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FOR FREE CIRCULATION TO MEMBERS RSCWS

ALL SLPs OF GOVT DISMISSED BY SUPREME COURT AGAINST MODIFIED PARITY TO PRE 2006 PENSIONERS

All SLPs of the Govt. against Modified Parity to Pre 2006 Pensioners were DISMISSED by the Supreme Court on 17-3-2015 - paving the way for affected Pensioners to get Arrears from 1-1-2006 to 23-9-2012 instead of from 24-9-2012 onwards - as per DOP&PW orders Dated 28-1-2013. Govt. had sought four months time for implementation of the verdict - to which the SC court finally agreed.

(Please see Page 6 for complete judgement of SC along with a Brief Note thereon by Sh. N. P. Mohan)

CHAIRMAN 7TH PAY COMMISSION ASSURES JCM (STAFF SIDE) TO WRITE TO GOVT TO SEEK CLARIFICATION ON INTERIM RELIEF & DA MERGER

Representatives of JCM Staff Side met the Chairman 7th Pay Commission on 25.02.2015 and demanded for Interim Report on merger of DA and Interim Relief. Chairman said that Commission had no such Term of reference. However, Chairman agreed to write a DO letter to the Govt. conveying strong feelings of staff side JCM. Pay Commission assured that it will submit its report within stipulated time to the Government (i.e. by September, 2015).

CG EMPLOYEES LIKELY TO GO ON STRIKE IF DEMANDS ARE NOT MET

Central Government employees may go on an Indefinite Strike if the demands for DA Merger, Interim Relief etc. are not met, as per decision taken in a joint meeting of JCM Staff Side. Final decision on it will be taken after a Rally before the Parliament at Delhi on April 28.

Department of Pension – CPAO (vide its letter dated 30-1-2015) – while reiterating its earlier orders issued vide Correction Slip Nos. 14 & 22 to Scheme of Payment of Pension to Central Government Civil Pensioners by Authorised Banks) have directed all Banks not to insist on Personal Presence of Pensioner for Live Certificate to be given every year in November, if the Live Certificate is submitted duly signed by specified authority including Aadhar Based authentication. Under the 'Digital India Mission', Govt. has launched 'Jeevan Pramaan - an Aadhaar based Digital Life Certificate' for pensioners on 10.11.2014. This facility provides an option to the pensioners to submit their life certificate digitally by authenticating biometrically using UIDAI Database. The pension disbursing agencies integrated with the Jeevan Pramaan Portal will get access to digital life certificate. The pensioners need not go to the pension disbursing agency in person.

MEMBERS RSCWS - PLEASE ATTEND WITH YOUR SPOUSE & OTHER RAILWAY PENSIONERS

GENERAL BODY MEETING OF RSCWS & SEMINAR ON

“SYMPTOMS & CURE OF OSTEOPOROSIS AND ARTHRITIS”

By Dr. Anil Abrol, Consultant in Rheumatology at Fortis Hospital Mohali

ON 24TH APRIL, 2015, FROM 4 PM (SHARP) TO 6 PM (Please reach in time)

AT YWCA – (WORKING GIRLS HOSTEL), (OPPOSITE COMMUNITY CENTRE) SECTOR 11 B, CHANDIGARH

Please join us for Tea after the Meeting

– President & Secretary General RSCWS

MINUTES OF AGM RSCWS

HELD ON 9-1-2015 AT YWCA, SECTOR 11, CHANDIGARH

1. Sh. N. P. Mohan presided over the meeting, which was attended by ----- Members.
2. **Inaugural address by the President:** Sh. N. P. Mohan mentioned the following points in his address:
 - I) Requested to Members to contact their colleagues & friends for membership of RSCWS.
 - II) Need for liberal & regular contributing to SWF (Social Welfare Fund) of RSCWS.
 - III) Delay in grant of revision of pension as per modified parity to pensioners due to unjust continuation of 3 SLPs filed by the Govt in the Supreme Court. Unfortunately hearing of these SLPs had not taken place for a long time as this case was appearing lower down in the cause lists so far.
3. **CONDOLENCES & TRIBUTES TO THE DEPARTED MEMBERS:** Glowing tributes were paid and two minutes silence was observed in memory of Late Sh. M. S. Batra Chairman & Founder President RSCWS and Late Sh. K. S. Bhandary Vice President (earlier Treasurer RSCWS) and Late Sh. Sukhdev Singh Joint Secretary RSCWS, for their long and dedicated service to the Society.
4. **SEMINAR ON DIET & NUTRITION:** A) Meeting started with a Lecture on "DIET & NUTRITION MANAGEMENT IN OLD AGE" by Harleen Bakshi, Clinical Nutritionist, Fortis Med Centre, Chandigarh. (*Excerpts from her speech will appear as an article on Page 6 of this issue of PRS*) followed by an inter-action with the Members).
 B) **Introduction about Fortis Med Centre, Chandigarh:** Ms Rupinder Kaur, In charge Fortis Med Centre, Sector 11, Chandigarh, gave an introduction about the activities of the newly started Centre by Fortis Health Care and the Facilities available therein. While referring to the long association with RSCWS, she informed about the decision of the Fortis Management to offer some special concessions to the Members of RSCWS.
 (*A gist of these concessions appears on Page 6 of this issue of PRS*)
5. **REPORT BY SECRETARY GENERAL:** Sh. Harchandan Singh Secretary General RSCWS mentioned the following points in his Annual Report for the year 2014:
 - i) Brief details of the Memorandum submitted by RSCWS to Seventh Pay Commission;
 - ii) Adverse judgement by Hon'ble CAT Chandigarh in the case filed by RSCWS for higher FMA (of Rs.2000/- P.M.) and possibilities of filling an appeal about it in the High Court;
 - iii) Representation by RSCWS to the Government on various problems of the Pensioners – including Memorandum to MOS (Personnel & Pension) for withdrawing the SLPs filed by Government in Supreme Court against judgement of Hon'ble CAT/ New Delhi for grant of Modified Parity to Pre 2006 Pensioners from 1-1-2006 – keeping in view the Rejection of a similar SLP, Review as well as Curative Petition thereon by Apex Court.
 - iv) Identification of RSCWS and Grant in Aid to RSCWS by DOP (P&PW) for Rs.75000/-
 - v) Launch of Social Welfare Activities Social Welfare Fund (SWF) by RSCWS during the year;
 - vi) Donation of Rs.15000/- to Prime Ministers Relief Fund for Floods in J&K
 - vii) Donation of Rs.15000/- to organisations (NGOs) helping the poor, the needy, elderly and the destitute.
 - viii) Representations to Railway administration on the Medical Problems of Railway Beneficiaries at Chandigarh; and for issuing of Revised PPOs to all Pensioners.
6. **BALANCESHEET OF ACCOUNTS OF RSCWS:** Balance sheet of Accounts of RSCWS for the year 2014 was distributed to Members, read out and passed unanimously. (*Copy of the Balance Sheet is placed on Page 6*)
7. A) **GOLDEN AGE (OCTANIGERIAN) AWARDEES:** Following Members were given Golden Age Awards: Gurcharan Singh, Harbans Singh, Hukam Chand Goel, Man Singh Sethi, N.P. Mohan, Om Parkash Madan, Prabh Kirpal Singh, Shanti Parkash Khanna & V. K. Sharma.
 B) **SENIOR CITIZENS' AWARDEES:** Following Members were given Senior Citizens Award: Gurdeep Singh & Khem Singh.
8. **AID TO NEEDY NGOS:** Two NGOs namely Prabh Asra Ashram and World Peace Organisation" were presented with cheques for Rs.10,000 and Rs.5000 respectively from the Social Welfare Fund (SWF) of RSCWS as aid for upbringing and education of the poor, destitute and the needy children. Two Cartons full of children clothes & Toys were also donated by Smt & Sh. OS Dogra and given to the above two NGOs.
9. **ELECTIONS OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:** Bi-annual election of RSCWS was then held and the list of those elected is placed herewith (*See Page 3 of this issue of PRS*).
10. **CONSIDERATION OF FILING OF APPEAL IN HC FOR HIGHER FMA:** it was decided that a Committee be formed by the Executive Committee RSCWS to take legal opinion on the issue and then take action accordingly – in consultation with the President RSCWS.

<p>NOTICE: FUTURE PROGRAMMES FOR GBMs: 2nd GBM (General Body Meetings) of RSCWS shall be held on 24th April, 2015 at YWCA, Sector 11, CHD. 3rd GBM shall be held in July 2015 at Panchkula. 4th GBM shall be held in Mohali – on dates & venues to be announced later. - SG/RSCWS</p>

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (E.C) OF RSCWS (2015-17)
ELECTED BY GENERAL BODY OF RSCWS IN THE MEETING HELD ON 9-1-2015

S.N	DESIGNATION	NAME	ADDRESS	PHONE / MOB NO.
1.	PATRON	SH. H. D. SHARMA	1154, Sector-43/B, Chandigarh	0172-2607187
2.	CHAIRMAN	Vacant		
3.	PRESIDENT	Sh. N. P. Mohan Ex-CE, WR	1023, Sector-15/B, Chandigarh - 160015	2772875, 94178-70544
4.	WORKING PRESIDENT	Sh. G. S. Sethi EX-CME, DMW	142, Phase-4, Mohali-160059	2227451, 94174-92026
5.	WORKING PRESIDENT	Sh. O. S. Dogra EX-CME	E-62, GH 3, MDC, Sector-5, Panchkula	2556453, 9357-36453
6.	SR. VICE PRESIDENT	Sh Parkash Chand	780, Sector-8, Panchkula Ph: 0172 2568750	092169-96008,
7.	SR. VICE PRESIDENT	Sh. S. S. Sahota	642, Phase-III-A, Mohali	73555-47764
8.	VICE PRESIDENT	Sh. T. S. Chawla	HIG - 712, Phase-9, Mohali (M: 9872040712)	2232769
9.	VICE PRESIDENT	Sh. Gurdip Singh,		
10.	SECRETARY GENERAL	Sh. Harchandan Singh	32, Phase-6, Mohali -160055. (Mobile :- 095696-31598)	2228306 93161-31598
11.	TREASURER	Sh. C. P. Singh	G-210, Rail Vihar, MDC, Sector-4 Panchkula	09888-054477
12.	SECY. FINANCE	Sh. Bipin Bihari	1043, Sector-42/B, Chandigarh	2661496, 95920-08139
13.	AUDITOR	Sh. H.S. Sachdeva	320, Sector-46/A, Chandigarh (Mob: 98769-34244)	2634146 (R), 2660448(O)
14.	SECRETARY WELFARE	Sh. Harbans Singh	2327, Goodwill Enclave, Sector-49/C, Chandigarh	2673435 93161-17032
15.	SECRETARY EVENTS & MANAGEMENT	Sh. Khem Singh	971, Phase-4, Mohali (Punjab)	3251463 93161-17537
16.	JOINT SECRETARY	Sh. Mohinder Singh	319-C Sector-51/A, Chandigarh	98145-64191
17.	JOINT SECRETARY	Shri Kamaljit Singh,	396, Phase-4, Mohali (Ph: 4617396)	98880-60396
18.	JOINT SECRETARY	Sh. Harcharan Singh	3331, Sector-19/D, Chandigarh	2725099 93564-76931
19.	JOINT SECRETARY	Sh. Jaspal Singh (Nominated)	Flat No. 1020/1, [First Floor], Sector-45/B, Chandigarh.	98760-92040 94661-41020
20.	MEMBER EC	Sh. Kapil Dev	396, B-2, Officers Colony, Bitna Road, Pinjore-134102	098962-66638
21.	MEMBER EC	Sh. A. K. Sood	145, Sector-21, Panchkula	2576545 94171-94405
22.	MEMBER EC	Sh. Man Singh Sethi	B/104, Rail Vihar, MDC, Sector-4, Panchkula	2557372 98722-15280
23.	MEMBER EC	Sh. B.B. Sharma	3046, Sector-21/D, Chandigarh	2721139
24.	MEMBER EC			
25.	MEMBER EC	Sh. Jagjit Singh,	1763-A, Sector-23/B, Chandigarh	088724-80253
26.	ZONAL SECRETARY EAST	Sh S. K. Bose	Plot No. 871/2321, Canal Road, Garage Chowk, Old Town, Bhubaneswar	98611-56800
27.	ZONAL SECRETARY SOUTH	Sh. M. J. Kumar	Gatse Mane, (Behind B.Ed. College), Jajur, P.O. Arsikera, Karnataka-573 103	099004-55514

RAIL PENSIONERS ! BE ACTIVE MEMBERS OF RSCWS

FOR CONTINUOUS INTER-ACTION & TO STAY IN TOUCH WITH LATEST DEVELOPMENTS ON PENSIONERS ISSUES

PLEASE PAY YOUR SUBSCRIPTION FOR RSCWS EARLY AS DUE AND IF NOT DONE ALREADY,

ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION OF RSCWS IS RS.300/- & RS. 2500/- FOR LIFE MEMBERSHIP.

(INCLUDING THAT FOR "PENSIONERS RAIL SAMPARK" – QUARTERLY JOURNAL OF RSCWS)

DONATE LIBERALLY TO SOCIAL WELFARE FUND OF RSCWS TO HELP THE NEEDY & THE DESTITUATES

DONATE TO LEGAL-CUM-STRUGGLE FUND TO FIGHT FOR THE CAUSE OF PENSIONERS

DONATIONS & SUBSCRIPTIONS BE SENT BY AT PAR CHEQUE OR DD OR M.O. OR PAID IN CASH TO –

SH. C. P. SINGH, TREASURER, RSCWS, G-210, RAIL VIHAR, PANCHKULA, (CHANDIGARH)-1600-- (PH. 09888054477).

- PRESIDENT & SECRETARY GENERAL, RSCWS

RSCWS AGAIN URGES CMD REG. MEDICAL & HEALTH CARE PROBLEMS IN TRI-CITY**Copy of Letter No. RSCWS/HO/CMD/2014-15 Dated 12-3-2015 to CMD/NR/NDLS****Sub: Serious Medical & Health Care Problems of Railway Beneficiaries at Chandigarh**

Please refer to our Memorandum dated 9/5/2014 followed by reminder dated 10/6/2014, regarding Problems of Pensioners at Chandigarh, wherein your kind attention was invited to the lack of Medical facilities for over 4000 Railway Beneficiaries - including Pensioners and others - at Chandigarh. We had earnestly requested you to ameliorate the suffering and hardship being faced by them. It is regretted that the following problems are still left unresolved, thus causing much hardship to the patients who are Railway **Beneficiaries**:

1. Most Medicines are either NOT AVAILABLE or OUT OF STOCK most of the times.
2. Powers for Local Purchase have not yet been given to Doctor at Health Unit Chandigarh.
3. Issue of Medicines prescribed by Specialists gets delayed due to non availability of powers for Local Purchase.
4. Separate Budget has not yet been sanctioned for Health Unit at Chandigarh.
5. 1 post of Pharmacist, 1 Dresser, 2 Attendants (One Male & one Female) are still lying VACANT.
6. Fans, Water Cooler with RO for the Patients has not yet been provided.
7. 3 Rooms of Health Unit have forcibly been occupied by Dy. CE(Const)/CDG Office and by the P-Branch staff of UMB-Division causing difficulty to the patients and create hindrance in the working of Health Unit.
8. No Dressing Room, Store Room and Toilet facility have been provided for Patients visiting the Health Unit – as a result of uncalled for occupation of the above said rooms.
9. Empanelment cases of Fortis, MAX & Sohana Hospitals are pending since long – creating major hardship to serious cases requiring specialized treatment. These proposals need to be considered and approved early.
10. Powers for referral cases to PGI & Private Hospitals be given to the Doctor at Chandigarh.
11. Diagnostic facilities are not provided in Health Unit nor any out-source Agency nominated or Empanelled

It is, therefore, once again requested to please look into these problems and issue necessary orders and approvals in this regards early so that the Health Unit at Chandigarh functions with requisite facilities as per established norms.

SOME HIGHLIGHTS OF RAILWAY BUDGET 2015-16

1. No increase in passenger fares, Rationalization of Freight rates. Reduction of subsidy on some items.
2. No new trains announced.
3. Time limit for Advance Reservations increased to 120 days \ (see copy order on Page 8)
4. Railway facilities have not improved substantially over the past few decades. Chronic underinvestment in Railways, which has led to congestion and over-utilization.
5. Increase daily passenger carrying capacity from 21million to 30 million:
6. Increase track length by 20% from 1,14,000 km to 1,38,000 km:
7. Grow annual freight carrying capacity from 1 billion to 1.5 billion tonnes.
8. Investment of Rs. 8.5 lakh crores in next five years.
9. Targeted operating ratio for 2015-16 at 88.5%.
10. Swachh Rail Swachh Bharat, new department for cleanliness.
11. NIFT to design linen; online booking of disposable bed rolls:
12. Identified trains be augmented to run with 26 coaches.
13. 1000 MW solar plants will be set up by the developers.
14. 7,000 kms of double/third/fourth lines and commission 1200 km in 2015-16
15. 800 km of gauge conversion targeted in current fiscal.
16. 77 projects covering 9,400 km of doubling/tripling/quadrupling works along with electrification.
17. Traffic facility works with outlay of Rs. 2374 crores.
18. 6,608 route kilometers to be electrified for 2015-16
19. Developing Satellite Railway terminals in major cities.
20. Speed of 9 railway corridors to be increased from existing 110 and 130 kmph to 160 and 200 kmph.
21. Average speed of freight trains to be enhanced to 100 kmph for empty trains and 75 kmph for loaded trains.
22. SMS Alert to update Reg. arrival/departure time of trains at starting or destination stations.
23. SMS alert 15/30 minutes in advance of arrival of the train at the destination.
24. Toll free number 182 for security related complaints

IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS OF RAILWAYS FOR SPECIFIED SERVICES

- i) Railway Call centre: 138 for coach maintenance, cleanliness, pantry-related, bed **and medical**.
- ii) 139 for General reservation train **arrival/ dep**, PNR status.
- iii) 182 for Safety, crime. 1512: GRP. 99625-00500-GRP Whatsapp, 088148-88010- RPF commando Whatsapp,
- iv) Book Food through SMS ('MEAL' to 139 OR by phone 1800-1034-139 (toll-free) & 0120-4383892-99 (toll).

LIST OF CONTRIBUTORS TO SOCIAL WELFARE FUND (RSCWS) UPTO 31-3-2015

SL NO	NAME	AMOUNT	SL NO	NAME	AMOUNT
1	Sh. Ajit Singh Walia	500	23	(Late) Sh. K.S. Bhandari (Rs. one lakh)	1,00,000
2	Sh. Balbir Singh	500	24	Sh. Kulwinder Singh	500
3	Sh. Balbir Singh	1000	25	Sh. Mohan Singh	1000
4	Sh. Bharat Bhushan Sharma	500	26	Sh. Mahinder Singh	500
5	Sh. B.S. Saini	500	27	Sh. Maan Singh	500
6	Sh. Chanan Singh	1200	28	Sh. Man Singh Sethi	1000
7	Sh. C.P. Singh	1200	29	Sh. N.P Mohan	500
8	Sh. C.P. Singh	9000	30	Sh. N.P. Mohan	1000
9	Sh. Chaman Lal Chawla	1000	31	Sh. O.S. Dogra	1000
10	Sh. Gursharan Singh	1200	32	Sh. Piara Singh	700
11	Sh. Gurdeep Singh	500	33	Sh. P.K. Singh	1000
12	Sh. Gurgian Singh	200	34	Sh. S.S Sahota	1200
13	Sh. Gurcharan Singh	1200	35	(Late) Sh. Sukhdev Singh	500
14	Sh. G.S. Sethi	2500	36	Sh. Surinder Singh	200
15	Sh. Harchandan Singh	1200	37	Sh. Sardara Singh	500
16	Sh. Harchandan Singh	25000	38	Sh. S.K. Dewan	500
17	Sh. H.D Sharma	1100	39	Sh. T.S chawla	1200
18	Sh. Harcharan Singh	500	40	Sh. T.S Kalra	500
19	Sh. Harbans Singh	3000	41	Sh. T.S. Thukral	1200
20	Sh. Hari Bala Singh	1200	42	Sh. T.S.Tuli	200
21	Sh. H.S Sachdeva	1200	43	Sh. V.K. Sharma	500
22	Sh. Kapil Dev	100		GRAND TOTAL	1,68,500/-

RAILWAY SENIOR CITIZENS WELFARE SOCIETY**Balance Sheet of Accounts from 01-01-2014 TO 31-12-2014**

S.NO	INCOME/RECEIPTS	Rs.	Rs.	S.NO	EXPENDITURE	Rs	Rs.
1	BAL B/F FROM PREV YR			1	GENERAL FUND		84613
	AS ON _____				TYPING & STN	7101	
	BALANCE IN HAND	605			PRINTING	24418	
	FIXED DEPOSITED IN BANK	54922			MEETING	26943	
	SAVING ACCOUNTS	90647			GIFT	4250	
	TOTAL B/F		146174		POSTAGE	7214	
2	MEMBERSHIP RECD. IN THE YR 2014				AFFILIATION	1800	
	(a) FROM LOCAL MEMBERS	29401			CONVEYANCE	5537	
	(b) FROM OUTSIDE TRICITY	16300			DONATION	500	
	TOTAL		45701		WEBSITE	6850	
				2	SOCIAL WELFARE FUND		30000
4	LEGALFUND RECD IN THE YR 2014		10900		J&K FLOOD R/FUND	15000	
					Donation to NGOs	15000	
					Total Ext. SWF		
5	ADVERTISEMENT IN THE YR 2014		32000	3	GRANT IN AID		45696
6	SOCIAL WELFARE FUND (Up to 31-12-2014)		150400		TEL & INTERNET	9633	
6	INTEREST (Up to 31-12-2014)		10331		STATIONARY & BATTERY	2313	
7	GRANT IN AID (From DOP&PW) for 2014-15	75000			RENT OF OFFICE	20250	
	INTEREST ON Grant in AID	369	76369		DATA ENTRY OPERATOR	13500	
					TOTAL EXPENDITURE IN 2014		160309
				4	BALANCE on 31-12-2014		314017
	TOTAL INCOME (IN THE YR		328152		BALANCE IN HAND	4280	
					FIXED DEPOSITS	160093	
					SAVING ACCOUNT	149644	
	GRAND TOTAL		474326	5	GRAND TOTAL		474326

Judgement of Supreme Court Dismissing all SLPs of Govt Reg Modified Parity to Pre 2006 PensionersDelivered by Justice. T.S. Thakur & Justice R. Banumathi on 17th March, 2015

SLP(C)Nos.36148-36150 of 2013 , SLP(C)No.16780-16782 of 2014 & SLP(C) Nos.....of 2015 (CC Nos.16903-16904):

"We see no reason to interfere with the orders impugned. The special leave petitions are accordingly dismissed. Ms. Pinky Anand, learned Additional Solicitor General, however submits that in view of the nature of the controversy as also the extent of financial burden arising out of the implementation of the impugned orders, the petitioners-U.O.I. may be given reasonable time to do the needful. That prayer is not opposed by counsel opposite. We accordingly grant four months' time from today to the petitioners to comply with the impugned orders failing which the contempt petitions pending before the Tribunal can be revived by the concerned petitioners and taken to their logical conclusion. All impleading and intervention applications are also dismissed."

Brief Note by N. P Mohan Ex-CE WR & President RSCWS**Modified Parity to Pre 2006 Pensioners: FOR WHOSE BENEFIT & TO WHAT EXTENT?**

A number of long pending SLPs against the judgements of CAT/HC & AFT were dismissed by SC by order dated 17-3-2015 of which SLP (C) Nos. 36148-36150 of 2013 pertain to civilian pensioners... What benefit accrues to pre-2006 pensioners with dismissal of these 3 SLPs is explained below:

1. **REASONS FOR LEGAL COURSE TO GET RIGHTFULL PENSION:** While implementing the accepted recommendations of 6th CPC, the Govt (vide orders dated 3-10-2008) misinterpreted the same by equating minimum of pay in the PB corresponding to pre revised pay scale to minimum of the PB IRRESPECTIVE of pre-revised scale of pay and applying it uniformly to all scales in the PB resulting in reduction of pension varying from scale to scale.

2. **LEGAL COURSE:**

- i. Pensioners Association of S 29, comprising 660 retirees from various Groups 'A' Central Services (affected the most) were granted relief by unanimous judgement by Full Bench of PB CAT New Delhi on 1-11-2011. Respondents were directed (vide Para 30 of CAT Judgement) to re-fix the pension of all pre-2006 pensioners as per Resolution dated 29-8-2008 (accepted recommendations) within 3 months This verdict was common to 4 OAs grouped with the lead application (OA 655/2010.) of S 29 group.
- ii. UOI filed WP (C) in March 2012 against the verdict of CAT in Delhi High Court which was dismissed on 29-4-2013 upholding decision of Full Bench of the Tribunal.
In the mean time, DOP vide OM dated 28-1-2013 stepped up the minimum pension of all pensioners in accordance with fitment table from an arbitrary date of 24-9-2012. This fact was noted by DHC by observing that "In short, the GOI has tacitly admitted that it was in the wrong and that the Tribunal is correct."
- iii. Instead of implementing DHC orders, in one case of OA (655/2010), UOI filed SLP in SC which was dismissed on 29-7-2013 at the preliminary stage itself. This was followed by filing of Review Petition dismissed on 12-11-2013 and CURATIVE PETITION which was also dismissed on 30-4-2014 by 5 Judge Bench of the Apex Court, headed by CJI.
- iv. Thereafter, PB CAT, while discharging contempt petition on 15-5-2014, directed Govt to implement the directions of the Tribunal. The implementation order by the Govt was, however, restricted to only 660 petitioners of S 29 petitioners in OA 655/2010. In the mean time, UOI filed 3 SLPs against the common judgements & orders of CAT & DHC. Upon hearing the said SLP on 19-11-2013, Apex court ordered for listing along with civil appeals filed against AFT judgments.

It was only after nearly 1 ½ years on 17-3-2015 that SC has dismissed 3 SLPs cited above.

3. **BENEFIT TO PENSIONERS BY DISMISSAL OF SLPs:** In its judgement (given above), the court sees no reason to interfere with the orders impugned. These orders refer to PB CAT verdict of 1-11-20 11 and DHC judgement of 29-4-2013. The quantum of minimum pension for each pay scale is already fixed from 24-9-2012 in accordance with the verdict of Tribunal. The same stands to be paid now from 1-1-2006* for which 4 months period is allowed up to 17-7-2015. It is now to be seen as to how soon the orders of the SC are implemented by Govt or the harassment of old pensioners (none less than 69 years) will be perpetuated further by resorting to Review and Curative Petitions.

COMPLIMENTARY BENEFITS OFFERED BY FORTIS MEDCENTRE TO RSCWS MEMBERS

FORTIS MEDCENTRE, SCO 11, Sector-11, Chandigarh, offers following concessions to Members of RSCWS:

1. Members of RSCWS shall be registered in the GBM on 24-4-2015 – for "Neighbourhood Benefit Prog"
2. Free Dental Consultation and 10% off on dental treatment and physiotherapy procedure.
3. Vision Check up: Free between 5:00pm to 7:00pm (with prior appointment)
4. Free BP check-up from 8:30am to 8:30pm
5. 10% discount on all diagnostics (other than send-outs)
6. 20% discount on OPD consultations. Soon introducing OPD @ RS.200 for Cardiology, Urology, Eye, Gastro, Orthopaedics
7. 15% discount on Preventive Health Check- up packages.
8. 50% off on ambulance charges if Triage discharge (i.e. Check-up & Discharged after Treatment in Emergency without adm.).

CONCESSIONS OFFERED TO MEMBERS OF RSCWS AT FORTIS HOSPITAL MOHALI

1. CGHS Rates for Cardiac (Cardiology and Cardiac Surgery) Package, Ortho Joint replacement Renal Transplant, Chemotherapy, Urology surgical, 6. Ophthalmology surgical Package, Laparoscopic surgery Packages.
2. 20% Discount on OPD Consultation, Diagnostics and Day Care Procedures. No discount on Out-sourced and Send-out tests.

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& 4D Symmetry are also available

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with *Tumour Board approach

*A tumour board is a treatment approach to fighting cancer in which a medical oncologist, a surgical oncologist, a radiation oncologist, a pathologist, radiologist and a physician from another related medical speciality, review and discuss the medical condition and treatment options of an individual patient.



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HIGHLIGHTS OF GENERAL BUDGET 2015-16

1. No revision of income tax brackets (See Income Tax Slabs below:
2. Limit of deduction of health insurance premium increased to Rs.5,000 rupees; limit increased to Rs.30,000 from Rs.20,000 for the elderly
3. People aged above 80 and not covered by health insurance to be allowed deduction of Rs.30,000 for medical expenses
4. Additional deduction of Rs.25,000 for the disabled
5. Limit on deduction for contributions to pension fund and new pension scheme increased to Rs.150,000
6. Additional deduction of Rs.50,000 for contribution to new pension scheme under section 80CCD
7. Monthly transport allowance exemption doubled to Rs.1,600
8. INCOME TAX SLABS : AY 2015-16 (FY 2014-15) > NO CHANGE FOR AY 2016-17 (FY 2015-16)

SENIOR CITIZENS (Individual who is of 60 years or more but below the age of 80 years)		
i.	Taxable income does not exceed Rs. 3,00,000/-	NIL
ii.	Taxable income above Rs. 3,00,000 to Rs. 5,00,000/-	10% of the amount by which the taxable income exceeds Rs. 3,00,000/-. Less :Tax Credit u/s 87A - 10% of taxable income upto maximum of Rs. 2000
iii.	Taxable income Rs. 5,00,000 to Rs. 10,00,000/-	Rs. 20,000/- + 20% of the amount taxable income exceeds Rs. 5,00,000/-.
iv.	Taxable income exceeds Rs.10,00,000/-	Rs. 120,000/- + 30% of the amount taxable income exceeds Rs. 10,00,000/-.
SUPER SENIOR CITIZENS (Individual resident who is of the age of 80 years or more at any time during the previous year)		
i.	Taxable income upto Rs. 5,00,000	NIL
ii.	Taxable income above Rs. 5,00,000 to Rs. 10,00,000/-	20% of the taxable income exceeds Rs. 5,00,000/-.
iii.	Taxable income above Rs. 10,00,000/-	Rs. 100,000/- + 30% of taxable income above Rs. 10, 00,000/-.

- Surcharge: 10% of the Income Tax, where taxable income is more than Rs. 1 crores. (Marginal Relief in Surcharge, if applicable)
- Education Cess : 3% of the total of Income Tax and Surcharge.
- Deduction under Section 80 C – Rs.1,50,000

Time limit for Advance Reservations increased to 120 days

Railway Board's Letter No. 2007/TG-1120/P dated 27.02.2015 to Chief Commercial Managers, All Zonal Railways. (COMMERCIAL CIRCULAR NO. 11 OF 2015)

Sub: Time limit for Advance Reservations.

1. It has been decided to increase the advance reservation period from 60 days to 120 days (excluding the date of journey) w.e.f. 01.04.2015. CRIS will make necessary changes in the software for this purpose under intimation to all Zonal Railways as well as Board's office.
2. There will be no change in case of certain day time Express Trains like Taj Express, Gomti Express, special trains, etc. where lower time limits for advance reservations are at present in force. There will also be no change in case of the limit of 360 days for foreign tourists.
3. Board desire that the above change may be given wide publicity well in advance of its implementation. Suitable instructions to all concerned may be issued to ensure smooth change-over to the new time limit.
4. Please acknowledge the receipt.

VALIDITY OF PRIVILEGE PASS & PTO ARE AUTOMATICALLY TO BE FIVE MONTHS WHEN ADVANCE RESERVATION PERIOD INCREASES TO 120 DAYS

Ref: RBE No: 41/2012, dated 26.03.2012, Pass Rules, 1986 Item 3 (IV) (V) of Schedule-II

- (I) A half set or one set of Privilege Pass shall be valid for one month more than the advance reservation period, i.e. Five months at present, from the date of issue irrespective of whether the inward journey is for the same station or any other station.
- (II) Privilege Ticket Order (PTO) shall be valid for one month more than the advance reservation period, i.e. Five months at present, from the date of issue.

PRS: 1-3-2015

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