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No. 2025-04/RSCWS/CHD/Appeal/PM

Dated: 04.04.2025

Sh. Narendra Modi Ji, The Honorable Prime Minister of India PMO, South Block, Raisina Hills New Delhi – 110011

Sub:- Appeal for review of Amendment of Finance Act 2025, Part IV-Potential Violation of Constitutional Rights of Pensioners.

Respected Prime Minister,

We are in fix after reading between the lines of Finance Act 2025 amendment passed in the Parliament. Which we believe may fringe upon the constitutional rights granted to the Pensioners.

We would like to call your attention towards landmark Judgment of Supreme Court in the case of DS Nakra Vs. Union of India 1982 which states that:

"PENSION IS NOT MERELY A STATUTORY BENEFIT BUT A FUNDAMENTAL RIGHT DERIVED FROM THE SERVICES RENDERED BY AN EMPLOYEE.". It was categorized as a form of social security essential for ensuring a dignified life for retired employees.

- 1. Article 21 of the Constitution of India protects the right of life and personal liberty, which the Supreme Court has expansively interpreted to include the right to a dignified existence, encompassing adequate financial means through pension.
- 2. Our concerns with Finance Act 2025, Part-IV are for the provisions outlined in the Finance Act 2025 concerning the management of pension fund from the consolidated Fund of India may potentially impose arbitrary restrictions or discriminatory practice against the pensioners. Such measures if proven true, would contravene the protection granted by the Supreme Court under the D.S.Nakara Judgment and could undermine the financial security and dignity of countless retired personnel & will infringe the Article 21 & 14 of the Constitution.

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We respect your decision to revise your salaries and pensions retrospectively to address the rising inflation, we the pensioners are equally impacted by this inflation. Do we not deserve to live remaining years with dignity and respect. We too are esteem voters of this great Nation capable of influencing the course of democracy.

Please do not push us backward into conditions reminiscent of the British Raj where basic dignity was regarded. Consider this sincerely what relief do you provide us in 10 long years through the central pay commission CPC.

We appeal for your intervention for:-

- We respectfully urge your esteemed office to initiate comprehensive review of the Finance Act 2025 Part Iv to ensure all provisions are in harmony with the Constitution and the judgment of the Supreme Court concerning pension rights.
- We seek assurance that any change to pension policy are made transparently and justly, respecting the contribution of retired Government Employees Our voice is deserved to be heard.

Prime Minister Sir, We trust in your leadership and commitment to justice and we look forward to your support in upholding the rights and dignity of pensioners across the Nation. Please deliver justice to pensioners who have contributed their lives to building this Nation. Hope our genuine voice will be heard and appeal will be considered sympathetically.

With highest regards,

Yours faithfully,

SAT PAL SINGH Secretary General, RSCWS

Copy to: The Honorable Dr. Jitendra Singh MOS(PP) to help pensioners in having clarification in the matter.

Copy to: Sh. V Sriniwas IAS, the Secretary GOI-DOPPW for necessary action please.