

MINUTES OF VIRTUAL GENERAL BODY MEETING OF RSCWS

HELD ON 22 & 23 JANUARY 2021 ON WHATSAPP

Shri T.S. Kalra, President RSCWS presided over the virtual Meeting.

1. Opening Address by the President:

In the New Year, we are **virtually** meeting for the first time. I wish you all a very happy new year. Last year, as you all know, had been a difficult one but still, we have been successful in conducting five Executive Committee meeting and one General Body Virtually. Thank you all for your cooperation.

We are in constant interaction with Ambala Division, Northern Railway, & Railway Board about pensioners' problems. A lot of time and efforts have been devoted and, in some matters, we have achieved good results. Some of RSCWS's members have also been giving personal attention from time to time as required. Hope you have received periodical Rail Sampark for the month of Oct. – Dec. 2020. It contains a lot of informative details. Copies of all the correspondence done by us are available therein. Although

There were problems when referring to Private Empaneled Hospitals. Now Railway Board has clarified that in case of emergency there is no need to go to CMS Ambala to bring referral letter/authorization. You can take the patient directly for treatment in emergency to Empaneled Hospital and from that hospital, a message will be sent to CMS Ambala to obtain permission. But for that we need to have a UMID card Or CTSE card. As it is not easy to generate these cards, we are trying to tie up with a Private Café to get these cards generated, the details of which will be conveyed to you by Secretary General. We have to manage with RELHS cards till UMID card is made available to all the pensioners.

For Chronic Cases, there was a demand that the medicine be issued for 3 months at a time. It has also been followed up and instructions have been issued for issue of 3 months medicine in Chronic Cases

Usually for OPD treatment, we are not referred to Private Empaneled Hospitals, but now Railway Board has issued instructions that pensioners can get OPD treatment facilities in Empaneled Pvt. Hospitals at CGHS rates. But this facility is only available in Hospitals Empaneled by the Railways. Railway Empaneled Hospitals are very few in Tri City. Fortis and MAX have withdrawn themselves for non-Payment of their bills by the Railways. Some of their bills have been cleared but still they are not ready to renew their empanelment due to heavy deductions by the Railways. We are in touch with DRM/UMB and GM/NR. and CMD for empanelment of more Hospitals and Diagnostic Centers in the Tri-city so that pensioners can avail treatment at their preferred/convenient Hospitals. We are also approaching Railway Board and Ministry of Health to allow our pensioners to avail OPD facilities in all CGHS Empaneled Hospitals & diagnostic centers at CGHS rates.

I urge you all to come forward with your Complaints and suggestions and volunteer your services as we need our members to assist us in Executive Committee. Please contribute with your Articles on any subject or your past experiences. We will publish them in the periodical Rail Sampark along with your photo.

As is well known to you all that we have a Social Welfare Fund, out of which we had recently donated Rs. One lakh to PM's Covid fund and also Rs. 10000/- to Pingalwara, Chandigarh.

For those members, who could not deposit their Subscription and Social Welfare Fund for last year are requested to please pay at the earliest.

Hope you have kept yourself safe from deadly CORONA. MAY GOD BLESS YOU ALL.

2. Address by Secretary General RSCWS Sh. Harchandan Singh

I welcome you all in this New Year in this virtual General Body Meeting of RSCWS. It is first General Body Meeting of the year and has been called to ratify the decisions taken by Executive Committee Meeting last month. You all are requested to ratify the decisions taken by Executive Committee and give your approval.

I want to inform you that on Health Care front some good decisions/orders have been issued by Railway Board's letter of 28/12/2020, vide which the procedure of Emergency Treatment in Private Empaneled Hospitals has been streamlined. This was our long-standing demand. Now as a result of these orders, a pensioner or his attendant need not run from Pillar to post to get the approval to get treatment in Private Empaneled Hospitals. Approval will be issued on line. The hospital where the beneficiary is admitted will send a detailed report to CMS/UMB within 24 Hours of admission and CMS will be bound to decide within next 24 hours, otherwise it will be considered as approval.

Similarly, another order of Railway Board which allowed to draw 3months medicine at a time, for Chronic Disease and 6 months medicines in case you are visiting abroad, was not being implemented by Ambala Division. Now ADMO Chandigarh has been instructed to implement these orders of Railway Board. As a result of above decision beneficiaries will get some relief, but we are still trying that ADMO/CDG be authorized to refer the cases directly to Empaneled Hospitals And diagnostic centers after obtaining CMS's approval on phone.

We are trying to get the list of Chronic Diseases enlarged and updated as also the problems being faced in getting Reimbursement, since the FMA is not sufficient to cover the cost of medicines of Chronic Diseases.

We are also trying to persuade Railways to organize camps to generate UMID card for pensioners.

We need to have a strong organization. We cannot move forward till we strengthen RSCWS. I request you all to give your suggestions and also help enroll all Railway Pensioners residing in Tricity near your residence or outside Tricity.

Please pay your subscription on time through NEFT.

Periodical Rail Sampark for Oct.-Dec. 2020 has been dispatched to all members. If any member has not received his copy, please contact me & duplicate copy will be sent to him. The same is also available on our website and WhatsApp group.

I once again request you to contribute with your suggestions, Subscription and Social Welfare Fund to make this organization strong.

We have also donated Rs. 10000/- to Pingalwara Chandigarh recently out of our Social Welfare Fund.

Balance sheet for the year 2019-20 is presented for approval.

In the end I appeal to all to ratify the decision taken by Executive Committee Meeting on 17th Dec.2020.

3. Following proposals were unanimously approved by all the Members, as placed on the Agenda:

i) Balance sheet of RSCWS for the year 2019-20

ii) A) To constitute a “Core Committee” of RSCWS to act as Standing Committee for continuous interaction, consultation and decision on urgent and day to day important issues within the framework of the Constitution and Resolutions of the ECM & GBM comprising of a) Chairman. b) President, c) Secretary General, d) Joint Secretary General, e) Treasurer, f) Finance Secretary and g) Any other person or Member as Special Invitee.

iii) To nominate Sh. TPS Bhalla as Joint Secretary General RSCWS and to nominate Sh Navtej Singh (Site Adm. RSCWS.com) as a special Invitee to the Core Committee and the ECM/.

iv) To donate Rs.10,000/- from SWF (Social Welfare Fund) of RSCWS to the All India Pingalwara Charitable Society (Regd.) through its Branch Pingalwara at Palsora Sector 55 Chandigarh, where over 40 handicapped destitute patients are provided with proper care, treatment and separate room to each of them.

v) To intensify the campaign for better & patient friendly health care facilities for Railway Beneficiaries – especially Pensioners and Family Pensioners.

vi) To honour Shri Sorabh Singh XEN NR Chandigarh with a Shawl and a Memento for his extra ordinary and exemplary gesture to help a Pensioner Trackman by giving Rs. 3 Lakhs from his personal savings on the eve of the marriage of Trackman’s daughter, as he had not been paid his settlement dues by the Railways even 9 months after his retirement (*due to officious negligence or the Lockdown etc.*).

vii) A) To appeal to the Members to pay their Subscription for 2020-21 @ Rs.300 PA & Social Welfare Fund (SWF) @ Rs.500/- PA through Internet Banking or NEFT to credit the same in the account of Railway Senior Citizens Welfare Society” in Punjab & Sind Bank, Sector 7, Chandigarh, SB Account No. 08561000100242, IFSC Code PSIB 0000856.

OR B) Members may pay their Subscription & SWF directly to the TREASURER RSCWS SH CP SINGH (MOB: NO. -98880 54477) AND GET THEIR (NEW/UPDATED) MEMBERSHIP CARD FROM HIM

4. Following suggestions were given by Shri TPS Bhalla, Sh. KP Singh & endorsed by Sh. R.K. Dutta & others

i) . A booklet containing all the important rules, processes, & procedures pertaining to Establishment, Pass and most importantly Medical orders may be compiled, got printed and distributed to all members.

ii) The names of the members, whose subscription and donations are received, during the last quarter should be published in the “Rail Sampark”.

iii) Members, who have neither paid their subscription dues, nor attended GBM for long, should be contacted by sending personal letters to enquire about their welfare. If convenient they may be contacted personally as well.

iv) Possibility of having a permanent office of RSCWS may be explored.

v) The detailed medical presentations given during GBM should be published in Rail Sampark.

vi) While adding a member to a group, the admin should post brief introduction of the member/guest.

vii) . As a member of RSCWS every member must contribute in whatever field they can. We have enough talent available in RSCWS in all fields.

viii) Barring Top Decision-Making EC members, all others be assigned the work they can comfortably handle without overburdening any one. The detailed distribution of work may be circulated to all.

5. Concluding Address by Shri T. S. Kalra President:

“Thanks to all the members for actively participating and getting the GBM conducted very successfully. On my part, I have all along been exhorting members to put forward their new suggestions; this aspect has since been fulfilled in this GBM; very fine. Next part is implementation of these suggestions for which active participation of members of sub-committees is called for. We will try to constitute more such committees in the next EC deliberations. But please give your names voluntarily for working on the suggestions given. That is easier said than done; very good proposals but also enough of efforts & time are required to carry these out. Hope you all will appreciate and forward your names to SG/HS for the needful. So far very well done and please keep it up. Good Luck.

6. Concluding Address by Shri G.S. Sethi Chairman RSCWS

Thank you very much for participating in this General Body Meeting of RSCWS in good numbers and approving the proposals of the Executive Committee. Hope you will all continue to give your full cooperation in future as well.

With Best Wishes for good health and happiness in New Year.

7. Concluding and thanks giving message by the Secretary General RSCWS Sh. Harchandan Singh

I Thank you all for participating in the two-day Virtual General Body Meeting and for offering your good suggestions. We will discuss these suggestions soon in our Executive Committee Meeting and try to make arrangements to get these implemented and fix responsibilities. Suggestions are good but to implement these, we need cooperation of all of you and request you to volunteer your services in whatever way/field you can. I am thankful to Mr. Bhalla to have accepted the post of Joint Secretary General and give suggestions, and look forward to his support in implementing the same and appeal to all other members of Executive Committee and Non-Executive Committee members to come forward and volunteer themselves for implementation of these suggestions.

Only yesterday I have received a communication from CMS/UMB that ADMO/CDG has been authorized to deal with referral and Emergency cases, with the permission of CMS on phone, with post facto permission following it. We will try to pursue

CMS to ensure that post facto sanction is communicated by Email to ADMO/CDG with a copy to the Patient, and private Hospital as well.

Some members have informed that they are not comfortable with internet banking. Hence, they could not deposit their subscription due and Social Welfare Fund. Such members may send their contribution through Cheque payment to Sh. C. P. Singh at his residential Address. They can also hand over the same directly to Sh. C.P. Singh who is also an Accountant at Sector 8 Gurudwara Chandigarh. All Members are advised to get their Membership Card updated