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BPS Dharna @ Jantar Mantar (11.10.2012) and AGM (12.10.2012)

As members are already aware, the AGM of Bharat Pensioners Samaj to be held this year would be a little earlier (in October, 2012) for two days. To reiterate and press the pensioners' demands, briefly stated below, participate massively for the Dharna @ Jantar Mantar, New Delhi on 11.10.2012 and the AGM on the next day, i.e. 12.10.2012

1. Restore Statutory Defined Benefit Pension Scheme to employees recruited on or after 1.1.2004 withdrawing the new pension scheme and rescind PFRDA Bill.
2. Grant full parity up to 2006 pay structure to all pre-2006 retirees.
3. Provide comprehensive medical facilities and assistance to all Pensioners and pensioners of Autonomous Bodies following Central Service Rules and pay structure through revamped CGHS or under CS (MA) Rules, 1944. If Health Insurance is introduced, it should be optional and not compulsory for future retirees.
4. The Fixed Medical Allowance should be immediately raised to ₹ 1200/- per month.
5. Declare 50% of Dearness Relief as Dearness Pension for the purpose of computing further increases in Dearness Relief and for pensionary benefits for all pensioners retired/retiring on or after 1.1.2011.
6. Extend the Liberalised Pension Rules applicable to post-2006 retirees, viz., computation of pension on the basis of last pay drawn (if it is more beneficial) and full pension after 20/10 years of service.
7. Allow enhanced family pension equal to the pension last drawn by the deceased spouse/parents for 10 years also in cases of death of pensioner after his/her retirement.
8. Remove anomaly in pension of DoT employees absorbed in BSNL and retired between 1.10.2000 and 31.7.2001.
9. Commence grant of age-related additional pension on attaining 70 years of age @ 10%, 20%, 30%, 40%, 50%, 75% and 100% after each interval of 5 years.
10. Restore payment of Medical Allowance to BSNL pensioners, who have opted for this.
11. Recognize Bharat Central Pensioners' Confederation (BCPC) and its affiliates and provide negotiating forum on the lines of JCM and Compulsory Arbitration for serving employees with attendant facilities.
12. Restore commuted portion of pension after 12 years.

THE DUAL POLICY OF RAILWAY ADMINISTRATION

SCOVA 20th Agenda item 21(2) Provision of office accommodation to Pensioners Associations by Railway administration

1. With reference to SCOVA 20th Agenda Item 21(2) Provision of office accommodation to Pensioners Associations M/O Railways (Railway Board) Replied:

“Provision exist in para-1963 of Indian Railways Engg Code for allotment of spare buildings to house Staff Welfare Organizations at a nominal fee. Zonal Railways can be approached accordingly in the matter”. Para-1963 of I.R.Engg. Code provides “allotment with prior approval of the Rly. Board”.

2. With reference to Bharat Pensioners Samaj Memorandum dated 04.03.2011 Item 5(iii) M/O Railways (Railway Board) Vide Their No E(W) 2011/PA-1/2 dated 02.01.2012 S.No.5(iii) replied:

“There is no policy regarding allotment of office accommodation to Pensioners’ Associations. However, an item regarding grant in aid to pensioners’ associations was raised in the 20th SCOVA meeting and the same is under examination by DOP & PW.

3. With reference to RTI Act query sought by Shri A.Venkatappaiah, In Case No.RTI Cell /2010/ 010013050 M/O Railways (Railway Board) stated:

“Railway quarters and buildings not required housing railway staff or other railway purposes may at the discretion of the General Manager be let, in consultation with the Financial Adviser, to outsiders, on the highest rent that can be secured. This power may, subject to such restrictions as the General Manager may impose, be delegated to officers not below the rank of Divisional Manager”

4. In case of another RTI enquiry regarding allotment office accommodation to a particular Pensioners’ Association .

Railway administration vide DRM (P) Guntur vide his No SCR/PGNT/740/3/Vol.VII/RTI Act dated 30,06 2011 concluded ,

“No prior approval of financial advisor or Rly Board is required since Rly pensioners Associations being welfare organization do not come under the ambit of outsiders as mentioned in Rly Bd reply in RTI Case No.RTI Cell /2010/ 010013050 and that allotment to Rly. Pensioners association can be done in accordance with Rly Board Letter No 79/W2/18/130/0 of 12th August 1980 on a nominal rent as amended from time to time” and rented out a RB Type II accommodation @ Rs 1000/- per year, to a particular association at Guntur, that too, cancelling earlier allotment done to another association w/o valid reason.

Whereas Rs 6440/- licence fee is being charged from NF Rly Pensioners’ association for a strip of 675 sft unbuilt area in Rly colony DTS Hill/Lumding, Assam which is much higher than the market rate.

Thus with reference to allotment of accommodation to Welfare organizations such as ‘Pensioners Association’ no norms are being followed and as is clear from the examples Sited in fore going Para & in Agenda item 21(2) of the 20th SCOVA. Several allotments have been given on the whims & fancies of S.C. Rly officers concerned, to favour a particular federation who is using it as a bait to woo Rly Pensioners Associations to its side & is falsely propagating to be the only recognized Rly Pensioners Federation by the Rly board.

This amounts to corrupt practice.

As such, in the interest of transparency and fairness. Rly Board, is requested to order cancellation of all allotments over S.C.Rly, done in violation of Para 1963 of the Engineering Code, and to lay down definite parameters & norms for future allotment to Pensioners Associations

***Er S.C.Maheshwari
Secretary (Rly) BPS.***

NCCPA Dharna & BCPC

National Coordination Committee of Pensioners Associations (NCCPA), New Delhi along with Confederation of Central Govt Workers & Employees (CCG & WE) has given a call for dharna & demonstration at New Delhi on the 26th July, 2012. Neither the NCCPA nor the Confederation made any consultation with Bharat Central Pensioners Confederation (BCPC) before announcing this programme. Similarly, NCCPA has also given a call for Day Long Dharna @ State Hqs & Districts on 01.08.2012.

Last year, when such a DHARNA was held at Jantar Mantar, New Delhi, BCPC had consulted all the organisations (including NCCPA & the Confederation) about the programme which was finally conducted on 25.11.2011. It appears that this time the call for action is nose-led by NCCPA and it is their individual decision. While everybody is free to join them, BCPC does not endorse the NCCPA programme.

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New Booklet : "Compendium of FAQs + Extracts of Rly Pass and RELHS Rules" has proved to be immensely popular. However, though a large edition was printed by BPS, the entire stock has since been exhausted. Hence, kindly do NOT ask for a copy (@ ₹ 60/-).

Secy Genl, BPS

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ACTIVITY REPORT BHARAT PENSIONERS SAMAJ for the year 2011-12

Interaction with Pensioners & their Associations:

As part of its awareness & opinion building campaign Bharat Pensioners Samaj held two National Conventions Of Railway Pensioners Associations one at Secunderabad in Feb. 2011 & the 2nd at New Jalpaiguri in March 2012, in addition, one National Seminar on Pension was held at Visakhapatnam in Nov. 2011. All the three events were largely attended by delegates from every nook and corner of the country & were covered by Media internationally. BPS office-bearers held meetings with Pensioners & Associations at Ambala, Ahemadabad, Agra, Bhilai, Bhavnagar, Dingugarh, Guntur, Palghat, Mathura, Phagwara, New Delhi, New Jalpaiguri, Pune, Nagpur, Manipur, Secunderabad & Sabermati. In addition over 2,000 queries from Pensioners & Associations were answered through, Phone, e. mail, BPS 1955 Yahoo Group, Face book, Blog & Website.

As part of Promotional programme for 'Pensioners Portal': Links for Portal & Circulars posted on Portal, have been provided on the Home page of BPS Website which is being viewed in 74 Indian cities & 26 countries internationally. Also, during the meetings with pensioners, our office-bearers explain to pensioners the usefulness & the details different operations on the Pensioners' Portal.

Award to Pensioners Associations for good Work: Bharat Pensioners Samaj is the only Organization of Indian Pensioners which has introduced PEMS (Performance Evaluation & Monitoring System) for its Affiliated Associations & for its office-bearers. Based on performance, on 4th Nov. 2011 during its AGM at New Delhi, AICGPA, PUNE and BSNL & DOT Pensioners Association, Gujarat Circle, were awarded S.P. Vatta & Daya Maheshwari Memorial Trophies with cash reward of Rs 5,000/- each. In addition,

Defence Civilian Accounts Association, Chandigarh & RSCWS, Chandigarh were awarded Cash Prizes of Rs 2,000/- & Rs 1,000/- respectively. Prizes were distributed by Dr. K R Gangadharan, the Vice President Asia, IFA (International Federation on Ageing Montreal-CANADA). In addition, 35 of Senior members were honored on their having attained the age of 80 years.

Co-Ordination & co-operation with sister organizations: BPS believes in cordial relations & co-operation between sister organizations. Thus, during the period under report, it has signed a MOU for mutual co-operation & co-ordination with All India Senior Citizens Confederation (AISCCON), the largest Sr Citizen Confederation in the country. In addition it is in communication with AIFPA, Chennai, AICCPA, N. Delhi & NFRP, Palghat for a similar arrangement.

Dissemination of Information to Pensioners: 15,96,000 pages of information regarding Govt. orders & allied issues in print form, through its monthly magazine (BHARAT PENSIONER) & 1,69,000 pages of information through its Blog, Yahoo Group, Face book & website was disseminated to Pensioners and their Associations. Also, 3600 copies of Compendium 2012 compiling FAQs for C.G. Pensioners on pension and Banks, RELHS and Pass Rules for Railway Pensioners were published in March, 2012. Simultaneous to the print form, Bharat Pensioners Samaj also published free of cost, e. versions of its magazine & other publications like Pensioners Hand Book, FAQ, Guide to RTI, Retirement benefits & Compendium of FAQ, RELHS & Pass rules which are available for free download on its website www.bharatpensioner.org

Pensioners' Grievances:

1. Through CPENGRAM: Out of the 11 grievances recorded, not a single one could be resolved. After integration & provision of closing the grievance by the departments at their own level, the situation has worsened.

2. Through Normal correspondence &

meetings with authorities: 670 cases of family Pension to unmarried/Widowed/divorced dependent daughters were resolved.

3. Through RTI : for resolving most of the complaints under item 2 above. RTI ACT 2005 had to be resorted to.

4. Through Pension Adalat : Over 200 grievances were got resolved through Railways, department of Post & Defence Pension Adalat.

5. Through PDA : 9 grievances were resolved through meetings with Pension disbursing authorities.

Work Plan 2012-213

Interaction with Pensioners & their Associations : As usual BPS, as part of its promotional & awareness campaign, would be holding meetings with Pensioners & their Associations in different parts of the country. It will hold its 57th AGM at New Delhi on 11th & 12th of Oct.2012 wherein performance based two Trophies with cash Award of 5,000/- each & two consolation prizes of cash reward of Rs 3,000/ & 2,000/- will be distributed to Pensioners Associations. Senior members who attain the age of 80 years during the year 2012 will be honored.

On 2nd & 3rd Nov. 2012, it is proposed to hold a National Seminar on Pension & attending problems at Trivandrum. On 9th Feb 2013, it is proposed to hold 4th National Convention Of Railway Pensioners Associations at Nagpur.

Dissemination of Information to Pensioners : Besides continuing dissemination of information to pensioners, through its monthly Magazine, Website, Blog, Yahoo group, Face Book page etc; It is proposed to publish a compendium of important circulars in HINDI.

Pensioners' Grievances:

As usual BPS will continue to resolve Pensioners' grievances through CPENGRAM, Pension Adalats, Correspondence, RTI Act and through quarterly meetings with PDAs and the concerned officers as well as through SCOVA.

Secy Genl, Bharat Pensioners Samaj

MOU between AISCCON and BPS

This Memorandum of Understanding is between

1. All India Senior Citizens Confederation, headquartered at Mumbai popularly known as AISCCON (Registration details may be included here)

and

2. Bharat Pensioners Samaj, popularly known as BPS, headquartered in Delhi (Registered as a Society under the Societies Registration Act,1860, bearing Regd. No S -2023 of 1962-63)

This is an agreement to work closely with each other for mutual benefit. This MOU describes each of the parties, their areas of mutual interest and lists specific activities in which they will co-operate with each other. Limitations and exceptions are also specified. Provision is made for extension and termination of MOU.

About AISCCON (Party 1)

All India Senior Citizens Confederation, AISCCON as it is popularly known, was established in 2001. It has grown to be a national organisation to bring together and represent senior citizens all over India. Today AISCCON has Federations / Associations affiliated to it from more than 25 States / UTs : It is also currently the single largest federated body representing nearly 7.5 lakhs senior citizens. It is an independent, non-political, non-religious body with the welfare of Senior citizens as its goal. AISCCON conducts annual conferences regularly on topics of great relevance to ageing population. From 2001, it has organized eleven annual conferences, each excelling the earlier ones, in taking the Confederation to new heights.

Other important activities of AISCCON include:

- Advocacy through delegations to ministers & others in State and Central governments
- Pursuing Demands of Senior Citizens community in areas relating to finance, health-care, security and dignity
- Passing resolutions in Annual seminars & follow up

- Publications including a monthly newsletter
- Uniting varied Aged Care organizations including Retired employees, Pensioners associations, Walkers associations, NGOs, Retirees associations, Vruddha Sanghas in rural areas.
- Organising Senior Citizens National Annual days on August 16th, (Solidarity Day, Protest Day, etc)
- Observing World Elders Day in October, World Elder Abuse Awareness Day in June, every year

About BHARAT PENSIONERS SAMAJ (BPS)

Party 2

Bharat Pensioners Samaj (BPS) was established in 1955 and is based in New Delhi.

It is an associate member of IFA, Toronto (Canada). BPS is the apex body of all Central Government Pensioners with more than 375,000 members through Associations, Federations and Individuals from across the country. BPS is a member of the Government of India Standing Committee of Voluntary Agencies (SCOVA) with Minister of State (Personnel, Public Grievances & Pensions), as its Chairman. It aims at fighting to highlight pension and health related grievances of pensioners and seeking redress through negotiations and discussions to implement Government policies for the welfare of Pensioners. Observing 17th December every year to generate awareness of Pensioners' issues and grievances is one of major events all over India.

BPS has been actively engaged in conducting annual seminars, publication of Monthly Journal, special compendiums of value to pensioners. Liaison and advocacy in Monetary and Health related areas are of paramount interest. Disseminating information widely via web resources / blogs which is a rare specialty amongst Pensioners' organizations. Railways, P&T, BSNL, Defence, Central Government civilians are sectors BPS is mainly concerned with.

BPS is one among few Pensioners' establishments that have recognized very early the fact that all pensioners are senior citizens

first and then only pensioners and, as such, have a separate section for Senior citizens in their website.. Hence coming together of AISCCON and BPS will be useful to a much larger group of elders than it is possible otherwise.

It may be seen from the foregoing that both the parties have many objectives in common' the chief amongst them is the welfare of senior citizens at the core level. Coming together of these two institutions will be of mutual benefit as many objectives are held in common. While AISCCON can enjoy the backing of 3.75 lakhs of BPS members, BPS can enjoy the support of 7..5 Lakh AISCCON members. Hence they agree to the mutually agreed upon Action Points enumerated below :

AISCCON will do the following:

- Aisccon will invite members of BPS for major annual and other events
- Aisccon will encourage publicizing BPS activities via 'AISCCON News'
- Aisccon may depute its people to be on committees set up by BPS on areas of common interest
- Aisccon may include points of mutual interest of BPS in their resolutions of Annual Conferences and take follow up steps with appropriate authorities and / or have sessions on lifelong education
- Aisccon may cooperate in studies / surveys / research activities taken up by BPS
- Aisccon would collaborate with BPS in NPOP implementation
- Aisccon would help 'BHARAT PENSIONER' via subscriptions or news contributions
- Aisccon would help sell BPS publications at a special discount
- Aisccon & BPS both will exchange copies of their respective publications w/o any charge (on complimentary basis)

In a similar manner, BPS will do the following:

- Help Aisccon in organizing Pensioner related programs for its members / affiliated organizations

- Extend invitations to AISCCON for all important national and International events organized by them
- Include representation from AISCCON in their committees
- Offer publicity and support for AISCCON activities through its newsletter
- Participate and promote studies & surveys conducted by AISCCON
- Encourage its members to actively take part in AISCCON activities by their enrolling as "Patrons"
- Help 'AISCCON News' via subscriptions or news contributions
- Help sell AISCCON publications at a special discount
- Join hands with AISCCON in Advocacy efforts at State and central levels on all common topics
- Actively support any health care related moves with state or central governments
- Help AISCCON in implementation of NPOP in so far as Pensioners' welfare is concerned
- Help full implementation of MWPSCA in all states
- Play an active role in observing World Elders Day, Senior Citizens National Solidarity Day, Elder Abuse Awareness Day, Etc
- BPS & AISCCON both will exchange copies of their respective publications w/o any charge (on complimentary basis)

Scope: Exclusions and Limitations.

1. There will be no financial commitments of any sort involved on either side. This means that no annual subscriptions or commitments are involved.
2. Though members of either party may attend meetings of other party, there will be no voting rights; participation will be limited to being observers to bring about greater synergy by pooling of common minds.

Termination / Arbitration etc

Initially this MOU will be effective for a period of three years from the date of signing of this MOU. It may be extended for a further period of three years by mutual consent. Disputes and conflicts,

if any, may be resolved by setting up a third party arbitrator by mutual agreement.

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Place: New Delhi

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To, Shyam Sunder,
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June 27, 2012

Dear Sir,

AIFPA has agreed in its MC Meeting held on 05.06.2012 to cooperate and coordinate with BPS and RREWA to pursue jointly and severally all common pensioners' issues without compromising the rights of the Federation wherever divergent views exist among the cooperating associations. As verbally agreed, the 9th February, 2013 meeting of the National Convention of Railway Pensioners Association at Nagpur, the name of AIFPA may be included as joint sponsors.

Yours faithfully,
A V Mukuntharajan, Genl Secy
Cc: Shri S.C. Maheshwari, General Secretary,
RREWA by e-mail.

MESSAGES SUPPORTING DHARNA :
11.10.12 @ Jantar Mantar & Rly National Convention : 09.02.13 @ Nagpur
Thank you NFRP & AIFPA

From PN Vasudevan, NFRP, Palakkad to Shyam Sunder, Secy Genl, BPS, New Delhi dt 06.07.2012

NFRP/PALAKKAD always support BPS AND RREWA in the struggle for betterment of Rly pensioners. The exe. committee has unanimously decided to give full support for the convention to be held in February 2013 at NGP and planned to send delegates. NFRP/PGT wishes all success for the convention and 'Dharna' proposed.

Email from M R V Nath, Asst Secy Genl AIFPA, Chennai to S Maheshwari, Secy (Rly), BPS, Gurgaon dt 14.06.2012

Dear Sri Maheswari,

Extract from the Minutes of the MC meeting of AIFPA held on 5-6-12 :-

Coordination with other Organizations

Responding to the initiatives taken by Sri S C Maheswari, Genl Secy, RREWA & Secy (Rly), BPS. It was decided that the Federation will cooperate and pursue common issues where there are no divergent views jointly and severally and exchange views and the publications.

26 June 2012

Dear Sri Shyam Sunder,

Thanks for your mail. It is a pleasure for us to join in holding 4th National Convention (of Rly Pensioners Associations @ NGP **Editor**) to show our strength to Govt of India.

Regards,

MRV Nath, Asst Genl Secy, AIFPA, Chennai

[BPS seek support also of other sister organizations, who believe in sharing knowledge, wisdom & experience.]

50 Lakhs PA for Councillor (Delhi)

Each MCD Councillor gets 50 lakh per year under the local area development scheme for carrying out several works in his/her area.

Courtesy : Hindustan Times

FLASH :

4th Rly Pensioners Convention @ NGP : 09.02.2013

Sh. J Narayana Rao, V P (West) Bharat Pensioners Samaj will be visiting BPS affiliated Rly Pensioners Associations over South East Central Railway & Central Railway, explaining entitlement & facilities available to RELHS beneficiaries. He would also explain procedure for availing treatment in emergencies, claiming & reimbursement of medical expenditures. Branches and Affiliates are requested to get in touch with him on Phone 0712-265 2335 Mob. 094217 03511. E-mail: jnrao36@rediffmail.com

TEAM SPIRIT IN OTHER SENSE

An Important Item of Work was entrusted by the Team Leader to 4 Persons known as

(1) Everybody (2) Somebody (3) Anybody and (4) Nobody. Asked them for compliance on his Assignment in one month.

After 1 Month, the Team Leader called all the 4 and asked to show their Result. Surprisingly No.(1) reported that the work can be done by Somebody. No.(2) replied that the work could be done by Everybody and as such he did not do. No. (3) told that Nobody has done the work, he did not also attempt. No.(4) confessed that since Anybody could complete the assignment, he did not commence it at all.

GOD, in the form of Team Leader, had given an opportunity to these 4 persons to do Service even though God Himself could finish it. They have lost an Excellent Service opportunity. The story, in a Blissful way, given to Press by Beloved Meher Baba about 80 years back is slightly edited from what has been reported by Shri A.S.R. Murty, Kakinada. (Thanx 2 Murty)

Balraj Sahni : A Rare Gem

by *Rajendra Chopra*

BALRAJ SAHNI was one of the most perceptive actors of Hindi cinema. He was better known as an intellectual artiste; a fine blend of head and heart. As a human being, he was both sensitive and sensible. He was committed to the best ideologies of his time dedicated to the service of humankind. He had deep respect for progressive writers, bhakti/sufi poets as well as for great men like Jawaharlal Nehru and philosophers like Karl Marx.

Bal was born on 1st May 1913 at Rawalpindi (now Pakistan) in a well-to-do family. Incidentally, 1st May happens to be international workers' day and what a coincidence that in years to come he was to become a devout communist and loving friend of the working class. Top communist leader P C Joshi, who was responsible for bringing the leading writers and artists nearer to the working class ideology and also for founding of Progressive Writers Association and IPTA (Indian People's Theatre Association), was his very close friend.

According to a close observer, he was a noted film and theatre personality, who was generous and warm-hearted in his responses, almost to a fault, utterly loyal to the cause with which he was associated; and those who know Balraj miss him in spite of the fact that more than four decades have elapsed since his untimely demise on 13, April 1973.

Those who have an inclination for art and literature are well - aware of his multi - dimensional personality. His cinema histrionics attracted attention with his moving portrayal of an Indian peasant- who was a victim of zamindari system-in Bimal Roy's classic 'Do Bigha Zameen'. This performance won him national and



international plaudits. His last film was 'Garam Hawa', in which he played the role of Mirza Salim of Agra who refused to migrate at the time of partition and chose to live in India amidst hostile atmosphere full of suspicion and taunt. His acting in this film was simply superb, a performance which no other actor could have done with similar passion and realism. I consider 'Garam Hawa' as Balraj's best film with a subtle message of communal harmony, an ideology so dear to his heart.

He touched new heights in film acting in yet another Bimal Roy creation 'Kabuliwala' based on Rabindra Nath Tagore's story with outstanding musical score by Salil Chowdhury. Remember Prem Dhawan's 'Aey mere pyare watan' sung with sincere emotion by Manna Dey and also 'Ganga aye kahan se' by Hemant Kumar in his sonorous voice. A song by Gulzar for films.

Then there was Amiya Chakravarti's 'Seema' with stunning performances by Balraj and Nutan and excellent music by Shankar - Jaikishan. Who can forget classical songs by Lata along with 'Tu pyar ka sagar hai' by Manna Dey and path breaking 'Kahan ja raha hai to aey jaane wale' sung so beautifully by Mohd Rafi!

In 'Anuradha' his sensitive portrayal of village doctor who was so much devoted to his noble profession that his wife played by Leela Naidu, suffered pangs of solitude and neglect. The music was composed by Sitar maestro Ravi Shankar. In 'Haqeeqat' he did the role of tormented military officer during India - China war of 1962 with immense involvement with the character. And who can forget his acting in B R Chopra's 'Waqt', a film remembered also for 'Aye meri zohra jabeen' sung so touchingly by Manna Dey? Many more films like 'Pavitra Papi', 'Sone ki Chidiya' and 'Tangewali' can be added to showcase his acting prowess.

Just as in films, Balraj Sahni was also an accomplished theatre personality, In 'Akhri Shama', a drama written by Kaifi Azmi and directed by M S Sathyu, he acted as Mirza Ghalib. He immersed himself in the role involving his heart and soul in the character. I had the privilege of witnessing this unique event at the *Diwane-khas*, if my memory serves me well, of Red Fort, Delhi. His convocation address at Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi on 16 November 1972 was a riveting success and was heard with rapt attention by students and scholars present. The address was followed by a thunderous applause.

Balraj was a post graduate in English literature from famous Government College, Lahore. He had been a teacher in Shanti Niketan and was fortunate to work under Gurudev Tagore and Acharya Hazari Prasad Dwivedi. He was announcer in BBC London during wartime. He also edited a journal in Sewagram under Mahatma Gandhi. He was associated all his life

with Communist Party. In fact, he was a prisoner during the shooting of K Asif's 'Hulchul' in which, amazingly, he played a role of jailor and attended the shooting while on parole. He had two daughters; Shabnam had a troubled married life and died very young. Balraj was deeply attached to Shabnam. He did not live long after Shabnam's unhappy death. Balraj's first wife Damyanti was also a renowned actor in her own right. She too died young. A reflection of Balraj - Damyanti romantic saga can be viewed in Bhisham Sahni's novel 'Kunto'. His illustrious brother Bhisham wrote a biography of his elder brother entitled '**Balraj My Brother**' published by National Book Trust.

Close circle of Balraj Sahni included such topnotch writers and poets as K A Abbas, Krishan Chander, Rajinder Singh Bedi, Sardar Jafri, Kaifi Azmi and Sahir Ludhianvi. In deference to his wishes his funeral was arranged by textile workers' union of Mumbai. A book by great revolutionary Lenin was placed under his head and his body was wrapped in red flag and working class shouted full - throated slogan Comrade Balraj 'Lal Salaam', during his last journey. No religious rites were performed to honour the wishes of the lamented comrade.

His place is secure in history due to his invaluable contribution to films and theatre; to causes concerning the exploited toilers and his books like 'Mera Roosi Safarnama' and 'Meri Filmi Atamkatha' among others. He was a remarkable human being whose purposive existence was a source of joy and inspiration to his innumerable admirers. He was a rare gem. This dear son of Punjab breathed his last on Baisakhi day, the 13th April 1973, barely 18 days before his 60th birthday. An inkling of his life's philosophy can be had from a song from his film 'Sone Ki Chidiya', rendered in surwhich only Rafi could create: 'Rat bhar ka hai mehman andhera, kiske roke ruka hai savera.'

Courtesy : New Age Weekly, New Delhi - 110 002

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ANNEXURE - OM DT 11.11.11

List of New Hospitals empanelled under CGHS. GUWAHATI

DIAGNOSTIC AND IMAGING CENTRE

S. No	Name of the Hospital	Approved for	Whether accredited by NABH	Whether already on the panel of CGHS and if yes, facilities approved for
1.	Down Town Hospital Ltd, G S Road, Dispur, Guwahati - 6, w.e.f. 12th July, 2011	Diagnostic laboratory USD/Colour Doppler BMD and MRI	No	Yes for Pathology, Bio-chemistry, Microbiology, X-Ray, Ultrasound and ECG
2.	Dr. Bawari Diabetes Care Pvt. Ltd., 1 st Floor, Purvoday Bhawan, Royal Plaza (Opp International Hospital, Christian Basti, G S Road, Guwahati - 781 005 w.e.f. 12th July, 2011	USG	NR	Laboratory investigations and USG
3.	Piramal Diagnostics -Skylab, G S Road, Ulubari, Guwahati - 781007 w.e.f. 12th July, 2011	Diagnostic Laboratory and Radiology	No	No
4.	Primus Imaging Pvt. Ltd. w.e.f. 12th July, 2011	Diagnostic Laboratory and Radiology	No	No
5.	RK Life Services Pvt Ltd (The Apollo Clinic) w.e.f. 12th July, 2011	Diagnostic Laboratory and Radiology	Yes	Yes

As no new hospitals are empanelled under the new tender system in Guwahati, the existing hospitals are continued at old rates

GUWAHATI (OLD/EXISTING HOSPITALS AT OLD RATES (2007)

1.	International Hospital, Lotus Tower, G. S. Road, Guwahati. Tel: 0361 234 7700	Multi Speciality (General Purpose)		
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List of New Hospitals empanelled under CGHS. HYDERABAD

GENERAL PURPOSE HOSPITALS

1.	S V R Super Speciality Hospital, No: 7-1-79 / A & B, Dharam Karan Road, Ameerpet, Hyderabad - 500016 Tel: 040 – 2375 3790 / 2375 5441 w.e.f. 10th November, 2010	General Incl Joint Replacement	No	Yes : General purpose including Laparoscopic surgery, Jt Replacement
2.	Apollo Hospitals, Secunderabad. Tel.No. : 040 - 2798 5555 w.e.f. 5th July, 2011	General Purpose Incl Joint replacement as a previously empanelled hospital	No	Yes : General purpose including Haemodialysis, Orthopedic Jt Replacement
3.	Geeta Multi Speciality Hospital, 10-1-5/C Road No. 4, West Marredpally, Secunderabad – 500026. Tel. No. : 040 - 2780 0703 w.e.f. 5th July, 2011	General Purpose	No	Yes : General Purpose

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4.	Omni Hospital, Hyderabad , opp. P.V.T. Market, Kothapet X Roads, Dilshuk Nagar, Hyderabad-500035 Tel. : 67369900 w.e.f. 27th July, 2011	General Purpose	No	No
5.	Sathya Kidney Centre and Super Speciality, 3-6-426, Street 4, Himayat Nagar, Hyderabad- 29, Tel. : 27636444, 27650935, 66564666 w.e.f. 27th July, 2011	General Purpose Incl Joint Replacement	No	Yes : General purpose and incl. Renal Transplantation, Haemodialysis, Lithotripsy / TURP, Laproscopic surgery, Joint Replacement
6.	Aditya Hospital, 4-1-16, Boggulakunta Tilak Road, Abids, Hyderabad - 500 001. Tel No. 040-39111333 w.e.f. 1st November, 2011	General Purpose Incl Joint Replacement	No	Yes : Multispeciality Genl purpose & specialised purpose (in Neurology & Neurosurgery, Urology incl Dialysis & Lithotripsy, Orthopaedic surgery incl jt replacement, Gastroenterology & GI Surgery, Medical & Surgical Oncology, Paediatrics and Paediatrics Surgery, Endoscopic/ Laparoscopic surgery and ENT). Dental Care Center.
7.	Yashoda Super Speciality Hospital, Somaji Guda, Hyderabad - 500082. Tel. 040 - 23319999 w.e.f. 1st November, 2011	General Purpose Incl Joint Replacement	No	Yes : Genl purpose & Specialised purpose (Cardiological investigation, Cardiothoracic surgery, Renal Transplantation, Haemodialysis, Laproscopic Surgery, IOL Implant, Jt Replacement) & Diagnostic services (Laboratory, CT, USG / Colour Doppler).
8.	Apollo Drdo Hospitals, DMRL X Roads, Kanchanbagh, Hyderabad - 500058. Tel. : 040-24342222 w.e.f. 1st November, 2011	General Purpose Incl Cardiology, Cardiovascular & Cardiothoracic Surgery and Joint Replacement.	No	Yes : General and Specialised purpose (Cardiology, Cardiothoracic Surgery, Haemodialysis, Laproscopic Surgery, Joint Replacement) and diagnostic services (Laboratory services, CT USG / Colour Doppler and X – Ray)
9.	Care Hospital, A Unit of Quality Care India Ltd., 6-3-246/2, Road No.1, Banjara Hills, Hyderabad - 500034. Tel. : 040-30418888. w.e.f. 1st November, 2011	General Purpose Including Cardiology, Cardiovascular and Cardiothoracic and Joint Replacement	No	Yes : General and Specialised purpose (Cardiology, Cardiothoracic surgery, Renal transplantation, dialysis, Lithotripsy / TURP, Laproscopic surgery, Joint Replacement) and diagnostic services (Laboratory, USG / Colour Doppler).
10.	Woodlands Hospital, H.No. 3-4-852, Opp. RPF Office, Barkathpura, Hyderabad-500027. Tel. : 040-27555000 w.e.f. 1st November, 2011	General Purpose	No	Yes : General and Specialized purpose (IOL Implant)
11.	Prime Hospitals, (A Unit of Sri Sai Natha Multi Speciality Hospitals Pvt. Ltd.), MIG - 113 & 114 Road No.1, KPHB Colony, Kukatpally, Hyderabad - 500072. Tel. : 040 - 44568888 w.e.f. 1st November, 2011	Genl Purpose Incl Cardiology, Cardiovascular & Cardiothoracic and Joint Replacement	No	Yes : Multi Speciality Genl Purpose and Super Speciality (Neurology & Neurosurgery; Urology incl. Dialysis; Orthopedic surgery incl. arthroscopic surgery & joint replacement; Gastroenterology & GI surgery; Oncology incl. Surgery & Chemotherapy; Paediatrics & Paediatrics surgery; Endoscopic & Laparoscopic surgery and ENT incl. specialised surgeries).

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12.	Prime Hospitals, (A Unit of Sri Sai Natha Multi Speciality Hospitals Pvt. Ltd.), Plot No. 4, Mytri Vihar Behind Mytrhivanam Building, Ameerpet, Hyderabad - 500038. Tel. : 040-44569999 w.e.f. 1st November, 2011	Genl Purpose Incl Cardiology, Cardiovascular & Cardiothoracic and Joint Replacement	No	Yes : Multi Speciality Genl Purpose and Super Speciality (Cardiology, Cardio-vascular & Cardiothoracic Surgery; Neurology & Neurosurgery; Urology incl. Dialysis and Lithotripsy; Orthopedic surgery incl. arthroscopic surgery & joint replacement; Gastroenterology & GI surgery; Oncology incl. Surgery & Chemotherapy; Paediatrics & Paediatrics surgery; Endoscopic & Laparoscopic surgery and ENT incl. specialised surgeries)
13.	Prasad Hospital, MIG - 204, 1st Road, KPHB Colony, Hyderabad - 500072. Tel. : 040-23152315 w.e.f. 1st November, 2011	General Purpose	No	No
14.	Poulomi Hospital, A2 B17 Rukmini Puri Colony Asrao Nagar, Ecil Post, Hyderabad-500062. Tel. :040-27145555 w.e.f. 1st November, 2011	Genl Purpose Incl Cardiology, Cardiovascular & Cardiothoracic & Joint Replacement	No	Yes : Genl purpose and Specialised purpose (Cardiology, Cardiothoracic Surgery, Haemodialysis, Lithotripsy / TURP, Laproscopic Surgery, Joint Replacement) & Diagnostic services (Laboratory, USG / Colour Doppler & X – Ray).
15.	Aware Global Hospital (A Unit of Ravindranath GE Medical Associates Pvt. Ltd.), 08-16-01, Lingojiguda, Saroor Nagar, L.B. Nagar, Hyderabad- 500035. Tel. : 040-24111111 w.e.f. 1st November, 2011	General Purpose Including Cardiology, Cardiovascular & Cardiothoracic and Joint Replacement	No	Yes : Multispeciality General Purpose and Super Speciality (Cardiology, Cardio-vascular and Cardiothoracic Surgery; Neurology & Neurosurgery; Urology including Dialysis & Lithotripsy; Orthopedic surgery including arthroscopic surgery and joint replacement; Gastroenterology and GI Surgery; Oncology including Surgery & Chemotherapy & Radiotherapy; Paediatrics and Paediatrics surgery; Endoscopic and Laproscopic surgery and ENT including specialised surgeries)
16.	Medicity Health Care Services Pvt. Ltd., 5-9-22, Secretariat Road, Hyderabad - 500063. Tel. 040-23231111 w.e.f. 16th November, 2011	Cardiology, Cardio-vascular & Cardiothoracic Surgery / Urology Incl Dialysis and Lithotripsy Orthopedic Surgery. Incl arthroscopic surgery and Joint Replacement.	No	Yes : General purpose and Specialised purpose (Cardiological Investigation, Cardiothoracic surgery, Renal Transplantation, Haemodialysis, Laproscopic surgery, IOL Implant, Joint Replacement and Diagnostic Services (Laboratory, CT, USG / Colour Doppler, X – Ray).
17.	Image Hospitals (A unit of Image Health Care Ltd.), Image Health Care Ltd., 8-3-903/F/12x13, Image House Ameerpet, Hyderabad - 500073. Tel. : 040-44660000 w.e.f. 16th November, 2011	Genl Purpose Incl Cardiology, Cardiovascular & Cardiothoracic Surgery and Joint Replacement.	No	Yes : Genl purpose, Specialised purpose (Cardiological investigations, Cardiothoracic surgery, laproscopic surgery, Joint Replacement) & diagnostic services (Laboratory, MRI, CT, Mammography, USG / Colour Doppler and X – Ray).

18.	Remedy Hospitals (Albha Health Care Pvt. Ltd.), Road No.4, KPHB Colony, Kukatpally, Hyderabad. Tel. : 040-23158787 w.e.f. 16th November, 2011	General Purpose	No	Yes : Multi Speciality general purpose.
19.	Hyderabad Nursing Home Pvt. Ltd., 5- 9-29/40, Basheerbagh, Hyderabad. Tel. No. 040-23222344 w.e.f. 16th November, 2011	General Purpose Including Joint Replacement	No	Yes : General and Specialised purpose (Laproscopic surgery, Orthopaedic Joint Replacement and Lithotripsy).

SPECIALITY (SELECTIVE) HOSPITALS

1.	Care Hospital, H. No. 1-4-908/7/1, Opp. Raja Deluxe Theatre, Musheerabad, Hyderabad. w.e.f. 5th July, 2011	Cardiology & Cardiothoracic Surgery	No	No
2.	Sunshine Hospitals, Penderghast Road, Opp. Parsi Dharamsala, Behind Paradise Hotel. Secunderabad. Tel. : 44550000, 43444546, 43444546 w.e.f. 27th July, 2011	Cardiology & Cardiothoracic, OrthoPaedics & Neuro-surgery	No	No
3.	Apollo Hospitals, St. John's Road, Secunderabad - 500003. Tel. : 040-27718888 w.e.f. 1st November, 2011	Cardiology, Cardiovascular and Cardiothoracic surgery, Urology. incl Dialysis & Lithotripsy, Orthopedic Surgery including arthroscopic surgery & Joint Replacement.	Yes	No
4.	Apollo Hospitals, Near Old MLA Quarters, Hyderguda, Hyderabad - 500029. Tel. : 040-23231380 w.e.f. 1st November, 2011	Cardiology, Cardiovascular and Cardiothoracic surgery, Urology. incl Dialysis & Lithotripsy, Orthopedic Surgery including arthroscopic surgery & Joint Replacement.	No	No
5.	Innova Childrens Heart Hospital Pvt. Ltd., # 12-5-30 White House, Moula Ali Road, Tarnaka, Secunderabad -500017. Tel. : 040-27007272 w.e.f. 1st November, 2011	Cardiology, Cardiovascular and Cardiothoracic surgery, (for Children only)	No	No
6.	Star Hospitals A Unit of Unimed Health Care Pvt. Ltd, 8-2-596/5 Road No. 10, Banjara Hills, Hyderabad - 500034. Tel. : 040- 44777777 w.e.f. 1st November, 2011	Cardiology, Cardiovascular and Cardiothoracic surgery, Neurosurgery	No	Yes : Multi Speciality General Purpose and Super Speciality (Cardiology, Cardiovascular and Cardiothoracic surgery; Neurology & Neurosurgery; Urology including Dialysis).
7.	Narayana Hrudayalaya Hospital, # 1-1-216, Suraram 'X' Roads, Jeedimejla, Hyderabad- 500055.Tel. : 040-23783000 w.e.f. 1st November, 2011	Cardiology, Cardiovascular & Cardiothoracic, Orthopedic Surgery incl arthroscopic & Jt Replacement, Neurosurgery	No	No

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8.	Rainbow Children's Medicare Pvt. Ltd., Plot 22, Road No. 10, Banjara Hills Hyderabad. Tel. : 040-23319191 w.e.f. 16th November, 2011	Pediatrics and Pediatric Surgery	No	Yes : Pediatrics and Pediatric Surgery
9.	Rainbow Children's Medicare Pvt. Ltd., C-17, Vikrampuri Colony, Secunderabad. Tel. : 040 - 27895050 w.e.f. 16th November, 2011	Pediatrics and Pediatric Surgery	No	Yes : Pediatrics and Pediatric Surgery

SUPER SPECIALITY (HOSPITALS)

1.	Apollo Hospitals, Jubilee Hill, Hyderabad 500 033 Tel : 040 – 2360 7777 w.e.f. 10th November, 2010	Super Speciality	Yes	Yes
2.	Medwin Hospitals, 100 Raghava Ratna Towers, Chirag Ali Lane, Hyderabad-500001 Tel: 040 – 2320 6666/6663 3333 w.e.f. 10th November, 2010	Super Speciality	Yes	Yes
3.	Yashoda Super-Speciality Hospital, Behind Harihara Kala Bhawan, SP Road, Secunderabad – 500003. Tel. : 040-27713333 w.e.f. 5th July, 2011	Super Speciality	Yes	
4.	Yashoda Super Speciality Hospital, Unit of Yashoda Health Care Services Pvt. Ltd, Nalgonda 'X' Roads, Malakpet, Hyderabad - 500036. Tel. : 040-24555555 w.e.f. 1st November, 2011	Super Speciality		No
5.	Care Hospital, A Unit of Quality Care India Ltd., No. 5-4-199, Exhibition Road, Nampally, Hyderabad-500 001. Tel. : 040-30417777 w.e.f. 1st November, 2011	Super Speciality		Yes : General and Specialised purpose (Cardiology, Cardiothoracic surgery, Haemodialysis, Laproscopic surgery, Joint Replacement) and diagnostic services (Laboratory services, CT USG / Colour Doppler and X – Ray).
6.	Krishna Institute of Medical Sciences Ltd., 1-8-31/1, Ministr Road, Near Old Airport Begumpet, Secunderabad - 500003. Tel. : 040-44885000 w.e.f. 16th November, 2011	Super Speciality	Yes	No

CANCER HOSPITALS

1.	Basavatarakam Indo-American cancer Hospital & Research Institute, Road No. 14, Banjara Hills, Hyderabad. Tel. : 040-23551235 w.e.f. 1st November, 2011	Cancer Hospital	No	No
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EXCLUSIVE CANCER HOSPITALS

1.	Omega Hospitals , MLA Colony Main Road, Road 12, Banjara Hills, Hyderabad -34 Tel. : 040-2351034 w.e.f. 6th May, 2011	Exclusive Cancer Hospital	No	No
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1*	Medivision Eye & Health Care Centre, 10-3-304/F/1 to 4, Indira Sadan, Near NMDC, Humayun Nagar Main Road, Hyderabad-500 028 Tel:040-66368292, 040-66368292 w.e.f. 10th November, 2010	Eye Care	No	No
2.	Aravind Eye Hospitals Pvt. Ltd, 12-2-824, Santosh Nagar Colony, Mehdi Patnam, Hyderabad- 500028 Tel. : 0402351 3743 / 2233 w.e.f. 27th July, 2011	Eye Care	NR	Yes : Eye Care [Cataract / Glaucoma, Retinal – Medical & Vitreo-retinal surgery, Strabismus, Oculoplasty & Adnexa and other specialised treatment except Corneal Transplant].
3.	Swarup Eye Centre, 145 Dwarkapuri Colony, Punjagutta, Hyderabad 500082 Tel. : 040 – 2335 4558 w.e.f. 27th July, 2011	Eye Care	NR	Yes : Eye Care [Cataract / Glaucoma, Retinal – Medical & Vitreo-retinal surgery, Strabismus, Oculoplasty & Adnexa and other specialised treatment.
4.	Swarup Eye Centre, 5-9-163, Chappel Road, Abids, Hyderabad -500001 w.e.f. 5th August, 2011 (address of centre as notified in OM dated 27.7.2011 is corrected)	Eye Care	NR	Yes : Eye Care [Cataract / Glaucoma, Retinal – Medical & Vitreo-retinal surgery, Strabismus, Oculoplasty & Adnexa and other specialised treatment.
5.	Sai Jyothi Eye Institute, Plot No. 185, Rd No.1, West Marredpally, Secunderabad-500026. Tel. : 040-27719170 w.e.f. 1st November, 2011	Eye Care Centre	No	No
6.	Drishti Eye Care Centre, 114 A Sri Nagar, Colony, Ameerpet. Hyderabad-500073. Tel. : 040-23742158 w.e.f. 16th November, 2011	Eye Care Centre	No	No

EXCLUSIVE CANCER HOSPITALS

1.	Rukkus Dental, 3-4-759, Opposite H P Petrol Pump, Barkatpura, Hyderabad -500027 Tel. : 040 - 65594441, 27555453 w.e.f. 5th August, 2011	Dental Clinic	NR	No
2.	Global Dental Hospital, (Saint Teresa Charitable Society), Musheerabad, Hyderabad w.e.f. 1st November, 2011	Dental Care Centre	No	No

DIAGNOSTIC AND IMAGING CENTRE

1.	M/s Medwin Diagnostics of M/s Medwin Hospitals, 100 Raghava Ratna Towers, Chirag Ali Lane, Hyderabad-500001. Tel.:040-23206666. w.e.f. 5th July, 2011	Diagnostic Lab	NABL	
2.	Sathy Diagnostic Centre, 3-6-142, Satya Towers, Himayat Nagar Main Rd., Hyderabad-500 029 w.e.f. 27th July, 2011	Diagnostic Lab & Imaging Centre	No	Yes : Diagnostic Laboratory, USG / Colour Doppler, X – Ray and Bone Densitometry, CT and MRI

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3.	Apollo Drdo Hospital, Apollo Drdo Hospital DMRL X Roads, Kanchanbagh, Hyderabad-500058. Tel. : 040-24342222 w.e.f. 1st November, 2011	Lab. Services, X-ray, CT, Ultra-Sound	No	Yes : Diagnostic services (Laboratory services, CT USG / Colour Doppler and X – Ray).
4.	Apollo Hospitals, Jubilee Hills, Hyderabad - 500033. Tel. : 040-23607777 w.e.f. 1st November, 2011	Lab. Services, MRI, X-ray, CT, Mammography, Bone-Densitometry, Ultra-Sound	No	Yes : Diagnostic services (Laboratory services, mammography, USG / Color Doppler, X – Ray, Bone Densitometry).
5.	Apollo Hospitals, St. John Road, Secunderabad - 500003. Tel.: 040-27718888 w.e.f. 1st November, 2011	MRI, X-ray, CT, Ultra-Sound	No	No
6.	Apollo Hospitals Hydrguda, Apollo DRDO Hospital Near Old MLA Quarter Hydrguda, Hyderabad - 500029. Tel. : 040-23231380 w.e.f. 1st November, 2011	MRI, X-ray, CT, Ultra-Sound	No	No
7.	Star Hospitals A Unit of Unimed Health Care Pvt. Ltd, 8-2-596/5 Road No. 10, Banjara Hills, Hyderabad - 500034. Tel. : 040- 44777777 w.e.f. 1st November, 2011	X-ray, CT, Ultra-Sound	No	Yes
8.	Care Hospital (A unit of Quality Care India Ltd.), 6-3-248/2, Road No.1, Banjara Hills, Hyderabad - 500034. Tel. : 040-30418888 w.e.f. 1st November, 2011	Lab. Services & MRI, CT, Ultra-Sound, Color Doppler, X-ray, OPG, Bone Densitometry (<i>as existing hospital with Lab</i>)	No	Yes
9.	Care Hospital (A unit of Quality Care India Ltd.), No.5-4-199, Exhibition Road, Nampally, Hyderabad - 500001. Tel. : 040 – 30417777 w.e.f. 1st November, 2011	Laboratory Services and CT, Ultra-Sound, Color Doppler, X-ray, OPG. (<i>as existing hospital with Lab.</i>)	Yes	Yes

The following hospitals and diagnostic centres in Hyderabad shall continue to be on the panel of CGHS till further orders.

	Name of the Hospital/Diagnostic Centre	Empanelled for
1.	Global Hospital (A Unit of Ravindranath GE Medical Asso Pvt. Ltd.), 6-1-1070, Lakadi ka pool, HYD. Tel. : 040- 23244444	Genl & Specialised purpose (Cardiology and Cardio-thoracic Surgery, Renal Transplantation, Haemodialysis, Laproscopic Surgery, Liver Transplantation, Jt Replacement) and Diagnostic Services (Lab, CT, USG / Colour Doppler and X – Ray).
2.	Pragna Childrens Hospital, # 6-3-347/22/B/1, Dwarkapuri Nr Sai Baba Temple, Punjagutta, Hyderabad - 500082. Tel. : 040-66827999	Paediatrics and Paediatrics Surgery
3.	Sai Bhavani Super-Speciality Hospital, Main Rd, Shapur Nagar, Jeedi Metla. Hyderabad - 500055. Tel. : 040-23195466	General and Specialised purpose (Cardiology & CTVS, Lithotripsy / TURP, Laproscopic surgery and Jt Replacement).
4.	Thattha Hospital, Plot. No.100, Anupuram, Ecil Post, Hyderabad - 500 062. Tel. : 040-27141144.	Laproscopic Surgery
5.	Sai Krishna Super-Speciality Neuro & Polytrauma Hospital, 3-4-1, Station Road, Kacheguda, Hyderabad - 500027. Tel. : 040-44778899.	Specialised purpose (Orthopaedic Joint Replacement) and Diagnostic facilities (Laboratory, CT, USG / Colour Doppler and X – Ray).

Rly Bd's RBE No. 154/2011 Letter No. F(E)III/2009/PN1/7 dt 27.10.2011.

Sub : Grant of family pension to the dependent family members of a Railway servant/ Pensioner reported missing - Reg.

A copy of Department of Pension and Pensioners' Welfare (DOP&PW)'s O.M. No. 1/17/2011-P&PW(E) dt 14.09.2011 on the above subject is enclosed for information and compliance. These instructions shall apply mutatis mutandis on the Railways also.

2. A concordance of DOP&PWs instructions referred to in the enclosed O.M. and Railway Board's corresponding instructions is given below.

S.No.	DOP&PWs instructions	Railway Board's corresponding instructions
1.	O.M.No.1/17/86-P&PW dt 29.08.1986	F(E)III/86/PN 1/17 dt 19.09.1986
2.	O.M.No.1/17/86-P&PW(C) dt 25.01.1991	F(E)III/86/PN 1/17 dt 27.03.1991
3.	O.M.No.1/17/86-P&PW(E) dt 18.02.1993	F(E)III/86/PN 1/17 dt 21.01.1994
4.	O.M.No.1/28/04-P&PW(E) dt 31.03.2009	F(E)III/2009/PN1/7 dt 30.04.2009
5.	O.M.No.1/28/04-P&PW(E) dt 2.07.2010	F(E)III/2009/PN1/7 dt 13.07.2010

S. Sreeram, Joint Director Finance (Estt) Railway Board.

**Letter No. 38/6/12-P&PW(A) dt 22.06.2012
from Deptt of Pensions & Pensioners'
Welfare, New Delhi. to Shri Shyam Sunder,
Secy Genl, Bharat Pensioners' Samaj,
New Delhi-110014**

**Sub: Suggestion on change of rate of Pension
of Retired/deceased Government
Servants regarding.**

Please refer to your letter dt 29.05.2012, forwarding therewith a Resolution dt 18.5.2012 of Organisation of Pensioners (Civil & Military), Kerala, Althara Jn., Trivandrum-695010, regarding additional pension to old Central Government Pensioners.

2. Additional Pensioner to old pensioners has been allowed on the recommendation of the 6th Central Pay Commission. The matter regarding further liberalization in this regard was examined in the past and the same has not been agreed to.

**Yours faithfully,
Harjit Singh, Under Secy to the Govt of India**

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As one gets the subjective realisation of the Transcendental Blissful Aspect of the Supreme Divinity Wherfrom words trun back, together with the mind, not being able to attain – realisation indeed, never tormented with the thoughts of, 'Why have I not done the right? Why have I done the wrong?' (generally such thoughts torment a person during the time of his death). But a man of wisdom as states above frees himself totally from these thoughts. For, indeed, having his thought concentrated upon the Blissful Divinity he redeems himself from these. Such is he secret doctrine.

Taittiriyupanishad II.9.1

**OM No. 38/64/98-P&PW(F) dt 01.05.2012
from Deptt of Pension & PW (Desk-F)
New Delhi-110003**

Sub: Implementation of recommendations contained in Para 61 of 44th Report of Parliamentary Standing Committee on Home Affairs - following a time schedule for disbursement of pension - regarding

In Para 61 of the 44th Report of Parliamentary Standing Committee on Ministry of Home Affairs, the Committee observed that timely payment of pension and retirement dues is not being made to the retiring employees of the Union Government. The Committee drew attention to the employees Provident Fund Scheme and the Notification issued by the Ministry of Labour on 27.10.1997 amending the Employees Pension Scheme, 1995. In terms of provisions under Employees Provident Fund and Misc. Provisions Act, 1952, the Ministry of Labour inserted a new provision '17 A Payment of Pension' which inter-alia says that 'in case the Commissioner fails without sufficient cause to settle a claim complete in all respects within 30 days, the Commissioner shall be liable for the delay beyond the said period and penal interest at the rate of 12% per annum may be charged on the benefit amount and the same may be deducted from the salary of the Commissioner'. On the same analogy the Committee recommended that similar provisions may be formulated and enforced to ensure timely payment of Pension and retirement dues to the retiring employees of Union Government.

2. Rule 68 CCS (Pension) Rules, 1972 provides for payment of interest on delayed payment of gratuity and recovery of interest so paid from the officers responsible for such delay. The recommendations of the Committee on delayed payment of retirement dues was examined in this Department in consultation with Department of Personnel and Training and Department of Expenditure, Ministry of Finance and it was decided to implement the recommendations as below:-

(i) All pensioners' dues are to be settled by strictly following the procedure laid down in Rule 56 to 76 of CCS (Pension) Rules, 1972.

(ii) Wherever delays are anticipated, provisional pension should be sanctioned immediately.

(iii) Any delay in processing of pension resulting in pension not being authorized on the last working day of retirement of the Government servant, should be reported by the Head of Office to the next higher authority who would watch the settlement of delayed cases.

(iv) In respect of delayed payment of gratuity wherever it results in payment of penal interest..^ the rate applicable to GPF -deposits under Rule 68 of CCS(Pension) Rules, 1972, Secretary of the Administrative Ministry or Department would initiate action to fix responsibility at all levels to recover the amount from the concerned Dealing - Official, Supervisor and Head of Office in proportion to their salary by following-the prescribed procedure for the purpose and should be strictly enforced.

(v) Once it has been decided to "pay gratuity, the amount should be paid immediately pending a decision regarding payment of interest. This would reduce the interest liability if any on payment of delayed gratuity.

(vi) In the matter of delayed payment of leave encashment, the Department of Personnel & Training in their note dated 2.8.1999 had clarified that there was no provision under CCS (Leave) Rules for payment of interest or for fixing responsibility. Moreover, encashment of leave is a benefit granted under Leave Rules and not a pensionary benefit.

(vii) In the matter of CGEGIS, the Department of Expenditure, Ministry of Finance in their UO No. 709/EV/1999 dated 6.8.1999 had clarified that payment under CGEGIS cannot be termed as terminal benefit. As payment under this Scheme are made in accordance with the Table of Benefit which takes into account interest upto the date of cessation of service, no interest is payable on

account of delayed payments under the scheme. They had also clarified that CGEGIS payment cannot be withheld and no Government dues c.n De recovered from the accumulation except the amount claimed by the financial institution as due from the employee on account of loans taken for house building purpose.

3. The above recommendations were circulated among all Ministries/Departments vide this Department's OM No.38/64/98-P&PW(F) dated 5* October 1999. However, it is noticed that all Ministries/Departments are not strictly following the above instructions. The above instructions provide that wherever delays are anticipated, provisional pension should be sanctioned immediately. Thus, in case where regular pension is not authorized at the time of retirement, provisional pension should invariably be sanctioned, tnspite of these instructions, there have been instances where payment of pension (regular or provisional) is not authorized at the time of retirement. In some cases, the administrative departments have been directed by the Central Administrative Tribunal/Court to pay interest for delay in payment of pension and a number of proposals for payment of interest of delayed pensionary benefits ls being forwarded, to Department of Pension and Pensioners Welfare. Therefore, it is reiterated that all the Ministries/Departments should strictly follow the above recommendations communicated vide this Departments OM dated 5.10.1999.

4. The Ministries/Departments may circulate this OM among the concerned attached/ subordinate/field organizations under the administrative control of the respective Ministry/ Departments for strict compliance.

Tripti P Ghosh, Director (PP) Phone: 2462 4802

Plate vs Heart & Diabetes

Researchers at the Institute of Metabolic Science in Cambridge claim that variety on one's plate can stave off killer illnesses like diabetes, heart disease and strokes.

Courtesy : PTI

BHARAT PENSIONER

**Letter No. 20020/105/2011-CGHS(P)
dt 12.8.2011 from Ministry of Health &
Family Welfare to AICCPA, Delhi 92.**

Sub : Request for information under RTI Act, 2005 Regarding.

Please refer to your application dt 10.5.2011 seeking information under RTI Act 2005. Relevant information is as under :

The Ministry of Health & Family Welfare had constituted a committee under the Chairmanship of Sh. PK Kaul, former Cabinet Secretary, in May 2005 to review the functioning of CGHS and for giving recommendations for making it more user friendly. The other members of the Committee were Sh. JA Chowdhury, former Health Secretary, Director General of Health Services, Joint Secretary (In-charge of CGHS) in the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare and Director CGHS. The Committee was inter-alia required to look into functioning of the CGHS and make recommendations for making it more user friendly, on the following points :

- i) Availability/shortage of medicines (including life saving medicines) in the CGHS dispensaries.
- ii) Delay in the supply of indented medicines to the CGHS beneficiaries through the CGHS authorised local chemist.
- iii) Substitution of medicines with different brand name medicines by the CGHS authorised local chemist, grievance of beneficiaries due to non availability of CGHS authorised local chemist for the particular dispensaries, and inconvenience caused to the CGHS beneficiaries redulting in delay in the reimbursement of medical expenses to the beneficiaries.
- iv) Pending medical claims of CGHS beneficiaries resulting in delay in the reimbursement of medical expenses to the beneficiaries.
- v) Availability of specialist OPD consultation for the CGHS beneficiaries.
- vi) Quality of diagnostic/pathology services given by the CGHS labouratories/CGHS policlinic to the beneficiaries.

vii) Quality of indoor services (IPD) and diagnostic/investigation facilities given to the CGHS beneficiaries at the CGHS empanelled hospitals and at the Central Govt./State Govt. hospitals and institutions.

viii) Punctuality/behaviour of the CGHS doctors and staff at the CGHS dispensaries towards the beneficiaries, cleanliness and availability of basic minimum infrastructure and equipment in the CGHS dispensaries.

ix) Ratio of patients vis a vis doctor (including support staff) keeping in view the average monthly attendance in the various dispensaries.

x) Suggest measures to reduce/stop misuse of CGHS facilities.

The committee could not submit its recommendations due to the demise of the Chairman. However, the following suggestions/points considered during the meetings of the Committee have been acted upon :

1) Computerization of CGHS - On the suggestion of the Committee computerisation of CGHS was initiated and completed and has been running successfully.

2) Constitution of the Advisory Committees - As suggested by the Committee, Advisory Committees have been constituted in each dispensary with CMO-in-charge as Chairman and Members from Pensioners' Welfare Assn. Residents Welfare Associations and Area Welfare Officers. These Committees shall go into the Grievances/complaints of the beneficiaries at the dispensary level itself and try to sort out the issues at dispensary level itself as far as possible.

The meetings of the Committees are held at the dispensary level on every Second Saturday of the month.

3) Suggestions / comments from the beneficiaries - Complaint / Grievance Box and Complaint / Grievance Register are in position. In dispensaries.

4) Procurement of medicines directly from the manufacturers/distributors, at pre-agreed rate of

discount, by the dispensaries. CGHS dispensaries in Delhi have been authorised to place indents for commonly prescribed 272 proprietary/branded medicines as per requirement directly on the manufacturers/ distributors on rate contract basis fixed by Medical stores Depot (MSD) (on a discount of 25% on MRP). This has resulted in higher beneficiary satisfaction, in that more than 90% get the medicines on the same day. This has also resulted in reduced inventories at the level of Medical Stores Depot (MSD) of CGHS. This scheme has now been extended to CGHS in Mumbai, Kolkata, Nagpur and Chennai. Instructions have also been issued by the CGHS to introduce the same to Patna, Bhubaneshwar, Bengaluru, Pune, Ranchi and Guwahati.

5) Role of Zonal Additional Directors. The role of Zonal Additional Directors is delineated indicating the duties, supervisory functional efficient administration of the Dispensaries under their control. They will also ensure compliance with procedures intended for making the services user friendly.

6) Involvement of Third Party Administrators (TPAs). For quick settlement of individual reimbursement claims, settlement of Hospital Bills and Chemist bills, the committee proposed out sourcing the exercise to Third Party Administrators.

7) The Medical Audit of Hospital Bills is an important exercise to assess the quality of services offered and expenditure incurred. This was also outsourced to Third Party Administrator (TPA) as desired by the committee.

*Jai Prakash, CPIO & US to GoI
Courtesy : AICCPA, Delhi - 110092*

Behavioural & Health Changes affect Ageing

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Courtesy : IANS

BHARAT PENSIONER

OM No. S-11011/38/2011-CGHS(P) dt 7.10.2011
from Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Deptt
of Health and Family Welfare, New Delhi.

**Sub : Extension of CGHS facilities to retired
employees of Autonomous Bodies &
Statutory Bodies of the Government of
India - regarding.**

The undersigned is directed to invite reference to this Ministry's OM No. H-11013/02/2006-CGHS(P) dt 17.2.2011 vide which the decision of the competent authority was conveyed for extension of CGHS facilities, on their retirement, to all those Central Government employees who have proceeded to Statutory Bodies (SB)/ Autonomous Bodies (AB) of Central Government either on deputation initially and then got absorbed in the SA/AB, or proceeded to SB/ AB on absorption basis, subject to the condition that they are in receipt of Central Civil Pension. The contributions to be made were to be decided by the Grade Pay that they would have now drawn in the Government in the post held by them but for their absorption in SB/AB.

2. In this context, it is clarified that all those government employees who are on deemed deputation to Autonomous Bodies (ABs)/ Statutory Bodies (SBs) of the Central Government and retiring while on such deemed deputation to ABs/SBs will be eligible for CGHS facility, provided they are receiving Central Civil Pension and are not availing the medical facility provided by the ABs/SBs after their retirement. The contributions to be made will be decided by the Grade Pay that they would have now drawn in the Government in the post held by them but for their absorption in SBs/ABs.

Worrying Beneficial Too

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Courtesy : PTI

ESM WELFARE NEWS

Air HQ/241261/IAC/PP & R-4 dt 28.12.2010.
from AF Intergrated Hqs, New Delhi.

**Sub : 50% Concession on air tickets for
Defence Personnel and their Family
Members.**

The following Airlines have agreed to grant special discounted air fares for the armed forces personnel both serving and retired.

(a) Jet Airways (b) Spicejet (c) Indigo Airlines

All serving as well as retired defence personnel and their families can now avail a discount of 50% on base fare and the same can be availed by them while travelling on their own.

Courtesy : AFA News, 3/2011

Issue of individual Plastic Cards to pensioner- beneficiaries of CGHS, Bangalore

**O M No Cards/BNG/CGHS Admn/2517 dt
8.6.12 of the Addl Director, CGHS to all
CMOs incharge of CGHS Wellness Centres**

CGHS Bangalore has started issuing Individual Plastic Cards to the pensioners with effect from 14.2.2012 for the new cardholders. It has been decided to change the existing cards of pensioners from old CGHS cards to the new individual Plastic Cards to each CGHS beneficiary with effect from 1.8.2012. All the pensioners who are holding old CGHS cards are required to submit duly filled application form in the prescribed format along with individual passport size photographs, contact phone number and address proof to the CMO Incharge of the concerned Wellness Centre. A specimen copy of application form is enclosed herewith.

2. All CMO Incharges are requested to bring it to the notice of all the pensioners in their Wellness Centre for changing old CGHS cards to individual Plastic Cards by putting up this in the Notice Board prominently. Sufficient applications may be kept at the Wellness Centre to enable pensioners to submit the same before the due date. CMO Incharges are requested to collect the application form along with the documents from all the pensioners and send it to this office on 31.07.12 positively along with the pensioner's file.

JOINT ACCOUNT WITH SPOUSE IN POST OFFICE PENSION ACCOUNT ALLOWED

Sub : Amendment to Rule 4 of Post Office Saving Account Rule 1981 regarding opening of Pension Account.

Ref : GOI, Ministry of Commns & I.T. Deptt of Posts No. 113-10/2004-SB(Pt) dt 20.6.2007 to all Heads of Circles/Regions

This office is receiving number of references for allowing opening of Pension Account by Joint holders. The matter was referred to Min. of Finance. Now, item 3 of the table below Rule 4 (Pension Account) of Post Office Saving Account Rules, 1981 has been amended by MOF vide its notification dt 11.7.2007 issued vide File No. 2/5/2006-NS.II. Copy of this amendment is enclosed (not printed).

2. As a result of this amendment, a pensioner can now open pension account either individually or jointly with his or her spouse in whose favour an authorization for family pension exists in the Pension Payment Order. In case of withdrawal from joint pension account, either of the joint account holders can make withdrawals.

3. At present, the retired employees of Railways, Telecom and Postal deptts can draw pension through Pension Accounts opened for this purpose. With this amendment, this restriction has been withdrawn. Now, retired employee of any Govt. deptt can draw pension through pension account. For this purpose, the deptt concerned will have to approach this office for acceptance of terms and conditions as laid down for Railways and Telecom deptts.

4. The existing Railway, Telecom and Postal pensioners can also convert their existing pension account into joint account. For this, the procedure laid down for conversion of single saving account into joint saving account may be followed with the exception that the concerned Post Masters/ Sub Postmaster will verify the name of joint holder (spouse) mentioned in revised SB-3 with that of PPO and ensure that this joint holder is the

authorized person to draw family pension as mentioned in the PPO.

5. It is requested that this may kindly be brought to the notice of all Post Offices immediately for information, guidance and necessary action.

6. This issues with the approval of DDG (FS).

***Kawal Jit Singh,
Asst. Supdt of Posts, SB & CC***

**Minutes of the meeting of J Narayana Rao, Vice Prez (W), BPS with CMS Nagpur :
22.05.2012**

**South East Central Railway, Nagpur Division,
Office of the : Chief Medical Supdt Nagpur**

As desired by S E C Railway Pensioner's Association, Nagpur. A Meeting was conducted in the Camber of Chief Medical Superintendent, Nagpur on 22.05.2012

Members Present**Official side**

1. Dr. P. K. Singh, ACMS/MIB

Pensioner's Association side

1. Shri J. Narayana Rao, Genl. Secy

2. Shri D. N. Murty.

1. Treatment of heart problems and other chronic diseases : As per the standing procedure thachronic cases are usually sent to the specialist at Central Railway Hospital, Nagpur at the interval of. 3 - 4 months. This procedure will be enforced strictly.

2. Supply of medicines : The medicines which are available in the store are being supplied for one month through OPD only. Those medicines which have to be purchased locally on day- to-day basis from local imprest are supplied for 15 days. The costly medicines which also are to be purchased and supplied for 7 days only. In the meantime, effort is made

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BHARAT PENSIONER

Letter No ADM/AS/R/2011-12 dt 30.08.2011 to Director of Finance, Coffee Board, Bangalore

Sub : Grant of Medical Allowance to Pensioners/Family Pensioners of Coffee Board Enhancement of Fixed Medical Allowance from Rs. 100/- to Rs. 300/- under "Coffee Board Pensioner's Medical Allowance Scheme 2009" -

The Coffee Board Pensioner's Association has represented for the enhancement of Fixed Medical allowance from Rs. 100/- to Rs.300/- per month on par with the Central Govt, Pensioners.

2. Fixed Medical Allowance of Rs.100/- per month to the Coffee Board Pensioners are being paid with effect from 1.1.2009 under the scheme formulated by the Board viz:, Coffee Board Pensioner's Medical Allowance Scheme 2009 as approved in the 172 meeting of the Executive Committee held on 4.2.2009.

3. As per the direction of the Ministry vide letter No.F.No.1/8/2006-Plant B, dt 7.4.2011, the request for enhancement of Fixed Medical Allowance from Rs. 100/- to Rs. 300/- per month was placed before the 177th Executive Committee meeting held on 28.7.2011 and recommendation of the Executive Committee meeting placed before 193 Board Meeting held on 29.7.2011. The Board decided to enhance the Fixed Medical allowance from Rs.100/- to Rs. 300/- per month to the eligible Coffee Board Pensioners/Family Pensioners as per the norms of the scheme viz. "Coffee Board Pensioners' Medical Allowance Scheme 2009" with effect from 1.8.2011.

4. Necessary arrangements may be made for payment of Medical Allowance of Rs. 300/- per month from August, 2011 to the Coffee Board Pensioners/Family Pensioners. Further, the annual requirement of funds may please be included in the revised Budget Estimates

Secretary, Coffee Board

Judgment - Central Administrative Tribunal Principal Bench. New Delhi, O.A.No.2087/2009

The applicant has filed the present OA, thereby praying for the following reliefs:-

A. Quash Para 3.1 of F.No.38-37/08-P&PW (A) dated 2.9.2009 - Annexure A-3; being ultra vires of the Constitution.

B. Quash F. No.38/37/08-P&PW(A) dated 11.12.2008 Annexure A-4, to the extent that Applicant who have retired prior to 1.1.2006 shall be treated at par with pensioners who retired after 1.1.2006, as letter dated 11.12.2008 violates the equality clause under Article 14 of the Constitution of India.

C. Quash Notification No.GSR 527 (E) dated 16.7.2009 Annexure A-5 to the extent that the grade pay of Rs. 12,000/- which was being given before the issue of notification dated 16.7.2009 earlier shall not be withdrawn in fixing Applicants pension.

It is not in dispute that so far as the relief B is concerned, the same is squarely covered by the decision of Full Bench of this Tribunal in Central Government SAG (S-29) Pensioners Association & another vs. Union of India & another (OA-655/ 2010 with connected matters decided on 1.11.2011). Regarding other two reliefs, the matter be placed before the Division Bench to consider the same in accordance with law.

3. Registry is accordingly directed to place this matter before the Division Bench.

(Dr. Veena Chhotray), (M.L. Chauhan), (V.K. Bali)

Meditation helps in treating mental disorders

A month of regular meditation improves treatment outcome in people with mental disorders by altering brain wiring in a positive way, found research looking into the effects of practicing integrative body mind training (IBMT) using MRI scans.

Meditation led to moderation in mood, anger, depression, anxiety, fatigue and levels of the stress hormone cortisol. In the brain, meditating caused nerve fibres known as white matter to become denser and provide greater numbers of brain - signalling connections.

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to make these medicines available in the railway medical store.

3. Outstation patients : Medicines are being supplied to the peripheral Health Unit as per their demand. Each and every Health Unit has got an imprest to purchase medicines locally, if it is not available in the store. There is no need for outstation patients to come to NGP for collection of medicine only.
4. Use of Sonoqraphy Machine : The Sonography machine at Polyclinic, Motibagh is being operated by Dr. B. C. S. Rao, Sr. DMO/MIB.
5. Medical Board for the Physically Handicapped / Mentally retarded son/daughter : The cases of family pension are being finalized as per the procedure. Utmost care will be taken to expedite the process.
6. Examination by specialists : One consultation at Care Hospital, NGP and Arneja Heart Institute NGP after the discharge of the patient is free the subsequent follow-up is being done by the Railway specialists.
7. Contract Doctors : Contract Medical Practitioners : matter should be taken at Rly. Board level.

No. : Med./NGP/Mtg./Pensioner's Assn./NGP/ Min./12/1180 Date : 24th May, 2012

Copy to:

PS to DRM/NGP for kind perusal of DRM, please.
PS to CMD/SECR/BSP for kind perusal of CMD, pl.
CMS/SECR/NGP for kind information, please.

J N Rao, Genl Secy SECR Pensioner's Association, Nagpur.

Dr. P K Singh, Addl. Chief Medical supdt., S.E.C.Rly., Motibagh.

WHO said : "Easy" sex?

A study at University of Texas found men are more likely to rate vulnerable-looking women as attractive, lending weight to idea that men are genetically-programmed to look for "easy" sex.

Courtesy : PTI

Circular No. 482 dt 19.04.2012 from O/o The PR. Controller of Defence Accounts (Pension) Draupadi Ghat, Allahabad - 211014

Sub : Implementation of Govt. decision on the recommendations of the Cabinet Secretary's Committee- Revision of Pension in respect of PBOR discharged prior to 01.01.2006.

Ref :

1. This office Circular No. 430 dated 10.03.2010 (GOI MOD Letter No. PC-10(1)/2009-D (Pen/Pol) dt. 08.03.2010)
2. This office circular no 453 dated 22.02.2011 (GOI MOD letter No. 17(3)/2010-D (Pen/Policy) dt. 15.11.2010

A copy of GOI MOD letter No. PC-10(01)/2009-D (Pension/Policy)- Vol.II dt. 27.03.2012 is forwarded herewith for further necessary action at your end.

1. Due to difference in weightage allowed for different ranks for computation of pension, the revised pension applicable wef 01.01.2006 and 01.07.2009, in certain lower ranks with certain qualifying service happens to be more as compared to higher ranks with same qualifying service which create anomaly in the rate of revised pension.

The above said anomaly in the rates of revised pension from 01.01.2006 has already been removed vide GOI MOD letter No. 17(3)/2010-D(Pen/Policy) dt. 15.11.2010 (Circulated by this office circular No 453 dt 22.02.2011) by increasing the rates of minimum guaranteed pension of Pre-2006 Armed Forces Pensioners. Now vide above cited MOD, GOI letter dt. 27.03.2012 the above cited anomaly has also been removed wef 01.07.2009 by stepping up the pension of higher rank to the level of his junior counterpart and various tables appended as appendix to GOI, MOD letter dt 08.03.2010, has been modified accordingly.

2. The revised rate of pension in respect of Pre-2006 retiree Hony. Sub Lt of Navy and Hony. Flying Officer of Air Force wef 01.07.2009 shall also be stepped up. In respect of Pre-2006 retiree

Hony. Sub Lt of Navy and Hony Flying Officer of Air Force with actual qualifying service of 28 yrs or above shall be revised to Rs 13590/-per month w.e.f 01.07.2009.

3. All other subsidiary payment instructions will be the same as circulated vide this office Circular No. 430 dt. 10.03.2010. It is requested that the cases for revision as per these orders may please be reviewed at your end. The affected cases may be revised accordingly.

4. It is also requested that a copy of these orders/instructions may please be circulated to all Pension Disbursing Authorities (DPDOs/Paying branches/Treasuries/ PAOs etc) under your jurisdiction to ensure the revision at the earliest.

5. This Circular has been uploaded on the PCDA(P) website www.pcdapension.nic.in for disseminating across the defence pensioners and PDAs.

Please acknowledge receipt.

Encl : AS above
No. Grants/Tech/0167/VIII
Dated : 19/04/2012

ACDA (P)

Kannur (Kerala) : Indian Ordnance Factories & Allied Establishment Pensioners Assn-

Interview with Defence Minister

P V Raghavan, President & P Kumaran, Secretary met the Hon. Defence Minister Sh. AK Antony on 10.12.2011 at Kannur Guest House and discussed with him about (a) Opening of CGHS, Dispensary at Kannur/Kozhikode or to attach the Defence Civilians with ECHS for cashless treatment. In other words, free treatment through ECHS approved/empanelled Hospitals (b) CSD Canteen facilities for the retired Defence Civilian employees (c) Anomaly in granting grade pay while sanctioning MACP (d) Revision of Family Pension/pension of pre 2006 retired employees and endorsement of DoB in the PPOs in respect of pre 2006 retired employees.

The Minister was kind enough to hear patiently and promised to take into the above points which were enlisted in the memorandum handed over to him.

GO BEYOND SELF : donate for philanthropic purpose by - Sandeep Kaur Oberoi

The world seems to be possessed by lust. The urge to acquire much more than what one can bite seems to have influenced us all. The farther one runs to amass material resources, the farther and more alluring they get. Recall the recent news on the plight of a poor lady, who was rushed from one hospital to another by her helpless husband, for immediate dialysis that she needed, but was turned away from every door. Our cities, today, are flooded with multi-speciality hospitals but are they meant only for the rich?

But, what about charity? The government has tried to implement the norm which says that each such institution should have beds to accommodate people who belong to below poverty line.

This helps me get connected to the concept of 'Daswand', started by Guru Gobind Singh, the 10th guru of the Sikhs. It says every person, in proportion to his, economic status, should donate or keep aside one tenth of his earnings for philanthropic purposes. I heard about it from my grand mother and later saw my parents follow it. And now, when I have the opportunity, I have been trying to continue with it. And yet I have never faced dearth of any material resources.

Another example from the Sikh history that inspires us to believe in charity is that of Bhai Kanhaiya, who was blessed with the idea of neutral service to the mankind. During the battle days, he would carry water and bandages to the battle ground and would equally treat the warriors from either side and serve them with love. His answer for the neutral concern was that he saw the glimpse of God in each wounded person whether a Hindu, Sikh or a Muslim.

Such ideology nourishes our soul. Let us implement such philosophy and see the blessings pour in and change the course of life.

Courtesy : Hindustan Times

THANKS!

July 2012

NEW MEMBERS - Annual

A - 1316	K N Marar	Kannur	05/13
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A - 1321	S D Chavan	Dharwad	05/13
A - 1322	K L Gehani	Vadodara	05/13
A - 1323	Manga Gova	Rajkot	05/13
A - 1325	Jagdish Parsad	DL - 18	05/13
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A - 1328	V P Mittal	DL - 87	05/13
A - 1329	Murlidhar Dogra	Hamirpur	05/13
A - 1330	V V Ambalkar	Bhopal	05/13
A - 1331	Viraj	Amravati	05/13
A - 1332	M D Naidu	Bangalore	05/13
A - 1334	Krishan Lal Agarwal	Agra	05/13
A - 1335	S K Jauhari	Shahjahanpur	05/13
A - 1336	P P Khanna	DL - 48	05/13
A - 1338	G L Suri	DL - 48	05/13
A - 1339	A I Kvs Retd E W S	DL - 35	05/13
A - 1340	M L Maitrey	Faridabad	05/13
A - 1342	Balbir Singh	Noida	05/13
A - 1343	C L Gogia	Noida	05/13
A - 1344	S K Bansal	DL - 34	05/13
A - 1345	V K Puri	Meerut City	05/13
A - 1346	Haobam S Singh	Imphal	05/13
A - 1347	Lairenjam I Singh	Imphal	05/13
A - 1349	Kshetrimayum J Singh	Imphal	05/13
A - 1350	Chhakradhar Kotnala	DDN	05/13
A - 1351	Pushpaben C Yagnik	Bhavnagar	05/13
A - 1352	Vasantben P Chauhan	Gandhi Nagar	05/13

V K Shah

Harnam Singh
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Gandhi Nagar

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LEGAL FIGHTING FUND Donations JUNE, 2012

M - 7350 :	C G Penrs Forum	Sec'bad	10000/-
M - 3663 :	N C Pramanik	Jharkhand	5000/-
A - 0647 :	Central and R P Asso	Chittoor	5000/-
M - 6419 :	Rly Pensioners Assn	Gooty RS	5000/-
M - 8647 :	G T Kumshikar	Dharwad	5000/-
M - 8179 :	Kailash Nath	Panchkula	4600/-
M - 6668 :	S B Biswas G/Secy	Dankuni	4500/-
M - 7065 :	Tara Singh	Amritsar	4000/-
M - 6478 :	D P Gupta	Ludhiana	4000/-
M - 4037 :	B B Sarmacharjee	Karimganj	3500/-
A - 0462 :	P S Badan	Jalandhar	3000/-
M - 8855 :	A I R P W Assn	Salem	3000/-
M - 3890 :	Akashwani/DD Penrs	Jalandhar	2555/-
A - 0435 :	Postal Penrs Assn	Haryana	2500/-
A - 0810 :	DoT & BSNL P Assn	Bhavnagar	2500/-
M - 5610 :	Rly Pensioners Assn	Durg	2100/-
M - 5682 :	Penrs Welfare Assn	Rewari	2100/-
A - 0988 :	Balwant Singh	Faridabad	2000/-
L - 9136 :	Chittaranjan Basuli	Siliguri	1600/-
A - 0908 :	R R E Penrs Assns	Bhilai	1500/-
M - 7303 :	Raghubir S Yadav	Gurgaon	1100/-
M - 5946 :	B B Lutade	Wardha	1100/-
L - 9334 :	Vijay Kumar Taneja	DL - 05	1100/-
L - 9001 :	Daisy Anand	DL - 48	1100/-
L - 2831 :	Dr R K Srivastava	Bhopal	1001/-
L - 2829 :	S V A M K V Prasad	Vijayawada	1000/-
L - 9221 :	H S Desai	Ahmedabad	1000/-
A - 1007 :	C G Penrs & F P Assn	Chittorgadh	1000/-
A - 0814 :	Rly Penrs W M Assn	Bathinda	1000/-
A - 0076 :	B K Gulshan	DL - 89	1000/-
M - 4220 :	N Koteswara Rao	Vijayawada	1000/-
M - 7170 :	T Koteswara Rao	Hyderabad	600/-
L - 9243 :	J P Malik	DL - 64	560/-
M - 5287 :	Piara Singh	DL - 91	500/-
A - 0569 :	K C Maheswari	Meerut	500/-
A - 1209 :	R P Goel	Ghaziabad	500/-
M - 7477 :	Ramchandra L Joshi	Maharashtra	500/-
L - 9344 :	Ramesh Kumar Suri	DL - 18	350/-
M - 5958 :	R N Mukherjee	Kolkata	320/-
L - 9347 :	Tejindar P S Bhalla	Ghaziabad	300/-
A - 1203 :	Kewal Kumar	Gurgaon	251/-
M - 8289 :	Ramesh Chandra	DL - 85	200/-
A - 0953 :	Er N K Aghumi	Nagaland	200/-
M - 4715 :	Raj Kumar Sodhi	Haryana	200/-
A - 1286 :	R Chakravorthy	Guwahati	200/-
A - 1071 :	P Syamala Rao	Kottavalasa	200/-
M - 6734 :	Distt Govt Penrs Assn	Hooghly	200/-
M - 5290 :	Gurbachan Singh	DL - 21	200/-
A - 0804 :	Iqbal Singh	Mohali	100/-
M - 6215 :	R C GUPTA	Faridabad	100/-
A - 0236 :	Harinath B Shirali	Bangalore	100/-

NEW AFFILIATED ASSOCIATIONS

A - 1318	C G Penrs Assn	Barhamapur	05/13
A - 1341	Rly Penrs Org	Lucknow	05/13
A - 1353	Rly Penrs W Assn	Mehsana	03/13

LEGAL FIGHTING FUND from NON MEMBERS

Surjit Singh	Patiala	1000/-
S S Baradli	Gurgaon	500/-
Jai Bhagwan	Gurgaon	500/-
Rattan Singh	Gurgaon	200/-
Des Raj	Jind	200/-
Bhalley Ramgd	Jind	200/-
Radhey Shyam	Jind	200/-
Sarojben N Shah	Gandhi Nagar	200/-

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SCPC FUND Donations JUNE, 2012

M - 5610 : Rly Pensioners Assn Durg 2100/-
 A - 0392 : Bijoy Kumar Bose Baripada 100/-
 A - 0604 : R Ananthan DL - 91 100/-

M - 3992 : Satish Kumar Sethi DL - 64 06/13

M - 3531 : V B Pande Indore 06/13

M - 6452 : J Sri Dharan Chennai 06/13

M - 5299 : Ghamsandi Singh Hathras 06/13

M - 5071 : R K Jaiman Bandikui 02/13

M - 8117 : B S Kang Patiala 07/13

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M - 5290 : Gurbachan Singh DL - 21 06/13

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A - 0409 : Babu Ram Faridabad 06/13

Biennial

A - 0362 : M C Singla Chandigarh 04/14

M - 7739 : K C Gupta DL - 05 05/14

A - 0416 : Shree Kant Shukla Dharampur 06/14

A - 0988 : Balwant Singh Faridabad 07/14

Triennial

A - 0697 : O P Sharma DL - 92 04/15

M - 8406 : S R Dhawan DL - 70 06/15

M - 6466 : K C Surti Mumbai 07/15

M - 7459 : Vijay Shankar Dada Bareilly 06/15

A - 0241 : Pupindra Kumari DL - 67 01/15

M - 6901 : J B Choudhari Faridabad 03/15

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M - 8869 : C G P Assn Chhindwara 02/13
 A - 0390 : Postal Penrs Assn Amritsar 06/13
 M - 3634 : C & AIS Penrs Assn Bhopal 05/13
 M - 5878 : N R P Forum Ambala Ambala Cantt 02/13
 M - 7487 : S E Rly Penrs Assn Nagpur 07/13
 M - 8759 : A V DVC P Fedn Kolkata 10/12
 M - 6088 : L D T P W Assn Jagraon 07/13
 M - 0474 : E R P Brotherhood Khagaul 06/13
 M - 6734 : D G Penrs Assn Hooghly 07/13
 M - 3979 : N E Rly Penrs Assn Guwahati 06/13
 M - 6750 : IAS R Officers Assn Chandigarh 08/12
 A - 1007 : C G P & F P Assn Chittorgadh 08/13
 M - 5350 : U P Police Penrs Sang Lucknow 06/13
 A - 0306 : P F Def Emplys Katni 03/13
 M - 1822 : N F R P Assn Tinsukia 04/13
 M - 7105 : A I C G Penrs Assn Pune 11/12
 M - 8953 : D A/Cs P W Assn Patiala 04/13

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A - 0406 : Ved Prakash Taneja DL - 85 05/13
 M - 8289 : Ramesh Chandra DL - 85 01/13
 M - 8954 : Dhanpat Ram Yamunanagar 04/13
 M - 8380 : R R Idurkar Dharwad 05/13
 M - 8282 : J M Bagley Noida 01/13
 M - 5287 : Piara Singh DL - 91 05/13
 A - 0392 : Bijoy Kumar Bose Baripada 06/13
 A - 0976 : M J Rao VZM Cantt 06/13
 A - 0471 : O P Sidana Bathinda 08/13
 M - 8108 : R N Sinha Sheoraphuli 06/13
 A - 0387 : Rajesh Kr Mathur DL - 96 05/13
 A - 0731 : D G Maydeo Maharashtra 06/13
 A - 0740 : K V Govindan Calicut 06/13
 A - 0743 : H L Bhattnagar DL - 95 07/13
 M - 6023 : A Chandraiah Hyderabad 05/13
 A - 0632 : J T Sali Jalgaon 03/13
 A - 0824 : Nitya Wati Sharma DL - 32 10/12
 M - 5296 : M G Rao Secunderabad 06/13
 A - 0446 : S S Karadkar Dahod 07/13
 M - 8872 : Tribawan Kaul DL-24 02/13
 M - 8711 : N Sherfuddin Tiruchirapalli 06/13
 M - 8111 : K N Raghavendra Rao Hyderabad 06/13
 M - 5376 : K L Vig Jagadhar 07/13
 M - 6453 : M Duraiswamy Trichy 06/13
 M - 8994 : R Ganpat Vaidya Nagpur 06/13
 M - 5409 : K R A Narayanan Coimbatore 07/13
 M - 8945 : Sukumar Chakraborti Khargpur 04/13
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AHMEDABAD: BSNL & DOT Pensioners' Assn – OPD Camp for BSNL Pensioners and Workers was conducted on 26.05.12. in collaboration with Apollo Hospitals, Ahmedabad. More than 150 members took advantage of free ECG, Knee Problems, Diabetics, BP and general issues. The ETV covered the event and interviewed the beneficiaries. Rtd AGM, BJ Mair appreciated the multifarious activities of the BDPA. He said that DD Mistry and his team is an example of collective working. A N Patel, President stressed that pensioners should not only be alert but also ensure that they give correct advice to their fellow pensioners. DD Mistry, GS observed that we are on the threshold of our mission where our quarterly Medical Allowance Scheme is in danger. He observed that we should stall the attempts of the BSNL in persuading our fellow pensioners to join CGHS. More than 75 pensioners (70+) were felicitated with garlands and shawls. BDPA has held their First All India Conference & 4th Bi-Yearly State Level Conference on 25.06.12. To commemorate the event, they have published "BSNL Pensioners' Telephone Directory 2012".

AIZAWL – Mizoram Civil Pensioners Assn – Shri. J. Narayana Rao, VP West Zone, addressed two meetings of pensioners one @ Zarkawi Branch

in Aizawl and the other @ Zemabawk Branch outside Aizawl. This association was established in 1935 when Mizoram was part of Assam. The central office is located in Aizawl and there are Sub Headquarters Offices at 6 districts with 106 branches. This organization has got its own office building given by the State Government. They have got an endowment fund of Rs. 12.5 Lakhs (with a target to achieve Rs. 20 Lakhs). They assist pensioners/family pensioners suffering from cancer etc and also affected by the natural calamities out of the interest proceeds of this fund. They publish a monthly News Bulletin with 800 copies. They are also running a Consumer Cooperative Society. Their main problem is with the State Bank located at Guwahati. This bank controls pension payments of Mizoram state and no other bank is allowed to disburse the pension. This is the same problem with all the Northeastern States.(2 Photographs have been separately published)

BHAVNAGAR (Gujarat): DOT & BSNL Pensioners' Assn – Following office bearers have been elected for the year 2012-13. President – A J Mary, VP – G M Halvadia, Secy – A B Gandhi, Treasurer – K M Odharia, Auditor – Pithdia. Donations to the Legal Fighting Fund were sent to the BPS – Rs. 3200/- on 06-06-12.

CHANDIGARH: Customs & Central Excise PWA – The Bi-monthly meeting was held on 07.04.12. with Shri. D R Sharma, President in Chair. Members were informed that the Govt of India have filed an appeal in Delhi High Court against the CAT Judgment dated 01.11.11. upholding the Partial Parity in Pension for pre-2006 pensioners. They were also told that BPS, New Delhi along with some of its affiliates have decided to get themselves impleaded on behalf of pre-2006 pensioners.

CHANDIGARH – Defence Accts PWA – Meeting was held on 06-05-12. Shri.N.K. Sharma, Chief Parliamentary Secy, was the chief guest. Shri. S.K. Kohli, Principal Controller of Defence Accounts was the Guest of Honor. Shri Shyam Sunder, Secy.Gen of BPS and Er. Harchandan Singh Secy.Gen. CCCGPA were Special Invitees.

The President requested the Chief Guest to use his good officers to get travel concessions for Sr. Citizens while travelling in the Punjab Roadways. Shri Shyam Sunder was requested to pursue the long pending demands of central government pensioners with the authorities concerned. Shri. Shyam Sunder apprised the members of the activities of BPS and express the solidarity with the demands raised by them. He assured the gathering that with their full support, BPS would pursue the cause of the Pensioners more forcefully in the days to come.

In another meeting held on 03-06-12, the President thanked the members for their whole hearted support in making the annual day celebrations of the DAPWA a grand success. Shri.S.R.Bharadwaj, Sr. VP who attended the meeting of the advisory committee of CGHS on 26-05-12 briefed the members on the proceedings of the meeting. He told them that due to the financial problems, GOI is not likely to open another CGHS dispensary in the Tricity.

GUWAHATI: N F R P A (Rest Camp, Pandu)— All branches of NFRPA observed the Campaign Week from 2nd May to 8th May, 2012 through meetings of pensioners, posters etc to apprise them about the resolutions adopted in the 8th BGM at New Jalpaiguri on 30th and 31st March, 2012. A memorandum was submitted to the Prime Minister on 08.03.12. through the GM, N F Rly with copies to Ministers for Railways, Pension & PW, Hon'ble Speaker, Lok Sabha and Hon'ble Chairman, Rajyasabha.

JAGADHRI: Haryana Civil Pensioners Welfare Assn – A delegation led by Shri H P Babbar, President met Hon'ble Finance Minister of Haryana Govt and presented a memorandum demanding grant of Addl Pension at the rate of 5%, 10% etc on the pattern of Punjab, enhancement of FMA @ Rs.1000 pm, facility for cashless treatment of chronic diseases in 46 Hospitals approved by Haryana Govt, enhancement in the rates of Medical Package – i.e, denture, spectacles, Hearing Aid etc taking into account the current rates prevalent in the

market and extension of LTC Facility to Family Pensioners.

NELLORE: A P Govt R E A— A meeting was held on 15.04.12. The President requested the AP Govt to release DR due w.e.f. 01.01.12. @ 5.992% to the pensioners immediately. Secy gave a brief report on the activities of the assn in March 2012. The President conveyed Birthday Greetings to those born in April.

In another meeting held on 15-05-12, the Secretary introduced new office bearers and EC members to the gathering. The president requested the Govt. to issue the health cards to the pensioners and the family pensioners. The president also conveyed the Birthday greetings to those born in May.

NEW KATNI – RPA— A Yoga programme was organized with the spirit of 'Health for All' for the Rly. Pensioners and their families from 09-06-12 to 18-06-12. The Gurus trained from Pathanjali Yogapeeth, Haridwar, taught on Sadhakas and trained in Yoga excercises. On the last day of the program, lectures on Anatomy, Yoga and Ayurved were also delivered by Dr.Rajendra Gupta and others. The President honoured the Gurus and distinguished guests with Shawls etc.

NEW DELHI: Pensioners Welfare Samaj, Green Park – 38th AGM was held on 19.05.12. More than 100 members attended this meeting. Dr Bipan Behari was the Chief Guest. He honoured 12 members of Golden Age Brotherhood (80 & 90 years) with garlands and gifts. Annual Report and Audited Accts for 2011-12 were approved. Following office bearers were elected for the year 2012-13: President – M Pratap, V P – V S Gupta, Secy GI – H P Sinha, Addl Secy GI – H D Ralhan, Treasurer – O P Jain. Besides this, 1 Auditor and 12 Area Secretaries were also elected.

PATIALA: Sr Citizens Assn – Meeting was held on 01.05.12. Members were informed about the issues discussed in 3rd National Convention of Rly Pensioners held at New Jalpaiguri on 29.03.12. Members were also requested to donate liberally to the Fighting Fund of BPS, New

Delhi. A sum of Rs 6100/- donated on the spot was sent to the BPS, New Delhi on 03.05.12.

REWARI: Rly. Pensioners Assn – Shri. S.N. Gupta, Secy, in a letter addressed to the DRM, Bikaner, listed the achievements of this unit – 8 wards were appointed on compassionate grounds; 13 widows were granted pension and pending dues were got released amounting to Rs. 2,61,66,221.90/-.

SAMANA: Pensioners Assn (Patiala) – Shri S.L. Duggal, Life Member, BPS, has sent press cuttings containing important information for pensioners. Ex-Army chief, Gen.V.K Singh has assured the ex-servicemen of Himachal that the one rank, one pension scheme would be implemented within a few months. Shri.Duggal has also informed Secy.Gen, BPS that he has appealed to his pensioner colleagues at Sri Ganga Nagar and Kapurthala to send contributions to the Legal Fighting Fund. He has also mentioned that Shri.S.S Ramachandran (Chairman BCPC) had rightly included a point in the agenda for the JCT Meeting to include 20% increase in pension on attaining 78 years for those who had retired earlier on completion of 58 years.

In addition to the above, he also sent a press cutting which appeared in 'The Tribune' dated 28-04-12 – The Armed Force Tribunal(AFT), has ordered that seniors cannot work under juniors. Army has been told to ensure that 945 jawans should get their dues on repatriation. The AFT while upholding the rationalization policy directed that all the personnel who are repatriated to their parent unit would be restored back to their original

seniority and they would be given their dues. The AFT also directed that these orders would apply to all the MES personnel placed in this situation regardless of whether they have sought judicial redressal or not.

SHIMLA (HP) – CGPA - Monthly meeting was held on 07-05-12 with Shri.D.P.Bhatia, President in the Chair. The appeal issued by the BPS regarding the contributions to the Legal Fighting Fund was discussed. It was decided to send a donation of Rs. 10000/- to the BPS. Accordingly a DD for this amount was sent to the Secy.Gen, BPS. It was also decided to extend the full support to the BPS in fighting out the genuine demands of the pensioners. The Gen.Secy. also thanked Shri.K.D.Mangotra, Retd.Dy.Acct.Gen and Member for offering a grand party to the gathering on promotion of his son as Secretary to GOI.

TRIVANDRUM (Kerala) AIOP - 34th AGM was held on 18-05-12. Inaugural speech was delivered by Hon'ble Home Minister, Govt of Kerala. Introductory speech was made by the President. After extending a warm welcome to the members, the Gen.Secy presented the Annual Report. The Treasurer presented the Annual Accounts. 3 resolutions demanding additional pension for the Sr. Pensioners(65 yrs, 70 yrs etc) on the pattern of sanction issued by Govt. Of Punjab, setting up of CIC in South India and payment of lump sum grant of 1 month's basic pension subject to a minimum of Rs. 10000/- to the spouse or nominee in the event of the death of the pensioner/family pensioner were passed unanimously.

D R FOR PENSIONERS

	Dec-11	Jan-12	Feb-12	Mar-12	Apr-12	May-12
All India CPI (IW) Base 2001=100	197	198	199	201	205	206
%age over 01.01.06	65.43%	66.15%	67.16%	68.31%	69.68%	71.04%

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Recently, I received a call from widow given name Mrs Jain) of RETIRED Chairman of Public Sector Company sharing with me her woes because her HUSBAND HAD NOT WRITTEN HIS WILL. It is true story and can be repeated in every household if one does not write and register his WILL.

Lady is 80 years now and permanently on bed. She had two children - daughter and son (died) and in his place his widow is living in that flat. On the demise of flat owner, same is now inherited by widow daughter and son - now daughter in law but continues to be in the name of dead person - because there is no Will and it can be mutated in the names of all the legal heirs - wife, daughter and daughter in law provided all of them apply to MCD for same. It is alleged that widow is being harassed by DIL to get out of the flat so that she and her children can live in full flat though legally she is owner of 1/3rd of flat only. Reason for such a miserable condition OF WIDOW and his daughter is that the husband had not written his WILL. Had there been a registered Will in favour of widow, flat would have been mutated in her name.

LESSON IS THAT WHILE ALIVE , IN ORDER TO SAFEGUARD INTERESTS OF WIFE (YOUR CO PILOT), KINDLY WRITE WILL AND REGISTER SAME. WRITING WILL IS SIMPLE PROCEDURE AND REQUIRES FEW HOURS .

What every Will should have - clearly mention the person to whom you pass on your property and give clear description of the property - immovable and movable. Attesting witness should not benefit from the sway in any way.

Those who are reluctant to write their WILL, they say that my children are very good and they will never fight for parental property. IT IS COMPLETELY FALSE NOW A DAYS. Late Dhirubhai Ambani thought so and on his demise his both sons , who had no shortage of money for next many centuries, ended up fighting shamelessly up to Supreme Court.

Your children are your children till they marry;

after marriage, they become member of their OWN FAMILIES with commitments to their own families -wife, son and daughter, and no longer think himself/ herself part of their parents family. But every child ALWAYS wish to inherit free money from their parents without making any effort.

MONEY IS SO POWERFUL TOOL THAT - BROTHER, SISTER DON'T TAKE TIME TO BREAK RELATIONSHIPS AND DEMAND SHARE IN PARENTAL PROPERTY AND EVEN TO GO TO COURT TO GET FREE PARENTAL MONEY. This deterioration in family relationships has come during the last few decades because of sky rocketing prices of immovable properties. In such a situation even getting Succession certificate from Courts cost around 5% of the value of disputed properties

Let us see from other angle. All of us go to Banks, Insurance Company and just ask Manager what happens when there is no REGISTERED WILL - IMMEDIATE REPLY WILL BE TO BRING SUCCESSION /PROBATE CERTIFICATE FROM COMPETENT COURT.

HENCE, A PROPER WRITTEN REGISTERED WILL, WITH EITHER OR SURVIVOR IN BANK ACCOUNTS AND NOMINEE IN ALL FINANCIAL DOCUMENTS IS THE BEST WAY TO MAKE SURE THAT THE WEALTH IS PASSED ON TO YOUR WIFE /FAMILY AS PER YOUR DESIRE. IT IS YOUR HARD EARNED MONEY AND WHAT STOPS ONE FROM DECIDING WHAT AND WHOM TO GIVE - DON'T WORRY WHAT CHILDREN WILL SAY WHEN YOU ARE IN HEAVENLY ABODE - IN ANY CASE YOU WILL NOT BE THERE TO HEAR GOOD/BAD THINGS SAID ABOUT YOU -

REALLY, WRITING WILL REQUIRES A PEN, PAPER AND WELL A WILL TO DRAFT WILL; THIS ADDS UP TO FAR LESS WORK THAN ONE PUTS IN TO ACCUMULATE WEALTH THROUGHOUT ONE'S LIFE AND LEAST HARASSMENT TO YOUR BELOVED WIFE AND FAMILY.

Incidentally, an unregistered will of dead person can also be registered after the expiry of person. However, it is always better to write and register same while alive.

ANY QUERY ON THE ISSUE IS WELCOME
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Three Years of UPA-II : Insufferable Saga of Corruption and Economic Disaster

Even as the UPA Government celebrated the third anniversary of its second term with a report card claiming record foodgrains production and a dramatic decline in poverty, the country was treated to an unprecedented oil shock with the price of petrol shooting up by more than 10 per cent. A litre of petrol now costs around Rs 75, and with the value of the rupee depreciating almost every passing day in relation to the dollar, the price of not only petrol but every imported item threatens to escalate relentlessly in the days to come.

While the price of petrol has been deregulated to enable it to soar freely, subsidies are being reduced across the board leading to a steady increase in the prices of almost all articles of essential mass consumption. An analysis of the ongoing pattern of price rise indicates that primary products, especially food and vegetables, are showing the highest rate of increase. In the eight years of UPA rule, primary articles have become 119 per cent more expensive; fuel and power prices have gone up by 90.4 per cent while there has been a 45 per cent increase in the prices of manufactured products."

This pattern of price rise naturally means the poor have been the worst victims. According to the latest NSSO survey on monthly per capita consumption expenditure, food items account for 66 per cent of the monthly expenditure of the poorest 10 per cent as opposed to 38 per cent of that of the richest 10 per cent of rural households. The corresponding figures for urban households are 63 per cent and 25 percent respectively. Yet in spite of this massive systematic pauperisation, the UPA Government goes on claiming the miraculous feat of reduction in poverty by just lowering the poverty lines!

With the rupee undergoing a free fall, India's import bill has started shooting up, petrol and defence purchases - accounting for two major

components; With this, the government has once again started warning about an impending balance of payments crisis (import bill being far in excess of export income) – the same pretext that had triggered the policy shift in 1991 to indiscriminate liberalisation, privatisation and globalisation. After two decades of neoliberal reforms the economy is thus almost back to square one, and to cope with this crisis the government is advising the people to go for wholesale austerity measures! It is another matter that relentless rise in prices has already pushed the overwhelming majority of Indians into a state of utter austerity bordering on starvation.

In stark contrast stands the government, epitomising obscene opulence and ostentation. The President of India is reported to have undertaken more than a dozen foreign trips covering 22 countries spanning four continents, spending nearly three months and more than Rs 200 crores. Not to be left behind is Lok Sabha Speaker Meira Kumar who is credited with 29 foreign trips in 35 months. And then there is Montek Singh Ahluwalia, the Deputy Chairman of the Planning Commission, who prescribes a little less than Rs 23 as the 'poverty line' daily expenditure for rural Indians, but whose average daily expenditure during his foreign travels works out to Rs 2.02 lakhs. And in the last eight years he has undertaken nearly 50 foreign trips, almost half of them to the US!

Corruption, the other hallmark of the Manmohan Singh regime, has also been scaling newer heights. The CAG final report on 'coalgate' has of course lowered the estimated loss to the national exchequer from Rs 10.67 lakh crores to Rs 1.80 lakh crore, by taking out public sector and state government entities from the purview of calculation. What the final report therefore concludes is that between 2004 and 2009, private coal block allottees were handed out undue benefit worth Rs 1.80 lakh crore which is still higher than the highest estimate of the 2G scam.

Cornered over the issue of corruption and black

money; the government has finally made a farcical attempt to come out with a white paper on black money claiming a decline in Indian deposits held in Swiss banks from Rs 23,373 crores in 2006 to Rs 9295 in 2010! This perhaps only signifies the growing preference for other offshore destinations for accumulation of illicit wealth and the 'white paper' miserably fails or rather refuses to provide any realistic picture of the huge amounts being stashed abroad. The paper cites the Global Financial Integrity study which estimated the current value of total illicit financial flows from India between 1948 and 2008 at 462 billion dollars (around Rs 25 lakh crores) but suggests no concrete measure to stop such flows or repatriate the massive Indian wealth held abroad.

Meanwhile, there are reports that the PMO is trying to increase the gas price from the Krishna-Godavari basin to yield an additional revenue of 8 billion to Mukesh Ambani's Reliance Industries Ltd at the cost of the national exchequer.

It was Manmohan Singh as the Finance Minister who had launched the neo-liberal offensive two decades ago. Today he is the Prime Minister and his government is daily pushing the country deeper into a comprehensive economic disaster. Just as Latin America and Europe are increasingly challenging and rejecting the neo-liberal model of market fundamentalism, in India too we must get ready to dump this notoriously corrupt regime along with its disastrous pack of policies.

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