

RAILWAY SENIOR CITIZENS WELFARE SOCIETY (RSCWS)

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FOR FREE CIRCULATION TO MEMBERS RSCWS

JCM SEEKS FULL PARITY BETWEEN PAST & FUTURE PENSIONERS

Secretary Staff Side National Council JCM Com. Shiva Gopal Mishra has written a DO letter to Chairman 7th Pay Commission for Parity of Pension between past and future pensioners. He has asked the Pay Commission that the Government has just announced OROP for Armed Forces. This will increase the disparity in the pensions of Armed Forces and Central government employees. Therefore 7th pay commission should recommend OROP for civilian employees as well.

RSCWS IS NOW PART OF SANKALP – AN INITIATIVE OF DOP&PW TO INVOLVE PENSIONERS IN MEANINGFUL SOCIAL WORK

Railway Senior Citizens Welfare Society (RSCWS) Chandigarh, after being identified by DOP&PW under Pensioners Portal in 2014, is now also registered under SANKALP – an initiative of DOP&PW to involve Pensioners in meaningful social work to stay happy & healthy.

RSCWS continues with its social welfare work by holding free Medical Camps, Medical Seminars and giving financial aid to the NGOs working for the destitute orphan children, widows and the elderly. Social welfare activities are now proposed to be further promoted through personal participation of Pensioners in social work and getting the Pensioners to get registered under SANKALP. Pensioners will be encouraged and guided to do social work – including Adventure, Sports, Art & Culture, Children's Development, Education, Consumer Awareness, Legal Redressal, Environment, Health, Rural Development, Self Improvement and Poverty Alleviation or other areas of their choice.

DOP&PW ADVISES ALL MINISTRIES TO EXTEND NECESSARY COOPERATION TO OFFICE BEARERS OF IDENTIFIED PENSIONERS ASSOCIATIONS IN MATTER OF REDRESSAL OF PENSIONERS' GRIEVANCES

Copy of DOP&PW F.No.41/30/2011-P&PW(C) Dated 4 August, 2015

"As you are aware, the grievances of pensioners are being fed online through our application CPENGRAMS available in the Pensioners' Portal maintained by this Department. To facilitate lodging of grievances by pensioners' spread all over India, this Department has identified 43 Pensioners' Associations across the country as per list enclosed. These Associations, some time find it difficult in getting the grievances redressed in spite of constant follow up with the Departmental offices at regional level. Some of the Pensioners Associations have pointed out that timely action is not being taken by various Ministries/ Departments/ Organisations for redressal of grievances and same remain pending for unduly long periods.

You are therefore, requested to sensitize your Department towards the grievances of pensioners so that unnecessary delays could be avoided for prompt redressal of grievances. The regional offices and field officers, wherever they exist also be requested to provide all cooperation to the Pensioners' Associations who are helping in the redressal of grievances."

NEWS IN BRIEF: MOF ISSUES NOTIFICATION FOR 4 MONTH EXTENSION FOR 7TH PAY COMMISSION TILL DEC 31, 2015
SEE INSIDE: ORDERS FOR PAYMENT OF ARREARS TO PRE 2006 PENSIONERS FOR MODIFIED PARITY

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

GENERAL BODY MEETING OF RSCWS &

SEMINAR ON "SPINE & JOINTS RELATED PROBLEMS IN OLD AGE"
FROM 3-30 PM (SHARP) TO 5-30 PM ON SUNDAY 11TH OCTOBER, 2015
AT DC MODEL HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM, SECTOR 7 PANCHKULA (OPPOSITE SECTOR 7 MARKET PANCHKULA)
PLEASE REACH IN TIME & JOIN US FOR TEA & SNACKS AFTER THE MEETING.

- President & Secretary General RSCWS

MINUTES OF GENERAL BODY MEETING OF RSCWS ON 28-7-2015 AT GOVT MUSEUM, CHANDIGARH

- Shri G. S. Sethi & Shri O. S. Dogra presided over the meeting. 72 Members attended the Meeting
- 1 <u>Condolences</u>: A) Meeting started with tributes to Late Shri A.P.J. Abdul Kalam, Ex President of India and the "Missile Man" who had recently expired. House observed 2 minutes silence in his honour and to pray for the peace of the departed soul. This was followed by a Patriotic song and National Anthem.
- B) The House also passed a message of condolence in honour of Shri Harbans Singh, Joint Secretary RSCWS & one of its founder Members. The House observed 2 minutes silence and prayed for the peace of his soul and for the solace to the bereaved family.
- 2. <u>Opening address by the President</u>: Shri G. S. Sethi welcomed the Members and congratulated all the affected Pensioners reg. developments for implementation of SC judgment reg. Modified Parity.
- 3. Report by SG RSCWS: Shri Harchandan Singh explained the following points in brief:
 - *i)* 7th CPC Report Expected in August 2015 to be effective from 1-1-2016. (The Term of the Pay Commission has since been extended by the Govt. upto 31st December, 2015).
 - ii) Modified Parity of Pension
 - a) All SLPs of Govt. had since been Dismissed by the Supreme Court on 17-3-2015
 - b) Govt./ MOF have agreed to implement Supreme Court orders of 17-3-2015
 - c) Orders expected soon to grant Modified Parity from 1-1-2006.
 - d) Pension of all those Pre 2006 Pensioners who were covered by OM dated 28-1-2013 will now be revised from 1-1-2006 instead of 24-9-2012.
 - e) Thanks to Sh. N.P. Mohan of S 29 Group who identified the injustice in fixing pension and initiated the struggle which brought relief to all the pensioners after a long drawn legal fight. RSCWS pursued and represented the case constantly and effectively all through.
 - f) Congratulations to all those who will be benefitted.
 - iii) <u>Medical Problems</u> All related issues were taken up by RSCWS once again with CMD. Delay in Extension of Empanelment of Specialized Hospitals was creating serious problem and needs to be pursued vigorously.
- 4. <u>New Directory RSCWS 2015</u>: New Directory of RSCWS was released by Sh. GS Sethi with presentation of its first copy to Sh. OS Dogra and distribution of the copies to all the Members. The Directory was highly appreciated by all especially for its new features and quality of presentation.
- 5. <u>Medical Seminar</u>: A Medical Seminar was held on the <u>PROBLEMS OF EYESIGHT IN OLD AGE</u> <u>LIKE GLAUCOMA & CATARACT ETC</u>. Seminar was addressed by Dr. Mukesh Vatts, Ophthalmologists Fortis Hospital Mohali & Fortis Med Centre, Chandigarh. It was followed by Interaction of Doctor with Members.
- 6. Aid to NGO from SWF: A cheque of Rs.10,000/- was presented to the President Dr. Harminder Singh in aid of the NGO Jyoti Sarup Kanya Asra Society (Regd) @ # 186, Randhawa Road, Kharar, Distt Mohali. The Society provides shelter & education to 85 poor & Orphan Girls. Dr. Harminder Singh appreciated the gesture of RSCWS and invited the Members to visit them to see the work being done there.
- 7. <u>Cultural Programme</u>: Children of Jyoti Sarup Kanya Asra Society presented a short cultural programme with a Poem, a Song and a Folk Dance which was highly appreciated by the Members who encouraged the children through personal donations. Ball Pens were also gifted to them by RSCWS.
- 8. <u>APPEAL FOR MEMBERSHIP & SWF</u>: Sh. Harchandan Singh appealed to all the Members to pay their Membership regularly, contribute liberally to Social Welfare Fund and help in enrolling more Members of the Society by spreading the message about the good work being done by RSCWS.
- 9. <u>Introduction to SANKALP An initiative of the DOP&PW to motivate Pensioners to stay happy and healthy after Retirement through social work. Secretary General explained the activities covered under SANKALP and appealed to Members to Register under SANKALP.</u>
- 10. The Meeting ended with a Vote of Thanks by Sh. OS Dogra to all followed by a community lunch.

RAIL PENSIONERS! BE ACTIVE MEMBERS OF RSCWS

FOR YOUR WELFARE & TO STAY IN TOUCH WITH LATEST DEVELOPMENTS ON PENSIONERS ISSUES PLEASE PAY YOUR SUBSCRIPTION FOR RSCWS EARLY FOR 2015, IF NOT DONE ALREADY ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION OF RSCWS - RS.300/- PA / LIFE MEMBERSHIP RS.2500

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

DONATE LIBERALLY TO SOCIAL WELFARE FUND OF RSCWS TO HELP THE NEEDY, POOR & DESTITUTE DONATIONS & SUBSCRIPTIONS MAY BE PAID TO TREASURER RSCWS OR SENT TO HIM BY AT-PAR CHEQUE OR DEMAND DRAFT IN FAVOUR OF "RAILWAY SENIOR CITIZENS WELFARE SOCIETY" – AT HIS FOLLOWING ADDRESS:

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OR through the Members of the Executive Committee RSCWS residing in their area

- PRESIDENT & SECRETARY GENERAL, RSCWS

MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING OF RSCWS ON 5-9-2015

- 1. OPENING ADDRESS BY THE PRESIDENT: Sh. N. P. Mohan mentioned the following points:
- i) Modified Parity of Pension: The Govt has now after 7 years condescended vide DOP OM dated 30-7-2015 to grant pension to all affected pre-2006 pensioners accepting Modified Parity in letter and spirit. This is the result of a long legal struggle sustained with persistent efforts and at a huge cost by CG SAG (S 29) PA. To answer frequent queries made by pensioners regarding accrual of any benefit to them, a simple table has been developed (circulated amongst members) which will be appearing in the next PRS.
- ii) <u>Appeal to EC Members to share Duties especially in realising outstanding membership subscription and drive for new membership.</u> This calls for an urgent need to contact members for realising outstanding dues. Station wise lists would be given to the members of 3 sub-committees who were requested to pursue the matter vigorously and tell them to clear their dues failing which there will be no alternative except to terminate their membership.

As regards enrolment of new members, some of the EC members were nominated in the past to collect the names and address of Railway pensioners getting passes from various offices. This is the easiest way to know particulars of such prospective members. A list of EC members and the offices allotted to them may be advised for pursuing this matter.

- 2. REPORT BY SECY. GENERAL: Shri Harchandan Singh mentioned the following points:
 - i) 7th CPC Report shall be delayed as the Govt. had given it an extension up to 31-12-2015
 - ii) After pursuing the Govt. Early issue of implementation orders on Modified Parity of Pension to Pre 2006 Pensioners, RSCWS had also taken immediate action for the follow up on the orders by writing letters to DOP&PW and Railway Board for issuing instructions regarding Modalities for payment of Arrears & issue of Revised PPOs where still due.
 - iii) RSCWS had submitted a Memorandum to PM to implement judgment of various Courts for grant of Full Pension to the Pre 2006 Pensioners who had put in more than 20 years service in case of Voluntary Retirement and more than 10 years for Superannuation or absorption in PSUs etc. DOP&PW had replied that the matter was sub-judice as a Review Petition had been filed by the Govt against Dismissal of their SLP.
 - RSCWS gave a Rejoinder to the same by citing the rejection of the Review Petition by the Supreme Court in the intervening period and the Govt. should implement Court's orders.
 - iv) RSCWS submitted another Memorandum to the Govt. to extend the benefit of Upgraded posts by 6th CPC to Pre 2006 Pensioners as per orders of various Courts.
 - v) Medical Problems: RSCWS had again strongly represented to the CMD Northern Railway & GS NRMU/AIRF serious problems being faced by the Pensioners in the Tricity of Chandigarh, Punchkula and Mohali for getting medical treatment especially due to lack of facilities in Railway Health Unit and due to non-empanelment of Specialised Private Hospitals in the area.
 - vi) Position of Grant in Aid had not been received for the current year and as such Rs.30000/- had been transferred from General Fund to Grant in Aid Account as approved by EC.
- 3. a) BALANCE SHEET RSCWS: Sh. CP Singh read out the position of Income & expenditure from Jan-Aug, 2015 reflecting the number of Members who had paid the Subscription and Social Welfare Fund so far.
- b) Membership Drive & Raising of SWF: It was decided that EC Members should help in the Membership drive by personally contacting the defaulting Members to collect the dues. Separate copies of lists of defaulting Members were given to 3 teams of EC Members to collect the dues from the Members residing in their respective areas in Chandigarh, Panchkula and Mohali.
 - 4. EC approved the nomination of Sh. Harcharan Singh as Joint Secy RSCWS.
- 5. Allocation of Responsibilities to EC Members: All EC Members were urged to look after the respective Duties assigned to them as per the Sub Committees enlisted in the RSCWS Directory 2015.
- 5. Aid to NGOs from RSCWS SWF: EC decided that the following two NGOs be given an Aid of Rs.10000/- each in next GBM. SWF Sub-Committee will again check up that the NGOs were not getting any Grant from the Government.
- i) Gur Asra Trust (Regd) Palsora, Chandigarh. Trust Helps the Poor, needy & Orphan Children, Destitute & widow ladies, Sick and the Old people through FINANCIAL help, shelter, Care, education and training for self reliance. It started in 1999 has 3 CENTERS at Palsora (near PNB), Vill. Manana and Phase 7 Mohali. It runs only with donations at present.
- ii) World Peace Mission Trust, Chandigarh: The NGO is Educating and providing literacy to poorest of the poor children of the migrant labour in (six) Literacy centres in and around Chandigarh; and running (four) Tailoring Centers for tailoring Classes for girls of the socially weaker sections.
- 6. Registration of RSCWS for "SANKALP": Secretary General informed that RSCWS has been registered under SANKALP an initiative of DOP&PW to provide a platform to involve Pensioners & Pensioners Association in Social Work. He urged the Members to get registered under SANKALP by filling up the Forms already sent to them and send the same to SG RSCWS or to DOP&PW online on SANKALP Portal.
- 7. Next GBM: It was decided to have the next GBM of RSCWS on 18-10-2015 at <u>Panchkula</u>. The Members of the Sub-Committee will make the necessary arrangements for the same.

The Meeting dispersed after a vote of thanks.

ORDERS ON REVISION OF PENSION OF PRE-2006 PENSIONERS WITH MODIFIED PARITY

i) Copy of OM No.38/37/08-P&PW(A) Dated the 30th July, 2015 of GOI – DOP&PW (Department of Pension & Pensioners' Welfare)

Sub:- REVISION OF PENSION OF PRE-2006 PENSIONERS - REG.

- 1. The undersigned is directed to say that as per Para 4.2 of this Department's OM of even number dated 1.9.2008 relating to revision of pension of pre-2006 pensioners w.e.f.1.1.2006, the revised pension w.e.f. 1.1.2006, in no case, shall be lower than 50% of the sum of the minimum of pay in the pay band and the grade pay thereon corresponding to the pre-revised pay scale from which the pensioner had retired. A clarification was issued vide DoP&PW OM of even number dated 3.10.2008 that the pension calculated at 50% of the minimum of pay in the pay band plus grade pay would be calculated at the minimum of the pay in the pay band (irrespective of \pre-revised scale of pay) plus the grade pay corresponding to the pre-revised pay scale.
- 2. Several petitions were filed in Central Administrative Tribunal, Principal Bench, New Delhi inter alia claiming that the revised pension of the pre-2006 pensioners should not be less than 50% of the minimum of the pay band + grade pay, corresponding to the pre-revised pay scale from which pensioner had retired, as arrived at with reference to the fitment tables annexed to Ministry of Finance, Department of Expenditure OM No.l/1/2008-IC dated 30th August, 2008. Hon'ble CAT, Principal Bench, New Delhi vide its common order dated 1.11.2011 in OA No.655/2010 and three other connected OAs directed to re-fix the pension of all pre-2006 retirees w.e.f. 1.1.2006 based on the Resolution dated 29.8.2008 of the Department of Pension & Pensioners' Welfare and in the light of the observations of Hon'ble CAT in that order.
- 3. The above order was challenged by the Government by filing Writ Petition No.153512012 in respect of OA No. 655/2010 and WP No.2348-50/12 in respect of the three other connected OAs in the High Court of Delhi. The Hon'ble High Court in its common Order dated 29.4.2013 noted that the DoP&PW had, in the meanwhile, issued an OM No.38/37/08-P&PW (A) dated 28.1.2013 which provided for stepping up of pension of pre-2006 pensioners w.e.f. 24.9.2012 to 50% of the minimum of pay in the pay band and grade pay corresponding to pre-revised pay scale from which the pensioner had retired. Hon'ble High Court observed that the only issue which survived was, with reference to Paragraph 9 of OM dated 28.1.2013 which makes it applicable w.e.f. 24.9.2012 instead of 1.1.2006. Hon'ble High Court of Delhi dismissed the Writ Petition No.1535/20 12 along with three other Writ Petitions vide its order dated 29.4.2013. Special Leave Petitions (No.23055/2013 andNo.36148-50/2013) filed against the said order dated 29/412013 of the Hon'ble Delhi High Court have also been dismissed by the Hon'ble Supreme Court.
- 4. Accordingly, in compliance with the above judicial pronouncements, it has been decided that the pension/family pension of all pre-2006 pensioners/family pensioners may be revised in accordance with this Department's OM No.38/37/08-P&PW(A) dated 28.1.2013 with effect from 1.1.2006 instead of 24.9.2012. Further, this benefit has already been granted to the Applicants in OA No. 655/2010 vide OM of even No. dated 26/08/2014 read with OM dated 19/09/2015 following dismissal of SLP (C) No.23055/2013 by the Hon'ble Supreme Court.
- 5. In case the consolidated pension/family pension calculated as per para 4.1 of O.M.No.38/37/08-P&PW (A) dated 1.9.2008 is higher than the pension/family pension calculated in the manner indicated in the O.M. dated 28.1.2013, the same (higher consolidated pension/family pension) will continue to be treated as basic pension/family pension.
- 6. All other conditions as given in OM No. 38/37/08-P&PW (A) dated 1.9.2008, as amended from time to time shall remain unchanged.
- 7. Ministry of Agriculture, etc. are requested to bring the contents of these orders to the notice of Controller of Accounts/Pay and Accounts Officers and Attached and Subordinate Offices under them on a top priority basis. All pension disbursing offices are also advised to prominently display these orders on their notice boards for the benefit of pensioners.
 - 8. This issues with the approval of Ministry of Finance ID Note No. 1(9)/EV/2011-Vol.1I dated 24.7.2015.

ii) Copy of RAILWAY BOARD OM No. F(E)III/2008/PN1/12 Dated: 31 .07.2015.

Subject: REVISION OF PENSION OF PRE-2006 PENSIONERS-REG.

A copy of Department of Pension and Pensioners' Welfare(DOP&PW)'s O.M. No. 38/37/08-P8PW(A) dated 30.07.2015 on the above subject is enclosed for information and compliance. These instructions shall apply *mutatis mutandis* on the Railways also. The Ministry of Finance, Department of Expenditure's 0.M.No.1/112008-IC dated 30.08.2008 mentioned in DOP&PW's OM. dated 30.07.2015 has been adopted on Railways vide Railway Board's letter No.PC-VI/2008/I/RSRP/1 dated 11.09.2008.

2. A concordance of DOP&PW's instructions referred to in the enclosed OM. and Railway Board's corresponding instructions is given below:

S.No.	DOP&PW's instructions	Corresponding instructions of Railway Board
1.	38/37/08-P&PW(A) dated 01.09.2008	F(E)III/2008/PN1/12 dated 08.09.2008
2.	38/37/08-P&PW(A) dated 28.01.2013	F(E)III/2008IPN1/12 dated 11.02.2013
3.	38/37/08-P8PW(A)Pt.1 dated 03.10.2008	F(E)III/2008/PN1/12 dated 08.10.2008

iii) Copy of MOF DOE CPAO GOI OM No. CPAO/Tech/Revision(Pre-2006)/2015-16/941-1011 Dated: 4-9-2015 Subject:- PAYMENT OF ARREARS OF PENSIONS TO PRE-2006 PENSIONERS W.E.F. 01.01.2006.

In pursuance of DP&PW OM No. 38/37/08-P&PW (A) dated 28.01.2013, pension/family pension of some pensioners/family pensioners were revised w.e.f. 24.09.2012 through individual amendment authorities.

Now, in pursuance of the orders of the Hon'ble Supreme Court, DP&PW vide its OM No. 38/37/08-P&PW (A) dated 30.07.2015 has decided to grant the benefit of revision of pension/ family pension w.e.f. 01.01.2006 in such cases. Keeping in view the sensitivity and urgency of the matter it has been to issue CPCC-wise amendment authority for such cases which have already been revised w.e.f. 24.09.2012 whose requisite details are available with CPAO in batches having name of pensioner, PPO number, bank account number, No. & date of last SSA issued as per DP & PW OM dated-28.01.2013.

See: OM No. 38/37/08-P&PW (A) dated 30.07.2015 Revision of pension of pre-2006 pensioners- Payment of Arrears from 01.01.2006: DoP&PW Order

While calculating the arrears following points require special attention:-

- i) Change in the rate of pension/family pension during the period from 01.01.2006 to 23.09.2012 which may be due to death of the pensioner, completion of the period of enhanced family pension and grant of additional pension on attaining the age of 80 years. It may be ensured that the pensioner/family pensioner get the benefit of revised pension from the due date whether it may be 01.01.2006 or any later date with accurate rate of pension/ family pension.
- ii) The cases of dual family pension should not be mixed with these revision cases as the same have also been effective from 24.09.2012.

Heads of all CPPCs are advised to give special attention to credit the respective pension accounts at the earliest.

Copy of Railway Board 's letter No. 2012/H/PNM/NFIR dated 14.07.2015

Sub: PROVISION OF EMERGENCY RAILWAY MEDICAL FACILITIES TO RAILWAY BENEFICIARIES ****

All railway employees, their spouse and eligible dependents are eligible to avail railway medical facilities in Railway Hospitals and Health Units etc.

Similarly on joining RELHS-97 retired railway employees, their spouse and eligible dependents also become eligible for same level of medical facilities as that of serving railway employees. Instances have come to the notice of the Board that the railway medical beneficiaries are facing difficulties in availing railway medical facilities during emergencies in places other than the place where their medical card is registered. The matter has been examined in the Board's Office and it has been decided, with the approval of competent authority, that all Railway Hospitals, Health Units etc, would ensure adequate medical facility to serving employees, their spouse and eligible dependents/ RELHS-97 card holders, their spouse and eligible dependents in emergencies. Such a facility will be extended on production of railway medical identity card / any other documentary proof that establishes the railway identity in case of serving railway employees and RELHS-97 cards in case of retired railway employees. Sd/ (RS Shukla)/JD, Health

MEDICAL FACILITIES: Provision of Emergency Railway Medical Facilities to Railway beneficiaries:

Board have decided that all Railway Hospitals, Health Units etc., should ensure adequate medical facilities to serving employees, their spouse and eligible dependents/ RELHS-97 card holders, their spouse and eligible dependents In emergencies, in places other than the place where their medical card is registered, on production of railway medical identity card / any other documentary proof that establishes that railway identity in case of serving railway employees and RELHS-97 cards in case of retired railway employees.

Sub: Issue dvance Pass from next year's account.

ACS No.73, issued vide Board's letter No. E(W) 2007/PS5-1/9 -dated 26.03.2012

Item 3 (xiv) of Schedule-11 (Privilege Pass/PTO):- When an employee has availed all passes due to him/her in a calendar year, one set of passes and/or one set of PTO may be issued to him/her for journeys commencing in the next year only and the Pass/PTO may be debited to the next year's pass account. Such advance issue of Pass/PTO should not exceed one month more than the Advance Reservation Period i.e. five months at present, of the current year, in general, from the date of issue.

Item (i) under column 4 "other facilities" of Schedule-IV (PRCP):-

A retired Railway Servant may be issued on his/her request one set of Complimentary Pass one month more than the Advance Reservation Period i.e. five months at present, in general, in advance of the current calendar year from the date of issue for journeys commencing in the next year duly debiting such issue of Complimentary pass in the next year's account.

SECOND AND FOURTH SATURDAY OF EVERY MONTH TO BE PUBLIC HOLIDAYS FOR ALL BANKS Central Government has declared the second and the fourth Saturday of every month as public holiday for banks in India, whether or not such banks are Included In the Second Schedule to the Reserve Bank of India Act, 1934 (2 of 1934), with effect from the 1st day September, 2015.

WHO ARE BENEFITTED BY MINIMUM REVISED PENSION AS PER DOP OM DATED 30-7-2015?

- 1. The legal fight for Modified Parity in its true sense (pension not to be less than 50% of the pay in PB plus GP thereon as per Resolution dated 29-8-2008) initiated by CG SAG (S 29) PA with CAT's verdict of November 2011 (OA 655/2010) upheld by DHC/SC has now been fully implemented with the latest orders of DOP dated 30-7-2015 resulting in the revision of pension of all affected Pre-2006 pensioners from 1-1-2006. Revision of pension is applicable only where pension already fixed on 1-1-2006 is less than minimum revised pension in col. 4 & 5 below.
- 2. To make the matter simple and easy to understand, following table has been developed which is based on the minimum revised pension. From this the gross pension/ family pension of May-June 2015 with 113% DR has been worked out for each of the scales in PB 1 to 4.
- 3. Pensioner/Family Pensioner is entitled for revision of pension from 1-1-2006 and payment of arrears if the gross pension credited in his/her account is less than the worked out figure in Col 6 or 7 below (as applicable) (plus FMA if applicable).
- 4. If the amount credited is more than Col 6 or 7 (plus FMA if applicable), then there will be no further revision of Pension on this account.

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Minimum Gross Revised Pension/Family Pension of Pre-2006 Pensioners w.e.f 1-1-2006 as per DOP OM F.No.38/37/08-P&PW(A) dated 28-1-2013 & 30-7-2015									
Existing Pay Scales	Revised	Revised Pay	Minimum	Minimum	Minimum	Minimum			
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			1-1-2006	1-1-2006	from	with 113%			
					1-1-2015	DR from			
						1-1-2015			
1	2	3	4	5	6	7			
S-4(2750-4400)	PB-1	5200-20200+1800	3665	3500	7806	7455			
S-5(3050-4590)	PB-1	5200-20200+1900	3890	3500	8286	7455			
S-6(3200-4900)	PB-1	5200-20200+2000	4030	3500	8584	7455			
S-7(4000-6000)	PB-1	5200-20200+2400	4920	3500	10480	7455			
S-8(4500-7000)	PB-1	5200-20200+2800	5585	3500	11896	7455			
S-9 (5000-8000)	PB-2	9300-34800+4200	6750	4050	14378	8627			
S-10 (5500-9000)	PB-2	9300-34800+4200	7215	4329	15368	9221			
S-11(6500-6900)	PB-2	9300-34800+4200	8145	4887	17349	10409			
S12((6500-10500)	PB-2	9300-34800+4200	8145	4887	17349	10409			
S-13 (7450-11500)	PB-2	9300-34800+4600	9230	5538	19660	11796			
S-14 (7500-12000)	PB-2	9300-34800+4800	9375	5625	19969	11981			
S-15 (8000-13500)	PB-2	9300-34800+5400	10140	6084	21598	12959			
New scale (Gr A entry) (8000-13500)	PB-3	15600-39100+5400	10500	6300	22365	13419			
S-16,(9000)	PB-3	15600-39100+5400	11070	6642	23579	14147			
S-17(9000-9550)	PB-3	15600-39100+5400	11070	6642	23579	14147			
S-18(10325-10975)	PB-3	15600-39100+6600	12905	7743	27488	16493			
S-19 (10000-15200)	PB-3	15600-39100+6600	12600	7560	26838	16103			
S-20 10650-15850)	PB-3	15600-39100+6600	13205	7923	28127	16876			
S-21(12000-16500)	PB-3	15600-39100+7600	14960	8976	31865	19119			
S-22 (12750-16500)	PB-3	15600-39100+7600	15660	9396	33356	20013			
S-23(12000-18000)	PB-3	15600-39100+7600	14960	8976	31865	19119			
S-24 (14300-18300)	PB-4	37400-67000+8700	23050	13830	49097	29458			
S-25 (15100-18300)	PB-4	37400-67000+8700	24195	14517	51535	30921			
S-26 (16400-20000)	PB-4	37400-67000+8900	24295	14577	51748	31049			
S-27(16400-20900)	PB-4	37400-67000+8900	24295	14577	51748	31049			
S-28 (14300-22400)	PB-4	37400-67000+10000	23700	14220	50481	30289			
S-29 (18400-22400)	PB-4	37400-67000+10000	27350	16410	58256	34953			

Note:- 1. This being the min pension, those getting higher pension than in cols. 6&7 will not be affected.

^{2.} Pension figures in cols. 6&7 are applicable to pensioners less than 80 years of age and with QS of not less than 33 years.

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MEMORANDUM BY RSCWS TO SECRETARY PENSION REG. FULL PENSION TO PRE 2006 PENSIONERS WITH MORE THAN 20 YEARS OF SERVICE ON VOLUNTARY RETIREMENT AND MORE THAN 10 YEARS OF SERVICE ON SUPERANNUATION/ABSORPTION IN PSUS

We invite your kind attention to the decision of the Supreme Court dated 28-8-2015 in R.P.(C) NO. 2565/2015 in SLP(C) NO. 6567/2015 cited above, in which it was held that "Upon perusing the paper book, it has come to our notice that there is a delay of 136 days in filing this review petition and we do not find any justifiable reasons to condone the delay.

Even on merits, we have perused the Review Petition and the connected papers with meticulous care, we do not find any justifiable reason to entertain this review petition.

The review petition is, accordingly, dismissed on the ground of delay as well as on merits."

- 1. Keeping in view the above said orders of the Supreme Court, we once again appeal on behalf of thousands of affected Pensioners (who are unjustly suffering for the last over 7 years) may please be granted the following relief early as per judgments of various Courts cited in our Representation dated 7-8-2015.
- 2. All Pre 2006 Pensioners who had completed 20 years of service on Voluntary retirement and more than 10 years of service on superannuation/absorption in PSUs or Autonomous Bodies may please be granted full pension as in case of Post 2006 similarly placed pensioners.

CMS NORTHERN RAILWAY INFORMS SG RSCWS ABOUT STEPS TAKEN FOR REMOVAL OF DEFICIENT MEDICAL SERVICES BY RAILWAY FOR PENSIONERS AT CHANDIGARH.

Copy of CMS Ambala letter No. 66-Med/Sickness/UMB/2015 Dated 04-09-2015

To Secretary General RSCWS in reference to his letter No. CWS/HO/CMD/20158 Dt. 26/08/2015.

In reference to above, para wise reply to points raised by Senior Citizens are as under.

- 1- Essential medicines are available (in the Health Unit Chandigarh).
- 2 & 3- Previously there was no imprest at H/U CDG. Recently Rs.10000/- for ambulance, X-ray, investigation, medicines & Rs.2000/- general imprest has been created for H/U CDG. Doctor can now procure essential life saving medicine in emergency through Local Purchases.
- 4- All essential staff has already been posted more staff will be posted in future as per availability of staff.
- 5- Fans, water coolers have been provided by electric deptt. Sr DEN/I/UMB & Sr DEE/UMB have been requested to provide RO.
- 6- The building for health Unit CDG has been constructed and health Unit is functioning part of building has been occupied by the office of AEN and Welfare inspector. Matter has already been appraised to DRM/UMB.
- 7- Dressing room has already been started all essential equipments and material have been provided. Medical store room already exist. Toilet already exist at HU/CDG though, it is also being used by AEN/CDG staff and area officer staff.
- 8 & 9 Empanelment of Fortis Hospital, file is at HQ level. As per new policy. Many new hospital are likely to be empanelled in future for railway beneficiary of Ambala Division.
- 10- CMP/CDG can refer the cases to PGI/CDG or other Govt. Hospital.
- 11- No post of Radiographer/Lab Technician exist at HU/CDG and hence diagnostic facilities cannot be started for HU/CDG. In future it will be tried to empanelment diagnostic Lab as per new Railway Board Policy.

RELHS-97 Extended to all Superannuated Pensioners irrespective of length of service

Copy of Railway Board's letter N o.2013/H/PNMINFIR dated- 08.09.2015 to all GMs

SUB:- RETIRED EMPLOYEES LIBERALIZED HEALTH SCHEME (RELHS-97).

Ref:- (i) Board's letters No.2003/H/28/1/RELHS dated 28.01.2005, 21.10.2005, 30.12.2005,

10.05.2006, 10.01.2007 & 16.03.2009.

(ii) Board's letter No. 2011/H/28/1/RELHS/Court case dated 31.05.2012.

The question of extending RELHS 97 facility to those retired railway employees also who joined Railways late but retired at the normal age of superannuation before completing 20 years of service i.e. the minimum qualifying service required for joining RELHS, has been engaging attention of Ministry of Railways for some time. The issue was also been raised by both the recognized employee Federations (AIRF & NFIR).

After careful consideration in the matter, the Competent Authority in the Ministry of Railways has decided to extend facility of joining RELHS 97 to all those railway employees who retired at the ag e of superannuation irrespective of number of years of their service before superannuation. If such employees have any previous service from any other Government Department which makes them eligible for medical facility of that Department also, they should opt for one of the two facilities viz. medical facility of the Department of previous service or RELHS-97.

Other terms and condition of joining RELHS-97, mentioned in Board's letters cited under reference, will remain unaltered. This issues with the concurrence of Finance Directorate of Ministry of Railways. Wide publicity should be given to the above position.

PRS: 7-9-2015

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