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## **RSCWS Submits Memorandum to National Anomalies Committee**

### **3 Times Rise of Basic Pension for PB 1 to PB 3 at par with PB 4, Additional Pension for those above 65 & Parity of Pre & Post 2006 Pensioners demanded**

Railway Senior Citizens Welfare Society (RSCWS) has submitted a very comprehensive memorandum to the National Anomalies Committee (NAC) through the Secretary Ministry of Personnel & Chairman NAC. Three main demands have been raised in the memorandum – including a new and innovative demand of 3 (three) times rise of Basic Pension (*instead of 2.26 times*) for PB 1 to PB 3 (Scales S4 to S 23) at par with PB- 4 & above (Scales S 24 to S 34). Memorandum had been supported by a detailed Annexure highlighting the discrimination and indicating the existing & revised minimum Pension as well as the proposed Pension.

Other issue raised in the memorandum was Additional Pension of 5 % for those between 65 to 70 years, 10% for those 70 to 75 years and 15 % to those between 75 to 80 years of age.

Third demand reiterated before the NAC related to Parity of Pre & Post 2006 Pensioners – which had also been earlier raised by RSCWS before Cabinet Committee on Sixth CPC and the Prime Minister..

*(Please see inside the extract of Memorandum on the issue of 3 times rise of Pension)*

*(Copies of Memos on other had been published in the previous issues of PRS)*

### **Secretary General RSCWS meets Executive Director Health Railway Board to discuss Health Care problems of Senior Citizens of Railways**

Er. Harchandan Singh Secretary General RSCWS met Dr Pardeep Kumar, Executive Director Health Services (EDHS), Railway Board, on July 8 and discussed the health care problems of the Railway employees, Pensioners and their dependents – especially those settled in the tricity of Chandigarh, Panchkula and Mohali.

He also presented to him a detailed Memorandum (addressed to DG,RHS, Railway Board), enlisting all the major problems of Senior Citizens of Railways in general and in the tricity in particular – including recognition of Private Hospitals, upgrading of 'Lock-up Dispensary', early settlement of Reimbursement of Medical Bills and reference of patients by Railway Doctors to local Hospitals like PGI etc.

Dr Pardeep Kumar assured him that the health care facilities at Chandigarh shall be improved soon through recognition of some Specialised Hospitals and upgrading of 'Lock-up Dispensary' – which has already been sanctioned. Other problems will also be resolved soon by the concerned authorities locally.

A delegation of RSCWS comprising of Shri M. S. Batra President, Er Harchandan Singh and Shri Amrik Singh met DRM, Sr. DPO & CMS Ambala to explain the problems to them. They assured the delegation of all the help and early action on all the matters regarding health care and issue of Revised PPOs etc.

*(Please see inside the extracts of Memorandum to DGRHS & DRM and the replies thereof)*

## **NOTICE**

**NEXT GENERAL BODY MEETING OF  
RAILWAY SENIOR CITIZENS WELFARE SOCIETY (RSCWS) CHANDIGARH,  
SHALL BE HELD ON SATURDAY, 26<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER, 2009 FROM 4 PM TO 6 PM,  
AT GOVERNMENT MUSEUM & ART GALLERY, AUDITORIUM, SECTOR 10, CHANDIGARH  
MEMBERS OF RSCWS ARE REQUESTED TO PLEASE ATTEND POSITIVELY  
ALONG WITH THEIR SPOUSES & OTHER SENIOR CITIZENS OF RAILWAYS  
SEMINAR ON THE EVE OF SENIOR CITIZENS' DAY**

***"REDUCING GENERATION GAP THROUGH LOVE , AFFECTION & FRIENDSHIP"***

*(PLEASE SEE THE INITIATING ARTICLE ON THE ISSUE ON PAGE 4)*

*TEA SHALL BE SERVED AFTER THE MEETING*

*Secretary General, RSCWS, # 32, Phase 6, Mohali (Phone-0172-2228306, 9316131598)*

## Orders issued on release of second Instalment of Pay Commission Arrears

Government as well as the Railway Ministry has issued the orders for release of second Instalment of Pay Commission Arrears of Pay and Pension. All concerned including Banks have been asked to release the arrears by September 30, 2009. Payment of 40% arrears had already been made in 2008.

### 5% rise of DA expected from July – orders likely in third week of September

#### DA allowed on Additional Pension – A clarification

5% rise of DA is expected from July 1, 2009 as per available statistics – taking the total DA on Revised Pay & Pension to 27 %. Orders in this regard are likely in third week of September, 09.

It is also clarified that as per existing orders DA is also allowed on Additional Pension & Family Pension payable to those above 80 years of age.

### Government being urged to increase the Medical Allowance to Rs 1000 pm

All Pensioners Associations are urging the Government to increase the Medical Allowance to Rs 1000 pm, due heavy increase in the cost of medicines and day to day medical expenses.

### Comments of EDHS Railway Board & DRM Ambala on Health Care Problems

Sl. No	Issues Raised by SG, RSCWS	Comments of EDHS Rly Board & DRM UMB
1.	Recognition of Private Hospitals	# Cases of Fortis are pending in Rly Bd & of Mukut in NR Hd qtr
2.	Upgrading of Lockup dispensary	Administrative approval given. Work sanctioned for Rs 80 lacs
3.	Referring of Cases to Local Hospitals	Instructions given to Doctors to refer cases not manageable in Rly Hospital. ( RSCWS has urged for referring all cases locally - requiring surgical intervention & hospitalisation).
4.	Expeditious settlement & transparency in Reimbursement of Medical claims	Every effort shall be made for expeditious settlement of Bills. Reasons for rejection of claims shall be advised. Dealing clerk has been transferred. Further streamlining of system will be done.
5.	Supply of Medicines prescribed by Specialists	Medicines prescribed by Railway Doctors /Railway Specialists are prescribed including those in Chronic cases. In outside referral cases medicines similar to those prescribed by Specialists are supplied from stock or after 'local purchase'.
<p># <u>Latest News Flash</u> #</p> <p>It is reliably learnt that Railway Board has approved Recognition of Fortis Hospital Mohali – For Cardiac &amp; Orthopaedic Surgery Orders are awaited</p>		

#### EXTRACTS OF MEMORANDUM BY RSCWS TO NATIONAL ANOMALIES COMMITTEE

### DISPARITY IN RISE OF PENSION OF PRE-2006 PENSIONERS IN SCALES S- 4 TO 23 - CASE FOR 3 TIMES UNIFORM RISE OF PENSION AS IN SCALES S 24 TO S 34

i) Sixth Central Pay Commission had disturbed the existing relativities between the Pension of Pre-2006 Pensioners who retired from various Pre-revised Scales from S-4 to S-23 on one hand and those who retired from pre-revised S 24 to S 34 on the other hand.

ii) The % age rise of minimum Pension is mostly 21.5 to 25.4% (and goes up to 45 % only in one single case) of Pensioners who retired from Pre-revised Scales of S- 4 to S-23 but it is as high as 51.8 % to 81.2 % (except 38.5% in one scale S 29) in case of those who retired from pre-revised Scales S 24 to S 34.

iii) a) Rise of Minimum Pension of Pre-2006 Pensioners who retired from Scales S 24 to S 34 is 2.8 to 3.4 times as against the average rise of just 2.26 to 2.6 times in case of Pensioners who retired from pre-revised Scales from S 4 to S 23 (as clear from Annexure).

b) This is totally unjustified and against the principle of natural justice and has caused much frustration amongst the Pensioners who retired from pre-revised Scales from S 4 to S 23.

iv) The said disparities can only be removed by applying a Common Multiple Factor (CMF) of 3 times rise of minimum of Pension of all Pensioners who retired from Pre-revised Scales from S 4 to S 23 as applicable in case of pre-revised Scales S – 24 to S – 34.

v) It is, therefore, requested that the Minimum Pension in all cases of Pre-2006 Pensioners in the pre-revised scales S4 to S 23 be fixed based on a Uniform Multiple Factor of 3 times of minimum Pre-revised Pension at par with pre-revised pension of those in scales S 24 to S 34. (Please see Annexure on Page 3).

**STRENGTHEN RSCWS  
FOR EFFECTIVE PURSUANCE OF THE CAUSE OF ELDERS & PENSIONERS**

**ANNEXURE TO MEMORANDUM BY RSCWS TO NATIONAL ANOMALIES COMMITTEE****Comparative % age Rise of Pension after Sixth CPC Report &****Proposed Revised Pension with uniform multiple factor of 3 – as applicable to S 24 to S 34**

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I
Pre-Revised Pay Scales (Minimum & Maximum) – (as per 5th CPC)	Pay Band (No.) (After SCPC)	Pay Band (After SCPC)	Grade Pay (After SCPC)	Minimum Pre-revised Total Pension prior to SCPC (1.86 times basic pension)	Revised Pension-Better of Fitment Table or as per OM of 3/10/08	%age increase in Minimum Pension	Ratio of revised & pre-Revised Pension	Proposed Revised Pension with 3 as uniform multiple factor
S-4 (2750-4400)	PB-1	5200-20200	1800	2558	3500	36.8	2.5	4125
S-5 (3050-4590)	PB-1	5200-20200	1900	2837	3500	25.1	2.3	4575
S-6 (3200-4900)	PB-1	5200-20200	2000	2976	3616	21.5	2.3	4800
S-7 (4000-6000)	PB-1	5200-20200	2400	3720	4520	21.5	2.26	6000
S-8 (4500-7000)	PB-1	5200-20200	2800	4185	5085	21.5	2.26	6750
S-9 (5000-8000)	PB-2	9300-34800	4200	4650	6750	45.2	2.7	7500
S-10 (5500-9000)	PB-2	9300-34800	4200	5115	6750	32.0	2.5	8250
S-11 (6500-6900)	PB-2	9300-34800	4200	6045	7345	21.5	2.26	9750
S12 ((6500-10500)	PB-2	9300-34800	4200	6045	7345	21.5	2.26	9750
S-13 (7450-11500)	PB-2	9300-34800	4600	6928	8419	21.5	2.26	11175
S-14 (7500-12000)	PB-2	9300-34800	4800	6975	8475	21.5	2.26	11250
S-15 (8000-13500)	PB-2	9300-34800	5400	7440	9040	21.5	2.26	12000
S-16 (9000)	PB-3	15600-39100	5400	8370	10500	25.4	2.3	13500
S-17 (9000-9550)	PB-3	15600-39100	5400	8370	10500	25.4	2.3	13500
S-18 (10325-10975)	PB-3	15600-39100	6600	9601.32	11666	21.5	2.26	15488
S-19 (10000-15200)	PB-3	15600-39100	6600	9300	11300	21.5	2.26	15000
S-20 (10650-15850)	PB-3	15600-39100	6600	9905.12	12035	21.5	2.26	15975
S-21 (12000-16500)	PB-3	15600-39100	7600	11160	13560	21.5	2.26	18000
S-22 (12750-16500)	PB-3	15600-39100	7600	11858.1	14408	21.5	2.26	19125
S-23 (12000-18000)	PB-3	15600-39100	7600	11160	13560	21.5	2.26	18000
S-24 (14300-18300)	PB-4	37400-67000	8700	13299	23050	73.3	3.2	No change proposed
S-25 (15100-18300)	PB-4	37400-67000	8700	14043	23050	64.1	3.1	
S-26 (16400-20000)	PB-4	37400-67000	8900	15252	23150	51.8	2.8	24600
S-27 (16400-20900)	PB-4	37400-67000	8900	15252	23150	51.8	2.8	24600
S-28 (14300-22400)	PB-4	37400-67000	10000	13299	23700	78.2	3.3	No change proposed
S-29 (18400-22400)	PB-4	37400-67000	10000	17112	23700	38.5	2.6	
S-30 (22400-24500)	HAG	67000-79000		20832	33500	60.8	3.0	No change proposed
S-31 (22400-26000)	HAG+	75500-80000		20832	37750	81.2	3.4	
S-32 (24050-26000)	HAG+	75500-80000		22367	37750	68.8	3.1	
S-33 (26000)(fixed)	Apex	80000 (Fixed)		24180	40000	65.4	3.1	
S-34 (30000) (fixed)	Cab Sec	90000		27900	45000	61.3	3.0	

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**“REDUCING GENERATION GAP THROUGH LOVE, AFFECTION & FRIENDSHIP”***(By Harchandan Singh, Secretary General “Railway Senior Citizens Welfare Society”)*

Technological Development and economic growth had lead to major changes in outlook and values of life. Joint family system has given way to nuclear family norms to a large extent. However, the saving grace is that the improved education levels and greater financial and social securities have changed the psych of the people in the recent years – both amongst the elder and the younger generations.

Advent of 21<sup>st</sup> century has brought in major shift not only in global relationships internationally but also in the social environment. There is greater positivism and confidence both amongst the younger generation as well as amongst the elders.

“Saas- Bahu” syndrome is slowly giving way to “Ma-Beti” outlook even though till now it is mostly confined to educated part of the society. But even this “Ma-Beti” or “Beti Jesi” approach, at times, remains only on the surface – where in the generation gap and personal egos still continue to persist.

All this can change if the mindset changes and the relationships are redefined in the context of the changed social environments – and is based on “Friendship”. This relationship has to be blended with adequate love and affection, mutual respect and trust - respect for each other’s values, ideas and feelings; and above all – a concern for each others wellbeing and that of the family as a whole.

This concept of “Friendship” may take time to develop into a widely adopted norm of relationship, but this remedy is valid for all social relationships – amongst equals as well as amongst older and the younger generations. All relationships must be based on mutual love, respect and concern for each other’s wellbeing – whether it is between Parents and Children or their offshoots; between Brothers and Sisters; between wife and husband or the extended families; as well as in the society in general.

Of course, some of the reasons of breaking up of joint family system are economic and occupational compulsions, space constraints in the house for an enlarged family and an urge for financial independence. But in many cases it is also a conflict of ideas, incompatibility of temperament and personal egos – mostly all wrapped up together and given a dignified name of ‘generation gap’.

However, this so called ‘generation gap’ is not relevant in many cases of discord e.g. now a days, in many families the parents and the children and at times even the grand children have similar level of education, comparable intellectual exposures and adequate financial or professional accomplishments, but still have serious communication gaps, conflict of ideas and split up relationships. All these are not necessarily due to the so called ‘generation gap’ but are more on account of our bloated egos, self righteousness and in many cases predominantly materialistic considerations.

All this needs to be changed – but that change has to come from within us. We can’t readily change others. But we can surely change our selves. Let us start from here. Let us start from our selves – whether we are young or old or somewhere in between. It is never too late to learn.

Let us all re-learn the “art of loving” and respecting each other. Let us learn the “Art of Friendship” – not merely to “Win Friends and Influence People” – but also to share our bonds of love with our own kith & kin – our elders, our children, our grand children, our spouse and with the extended families.

Let us base all our relationships on “Love, affection and Friendship”. That is the only hope for the survival of the family bonds in the changed social environment and ever changing values of life - the world over. Let us be optimistic and spread the synergy of positivism through the everlasting fragrance of love.

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