

RAILWAYS SENIOR CITIZENS WELFARE SOCIETY

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MINUTES OF THE GENERAL BODY MEETING OF RSCWS, CHANDIGARH, HELD ON 14-1-2012, AT GOVT MUSEUM AUDITORIUM, SECTOR 10, CHANDIGARH

Shri M. S. Batra presided over the meeting. The meeting was attended by 64 Members.

1. Shri Batra welcomed the Members and wished them a Happy New Year. He called upon the Members to be more active in gearing up the activities of the Society. He explained that in view of the fast expanding activities of the Society, there was an urgent need for the Executive Members to take greater responsibilities for further development of the movement for the welfare of the Pensioners community.

2. a) Cultural Programme: The programme started with the religious & devotional songs followed by old classic songs & poems etc. by Sh T. s. Chawla, Sh. H. S. Sachdeva, Mrs Rama Dogra, -----

b) General Body decided to make cultural programmes a regular feature in the General Body Meetings. It was decided to form a Cultural Committee of RSCWS to Promote cultural activities amongst Senior Citizens.

c) General Body nominated Sh. T. S. Chawla as the Chairman and Sh H. S. Sachdeva as the Cultural Secretary RSCWS. They will co-opt other Members in the Cultural Committee and organize the cultural activities for the society.

3. REPORT OF SECRETARY GENERAL: Shri Harchandan Singh, Secretary General RSCWS, mentioned the following points in his Report for the year 2011:

i) MEETINGS: Four Meetings of General Body and 6 Meetings of Executive Committee RSCWS, were held during the year. Important issues of concern for Pensioners were discussed and Members were apprised of the latest position thereof.

ii) HEALTH AWARENESS: Medical Seminars on vital subjects were held during all the GBMs - on better quality of life for Senior Citizens.

iii) REDRESSAL OF PROBLEMS OF PENSIONERS: a) MEMORANDUMS: A number of memorandums were submitted during the year, to the Govt. (PM, MoF, Secy. MOF, Secy DOP P&PW, MOR and CRB / MS Railway Board etc.) on major problems of the Pensioners including Modified Parity of Pension of Pre-2006 Pensioners, Equated Fixation of Pension of Pre-2006 Pensioners at par with serving employees, Revision of Fixed Medical Allowance (FMA) from Rs 300 PM to 1200 PM at par with EPFO, and issue of Revised PPOs etc.

b) RTI: A number of issues were raised under the RTI Act – including those reg. FMA, Redefining of Chronic Diseases for admissibility of FMA & Issue of Revised PPOs etc.

b) REPRESENTATIONS AT ZONAL, DIVISIONAL & LOCAL LEVELS: A number of memorandums were also submitted to Zonal Head Quarter and Divisional Officers on the problems of Pensioners – including those relating to Issue of Revised PPOs, Delay in Reimbursement of Medical Bills, Redefining of Chronic Diseases for admissibility of FMA even while taking OPD facility for such Chronic Diseases, Empanelment of Hospitals at Chandigarh, Upgrading of Lock-up Dispensary, Opening Lock-up dispensary for 3 days/week and Availability & issue of Medicines in Railway Hospital / Dispensary etc.

c) Meetings were also held with DRM, CMS, Sr DPO, AFM - to discuss and sort out above said problems of the Pensioners settled in the area for their early redressal.

iv) JOURNAL: The Journal of the RSCWS - “Pensioners Rail Sampark” with its improved and colourful outlook, had become very popular and is playing a very useful role of keeping the Members well informed about the Govt Orders & activities of RSCWS etc.

v) WEBSITE OF RSCWS: www.rscws.com is very popular & is regularly visited by Members as well as by other Railway Pensioners settled all over the country & elsewhere in the world, due to its informative content, regular updating, and viewers friendly features.

vi) DIRECTORY OF RSCWS: The Directory was last published in 2009. Executive Committee RSCWS had decided to publish a revised & updated edition thereof, in 2012.

vii) ORGANISATIONAL POSITION: Organisational position of the Society had improved during the year under review. The Membership is now 130 local Members & 315 (Outstation) Associate Members.

ix) Court Cases: Society is keeping a close watch on the developments at various levels - on related areas of concern for Pensioners - including the following:

a) Modified Parity of Pension: CAT New Delhi, in OA 655-2010 upheld the grant of Modified Parity to Pre-2006, Pensioners – as per accepted recommendations of the Sixth CPC. Govt. may now accept the judgment or may file an appeal in the Delhi High Court by

mid Feb, 2012. Executive Committee RSCWS has proposed to file a Caveat in Delhi High Court to plead as an effected Party in the case.

b) **Fixed Medical Allowance (FMA)**: RSCWS had moved a number of applications under RTI act to get all the related documents regarding revision of Fixed Medical Allowance (FMA). As per documents so far received, the decision to grant Rs.300 pm as FMA was extremely inadequate, totally arbitrary and not based on any logic or reason. Minimum Rs.1200 pm should have been granted as FMA as given to Pensioners of EPFO. Executive Committee RSCWS has, therefore, proposed to file a case in CAT Chandigarh to enhance the FMA to Rs 1200 PM at par with EPFO.

c) **Reg. Empanelment of Hospitals**: Empanelment of Fortis Hospital, Mohali, for Cardiology & Cardiac Surgery had been renewed for one year (up to Sept. 2012). Fortis had also agreed to apply for the empanelment for other Specialties for Railway Beneficiaries.

d) No other Hospital was recognized by the Railways at present. (except PGI & Govt Medical College, Sector 32 Chandigarh). Meanwhile, as per latest orders of CGHS, a number of Private Hospitals had been recognized under CGHS. Similar action shall be asked for from the Railways.

4. After detailed discussion following decisions were taken by the Executive Committee:

4.1 **Case reg. Modified Pension of Pre-2006 Pensioners**: a) General Body of RSCWS resolved that a Caveat be filled by RSCWS in Delhi High Court, to be heard as an effected party in case the Govt. files an Appeal against the decision of CAT New Delhi in OA 655-2010 for grant of Modified Parity to Pre-2006 Pensioners – as per accepted recommendations of the Sixth CPC.

b) Secretary General RSCWS, Shri Harchandan Singh, was authorized to file the said Caveat to plead as an Party in the Appeal against the CAT Judgment in OA 655-2010 for grant of Modified Parity to Pre-2006 and such other documents and Affidavits on behalf of RSCWS in connection with the above case and to take such action as considered appropriate & expedient for pursuance of the case – in consultation with the President RSCWS.

4.2 **Case reg. Fixed Medical Allowance**: a) Rs.300 pm as FMA was extremely inadequate or rather a mockery of the hardship of the old Pensioners who had faithfully served the Nation for long years but were now being badly ignored by the Govt. in getting proper treatment for themselves and their dependents in the paltry sum of Rs.300 as FMA.

b) General Body of RSCWS resolved *that* RSCWS should submit another Memorandum to the Government against this continuous injustice – based on the new facts which had emerged out of the documents received by RSCWS under RTI Act.

c) If the Government still does not revise the FMA, within a reasonable time after submission of the said Memorandum, then it was resolved that a Court case be filled on behalf of the RSCWS in CAT Chandigarh for an appropriate relief to the Pensioners for grant of minimum Rs. 1200 pm as FMA as given to the employees & Pensioners of EPFO.

d) Secretary General RSCWS, Shri Harchandan Singh, was authorized to file the said Court Case for Revision of Fixed Medical Allowance, in CAT Chandigarh and to file other documents and Affidavits on behalf of RSCWS in connection with the above said case and to take such action as may be considered necessary & expedient for pursuance of the case – in consultation with the President RSCWS.

4.3 **LEGAL FUND**: a) General Body of RSCWS resolved to launch a Legal Fund of RSCWS, and appealed to all the Members and Pensioners at large to contribute liberally to the Legal Fund (with a minimum of Rs. 500 per head) at the earliest, so as to meet with the legal & other related expenses for filling of Court Cases for and on behalf of the RSCWS – including those in connection with the following cases:

i) Implementation of the decision of CAT New Delhi in OA 655-2010 for grant of Modified Parity to Pre-2006 Pensioners – as per accepted recommendations of the Sixth CPC;

ii) For Revision of Fixed Medical Allowance to Rs. 1200 pm at par with employees & pensioners of EPFO.

5. **Constitution Amendments**: Executive Committee constituted a Committee comprising of President RSCWS Shri MS Batra, Working President RSCWS Sh NP Mohan, Secretary General Sh Harchandan Singh & Vice President Sh SS Sahota will consider & propose in the next meeting of Executive Committee of RSCWS such Amendments in the Constitution of RSCWS as may be considered necessary for strengthening the organisation. Proposed Constitutional Amendments, after consideration of Executive Committee, may be placed before the General Body.

6. **Honouring of Members**: a) **Special Honour**: Shri NP Mohan was presented a Specially Honoured for his able guidance & outstanding services to RSCWS and to Pensioners Community at large by effectively pursuing the case in CAT Delhi for Modified Parity to Pre-2006 Pensioners.

b) 5 other Members were honoured for their outstanding services to RSCWS and to Pensioners Community at large - including Sh. S. S. Sahota, Sh. Harbans Singh, Sh. Kapil Dev, Sh. H. S Sachdeva and Sh. Bipin Bihari.

c) Two Members who had completed 65 years, five Members who had completed 80 years of age during the year (besides being a Member of RSCWS for 2 years) were presented Senior Citizens Award & Golden Age Award respectively.

7. a) **Nomination of Patron:** General Body decided to nominate Shri HD Sharma as the Patron RSCWS in place of Late Shri Pritam Singh who had expired recently.

b) General Body decided to nominate Sh. S. S. Sahota as the Vice President RSCWS, Sh. Harcharan Singh and Sh. Jagjit sringh as Members of the Executive Committee.

c) General Body decided to nominate 2 additional Members in the Executive Committee (including 1 from PKL) to further gear up the working of the organisation.

8. **Affiliation with CSCA:** a) RSCWS considered the proposal of CSCA (Chandigarh Senior Citizens' Association) to affiliate the NGOs of Pensioners - in the tri-city - with CSCA.

b) RSCWS welcomed the proposal and decided that RSCWS may be affiliated to CSCA – as per terms and conditions advised by the President CSCA or as amended from time to time.

c) RSCWS authorized the Secretary General RSCWS to apprise the CSCA about this decision of RSCWS - to affiliate RSCWS with CSCA and to maintain a liaison with CSCA.

9. a) Chief guest Brig. Keshav Chandra President CSCA, highly appreciated the activities of the RSCWS and welcomed the decision for affiliation of RSCWS with CSCA. This will help Members of RSCWS in inter acting and participating in the activities of CSCA and other NGOs.

b) Special invitee Shri Rajpal Sharma, Chaiman CCCGPA while appreciating the activities of RSCWS, called upon the Pensioners to get united to face the challenges before them.

10. **Next AGM:** Next General Body Meeting of RSCWS will be held April, 2012.

Harchandan Singh,
Secretary General, RSCWS

**MEMBERS RSCWS & OTHER RAILWAY PENSIONERS / FAMILY PENSIONERS
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IN PURSUIT OF JUSTICE FOR PENSIONERS

CONTRIBUTE RS. 500 TO LEGAL FUND

AS PER DECISION OF AGM, RSCWS

(OR SUCH AMOUNT AS YOU MAY WISH TO CONTRIBUTE)

FOR EFFECTIVE PURSUANCE OF CASES OF

**“MODIFIED PARITY” OF MINIMUM PENSION IN EACH SCALE &
REVISION OF FMA (FIXED MEDICAL ALLOWANCE) TO RS. 1200 PM**

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NOTICE:

REG: URGENT MEETING OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE RSCWS

AN URGENT MEETING OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE RSCWS

WILL BE HELD ON SUNDAY 19TH JANUARY, 2012

AT R/O SH. H.S. SACHDEVA, # 320, SECTOR 46-A, CHANDIGARH

TO DISCUSS STEPS FOR EFFECTIVE IMPLEMENTATION OF DECISIONS OF AGM

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