOT for declaration of CCA as Head Office in respect of processing the applications/matter. Earlier DOT issued the orders regarding submission of Applications of Commutation and Family pension in respect of Sampann-pensioners directly to CCA.

CCA Maharashtra & Goa has clarified/replied the issues raised by the Pensioners Associations.

Regarding left out cases of Migration are accepted after the screening and would be completed within 2 months. Regarding delay in dispatch of Identity Cards, she mentioned that due to migration and KYP forms the work of Identity Cards is sidelined.

Regarding corrections in the data of migrated Pensioners CCA clarified that data in Sampann will be compared with the information in PPOs and information submitted through KYP forms. She appreciated the suggestion and agreed to call the concerned Bank Authorities at next Pension Adalat. Regarding delay in processing the applications of pensioners at BSNL SSA/BA, she discussed the issues with GM HR and mentioned that hopefully the delay will not be there hereafter. Regarding Sanction of Fixed Medical Allowance by CCA, she clarified that FMA is sanctioned and paid from the date of application by the pensioner. BSNL Pensioners should submit the application for FMA immediately after surrender of BSNLMRS card.

We are thankful to Mrs Vibha Mishra, CCA, Officers and staff of CCA for conducting Pension Adalat in hybrid mode and also clarifying/replying the issues raised to the satisfaction.



OBITUARY

M. A. Karlekar	Ex GS, Pune	18.01.2023
Umashankar Hiremath	Pune	16.02.2023
S. S. Sowalgi	Post Master, Dharwad	02.03.2023
V. M. Kulkarni	Belagavi	13.3.2023
S. K. Kulkarni	Solapur	14.3.2023

Amounts credited in Bank of Badoda but Details Not available	
9.5.2022	200
6.6.2022	500
18.6.2022	401
3.9.2022	100
10.10.2022	1000
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3.2.2023	200
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Remittances from Branches 1 April 2022 to 29 March 2023

Br.Name	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.
Ahmednagar							5200					
Akola	600				4900	9600	2500			4400		
Aurangabad		1900					1000					
Beed							200				2200	
Belgavi							2000					9000
Bhandara			200						800			
Coimbatore					5000				800			
Dharwad	4647				2000		800			800		
Dhule	200											
Digras			2825			500						
Dombivli					200	500						
Gondia										900		
Hospete					2000				1100			
Jalna						901						
Kalyan												1000
Kolhapur			19815				27870					27450
Malegaon	4500	2000	2000	800	300	100	2000	1000	100	600	500	
Mulund		400										
Nagpur				1300		3410				2425		
Nanded			2800	3400						4000		800
Nandurbar				10000		3100	600					2000
Nasik							2000					6935
Navi Mumbai				1200			7000					
Nersopant		100										
Pandharpur											19340	
Pune Br.							75290				108155	
Pusad		300		200			1000		700		500	
Raigad (Alibag)						1500				1000		
Ratnagiri		800										
Sangali		14383					3790					3265
Satara												600
Shahupuri Satara				1800	12900	600		6906			4200	
Shahada					1300							
Sindudurg		3900			6240		3000		100	5450	50	4300
Umarkhed	4900											
Thane										200		
Wani												2600
Wardha		1360					3500					

**Union Cabinet approved rise in DA by 4% wef 1st January - 2023
to Central Govt Employees/Pensioners raising it from 38% to 42%**

Correspondance made

No. AICGPA/DOP/170, Dated 31 st January, 2023, address to Shri Vineet Pandey ji, Secretary, Department of Posts, Dak Bhavan New Delhi- 110001

Sub- Regarding non payment of arrears on account of counting of induction training period for grant of financial up gradation under OTBP/BCR Scheme.

Ref : Directorate No. X 44/2/2011-SPN-II Dated 15 th November 2020

Respected Sir,

As per the guidelines on Induction training, it was compulsory to undergo Induction training comprising of theoretical training of 75 days followed by practical training of 15 days. Whereas, As per the orders cited above in the reference, Postal Directorate decided to count a period of 75 days only in respect of officials, whose

documentary proofs are not available. We immediately responded on this order and requested to Directorate to consider the counting a period of 90 days in stead of 75days.

Secondly, As most of the Service Books are not available and the documentary proofs are not available with the retired officials, most of them are denied the benefits of 90 days.

In Maharashtra Circle, Even after a lapse of two and half years, most of retired officials did not receive the monetary benefits in accordance with this order. As per feedback received from our members, Either Divisions have not prepared the required documents and sent to DAP Nagpur or DAP office takes more time for settlement in view of the Service Books are not available. Some pensioners complained that the cases are not settled even after submission of the grievances in Pension Adalat.

Sir, We humbly request your honor to issue the suitable guidelines to expedite and settle all pending cases within prescribed time say within a month by 31st March-2023.

Thanking you. With regards! Yours faithfully. **H. F. Chaudhari, General Secretary**



No. AICGPA/CPMG / 178, Dated 16/2/2023, address to Shri K. K. Sharma, CPMG, Mahasthra & Goa, 2nd floor, Mumbai GPO Old Building, Mumbai - 400 001.

Subject : Non implementation of Directorate Orders on MACP - Regarding

Reference : 1. Directorate Order No./20/2008 PCC dated 04.11.2013

2. CO Memo No. STA/10-35/MACP/Corr Mumbai dated 30.01.2018.

Respected Sir,

We heartily Welcome you, as Chief Post Master General, Maharashtra & Goa and take this opportunity to introduce our self, as the oldest Pensioners Association formed by P & T pensioners in 1947 and Identified Pensioners Association by DOP&PW, New Delhi. **We assure our full co-operation in dealing with the matters related with the pensioners/ family Pensioners.**

We wish to bring into your kind notice the non implementation of Directorate order referred above on MACP regarding application of provisions of Paa 5 of Annexure to OM on MACPs in case of officials covered under TBOP/BCR/ACP Schemes. Inthis context further order was issued vide Directorate No. 15/(1)/10/PA/ Admin. I dated 10.11.2014.

Nearly sixteen postmen belonging to Kolhapur Division had submitted the application for re-fixation of pay with two additional increments in accordace with the orders. It was observed that all these cases have been dumped at Divisional level at Head Post Office. Only assurances were given time to time to settle these case shortly.

We discussed the issue ot long pending cases with DPS (Hq) O/O CPMG, Mumbai during the meeting held on 4.08.2022.

The Applications were also submitted in the 51 st Pension Adalat held in the O/O CPMG on 19.09.2022 for settlement. Neither any minutes were circulated, Not any reply has been received by the individual Postman in this regard. Again these cases were submitted and discussed in the Divisional Pension Adalat held at Kolhapur on 28/12/2022. **If the cases are not settled even after submission of grievance in Pension Adalat by the aggrieved pensioners, then the purpose of Pension Adalat itself is defeated.**

Sir, The aggrieved postmen who are now 70 + years and above are waiting for due justice, since 9 long years.

Sir we hereby request you to look into the matter personally and arrange for implementation.

Thanking you, With regards.

Yours Faithfully, **H. F. Chaudhari,, General Secretary**

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No. AICGPA/CPMG/184 Dated at Pune 29 th March, 2023, address to, Shri K. K. Sharma ji, CPMG, Maharashtra Circle, 2nd floor, Mumbai GPO Old Building, Mumbai - 400 001.

Sub:- Pension Adalat and Pensioner's Grievances on account of

- 1. Revision of pension and difference due to revision of pension to postmen/Mail guards and**
- 2. Counting of induction training period for grant of financial up gradation under OTBP/BCR Scheme.**

Reference: Your Office Press Note of 52 nd Pension Adalat held on 16 th March, 2023.

Respected Sir

Postal Directorate issued the order for revision of pension of postmen/ mail guards who were on duty during the period from 01.01.1996 to 10.10.1997 and counting of pre-1986 induction training period 90days/ 75days for grant of financial up gradation under OTBP/BCR Scheme Most of the beneficiaries of these orders are pensioners.

In Maharashtra Circle, even after a lapse of years to gather, most of the pensioners did not receive the monetary benefits in accordance these orders. Naturally, they approach Pension Adalat for settlement of their grievances. In Maharashtra Circle, it is observed that Press Note of Pension Adalat itself mention that 'Cases involving Notional Pension, TBOP/MACP promotions will not be considered in Pension Adalat.' Therefore the grievance of pensioners on this account are not considered in Pension Adalat. Copy of letter(52 nd Pension Adalat) addressed to Shri A. M. Banshetti, Solapur is attached herewith for your ready reference.

Actually, As per the guidelines issued by DOP&PW New Delhi, the intention of conducting Pension Adalats is to look into the grievances of pensioners, so as to redress the same by taking on-the-spot decisions thereby reducing the delays, if any, in the settlement of their legitimate dues.

Secondly, We checked with our branches in Karnataka Circle, Pensioners Grievances on account of revision of pension/payment of difference etc. as per DOP's orders are admitted and settled in Pension Adalat.

Sir, We hereby request you, to consider the settlement of pensioners grievances on these account in Pension Adalat. Necessary instructions may be issued in this regard so that it is followed by Regional/Divisional offices also. The reply in line shall be obliged.

With kind Regards!

Yours Faithfully, **H. F. Chaudhari, General Secretary**

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IDA for BSNL Pensioners

may increase by 1.1% from April 2023 making total IDA 202.3%

No. AICGPA/ CCA/166 Dated at Pune, 16 th January, 2023, address to, Mrs. Vibha Mishra, C. C. A, Maharashtra Telecom Circle, C Wing, 3 rd Floor, Admin. Bldg Zuhu Danda, Mumbai-400054

Subject: Revision of Pension in respect of Shri S. V. Kamble, PPO No.CCA/MH/MBI/PEN/SVK/P-728.

Respected Madam,

We wish to bring into your notice the grievance of Shri S. V. Kamble, PPO No. CCA/MH/MBI/PEN/SVK/P-728, regarding revision of pension wrongly. The details of the grievance are as follows.

Shri S. V. Kamble was retired on 11.05.2001 on medical ground. He was authorized Invalid Pension considering his Last Pay drawn 6020/- in the Pay Scale of 5700-160-8000.

In accordance with recommendations of 2 nd PRC his pension was revised wef. 01.01.2007 @ Rs. 5400/- at the rate of 50% of minimum of the revised Scale of 10900-20400 with reference to Para 4.2 of DOT's Order dated 15 th March, 2011. CCA Maharashtra has issued the CORRIGENDUM PPO dated 01.11.2021 and his pension has been reduced as follows.

11.05.2001 to 31.12.2006 -----@Rs. 2198/-

01.01.2007 to 09.06.2013-----@Rs. 4824/-

From 10.06.2013 -----@Rs. 5092/-

In view of this order the recovery of overpayment is being made @ Rs. 7000 per month from his pension. In fact, Shri S. V. Kamble, being BSNL pensioner and retired within 10 months from 01.10.2000, his pension is due for revision in accordance with the order No. 38-16/2014-Pen(T) dated 7/10/2021 regarding removing of anomaly in pension of ex-Employees BSNL absorbed employees.

Mam, We hereby request you to look into the matter personally and arrange to revise the pension and stop the recovery of overpayment as early as possible.

Thanking you, With Regards!

Yours Faithfully, **H. F. Chaudhari,, General Secretary**

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No. AICGPA/DOT/CGHS/-Ward/180 Dated 4/3/2022 address to Shri K. Rajaraman Ji, Secretary, DCC (Telecom), Sanchar Bhawan, New Delhi - 110 001

Sub: Entitlement of Wards in Private Hospitals empanelled under CGHS for MTNL/BSNL Retirees, who are in receipt of pension from Cenetral Civil Estimates.

Ref : Annexure - B (DOT OM NO 4/12/(12)/2018-PAT - Part (1) date 21-06-219), circulated vide DOT OM No. 4-12(12)/2018-PAT-Part (1) dated 1st July, 2019

With reference to

Respected Sir,

Subsequent on revision of Monthly Subscription and Entitlement of Wards in Private Hospitals empanelled under CGHS by Department of Health & Faimly Welfare, Department of Telecom had revised mapping of Basic Pay drawn in IDA pay scales for determining Subscription and Ward entitlement For BSNL/MTNL Pensioners vide Office Memorandum cited in the reference above.

Since, Department of Helath & Family welfare (EHS Section) has revised the entitlement of Wards in Private Hospitals empanelled under CGHS with effect from the date of issue of the OM F. No. S.11011/11/2016-CGHS(P)EHS dated 28 th October, 2022. The copy of the same is enclosed herewith for ready reference.

Sir, it will be seen that Department of Health & Family Welfare

Lowered the Basic Pay dran in 7th CPC for Ward entitlement as follows -

S. No.	Earlier Basic pay drawn as per Annexure B	Ward entitlement	Revised Basis Pay drawn by Officer in 7th CPC
1.	Upto Rs. 47600	General	Upto Rs 36500/-
2.	Rs. 47601/- to Rs. 63100/-	Semi Private	Rs. 36501 to Rs. 50500
3.	Above Rs. 60100/-	Private	Above Rs. 50500/-

In view of the revision of Basic pay drawn by Officers in 7th CPC, by Department of Health & Family Welfare with effect from 28/10/2022. It is necessary to revise the mapping of Basic Pay drawn in IDA Pay Scale in respect of BSNL/MTNL retirees, who receive Pdnson from Central Civil Estimate.

Sir, We hereby request you to consider and arrange to issue the necessary order revising the Basic Pay drawn in IDA pay scale in respect of BSNL/MTNL Retirees, whol are in receipt of pension from Central Civil Estimates.

Thanking You, With regards, Yous Faithfully,

H. F. Chaudhari, General Secretary



मराठी विभाग

जीएस उवाच

संघटनेच्या केन्द्रीय कार्यकारिणीची बैठक दि १ मार्च २०२३ रोजी, विष्णुप्रसाद मंगल कार्यालयात पार पडली. बैठकीचे सुरुवातीलाच ज्येष्ठ नेते माजी जनरल सेक्रेटरी श्री एम.ए.कार्लेकर यांना, त्यांचे कुटुंबियांचे उपस्थितीत भावपूर्ण श्रद्धांजली अर्पण करण्यात आली.

पंढरपूर शाखा २३ फेब्रुवारी २०२३ रोजी AICGPA पुणे मुख्यालयात विलीन करण्यात आली.

माननीय अर्थमंत्री श्रीमती निर्मला सीतारामन यांनी १ मार्च २०२३ रोजी सादर केलेल्या अर्थसंकल्पात करदात्यांसाठी अनेक उपायांची घोषणा केली आहे. करमाफ मर्यादितस रु. ३ लाख पर्यंत वाढ, स्टॅन्डर्ड डिडक्शन व रु ७ लाख उत्पन्नावर सूट देऊन सरकारने नवीन प्राप्तिकर व्यवस्था (New Tax Regim) पगारदार/पेन्शनधारकांसाठी अधिक आकर्षक केली आहे.

संसदीय स्थायी समितीने केलेल्या शिफारशीनुसार सरकारकडून कारवाई चा अहवाल देण्यात आला आहे. ६५ वर्ष/७०वर्ष/७५वर्ष पूर्ण झाल्यावर अनुक्रमे ५८क्रे/१०८क्रे/१५८क्रे अतिरिक्त पेन्शन देण्याची शिफारस करण्यात आली होती. वित्त मंत्रालयाच्या खर्च विभागातर्फे निरीक्षण करून नमूद करण्यात आले की जुन्या पेन्शन स्कीम वर येणारा खर्च (रु.२.०७ लाख कोटी) केवळ प्रचंड नसून दरवर्षी त्यात वाढ होत आहे. या अतिरिक्त पेन्शनच्या प्रस्तावानुसार त्यात वाढ करणे इष्ट होणार नाही.

सीपीएमजी, महाराष्ट्र सर्कल तर्फे १६ मार्च २०२३ रोजी पेन्शन अदालत आयोजित करण्यात आली होती. महाराष्ट्र सर्कलमध्ये, पेन्शन अदालतच्या प्रेस नोटमध्ये असे आढळून आले की, नोशनल पेन्शन, टीबीओपी/एमएसीपी प्रमोशनची प्रकरणे पेन्शन अदालतमध्ये विचारात घेतली जाणार नाहीत. त्यामुळे या खात्यावरील पेन्शनधारकांच्या तक्रारींचा पेन्शन अदालतमध्ये विचार करण्यात आला नाही. असे निदर्शनात आल्यावर सिनियर अकाउंट्स ऑफिसरला फोन करून चौकशी केली व संघटनेतर्फे पत्र दिनांक २९ मार्च २९२३ रोजी पत्र पाठविण्यात आले आहे.

आयुष्मान भारत आरोग्य खात्या (ABHA) शी सीजीएचएस लाभार्थी आयडी लिंक करण्यासाठी सरकारने ११.०१.२२३ रोजी आदेश जारी केले आहेत. यासह लाभार्थीचे वैद्यकीय अहवाल ABHA शी लिंक केले जातील, जे लाभार्थीच्या मान्यतेने आरोग्य

माहिती प्रदात्याकडे संग्रहित केले जातील. सीजीएचएस लाभार्थ्यांमध्ये अशी भीती आहे की ABHA शी लिंक केल्यानंतर, सीजीएचएस लाभार्थ्यांना सिव्हिल हॉस्पिटलमधून देखील उपचार दिले जातील. २०/०३/२०२३ रोजी पुणे येथे झालेल्या सीजीएचएस पंचायतीमध्ये आम्ही हा मुद्दा उपस्थित केला होता. येथे हे लक्षात घेण्यासारखे आहे की सीजीएचएस लाभार्थी स्वतःच्या इच्छेनेच सहभागी होऊ शकतो तसेच तो/ती कधीही ABHA क्रमांक कायमस्वरूपी हटवण्याची किंवा तात्पुरती निष्क्रिय करण्याची विनंती करू शकतो.

DOT/BSNL निवृत्तीवेतनधारकांचे राष्ट्रीयकृत बँकांमधून संपन्न मध्ये स्थलांतर जवळपास फेब्रुवारी २०२३ पर्यंत पूर्ण झाले आहे. सदस्यांच्या अभिप्रायानुसार, काही निवृत्तीवेतनधारकांचे स्थलांतर होणे बाकी आहे. त्यांना बँकेमार्फत पेन्शन मिळत राहते. संपन्न मध्ये स्थलांतरित झालेल्या निवृत्तीवेतनधारकांनी KYP फॉर्म सबमिट करणे आवश्यक आहे. पोस्ट ऑफिसमधून संपन्नमध्ये स्थलांतराची प्रक्रिया लवकरच सुरू होणार आहे. ज्या बीएसएनएल/डीओटी पेन्शनर्स ना पोस्ट ऑफिसद्वारे पेन्शन मिळते, त्यांनी त्यांचा अद्यावत मोबाईल नंबर पोस्ट ऑफिस रेकॉर्डमध्ये नोंदवावा. त्या मोबाईलवरच मायग्रेषन झाल्यावर मेसेज येतो व संपन्नद्वारे पेन्शन पेमेंट व इतर मेसेज पाठविले जातात.

बीएसएनएल पेन्शनर्सच्या प्रलंबित वैद्यकीय बिले/भत्याबाबत, आपल्या निवेदनास प्रतिसाद देतांना BSNL कॉर्पोरेट कार्यालयाने दिनांक ०५/०२/२०२३ च्या पत्राद्वारे कळविले की CBB विभागाने आधीच मंडळांना निधी वाटपासाठी आवश्यक कार्यवाही करण्यासाठी वैद्यकीय दायित्वाची (Liability) यादी प्रदान करण्याचे निर्देश दिले आहेत. कॉर्पोरेट कार्यालयाशी केलेल्या चर्चेनुसार, ३१ मार्च २०२३ पर्यंत मेडिकल बिले/भत्याचे भुगतान केले जाईल.

श्री अरविंद वडनेरकर डायरेक्टर (HR) यांनी दिलेल्या माहितीनुसार, बीएसएनएल सेवानिवृत्त कर्मचार्यांसाठी मार्च-२०२३ पासून बहुतांश सर्कल मध्ये वेबपोर्टल सुरू करण्यात आले आहे. आता बीएसएनएल पेन्शनर्सना आपल्या युजर आयडी ची नोंदणी करून आपल्या प्रलंबित मेडिकल बिलाची माहिती ट्रॅक करण्याची सुविधा देण्यात आली आहे.



बजेट २०२३ : नवीन आयकर प्रणाली (New Tax Regime) आकर्षक

लोकसभेत १ मार्च २०२३ रोजी सादर केलेल्या अर्थसंकल्पात, मा. अर्थमंत्री निर्मला सीतारामन यांनी नवीन आयकर प्रणालीत महत्वाचे बदल सादर केले. मध्यमवर्गीय कुटुंबातील लाखो करदात्यांना नव्या कर प्रणालीकडे आकर्षित करण्यासाठी या कर प्रणालीत करमाफी ची मर्यादा, स्टॅन्डर्ड डिडक्शन, व रु. ७ लाख उत्पन्नावर सूट देण्यात आली आहे.

करमाफीची मर्यादा अडीच लाख रुपयांपासून आता ३ लाख रुपये झाली आहे, त्याचबरोबर कर रचनेनुसार ६ टॅक्स स्लॅब ऐवजी आता ५ टॅक्स स्लॅब असतील.

नवीन कर रचनेनुसार आता तीन लाखांपर्यंतच्या वार्षिक उत्पन्नावर शून्य कराची तरतूद करण्यात आली असून

३ ते ६ लाख रुपयांच्या उत्पन्नावर ५%,	६ ते ९ लाख रुपयांच्या उत्पन्नावर १०%,
९ ते १२ लाख रुपयांच्या उत्पन्नावर १५%,	१२ ते १५ लाख रुपयांच्या उत्पन्नावर २०% आणि
१५ लाखांपेक्षा जास्त उत्पन्नावर ३०% आयकर आकारला जाईल.	

यापूर्वी पाच लाखांपर्यंतच्या उत्पन्नावर कोणताही कर द्यावा लागत नव्हता. मात्र आता ७ लाखांपर्यंतच्या वार्षिक उत्पन्नावर कोणताही आयकर भरावा लागणार नाही.

जुन्या कर प्रणालीच काय होणार?

अर्थसंकल्पात नव्या कर प्रणालीत इतर सुविधांची घोषणा करत सरकारने जुनी कर प्रणाली टप्प्याटप्प्याने बंद करण्याचा आपला हेतू स्पष्ट केला आहे. म्हणजेच पुढील काही वर्षांत आयकर कायद्याच्या विविध कलमांतर्गत उपलब्ध करमुक्तीच्या तरतुदी मागे घेता येतील.

लक्षात घ्या की यापूर्वी २०२० मध्ये नवीन कर प्रणाली लागू करण्यात आली. याशिवाय इन्कम टॅक्स भरताना करदात्यांना जुनी आणि नवीन करप्रणाली निवडण्याचा पर्याय उपलब्ध आहे. जुन्या करप्रणालीला मोठ्या प्रमाणात बचतीला प्राधान्य देणाऱ्या करदात्यांची पसंती आहे. यामध्ये ८० सी अंतर्गत केलेल्या गुंतवणुकीवर रू. १,५०,००० पर्यंत, ८० डी अंतर्गत मेडीकल हेल्थ इन्शुरन्स रू. ५०००० पर्यंत तसेच बचत खाते/मुदत ठेवीवरील व्याजात रू. ५०००० पर्यंत सुट मिळते. यामध्ये आता अडीच लाखांपर्यंतच्या उत्पन्नावर कोणताही कर नसून...

अडीच ते पाच लाख - ५%	पाच लाख ते ७.५ लाख - १०%
७.५० लाख ते १० लाख - १५%	१० लाख ते १२.५० लाख - २०%
१२.५० लाख ते १५ लाख - २५%	१५ लाखांपेक्षा जास्त उत्पन्नावर - ३०%
यामध्ये करात १२ हजार ५०० रुपयांची सुट आहे.	

सोप्या शब्दात बोलायचे तर जुन्या कर प्रणालीत तुम्हाला पाच लाखांपर्यंतच्या उत्पन्नावर कर भरावा लागत नव्हता. या जुन्या कर प्रणालीत काहीच बदल करण्यात सूचविले नाहीत.

अशा रितीने नवीन आयकर प्रणाली (New Tax Regime) पेन्शनर्स करिता सुद्धा आकर्षक करण्यात आली आहे.

लक्षात असू द्यावे की बजेट २०२३ च्या तरतूदी १ एप्रिल २०२३ पासून म्हणजेच २०२३-२४ या आर्थिक वर्षाकरीता लागू होणार आहे. या वर्षात गुंतवणुक करताना उपयोगी पडणार आहे.

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दरमहाच्या पेन्शनमधून टी.डी.एस. (टॅक्स डिडक्टेड अँट सोर्स) ची वजावट

दरमहाची पेन्शन काढून, ती वितरण करणाऱ्या अधिकाऱ्याची जबाबदारी असते की त्याने 'इन्कम टॅक्स नियमानुसार टीडीएस ची रिकव्हरी करून नंतरच पेन्शनचे वितरण करावे.' दरमहाच्या पेन्शन तपशिलामध्ये अशा प्रकारे टी.डी.एस. ची झालेली रिकव्हरी आपणा सर्वांच्या लक्षात आली असेल. बीएसएनएल/डीओटी पेन्शनसचे पेन्शन अकाउंट, संबंधित बँकेकडून सीसीए मुंबई ('कंट्रोलर ऑफ कम्युनिकेशन अकाउंट्स महाराष्ट्र-गोवा सर्कल') कडे मायग्रेट करण्यात आला आहे. त्यामुळे आर्थिक वर्ष २०२३-२४ मध्ये वितरीत करण्यात येणाऱ्या पेन्शनच्या रकमेतून टी.डी.एस., सी.सी.ए. मुंबई वसूल करणार आहे. ही टीडीएसची रिकव्हरी साधारणपणे मे महिन्याच्या पेन्शनमधून केली जाते.

सीसीए त्याचेकडे उपलब्ध असलेल्या माहितीनुसार व इन्कम-टॅक्सच्या नियमानुसार इन्कम-टॅक्सच्या नियमानुसार इन्कम टॅक्स रिकव्हरीची रक्कम ठरवते व त्यानुसार वर्षभरात वसूली केली जाते. 'जुन्या करप्रणाली'त कलम 80 C नुसार वजावटीचे प्रावधान असल्यामुळे काही पेन्शनर पीपीएफ, एल.आय.सी., एन.एस.सी., बँक डिपॉझिट स्कीम २००६, पाच वर्षासाठी इ. मध्ये रू. १,५०,००० पर्यंत बचत करून इन्कम टॅक्सचा भार कमी करण्याच्या प्रयत्नात असतात. त्यांनी बचतीचा तपशील योग्य त्या पुराव्यासकट पेन्शन वितरण करणाऱ्या अधिकाऱ्याला/सी. सी. ए. ला एप्रिल अखेरपर्यंत कळवावे. ही बचत लक्षात घेऊन मगच टीडीएस कापला जातो.

बँकेतून पेन्शन घेताना संबंधित बँक आर्थिक वर्ष संपल्यानंतर सदर वर्षात देण्यात आलेली पेन्शन व त्यावर कापला गेलेला टीडीएसचे स्टेटमेंट देते. सीसीए कार्यालयातर्फे सुद्धा आवश्यक स्टेटमेंट देण्यात येते. त्याचप्रमाणे इन्कमटॅक्सच्या संगणक प्रणालीवर प्रत्येक करदात्याला त्याला देण्यात आलेली पेन्शन, मुदत ठेवीवरील व्याज, म्युच्युअल फंड व शेअर्सवर दिला गेलेला डिव्हिडंड व त्यावर कापलेला टीडीएस दाखवणारे स्टेटमेंट (Annual Information Statement) दिले जाते. हे स्टेटमेंट जरूर काढून घ्यावे. रिटर्नसाठी ते आधारभूत ठरते.

सरकारने ७५ वर्षे व त्याहून अधिक वय असलेल्या पेन्शनरांना इन्कम टॅक्स रिटर्न भरण्यापासून सुट दिली आहे.

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इन्कम-टॅक्स - आर्थिक वर्ष २०२२-२३ म्हणजेच इन्कम-टॅक्ससाठीचे ऑसेसमेंट इयर २०२३-२४

जुन्या आयकर प्रणालीनुसार

आर्थिक वर्ष १-४-२२ ते ३१-३-२३ या कालावधीतील सर्व मार्गाने मिळणारे उत्पन्न 'रुपये दोन लाख पन्नास हजाराचे' वर असेल, तर इन्कम टॅक्स रिटर्न भरणे आवश्यक आहे. इन्कम टॅक्स पडत नाही, भरावा लागत नाही अशा सबबी चालत नाही.

Gross Total Income वर्षभरात सर्व मार्गांनी मिळालेले एकूण उत्पन्न म्हणजे करदात्याचे ढोबळ उत्पन्न होय.

१) वर्षभरात मिळालेली एकूण पेन्शन, पेन्शनची थकबाकी मिळाली असेल काही पगार व त्याची थकबाकी, मेडिकल अलाउन्स इ.

२) फॅमिली पेन्शन मिळत असेल तर -

फॅमिली पेन्शनच्या रकमेच्या एक तृतीयांश. रु. १५००० करमाफ

३) स्वतःच्या नावावर असलेल्या घराचे घरभाडे

४) बचत खाते व कायम ठेवीवर मिळणारे व्याज

५) शेअर्स, म्युच्युअल फंडावर मिळणारा डिव्हिडेंड इ.

Deductions या ढोबळ उत्पन्नामधून खालील वजावटी मिळू शकतात.

१) सेक्शन १९ नुसार स्टँडर्ड डेडक्शन रु. ५०,०००

२) कलम ८० सी नुसार आर्थिक वर्षात, एल.आय.सी., पीपीएफ, एन.एस.सी, सिनी. सिटिझन सेव्हिंग स्किम 'बँक डिपॉझिट स्कीम २००६ पाच वर्षासाठीची' इ. योजनात केलेली गुंतवणूक : मर्यादा १,५०,००० रु. फक्त

३) कलम ८० डी. मेडिकल इन्शुरन्स तसेच सीजीएचएस ची वर्गणी इ. - मर्यादा रु. ५००००

४) कलम ८० D, 2 (a) प्रिव्हेटिव्ह मेडिकल चेकप रु. ५०००

५) कलम ८० जी मान्यतापात्र संस्थांना दिलेल्या देणगीच्या ५० टक्के नॅशनल रिलीफ फंडसारख्या सरकारी योजनांसाठी १०० टक्के.

८) कलम ८० TTB नुसार मुदत ठेवीवरील व्याज मर्यादा रु. ५००००

याशिवाय इतर वजावटी आहेत. उदा. 'पेन्शन फंडातील वर्गणी' अपंगावरील औषधोपचाराचा खर्च, उच्च शिक्षणासाठी घेतलेल्या कर्जावरील व्याजात सवलत इ.इ.

Taxable Income : ढोबळ उत्पन्नातून (Gross Total Income) मधून वजावटी (Deduction) वजा केल्यानंतर, उरते ते करपात्र उत्पन्न (Taxable Income) होय. या उत्पन्नावर खालील दराने कर आकारणी होते.

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रु. १०,००,००० आणि त्याचे वर	३० टक्के
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या करआकारणीत, ६० वर्षाचे वरील सिनीअर सिटिझन यांना रु. ३,००,००० पर्यंत कर नाही व ८० वर्षावरील सुपर सीनीअर सिटिझनला रु. ५,००,००० पर्यंत कर नाही.

त्याचप्रमाणे कोणाही करदात्याने, 'इन्कम टॅक्स रिटर्न' भरले तरच त्याला रु. ५,००,००० पाच लाख रुपयांपर्यंत, कलम ८७ ए नुसार काहीही कर द्यावा लागत नाही.

देय करावर ४ टक्के दराने 'हेल्थ अँड एज्युकेशन टॅक्स' सुद्धा भरावा लागतो.

वर दिलेल्या कोष्टकाप्रमाणे येणारा कर, इन्कम टॅक्स रिटर्न भरण्यापूर्वी म्हणजे ३१ जुलै पर्यंत भरणे आवश्यक आहे. 'अॅडव्हान्स कर' सक्तीने भरण्याच्या नियमातून सीनिअर सिटिझन्सना सूट दिली आहे.

कर आकारणीची 'जुनी' व 'नवी' अशा २ पद्धती आहेत. वरील विवरण जुन्या करपद्धतीनुसार आहे. ती पद्धत सोईची व फायद्याची वाटते. जे करदाते वजावटी न घेता रिटर्न भरणार असतील त्यांना कदाचित नवी करपद्धती सोईची वाटू शकेल.

वर्षभरात दिलेली पेन्शन, कायम ठेवीवर देय असलेले व्याज आणि त्यावर आकारलेला T.D.S. टॅक्स डिडक्टेड अँट सोर्स दाखवणारे पत्रक, इन्कम टॅक्स प्रणाली नुसार मिळते. ते घेऊन ठेवावे. रिटर्न भरताना सदरचे पत्रक उपयोगी आणि आधारभूत ठरते.

इन्कम टॅक्सची नियमावली खूप सोपी झाली आहे. रिफंड ड्यू असेल तर विनाविलंब मिळतो. त्याचबरोबर इन्कम टॅक्स डिपार्टमेंट सतर्क झाले आहे. त्यामुळे आपण आपली जबाबदारी पार पाडावी हे परिपत्रक सर्वसाधारण स्वरूपाचे आहे. ज्या कोणा करदात्याचे जमीन, फ्लॅट इ. खरेदी विक्रीचे व्यवहार असतील तर त्यांनी योग्य त्या सवलती मिळवण्यासाठी 'सी.ए.' चार्टर्ड अकाउंटंटचा सल्ला घ्यावा.

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सौ. माधुरी जोशी आपल्या असोसिएशनच्या ठाणे शाखेत सध्या सचिव म्हणून कार्यरत आहे. सेव्ह इंडियन फार्मर्स फाऊंडेशन ही अमेरिकेतील नॉन प्रॉफिटिबल रजिस्टर्ड संस्था भारतातल्या आत्महत्याग्रस्त शेतकऱ्यांच्या कुटुंबांना मदत करते. या संस्थेच्या भारतातील शाखेत माधुरी जोशी एक सन्माननीय संचालक म्हणून १९९४ सालापासून कार्यरत आहे. त्यात शेतकऱ्यांना आत्महत्येपासून परावृत्त करणे, तसेच आधीच आत्महत्या केलेल्या त्यांच्या कुटुंबाला त्यांचे घर चालवण्यासाठी सोयी/सुविधा उपलब्ध करून देणे, त्यांच्या मुलाना टॅबलेट वगैरेचे वाटप करून शिक्षणासाठी मदत करणे, कमी पाण्यातील शेती, सौर उर्जेवरची शेती कशी करायची त्याचे शिक्षण देणे, त्या स्त्रिया व मुलांसाठी आरोग्य शिबीरे भरवून मोफत औषधोपचार पुरवणे.

बोअरवेल खणणे, ओल्या/सुक्या दुष्काळात धान्य पुरवणे, इत्यादी, कामे तेथील स्थानिक एनजीओच्या मदतीने करत असतात. तसेच त्या ज्येष्ठ नागरिक संघ, ठाणे (नॉर्थ) मध्ये गेली काही वर्षे सचिव/खजिनदार म्हणून कार्यरत आहे. सामाजिक क्षेत्रात अतुलनीय कार्याबद्दल जेष्ठ महोत्सवानिमित्त व्यास क्रिएशन्सतर्फे मा. माधुरी जोशी यांचा २०२२-२३ चा सेवा रत्न पुरस्कार देऊन गौरव करण्यात आला आहे. याचा आम्हास सार्थ अभिमान आहे.

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दिनांक २१ मार्च २०२३ रोजी सकाळी ११ वाजता श्रीमती दर्शना मोहमाया डबराल, सिनिअर DDG (PFA) यांची केबीनमध्ये भेट घेतली. त्यावेळी श्री. सुखबीर सिंग DDG (FA) हे देखील उपस्थित होते. त्यांच्यासोबत खालील मुद्द्यांवर चर्चा केली.

१) दूरसंचार विभागातील पेन्शनर्सच्या पेन्शन व्यवस्थापनासाठी २०१९ सालापासून संपन्न प्रणालीची अंमलबजावणी करण्यात आली आहे. तसेच रक्षा विभागातील पेन्शनर्सकरीता स्पर्श प्रणालीची सुरुवात झाली. पोस्टल विभागातील पेन्शनर्सच्या पेन्शन व्यवस्थापनासाठी सर्व समावेशक पेन्शन व्यवस्थापन प्रणाली कधी सुरु करण्यात येईल?

स्पष्टीकरण : सिनिअर DDG (PFA) यांनी सांगितले की सध्या टपाल कार्यालयातून पेन्शन घेणाऱ्या दूरसंचार विभागातील पेन्शनरांचे संपन्न प्रणालीत मायग्रेषन करण्याची प्रक्रिया सुरु होत आहे. हे मायग्रेषन यशस्वी झाल्यानंतर डिओटी शी सल्लामसलत करून पोस्टल पेन्शनर्ससाठी सुद्धा संपन्न प्रणाली लागू करण्याचा निर्णय घेण्यात येईल.

२) १.१.१९८६ पूर्वी झालेल्या इंडक्शन ट्रेनिंगचा कालावधी OTBP/BCR अंतर्गत बढतीसाठी गणण्यात यावा. अशा पोस्टल विभागाकडून आदेश जारी केला आहे. परंतु महाराष्ट्र सर्कलमध्ये बऱ्याच पेन्शनरांबाबत या आदेशाची अंमलबजावणी झालेली नाही. पेन्शनरांतर्फे पेन्शन अदालत मध्ये आपल्या तक्रारीची नोंद केली जाते. परंतु असे निरीक्षणात आले की इंडक्शन प्रशिक्षण कालावधी गणण्याबाबतच्या तक्रारी पेन्शन अदालतमध्ये विचारात घेतल्या जात नाहीत.

श्री. सुखबीर सिंग, DDG (FA) यांना अशा प्रकरणाची पार्श्वभूमी समजावून सांगितल्यावर त्यांनी ह्याबाबत पत्रव्यवहार करावा. त्याबाबत विभागांतर्गत चर्चा करून आवश्यक आदेश जारी करण्यात येईल असे सांगितले. अल्पवेळेच्या सूचनेवर भेटण्याची परवानगी दिल्याबद्दल तसेच आपले मुद्दे विचारात घेण्याबद्दल आपल्या असोसिएशनतर्फे आभार व्यक्त केले.



डिओटीतून बीएसएनएल/एमटीएनएल मध्ये सामील झालेल्या निवृत्त कर्मचाऱ्यांचे पेन्शन रिव्हिजन बाबत :

आपणास कल्पना आहे बीएसएनएल/एमटीएनएल पेन्शनर्सचे पेन्शन रिव्हिजन १.१.२०१७ पासून देय आहे. २५ ऑगस्ट २०२२ रोजी दूरसंचार विभागातर्फे १.१.२०१७ पासून देय पेन्शन रिव्हिजनचा प्रस्ताव मंजूर करून पेन्शन व पेन्शनर्स कल्याण विभागाकडे पाठविण्यात आल्याचे सांगण्यात आले. या प्रस्तावानुसार १.१.२०१७ रोजीच्या शेवटच्या मूळ वेतनात ११९.५ टक्के महागाई भत्ता विलिन करण्यात येईल व कोणताही फिटमेण्ट बेनिफिट न देता सुधारित पेन्शन ठरविण्यात येईल असे कळल्यानंतर आपल्या असोसिएशन सह सर्वच बीएसएनएल/एमटीएनएल पेन्शनर्स असोसिएशन तर्फे शून्य फिटमेण्ट धरून पेन्शन रिव्हिजनबाबत नाराजी व्यक्त केली.

दूरसंचार विभागातर्फे पेन्शन रिव्हिजनच्या प्रस्तावाबाबत चर्चा करण्यासाठी डॉ. महेश शुक्ला मॅबर (सर्व्हिसेस) यांच्या अध्यक्षतेखाली बीएसएनएल/एमटीएनएल पेन्शनर्स असोसिएशनच्या प्रतिनिधीसोबत बैठक घेण्यात आली. आपल्या असोसिएशनतर्फे श्री. एच. एफ. चौधरी, जनरल सेक्रेटरी व श्री. के. एस. कुलकर्णी, असि. जनरल सेक्रेटरी बैठकीस हजर होते. पेन्शन रिव्हिजनच्या प्रस्तावाची माहिती दिल्यानंतर असोसिएशनच्या प्रतिनिधींना आपले मत व्यक्त करण्याची संधी देण्यात आली. काही असोसिएशनच्या प्रतिनिधींनी बीएसएनएल पेन्शनर्सना केंद्र सरकारच्या पेन्शनर्सच्या बरोबरीने सातव्या वेतन आयोगाच्या शिफारशीनुसार २.५१५ फिटमेण्टचा फायदा देऊन पेन्शन रिव्हिजन करावे असे मत व्यक्त केले. आपल्या असोसिएशनतर्फे जनरल सेक्रेटरी यांनी पेन्शन रिव्हिजन करताना तिसऱ्या वेतन सुधारणा कमिटी (3rd PRC) च्या शिफारशीनुसार १५% फिटमेण्ट चा फायदा घेऊन पेन्शन रिव्हिजन चा प्रस्ताव असावा, बीएसएनएल / एमटीएनएल पेन्शनरांचे पेन्शन केंद्र सरकारची जबाबदारी आहे. तिसऱ्या वेतन सुधारणा कमिटीने १५% फिटमेण्ट बेनिफिटची शिफारस केली आहे. असे मत व्यक्त केले. इतर चार असोसिएशन तर्फे सुद्धा १५% फिटमेण्ट देऊन पेन्शन रिव्हिजन करण्याबाबत मत व्यक्त केले.

बैठकीचा समारोप करताना डॉ. महेश शुक्ला यांनी सांगितले की बीएसएनएल/एमटीएनएल पेन्शनर्सच्या पेन्शन रिव्हिजनबाबत

पेन्शन व पेन्शनर्स कल्याण विभाग व वित्त मंत्रालयाच्या खर्च विभागाशी (DOE) सल्लामसलत सुरू आहे. सल्लामसलत झाल्यावर पेन्शन रिव्हिजनबाबत अंतिम निर्णय घेण्यात येईल.

दूरसंचार विभागातर्फे दि. १७ नोव्हेंबर २०२२ रोजी काढलेल्या पत्राद्वारे दूरसंचार विभागातून बीएसएनएल/एमटीएनएल मध्ये सामील झालेल्या सेवानिवृत्तांना केंद्र सरकारच्या पेन्शन धारकाच्या बरोबरीने सातव्या वेतन आयोगानुसार पेन्शनरिव्हिजनच्या मताबाबत खुलासा केला आहे.

- बीएसएनएल/एमटीएनएल मध्ये सामील झाल्यावर कर्मचाऱ्यांना आयडीए पॅटर्ननुसार वेतन मिळत होते. सेवानिवृत्त झाल्यावर सीसीएस (पेन्शन) अधिनियम, उपनियम ८ नुसार दूरसंचार विभागातील तसेच बीएसएनएल/एमटीएनएल मधील एकत्रित केलेल्या सेवेबद्दल पेन्शनरी बेनेफिट्स मिळण्यासाठी पात्र आहेत. त्यानुसार त्यांना आयडीए पे स्केल नुसार शेवटच्या वेतनाचे आधारावर पेन्शन व आयडीए महागाई भत्ता मिळत आहे.

- पत्रात सातव्या वेतन आयोगाच्या शिफारशीनुसार पेन्शन रिव्हिजन होण्यासाठी सादर केलेल्या प्रकरणात मा. CAT हैदराबाद व CAT बंगलोरद्वारे दावे डिसमिस करताना दिलेल्या निकालाचे दाखले नमूद केले आहेत.

- दूरसंचार विभागातर्फे स्पष्ट केले आहे की सातव्या वेतन आयोगाच्या शिफारशी फक्त CDA पॅटर्ननुसार वेतन/पेन्शन मिळणाऱ्या केंद्र सरकारच्या कर्मचाऱ्यांना व पेन्शनरांना लागू आहेत.

सीसीएस (पेन्शन) अधिनियम २०२१ मधील ३७ (५) नियमात स्पष्टपणे नमूद केले आहे की सरकारी कर्मचाऱ्यांचे सार्वजनिक उपक्रमात (PSU) कायमचे सामावणे (Permanant absorption) त्याने दिलेले ऑप्शन सरकार ज्या दिवशी स्विकारते, त्या दिवसापासून लागू होते. त्या दिवसापासूनच तो कर्मचारी सरकारी नोकरीतून निवृत्त झाला असे मानले जाते. म्हणून पेन्शन विभागातर्फे सातव्या वेतन आयोगाच्या शिफारशीनुसार पेन्शन रिव्हिजनचे आदेश बीएसएनएल/एमटीएनएल पेन्शनरांना लागू नाहीत.

- सातव्या वेतन आयोगाच्या शिफारशीनुसार, बीएसएनएल /एमटीएनएल पेन्शनरांचे पेन्शन रिव्हिजन बाबत बीएसएनएल/एमटीएनएल कर्मचाऱ्यांच्या पे रिव्हिजन पासून पेन्शन रिव्हिजन वेगळे करण्याच्या प्रस्तावाबाबत दूरसंचार विभागातर्फे स्पष्ट करण्यात आले की सध्याच्या पेन्शन रिव्हिजनचा प्रस्ताव १.१.२०१७ रोजीच्या मूळ वेतनात महागाई भत्ता विलीन करून कोणत्याही फिटमेंट फॅक्टर शिवाय सुधारित पेन्शन ठरवून सध्याच्या पेन्शनर्सकरीता तसेच भविष्यात निवृत्त होणाऱ्या कर्मचाऱ्यांना सुद्धा लागू करण्यात येईल. तथापि जेव्हा 3rPRC नुसार बीएसएनएल/एमटीएनएल मधील कर्मचाऱ्यांचे पे रिव्हिजन होईल तेव्हा पे रिव्हिजन करताना वापरलेला फिटमेंट फॅक्टर बीएसएनएल/एमटीएनएल पेन्शनरांना सुद्धा लागू करण्यात येईल.

मधल्या काळात ७ व्या आयोगानुसार पेन्शन रिव्हिजनच्या बाजूने मत व्यक्त करणाऱ्या ३ पेन्शनर्स असोसिएशन 3rPRC नुसार १५% फिटमेंट च्या बाजूकडे वळल्या. पेन्शन रिव्हिजचा सुधारित प्रस्तावाबाबत होत असलेल्या विलंबाबाबत पुढील कारवाई ठरविण्यासाठी 3rd PRC नुसार १५% फिटमेंटच्या बाजूने असणाऱ्या पेन्शनर्स असोसिएशन च्या प्रतिनिधींची १८ जानेवारी २०२३ रोजी व्हिडिओ कॉन्फरन्सिंग बैठक आयोजित करण्यात आली. बैठकीत ८ पेन्शनर्स असोसिएशनचे प्रत्येकी दोन प्रतिनिधी सहभागी झाले होते.

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या बैठकीत 'जॉईंट फोरम ऑफ बीएसएनएल-एमटीएनएल पेन्शनर्स असोसिएशन्स' ची स्थापना करण्यात आली. बैठकीत

ठरल्यानुसार २५ जानेवारी २०२३ रोजी जॉईंट फोरमतर्फे सर्व घटक असोसिएशनच्या जनरल सेक्रेटरीच्या सहीनिशी मा. दूरसंचार मंत्री श्री अश्विनी वैष्णव व दूरसंचार विभागाचे सचिव श्री. राजारामन यांना निवेदन पाठविण्यात आले. निवेदनाद्वारे १५ टक्के फिटमेंट सह पेन्शन रिव्हिजन फक्त कायदेशीर नसून ते निर्विवाद व अखंडनीय आहे हे मुद्यासह सांगण्यात आले.

३१ जानेवारी २०२३ रोजी डॉ. महेश शुक्ला मॅबर सर्व्हिसेस सेवानिवृत्त झाले. त्याच दिवशी त्यांनी सांगितले की सीजीसीए कार्यालयातर्फे पेन्शन रिव्हिजन साठी आवश्यक ५%, १०%, व १५% फिटमेंट बाबत आर्थिक परिणामाची फाईल प्राप्त झाली आहे. असोसिएशन तर्फे डॉ. महेश शुक्ला साहेबांचे आभार व्यक्त केले.

२१ फेब्रुवारी २०२३ रोजी झालेल्या जॉईंट फोरमच्या दुसऱ्या व्हि. सी. बैठकीत दूरसंचार विभागात पेन्शन रिव्हिजनच्या सुधारित प्रस्तावाबाबत घटनाक्रमांचा आढावा घेण्यात आला व पुढील जॉईंट फोरमच्या प्रतिनिधींची प्रत्यक्ष बैठक १९ मार्च २०२३ रोजी २ वाजता किडवाई भवन नवी दिल्ली येथे घ्यावी त्यानंतर मॅबर सर्व्हिसेस, मॅबर फायनान्स व दूरसंचार सचिव यांच्याशी प्रत्यक्षात चर्चा करावी असा निर्णय घेण्यात आला. बैठकीत ठरल्याप्रमाणे जॉईंट फोरम तर्फे दूरसंचार सचिव मॅबर फायनान्स व मॅबर सर्व्हिसेस यांना पत्र पाठवून बीएसएनएल/एमटीएनएल पेन्शनरांच्या जिवाळ्याच्या समस्येबाबत प्रत्यक्ष चर्चा करण्यासाठी आम्हाला संधी देण्याची विनंती केली.

जॉईंट फोरम च्या विनंतीस मान देवून मॅबर फायनान्स व मॅबर सर्व्हिसेस यांनी २१ मार्च २०२३ रोजी प्रत्यक्ष चर्चेसाठी वेळ दिली. दूरसंचार सचिव कामकाजात व्यस्त असल्यामुळे ३१ मार्चपर्यंत वेळ देणे शक्य नाही, मॅबर सर्व्हिसेस यांच्याशी भेटून चर्चा करा असे सांगण्यात आले.

श्री. मनिष सिन्हा मॅबर (फायनान्स) यांचेसोबत २१ मार्च २०२३ रोजी १२ वाजता झालेल्या बैठकीचा अहवाल

जॉईंट फोरमच्या प्रतिनिधींनी बीएसएनएल/एमटीएनएल पेन्शनरांना १.१.२०१७ पासून १५ टक्के फिटमेंट बेनिफिट सह पेन्शन रिव्हिजनबाबत औचित्य सिद्ध करणारे निवेदन सादर केले.

- पेन्शन रिव्हिजनबाबत सुधारित प्रस्तावाच्या प्रक्रियेत होणाऱ्या विलंबाबाबत चिंता व्यक्त केली.
- जॉईंट फोरमचा पेन्शन रिव्हिजनचा प्रस्ताव दूरसंचार विभागातर्फे 3rd PRC नुसार पेन्शन रिव्हिजनशी सुसंगत असून आमची मागणी फक्त १५% फिटमेंटची आहे.
- बीएसएनएल/एमटीएनएल पेन्शनरांच्या पगारातून त्यांच्या वेतनश्रेणीच्या कमाल वेतनाचे आधारावर पेन्शन कॉन्ट्रिब्युशन सरकारकडे जमा करण्यात आले आहे. पेन्शन देण्याची जबाबदारी पूर्णपणे केंद्र सरकारची आहे. या बाबींचा विचार करून येणाऱ्या भविष्यात पेन्शन रिव्हिजन सुरळीत व्हावे यासाठी कॉबिनेट नोट मध्ये उल्लेख असावा.

मॅबर (फायनान्स) यांनी सांगितले की पेन्शन रिव्हिजनबाबत दूरसंचार विभागात उच्च स्तरावर चर्चा सुरु आहे. पेन्शन रिव्हिजनबाबत आर्थिक परिणामासह सुधारित प्रस्तावाची फाईल सधा आस्थापना (Staff Section) विभागाकडे पाठवली आहे. दूरसंचार सचिव व दूरसंचार मंत्र्याशी सल्लामसलत करून अंतिम निर्णय घेण्यात येईल. नॉन एक्झ्युटिव्ह कर्मचाऱ्यांच्या वेतनश्रेणीबाबत विचारले असता त्यांनी स्पष्ट केले की नॉन एक्झ्युटिव्ह कर्मचाऱ्यांच्या बाबतीत सुद्धा नवीन पे स्केल दूरसंचार विभागाकडे उपलब्ध आहेत.

भविष्यात पेन्शन रिव्हिजन सुरळीत होण्यासाठी मॅबर (फायनान्स) यांनी सल्ला दिला की सीसीएस (पेन्शन) अधिनियमातील 37 A अंतर्गत तरतूदींचा उल्लेख करून पेन्शन रिव्हिजन कमिटी (PRC) च्या संदर्भ अटीत (Terms of reference) मध्ये बीएसएनएल/एमटीएनएल पेन्शनरांचा मुद्दा समाविष्ट करावा असे निवेदन योग्य वेळी सादर करावे.

एकंदरीत श्री मनिष सिन्हा, मॅबर (फायनान्स) यांनी जॉईंट फोरमच्या १५ टक्के फिटमेंट बेनिफिटसह पेन्शन रिव्हिजनचे निवेदनाबाबत सकारात्मक प्रतिसाद दिला. पेन्शन रिव्हिजनबाबत सुधारित प्रस्तावाची दूरसंचार विभागात चर्चा झाली आहे. माननीय दूरसंचार मंत्र्याच्या उपलब्धतेनुसार, त्यांच्याशी चर्चा करण्यात येईल व अंतिम निर्णय घेण्यात येईल असे सांगितले.

श्री. मनिष सिन्हा यांनी त्यांच्या व्यस्त वेळापत्रकातून आपणास ४५ मिनिटे वेळ देऊन सौहार्दपूर्ण चर्चा केली, त्याबद्दल जॉईंट फोरमतर्फे त्यांचे आभार मानण्यात आले.

श्री. उमाशंकर पांडे मॅबर (सर्व्हिसेस) यांचेसोबत २१ मार्च २०२३ रोजी १.३० वा. झालेल्या बैठकीचा थोडक्यात अहवाल

जॉईंट फोरमच्या प्रतिनिधींनी बीएसएनएल/एमटीएनएल पेन्शनरांचे १.१.२०१७ पासून १५ टक्के फिटमेन्ट बेनिफिटसह पेन्शन रिव्हिजनबाबत औचित्य सिद्ध करणारे निवेदन सादर केले.

मॅबर सर्व्हिसेस यांनी निवेदन वाचून आश्वासन दिले की दूरसंचार विभागातर्फे बीएसएनएल/एमटीएनएल पेन्शनरांच्या पेन्शन रिव्हिजनवर लवकरात लवकर तोडगा काढण्यासाठी प्रभावी प्रयत्न केले जात आहेत. आतापर्यंत सुधारित प्रस्तावाबाबत होणाऱ्या आर्थिक परिणामावर दूरसंचार सचिव, मॅबर फायनान्स व मॅबर सर्व्हिसेस यांच्यात तीन बैठका झाल्या आहेत. यानंतर माननीय दूरसंचार मंत्र्यांसोबत बैठक घेऊन फिटमेन्ट बेनिफिटबाबत अंतिम निर्णय घेण्यात येईल. एप्रिल २०२३ च्या पहिल्या आठवड्यात मा. दूरसंचार मंत्र्यांसोबत बैठक अपेक्षित आहे. फिटमेन्ट बेनिफिटबाबत अंतिम निर्णय झाल्यावर पेन्शन रिव्हिजन चा प्रस्ताव वित्त मंत्रालयाच्या खर्च विभागाकडे पाठविण्यात येईल.

मॅबर सर्व्हिसेस यांनी आपल्या पेन्शन रिव्हिजनबाबत बैठकीसाठी त्यांच्या व्यस्त वेळापत्रकातून ३० मिनिटे सकारात्मक चर्चा, केल्याबद्दल, त्यांचे आभार व्यक्त केले.



डीओटी/बीएसएनएल पेन्शनरांसाठी दि. २४ मार्च २०२३ रोजी झालेल्या पेन्शन अदालतचा अहवाल

डिओटी/बीएसएनएल पेन्शनरांसाठी दि. २४ मार्च २०२३ रोजी मुंबई येथे श्रीमती विभा मिश्रा, सीसीए महाराष्ट्र व गोवा यांचे अध्यक्षतेखाली हायब्रीड पद्धतीने आयोजित करण्यात आली होती. श्री. भारद्वाज, जॉईंट सीसीए, श्री. आर. एस वारंग, Dy. CCA श्री. प्रसन्ध ओ. एस., लेखाधिकारी व श्री. वानखेडे लेखाधिकारी उपस्थित होते. तसेच श्री. रोहित शर्मा, CGM, बीएसएनएल, महाराष्ट्र सर्कल व श्री. सुरेश नाखले, GM (HR) हे देखील उपस्थित होते. आपल्या असोसिएशनच्या वतीने, श्री. एच.एफ. चौधरी, जनरल सेक्रेटरी (ऑनलाईन) व श्री. के. एस. कुलकर्णी सहा. जनरल सेक्रेटरी उपस्थित होते. पेन्शन अदालत दरम्यान आपल्यातर्फे खालील मुद्दे सादर केले.

- १) बँक ऑफ महाराष्ट्र/स्टेट बँक ऑफ इंडियाकडून पेन्शन मिळणाऱ्या काही पेन्शनरांचे अजून मायग्रेषन झालेले नाही. त्यांचे मायग्रेषनला प्राधान्य देण्यात यावे.
- २) मायग्रेषन झालेल्या बऱ्याच पेन्शनरांकडून चुकीच्या माहितीबाबत तक्रारी येत आहेत. त्यांना आम्ही KYC फॉर्म भरावयास सांगतोय जेणेकरून KYC अपडेट करताना चुकीच्या माहितीत सुधारणा केली जाईल अशी अपेक्षा आहे.
- ३) असे निरीक्षणात आले की सीसीए कार्यालयातर्फे सुधारित पेन्शनचा आदेश देण्यात आला आहे मात्र बँकेतर्फे अजून सुधारित आदेशाची अंमलबजावणी झालेली नाही. अशा परिस्थितीत पेन्शन वितरण करणाऱ्या बँकांना /पोस्ट मास्तरांना सुद्धा पेन्शन अदालत मध्ये पाचारण करावे. संबंधित प्रकरण निकाली काढण्यास मदत होईल.
- ४) पेन्शन अदालत मध्ये बीएसएनएल एसएसए/बीए कडून आवश्यक कागदपत्रे न मिळाल्यामुळे काही प्रकरणे प्रलंबित आहेत. अशावेळी एसएसए च्या प्रतिनिधीस उपस्थित राहण्यास सांगावे म्हणजे प्रकरण निकाली काढण्यास मदत होईल. उदा. डी. एस. महाडेश्वर यांचे प्रकरण फॉर्म ७ न आल्यामुळे दीड वर्षांपासून प्रलंबित आहे.
- ५) दूरसंचार विभागातर्फे संपन्न मधील पेन्शनरांबाबत कॉम्युटेशनचे आणि फॅमिली पेन्शनचे अर्ज थेट सीसीए कार्यालयास पाठवावे असा आदेश जारी केला आहे. मात्र आधीच्या पेन्शनर फॅमिली पेन्शनचे अर्ज बीएसएनएल कार्यालयात जमा करावे लागतात. बीएसएनएल कार्यालयात हे अर्ज महिनोमहिने प्रलंबित राहतात. हे अर्ज सीसीए कार्यालयास उशीरा पोहोचल्यामुळे, फॅमिली पेन्शन मंजूर होण्यास विलंब होत आहे. आम्ही दूरसंचार विभागाकडे याबाबत पत्रव्यवहार केला आहे. तोपर्यंत महाराष्ट्र सर्कल मध्ये पेन्शनसंबंधी नोडल ऑफिसरची नियुक्ती करावी असे सूचित केले.

श्रीमती विभा मिश्रा, सीसीए यांनी पेन्शनर्स असोसिएशनतर्फे उपस्थित केलेल्या समस्यांचे स्पष्टीकरण/समाधानकारक उत्तरे दिली.

- १) बँकेतून ज्या पेन्शनरांचे मायग्रेषन झालेले नाही, त्यांची माहिती तपासून साधारणतः दोन महिन्यात मायग्रेषन करण्यात येईल.
- २) ओळखपत्रे पाठवण्याच्या विलंबाबाबत, त्यांनी सांगितले की, मायग्रेषनच्या कामामुळे ते बाजूला पडले होते. एप्रिल २०२३ पासून ओळखपत्रे पाठविण्यास सुरुवात केली जाईल.
- ३) मायग्रेषन झालेल्या पेन्शनराबाबत चुकीची माहिती व KYC फॉर्म बाबत त्यांनी सांगितले की, KYC अपडेट करतानाच माहितीत सुधारणा करण्यात येईल. सीसीए कार्यालयास फक्त आधार क्रमांक नाव, पत्ता व मोबाईल क्रमांक सुधारित करता येतो.
- ४) आपल्या सूचनेचे कौतुक करून पेन्शन अदालत मध्ये संबंधित बँक/पोस्ट अधिकाऱ्यास बोलवण्याचे मान्य केले.
- ५) सेकंड स्टेज फॅमिली पेन्शनच्या अर्जाचे विलंबाबाबत सीसीए मॅडम यांनी सांगितले की याबाबत GM (HR) यांचे सोबत चर्चा केली आहे आणि आशा आहे की यापुढे ह्या अर्जाच्या प्रक्रियेत विलंब होणार नाही.
- ६) फिक्सड मेडिकल अलौउन्स (FMA) मंजूरीबाबत त्यांनी स्पष्ट केले की पेन्शनर्सने अर्ज केल्याच्या तारखेपासूनच FMA मंजूर करण्यात येत आहे. पेन्शनर्स ने BSNL MRS कार्ड सरेंडर केल्यावर लगेच फिक्सड मेडिकल अलौउन्स चा अर्ज भरावा व बीएसएनएल कार्यालयास सबमिट करावा.

पेन्शन अदालत मध्ये एकूण २७ पेन्शनर्सनी अर्ज केले होते. शेवटी श्रीमती विभा मिश्रा, सीसीए तसेच इतर अधिकारी यांनी हायब्रिड पद्धतीने पेन्शन अदालत आयोजित केल्याबद्दल आपल्या असोसिएशनतर्फे आभार व्यक्त केले.



शाखा अहवाल

- **नाशिक :** नाशिक शाखेचे वार्षिक अधिवेशन दि. ४ जानेवारी २०२३ रोजी बीएसएनएल कार्यालयाच्या रिक्रिएशन हॉल येथे श्री. प्रकाश फासे यांचे अध्यक्षतेखाली संपन्न झाले. प्रमुख पाहुणे संघटनेचे राष्ट्रीय नेते एच.एफ. चौधरी, संघटन सचिव रोहिदास उपस्थित होते. अरविंद जाधव, सचिव यांनी मागील सभेचे इतिवृत्त, वार्षिक अहवाल व जमाखर्च सादर केले. सर्वानुमते मंजूर करण्यात आले. वयाची ७५ वर्ष पूर्ण केलेल्या सभासदांचा तसेच देणगीदार श्री. सुरेश तासखेडकर (वय वर्ष ८१) यांचा शाल व श्रीफळ देऊन सत्कार करण्यात आला. श्री. चौधरी जनरल सेक्रेटरी यांनी केंद्रीय स्तरावर केंद्र सरकारच्या पेन्शनरांबाबत घडामोडींचा आढावा घेतला तसेच बीएसएनएल पेन्शनरांचे संपन्न प्रणालीत मायग्रेषननंतर बदल व पेन्शन रिव्हिजनबाबत सद्यस्थितीबाबत सविस्तर मार्गदर्शन केले व शंकांचे समाधान केले. श्री. रोहिदास यांनी संघटनेबाबत माहिती दिली.
त्यानंतर पुढील दोन वर्षाकरीता कार्यकारिणीची निवड करण्यात आली.
अध्यक्ष : अरविंद पी. जाधव मो. ९४२२८३८३८७ कार्याध्यक्ष : प्रकाश बी. फासे मो. ९४२१६०५१५१
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ट्रेझरर : विनायक डी. देशपांडे मो. ९४२०६९२५३३, अध्यक्षीय भाषणानंतर आभार प्रदर्शन व राष्ट्रगीताने सांगता झाली.
- **टेलिकॉम आनंद मेळावा पुणे :** टेलिकॉम पेन्शनरांचा सव्विसावा आनंद मेळावा दि. २५ जानेवारी २०२३ रोजी श्री गणेश सभागृह, कर्वेरोड येथे आनंदाने साजरा करण्यात आला. मेळाव्यात ३०७ आनंदयात्री सहभागी झाले होते. श्री. एस.के. देशपांडे यांनी पेन्शनर्स बेनिफिट्स मध्ये आतापर्यंत झालेला बदल, शारीरिक स्वास्थ्यासाठी आवश्यक गुंतवणूक, आनंदी जीवन कसे जगावे याबाबत संबोधन केले. श्री. हेमंत जोगळेकर यांनी गायत्री परिवार या संस्थेच्या कार्याची माहिती सांगितली. श्री. एच. एफ. चौधरी यांनी संपन्नची वैशिष्ट्ये, बँकेतून मायग्रेषननंतर होणारा बदल व बीएसएनएल पेन्शनरांचे पेन्शन रिव्हिजनबाबत माहिती दिली. डॉ. सौ. शैलाताई मराठीच्या निवृत्त प्राध्यापिका यांनी सांगितले की पेन्शन व अन्य गोष्टींमुळे शरीर सुदृढ होईल. पण सुखरूप होण्यासाठी अध्यात्म व तसे आचरण आवश्यक आहे. श्रीमती शैलजा देशपांडे व श्री. बी.आर. कट्टी यांनी सूत्रसंचालन केले. स्वादिष्ट जेवणाने व उपवासाच्या स्वादिष्ट थाळीने आनंद मेळाव्याची सांगता झाली.

- **बीड शाखा :** अंबेजोगाई येथे दि. ५ फेब्रुवारी २०२३ रोजी टपाल व दूरसंचार विभागातील निवृत्त कर्मचाऱ्यांचा मेळावा उत्साहात संपन्न झाला. मेळाव्यास पेन्शनर्स असोसिएशनचे जनरल सेक्रेटरी एच. एफ. चौधरी, मराठवाडा विभागाचे संघटन सचिव राम निंबाळकर, एम. एम. हनुरे, शेख अब्दुल शेख सत्तार, एच. जी. मते, सचिव श्रीपाद चिक्षे, ए. जी. पसारकर, डी. आर. मुंडे आदि कार्यकारिणी सदस्य उपस्थित होते. श्री. एच. एफ. चौधरी यांनी आपल्या भाषणात मेडिकल भत्यात वाढ, जिल्ह्याच्या ठिकाणी सीजीएचएस हॉस्पिटल, कम्युटेड पेन्शनचे १२ वर्षात पुनःस्थापन तसेच पोस्टल पेन्शनर्सबाबत प्रलंबित प्रकरणे व बीएसएनएल पेन्शनर्स करीता संपन्न प्रणाली, बँकेतून मायग्रेसन व पेन्शन रिव्हिजनबाबत सविस्तर माहिती दिली. श्री. राम निंबाळकर यांनी मराठवाडा विभागातील पोस्टल पेन्शनर्सच्या तक्रारीचे समाधान करण्यासाठी प्रयत्नशील आहोत असे संबोधित केले. श्रीपाद चिक्षे यांच्या उत्तम व्यवस्थापनातून मेळावा उत्साहात संपन्न झाला.
- **सोलापूर शाखा :** सोलापूर जिल्हा शाखेची सर्वसाधारण सभा दि. ११ फेब्रुवारी २०२३ रोजी श्री यु.बी. मठपती यांचे अध्यक्षतेखाली दिपाली केटरर्सच्या सभागृहात पार पडली. सभेस प्रमुख पाहुणे म्हणून संघटनेचे उपाध्यक्ष जी.एन. कुलकर्णी, महासचिव एच.एफ. चौधरी, सहा. महासचिव के.एस. कुलकर्णी उपस्थित होते. श्री. पांडुरंग अदोने यांनी पाहुण्यांचे तसेच उपस्थितांचे स्वागत केले. श्री. के.एस. कुलकर्णी यांनी बीएसएनएल पेन्शनर्सच्या मेडीकल बिले / अलाउन्स तसेच सीजीएचएसबाबत मार्गदर्शन केले. श्री. एच.एफ. चौधरी यांनी केंद्र सरकारी पेन्शनर्सबाबत प्रलंबित मागण्यांबाबत तसेच बीएसएनएल पेन्शनर्स संबंधित संपन्न प्रणाली, बँकेतून मायग्रेसन, केवायसी व १.१.२०१७ पासून पेन्शन रिव्हिजन बाबत आपल्या संघटनेद्वारे केलेल्या प्रयत्नांची माहिती दिली. पुढील दोन वर्षांकरिता नवीन कार्यकारिणीची निवड करण्यात आली.
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उपाध्यक्ष : सुरेश एस. भोसले ९४२२४६६५६६ के. एन. शिंदे ९७६४५६५७२३
सचिव : पी. व्ही. अदोने ९४२०४८८६७४ ट्रेझरर : पी.एम. माशाल ९४२३०६९७०५
सहा.सचिव : १. ब्रह्मदेव अनुसे २. बी.डी. शबादीसंघटन सचिव : १. एस. आर. भांगे २. सुरेश देशपांडे
सुरेश भोसले यांनी आभार व्यक्त करताना खुलासेवार माहिती देणारी एकमेव संघटना म्हणून कौतुक केले व पाहुण्यांचे, उपस्थितांचे आभार मानले.
- **कोल्हापूर शाखा :** ऑल इंडिया, सेंट्रल गव्हर्नमेंट पेन्शनर्स असोसिएशन पुणे शाखा कोल्हापूरची वर्ष २०२१-२२ सालासाठीची वार्षिक सर्वसाधारण सभा दि. २२ मार्च २०२३ रोजी श्री. एम. आर. मंगेशकर यांच्या अध्यक्षतेखाली 'शिवाजी मंदिर' शिवाजी पेठ, कोल्हापूर येथे संपन्न झाली. सभेसाठी एकूण ३०० पेक्षा जास्त सभासद उपस्थित होते. सभेसाठी प्रमुख पाहुणे व मार्गदर्शक म्हणून पुणे हेडक्वार्टर मार्फत सर्व श्री. एच.एफ. चौधरी साहेब, जनरल सेक्रेटरी, के. एस. कुलकर्णी व संजय कुलकर्णी सहाय्यक जनरल सेक्रेटरी तसेच श्री. सुहास सोनाळकर साहेब संघटन सेक्रेटरी दक्षिण महाराष्ट्र हे उपस्थित होते. सकाळी ठीक १०.३० वाजता सभेस प्रारंभ झाला व नोटीसमधील नियोजित विषयाप्रमाणे सभेचे कामकाज पार पाडले. सदर वार्षिक सभा पार पाडणेकरिता कोल्हापूर जिल्हा कार्यकारिणी सदस्यांनी मोलाचे योगदान दिले त्याबाबत मी सर्वांचे आभार मानत आहे. आपले मनोगत व्यक्त करताना पुणे मुख्यालयाच्या पदाधिकाऱ्यांनी बीएसएनएल पेन्शनर्सचे पेन्शन रिव्हिजन, फिक्स्ड मेडिकल अलौन्स संपन्नप्रणाली, हयातीच्या दाखल्याचे मोबाईलवर प्रात्यक्षिक तसेच उपस्थित सभासदांनी विचारलेल्या शंका, समस्यांवर विस्तृत विवेचन केले. सरतेशेवटी आभारप्रदर्शन व राष्ट्रगीत होऊन सभेची सांगता झाली.
- **सावंतवाडी :** ऑल इंडिया सेन्ट्रल गव्हर्नमेंट पेन्शनर्स असोसिएशन या संघटनेतर्फे दि. २३/०२/२०२३ रोजी जेष्ठ नागरिक संघ हॉल, सावंतवाडी येथे अण्णा एच. के. देसाई, यांचे अध्यक्षतेखाली पेन्शनर्स मेळावा पार पडला. मेळाव्यास पुणे मुख्यालयचे जनरल सेक्रेटरी एच. एफ. चौधरी, असि. जनरल सेक्रेटरी, के. एस. कुलकर्णी, संजय कुलकर्णी, संघटन सचिव सुहास सोनाळकर तसेच सिंधुदुर्ग जिल्हा शाखेचे सचिव प्रमोद मोहिते, संघटन सचिव पाटील उपस्थित होते. पेन्शनरच्या दृष्टीने खूप महत्वाची व चांगली माहिती मिळाली.
- **Panaji-Goa :** Executive Body meeting of Panaji Goa Branch was held at Panaji on 24/02/2023. Sarvashri H. F. Chaudhari General Secretary, K. S. Kulkarni AGS, S. B. Sonalkar and Sanjay Kulkarni AGS attended the meeting. Smt. Sadhana Shirodkar Branch Secretary submitted the status of the Branch in brief. Shri H. F. Chaudhari guided about latest status of the recommendations of

Parliamentary Standing Committee ie. CGHS facilities at District places, Enhancement of FMA to Rs. 3000 and Additional pension of 5%/10% & 15% on attaining age of 65years/70years/75 years. He also addressed about the facilities available in Sampann, Migration from Banks to Sampann, Proposal of Revision of pension in respect of BSNL Pensioners. Shri K. S. Kulkarni addressed about Medical Bills and CGHS, Shri Sanjay Kulkarni and Shri Sonalkar addressed about the activities of Association and made an appeal to increase the members. Shri Edward Vas President offered the vote of thanks.

- **रायगड जिल्हा :** रायगड जिल्हा शाखेची वार्षिक सर्वसाधारण सभा दि. २७.२.२०२३ रोजी कर्णिक हॉल, पंतनगर, अलिबाग येथे पार पडली. व्यासपीठावर प्रभाकर गोविंद आपटे, अध्यक्ष एच. एफ. चौधरी, जनरल सेक्रेटरी, मनोहर पत्की, असि. जनरल सेक्रेटरी बी.बी. खखिले, बी.एन. शिरसाट इत्यादि मान्यवर उपस्थित होते. सी.आर. पाटील यांनी मान्यवरांचे स्वागत केले. ए.पी. म्हात्रे, शाखा सचिव यांनी मागील सभेचे इतिवृत्त, अहवाल व जमाखर्च सादर केला. सर्वानुमते मंजूर करण्यात आला. उपस्थित सभासदांनी पेन्शनर्सना आय कार्ड, कॉउन्टिंग ऑफ इंडकशन ट्रेनिंग, पेन्शनर्सना कॅश कॉउन्टरवर वेगळी व्यवस्था, मेडिकल भत्यात वाढ, १८ महिन्याचा गोठविलेला महागाई भत्ता, विकलेली पेन्शन पुनःस्थापित करण्याचा कालावधी इत्यादिबाबत प्रश्न उपस्थित केले.

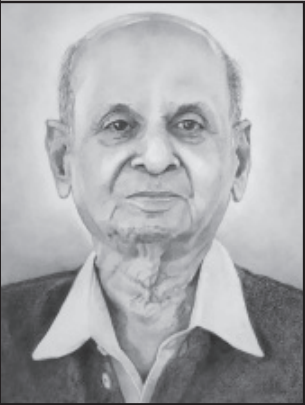
श्री. मनोहर पत्की यांनी काही प्रश्नांचे उत्तर देऊन सभासदांचे समाधान केले. त्यानंतर आपले लाडके जनरल सेक्रेटरी श्री. चौधरी यांनी केंद्र सरकारकडून काय मिळण्यासारखे आहे अशा मुद्द्यावर मार्गदर्शन केले तसेच असोसिएशन तर्फे बीएसएनएल पेन्शनर्ससाठी केलेल्या महत्वाच्या कामांची माहिती देऊन त्यांना सभासद करून घेण्याचे आवाहन केले. पुढील दोन वर्षाकरीता नवीन कार्यकारिणीची निवड करण्यात आली.

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श्री. मुरलीधर उर्फ एम.ए. कार्लेकर टेलीफोन खात्यातून असिस्टंट जनरल मॅनेजर या पदावर असतांना निवृत्त झाले. ते अतिशय कार्यक्षम, समजूतदार, योग्य निर्णय घेण्यात पटाईत म्हणून ख्यात होते. निवृत्तीनंतर समाजकार्याची आवड असल्याने त्यांनी एकमेव पेन्शनर्स असोसिएशन शी जोडून घेतले. त्यांनी स्वतःला संस्थेच्या कामात इतके गुंतवून घेतले की २००६ साली पुण्यात संपन्न झालेल्या वार्षिक सर्वसाधारण सभेत त्यांची ऑल इंडियाचे जनरल सेक्रेटरी म्हणून निवड झाली. त्यांनी ऑक्टोबर २०१७ पर्यंत तब्बल ११ वर्ष जनरल सेक्रेटरी पदाचा कार्यभार सांभाळला. या काळात पाचवा वेतन आयोग, सहावा वेतन आयोग बीएसएनएल पेन्शनर्स बाबत सेकंड पीआरसी, स्कोवा मॅमबर इत्यादी महत्वाच्या बाबी घडल्या, त्यांनी यशस्वीरित्या सांभाळल्या. असोसिएशन च्या शाखा १०० पर्यंत व सभासद संख्या ३४००० पर्यंत वाढली. त्यांची शांत वृत्ती, सर्व वक्त्यांचे विचार ऐकून घेण्याची प्रवृत्ती असल्याने संस्थेच्या सभा विना तंटा पार पडत. संस्थेच्या कार्याच्या निमित्ताने त्यांनी कर्नाटक, महाराष्ट्र भर तसेच प्रसंगी दिल्लीला दौरे केले.

नोव्हेंबर २०१७ पासून ते संस्थेचे सल्लागार म्हणून कार्यरत होते. वृद्धापकाळात अल्पशा आजाराने त्यांनी या जगाचा निरोप घेतला. त्यांच्या जाण्याने त्यांच्या कुटुंबियांसमवेत आपल्या सर्वांनाच दुःख झाले आहे.

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H. F.Chaudhari, G S, addressing the CWC held at Pune on 01.03.2023



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