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#### Annual Report- cum - Highlights of RSCWS Activities During 2025-26

*These included General Body & Executive Committee meetings, Medical Seminars & Health Camps, Social Welfare Activities, Swatch Bharat Campaigns, Empanelment of Private Hospitals, Follow-Up with concerned Authorities regarding Health Care & Medical matters, Digital Life Certificate Campaign, Publication of Quarterly Journals, Submission of Memorandums to & follow-up with different authorities on various issues of Railway Pensioners, Publication of Members' Directory, Follow up with DOP&PW etc etc*

#### GLIMPSES OF GENERAL BODY MEETING OF RSCWS ON 07-02-2026 AT FORTIS HOSPITAL AUDITORIUM



**SOCIAL WELFARE ACTIVITIES:-** Dated : 23.02.2026; **DISTRIBUTION OF SCHOOL BAGS & Fruit by RSCWS TO POOR CHILDREN IN Jagatpura SCHOOL, Chandigarh, UNDER WORLDPEACE MISSION TRUST**

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## GLIMPSES OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING OF RSCWS ON 07-03-2026 AT SHALBY Hospital Meeting Room

**NOTICE**

As the FY 2025-26 is closing, all Annual Subscription Members are requested to please deposit their pending subscriptions, if any, at the earliest. Payment may be made via Bank transfer and the screenshot shared with the Finance Secretary, Sh. Jaspal Singh or General Secretary, Sh. G.P. Singh, on WhatsApp. Alternatively, the amount may be paid in person to nominated members against a proper receipt. Members are also encouraged to extend their generous support to the Society's SOCIAL WELFARE FUND, thereby contributing towards meaningful noble causes.

Secretary General/RSCWS

1. Subscription for Membership of the RSCWS residing in Chandigarh, Mohali, Panchkula, Zirakpur or their outskirts shall be Rs. 500/- per annum OR Rs. 4000/- as Life Membership.
2. Subscription for the Members of the Society residing outside Chandigarh, Mohali, Panchkula, Zirakpur or outskirts shall be Rs. 200/- per annum OR Life Membership shall be Rs.2000/- (Subject to revision)
3. Membership fee to be paid in favour of Railway Senior Citizens Welfare Society, Bank Account No. 08561000100242; IFSC-PSIB0000856 of Punjab & Sind Bank, Branch Sector-71, Mohali, 160071.
4. Members may pay their Subscription and contribution to Social Welfare Fund (SWF) ON LINE though Net Banking/IMPS/Google Pay and send the screen shot of receipt / message from Bank with their name, mobile no.to the Finance Secretary, Sh. Jaspal Singh on his WhatsApp No. 98760-92040 for information and arranging issue payment receipt.
5. Members can pay theirsociety subscription/ SWF contribution, to any of the nominated members listed below and obtain a receipt.
6. Membership form "RSCWS / Membership Form / 2024-2 (R)" is available on our [www.rscws.com](http://www.rscws.com) new members may download the form and fill the requisite details and submit the form with membership subscriptions photocopy of PPO/ Medical card and one extra stamp size photos each of self & spouse for issuing ID Cards to any one of EC member listed below residing near their vicinity or can be submitted at registration counter operated at every AGM / GBMs of RSCWS.

## List of office bearers nominated for renewal of membership and issue of RSCWS ID Cards.

SN	Name Of Member	Area not limited to	Address	Mob. No.
1	Sh. G.P. Singh.	Mohali & nearby Area	E-203, Rishi Apartment. Sector-70. MOHALI.	97795-82475
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1. **Executive Committee and General Body Meetings:** RSCWS conducted regular Executive Committee and General Body meetings throughout the year 2025–26 (One AGBM, two GBMs & 5 ECMs). These meetings ensured collective decision-making, transparency, and active participation of members in organizational matters. (*For minutes of these meetings, please refer to RSCWS website: www.rscws.com*)
2. **Medical Seminars and Health Camps:** During every meeting, medical seminars and health camps were organized for the benefit of members and their dependents. Eminent doctors were invited to provide guidance on preventive healthcare and management of age-related ailments. Two medical camps viz, for eyes at J.P. Eye Hospital for ears at Clear & Hear, Mohali
3. **Continuous Efforts for Pensioners' Causes:** The Society remained actively engaged in addressing issues of pensioners at both individual and group levels. Regular follow-up with concerned authorities helped in effective grievance redressal.
4. **Submission of Memorandums to Authorities:** RSCWS actively represented the concerns of pensioners by drafting and submitting memorandums to various ministries and departments. During 2025–26, a total of 26 memorandums were submitted highlighting key pensioners' issues.
5. **Informal Meetings with Railway Authorities:** Informal interactions and meetings were held with senior authorities such as DRM, CMS, and other officials. These meetings helped in resolving matters related to healthcare, welfare, and pensioners' facilities.
6. **Publication of Quarterly Journal:** The Society continued the drafting, editing and publication of its quarterly journal "Pensioners Rail Sampark." The journal served as an important medium for information sharing, awareness, and communication among members.
7. **Regular Updating of Website:** The official website of RSCWS was updated regularly to keep members informed about activities, policy updates, and important notifications related to pensioners' welfare.
8. **Biannual Publication of Members' Directory:** The Society successfully published the Members' Directory twice during the period. This helped in strengthening connectivity, communication, and networking among the members across different regions.
9. **Empanelment of Private Hospitals:** Through continuous coordination with authorities, RSCWS facilitated the empanelment of 13 private hospitals for cashless treatment and 9 private hospitals for treatment at CGHS rates for the benefit of members.
10. **Alignment with DoP&PW and Grant Management:** The Society worked in alignment with the guidelines of the Department of Pension & Pensioners' Welfare and ensured proper management of grant-in-aid received from the Government.
11. **Social Welfare Activities:** RSCWS continued its commitment to social responsibility by extending assistance to the poor, needy, and destitute persons through the Society's Social Welfare Fund. Six Ceiling Fans donated to Govt Model School, Ph 10, Mohali and 35 School Bags Donated to World Peace Mission Trust School, Jagatpura.
12. **Digital Life Certificate Campaign:** An annual campaign was conducted to assist elderly and sick members in submitting their Digital Life Certificates. Volunteers visited members at their doorsteps to ensure that no older sick pensioner faced any difficulties.
13. **Swachh Bharat Abhiyan Activities:** In accordance with the directives of the Department of Pension & Pensioners' Welfare, RSCWS organizes Swachh Bharat Abhiyan activities every year in October to promote cleanliness and social awareness. *Swachhta Abhiyan* was conducted this year by RSCWS, in phase 10, Mohali.

#### Memorandums Submitted by RSCWS to Various Departments & Ministries

1. Memorandum No. RSCWS/CHD/Med/2026-01 Dated 05-01-2026, to CMS, NR Divl Hospital, Ambala Cantt

Subject: Response to your email dated 28-12-2025 regarding unnecessary harassment to Railway retirees of Tricity area due to referral to Divisional Hospital, Ambala Cantt for cataract surgery and non-empanelment of eye care hospitals in Tricity area.

This has *reference to your email dated 28-12-2025*, wherein it has been stated that:

1. Empanelment of Sohana Hospital, Mohali is under process.
2. Empanelment of Drishti Eye Hospital is also under process.
3. Referral of routine cases is being done as per Railway Board policy, and routine cases are to be managed in Railway Hospitals (Divisional/Central).

While we appreciate your response, the Railway Senior Citizens Welfare Society (RSCWS) expresses its dissatisfaction with the current progress and the restrictive nature of referral policies for pensioners. We submit the following points for your urgent consideration:

A large number of railway pensioners, particularly senior citizens aged 70 years and above, are facing considerable hardship due to limited availability of empanelled private hospitals and the existing referral conditions. Many

elderly pensioners suffer from age-related ailments, reduced mobility, and chronic health issues, making repeated or long-distance travel to Divisional or Central Railway Hospitals extremely difficult and distressing.

That is why, pensioners above 70 years of age, as per Rly Board directives, are allowed direct approach to empanelled hospitals nearby their places of residence, for consultation and OPD treatment. The referral of routine cases provision to Rly Hospitals, does not apply to them.

In view of the above, RSCWS strongly requests that:

1. **Expediting Empanelment:** While we note that the empanelment of Sohana Hospital (Mohali) and Drishti Eye Hospital (Panchkula) is "under process," the delay is causing significant hardship. We request these be finalized immediately to improve health care access in the Tricity area.
2. **Expansion of Network:** To meet the needs of the growing pensioner population, we urge the administration to empanel more private multi-specialty hospitals within Chandigarh, Mohali, and Panchkula, as has been done for CGHS and ECHS (Defence) pensioners, to minimize transit times during medical exigencies.
3. **Referral for Super Seniors (70+):** Since the pensioners above 70 years can directly avail consultation and OPD treatment from empanelled hospitals, their referral, as required, should be arranged by DMO/Chandigarh in telephonic consultation with CMS office, Ambala. This practice was already being followed so far. The Society requests a proactive approach in addressing these grievances to ensure the "Ageing with Dignity" principle is upheld for retired railway employees.

2. No. RSCWS/CHD/Med/2026-02 Dated 07-01-2026 to D G, Railway Health Services Rail Bhavan, New Delhi, with copy to The Secretary, Ministry of Health & Family Welfare (MoHFW), GOI, New Delhi and to The Secretary, Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances & Pensions, (DOPT) Government of India, New Delhi.

**Subject:** -Request for extension of OPD consultation and diagnostic investigation facilities in private empanelled hospitals to RELHS beneficiaries availing Fixed Medical Allowance (FMA), particularly senior citizens suffering from chronic diseases.

**Reference:** - Railway Board Letters No. 2023/H/28/RELHS/Empanelled/CGHS dated 02.01.2023 & 19.09.2023

1. On behalf of the Railway Senior Citizens Welfare Society, we respectfully submit this memorandum for your kind consideration regarding medical facilities extended to Railway Employees Liberalised Health Scheme (RELHS) beneficiaries, particularly senior citizens.
2. Vide the Railway Board letters cited under reference, certain medical facilities have been extended/clarified with regard to treatment in empanelled hospitals. However, a large section of RELHS beneficiaries who are availing Fixed Medical Allowance (FMA) remain excluded from OPD consultation and related diagnostic investigations in private empanelled hospitals.
3. The FMA option was allowed to those aged pensioner patients who are living more than 05 Kms away from the nearest Rly medical facility. And this small allowance was meant for day-to-day un-wellness conditions such as cough, cold, stomach upsets, seasonal fevers, small injuries etc. By no means this can cover age related major sickness conditions which the very senior persons may suffer, from time to time.
4. Moreover the present rate of FMA at ₹1000 per month is grossly inadequate, especially for senior citizens suffering from chronic diseases such as diabetes, hypertension, cardiac ailments, kidney disorders, cancer, neurological disorders, etc. The cost of periodic OPD consultations, pathological tests, radiological investigations, and follow-up care in private hospitals has increased manifold and is far beyond the capacity of elderly pensioners to bear.
5. Many RELHS beneficiaries are compelled to opt for FMA due to non-availability or non-accessibility of Railway/CGHS health facilities in their area of residence. Denial of OPD and diagnostic facilities in chronic & relatively serious illness conditions in empanelled hospitals to such beneficiaries, causes serious hardship and defeats the very objective of social security and welfare for retired railway employees.
6. In view of the above, the Railway Senior Citizens Welfare Society earnestly requests that the competent authority may kindly consider:
  - I. Permission for prescribed diagnostic and pathological investigations related to chronic diseases, as well as serious illness conditions, in empanelled hospitals & pathological Labs.
  - II. Framing of suitable guidelines to ensure that senior citizens with chronic/ serious illnesses situations receive timely and affordable medical care, with on-line referral from railway Health Unit, without financial distress.
7. This humane and welfare-oriented measure will provide significant relief to thousands of elderly railway pensioners and will be in consonance with the Government of India's commitment towards the health and dignity of senior citizens.

We shall be grateful for an early and sympathetic consideration of this long-pending and genuine demand.

3. No. RSCWS/CHD/Med/2026-03 Dated 17-01-2026 to D GI, Railway Health Services, Railway Board, New Delhi.

**Sub:** Discontinuation of hard copy referral letters for treatment in empanelled hospitals.

**Ref:** Letter No. MD/CH/JO/55/O/Empanelment dated 01.12.2025 issued by N W Railway Central Hospital, Jaipur.

1. Railway Senior Citizens Welfare Society respectfully invites your kind attention to the reference cited above, wherein North Western Railway, Jaipur has issued instructions to all empanelled hospitals for not insisting on hard copies of referral letters with immediate effect, and instead obtaining on-line referrals from the linked Railway Hospitals/Health Units for treatment of railway pensioners in empanelled hospitals.
2. The above decision is a progressive and pensioner-friendly measure, which will greatly help in improving convenience for railway retirees and senior citizen beneficiaries, particularly during medical emergencies. The elimination of hard copy referral letters will also reduce procedural delays, unnecessary visits to railway hospitals, and physical hardship faced by elderly pensioners.
3. However, it is observed that in the absence of clear and uniform dissemination of these instructions, some empanelled hospitals continue to insist upon hard copy referral letters, resulting in avoidable delay and inconvenience to railway pensioners seeking timely medical treatment.
4. In view of the above, the Society most respectfully requests that:
  - 1) The instructions contained in the cited letter may be reiterated and got implemented uniformly across all empanelled hospitals under Railway Health Services, throughout Indian Railways.
  - 2) All empanelled hospitals may be directed to disseminate these instructions to their admission and billing staff, ensuring prompt admission and smooth processing of cases of railway retirees without insisting on hard copy referral letters; and instead on line referrals should suffice.
5. Such measures will go a long way in ensuring hassle-free medical treatment for railway senior citizens and will reflect the Railways' continued commitment towards the welfare of its retired employees.

The Society shall be grateful for your immediate kind consideration and early necessary action in this matter.

4. No. RSCWS/CHD/Bank/2026-04 to Secretary, Ministry of Finance, Deptt of Financial Services, GOI, New Delhi.

**Subject: Request for extension of special banking/financial package to Railway Pensioners**

*Reference: Your DO No. 9/9/10/2025-IR dated 16th January'2026*

We invite your kind attention to the above-referenced DO letter concerning the special financial and banking packages extended to serving salary account holders in respect of select Public Sector Banks.

In this context, it is respectfully submitted that Railway Pensioners are similarly placed as the serving employees. However, pensioners—who are senior citizens—face heightened financial vulnerability due to fixed incomes, rising costs, particularly for medical & Health Care, and limited access to credit.

In view of the above, it is earnestly requested that the same or a comparable financial/banking package be extended to Railway Pensioners drawing their pension through the 12 Public Sector Banks covered under the scheme. Such a measure would provide enhanced financial security and a comprehensive, one-stop banking solution during their post-retirement years.

Extending these benefits would not only acknowledge the dedicated services rendered by Railway Pensioners, but would also significantly advance their financial inclusion, dignity, and overall quality of life.

We trust that the Ministry will consider this request favourably in the larger public interest and issue appropriate directions to the concerned banks.

5. No. RSCWS/CHD/Med/2026-05 Dated 23-01-2026 to Hon'ble Railway Minister, GOI, New Delhi.

**Subject: Request to take up with Ministry of Health & NABH, the issue of providing treatment at CGHS rates to retired Railway Pensioners holding valid UMID cards, at all NABH accredited hospitals & diagnostic centres.**

*Ref: -i) Our letter NoRSCWS/CHD/Health/2025-23 dated 19.11.2025 to Secretary, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (copy enclosed). ii) Ministry of Health & Family Welfare letter No. S-11030/176/2025-EHS (8379308)/3828046/2025 Dated 29-12-2025(copy enclosed)*

This is regarding incorporating a clause in the Accreditation Schedule of NABH to ensure that Railway Pensioners holding valid UMID cards are provided treatment at CGHS rates in NABH-accredited hospitals.

In response to the above memorandum, the Under Secretary, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare has informed us that the issue needs to be raised at the level of Ministry of Railways for appropriate action.

In view of the above, it is respectfully requested that the Ministry of Railways may kindly take up this matter with the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare and the National Accreditation Board for Hospitals & Healthcare Providers (NABH), so that a suitable provision may be incorporated in the NABH Accreditation Schedule, enabling retired Railway Pensioners with valid UMID cards, to avail treatment at CGHS rates in NABH accredited hospitals and diagnostic centres.

This will go a long way in ensuring affordable and dignified healthcare for retired Railway employees, who have served the nation diligently for so many years. We shall be grateful for your consideration and necessary action.

6. No. RSCWS/CHD/Med/2026-06 Dated 27-01-2026 to The CEO & Chairman, Railway Board, New Delhi.

**Sub: Request for a National Helpline for RELHS beneficiaries like that of CGHS National Helpline**

On behalf of the Railway Senior Citizens Welfare Society, we respectfully submit this memorandum seeking your kind intervention for the establishment of a National Helpline Number for beneficiaries of the Railway

Employees Liberalized Health Scheme (RELHS), on the lines of the CGHS National Helpline 1800-208-8900.

At present, RELHS beneficiaries—particularly senior citizens—are facing persistent difficulties such as denial or non-availability of prescribed medicines, refusal or delay in diagnostic tests, improper medical treatment, and lack of a transparent mechanism to lodge complaints against erring officials or health centres. In the absence of a centralized grievance redressal system, pensioners are left with no effective or timely remedy.

In contrast, the Central Government Health Scheme (CGHS) has provided a robust and responsive grievance redressal framework through a National Helpline as well as dedicated email support. The Director General of CGHS and the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare have also provided official grievance redressal email IDs, namely [director-cghs@cghs.nic.in](mailto:director-cghs@cghs.nic.in) and [mohfw@gov.in](mailto:mohfw@gov.in), which has significantly improved accountability and service delivery.

We earnestly submit that RELHS beneficiaries, who are also Central Government pensioners and senior citizens, deserve a similar facility. Provision of a dedicated National Helpline Number for RELHS, along with a centralized complaint-monitoring mechanism, would greatly enhance transparency, responsiveness, and confidence among retired railway employees.

We, therefore, request your good offices to kindly:

1. Sanction and operationalize a National Helpline Number for RELHS beneficiaries, and
2. Establish a centralized grievance redressal mechanism to address complaints related to medicines, tests, treatment, and administrative lapses in Railway health facilities.
7. No. RSCWS/CHD/Med/2026-07 Dated 28-01-2026 to CMS, Div Rly Hospital, Ambala Cantt.

Subject: Delay in empanelment of Drishti Eye Hospital, Panchkula and Sohana Hospital Mohali.

*Reference our memorandum No. RSCWS/CHD/MED/2025-29 dated 22.12.2025 regarding the empanelment of Drishti Eye Hospital and Sohana Hospital for providing medical facilities to Railway pensioners*

You were kind enough to inform us vide your email dated 23.12.2025 that the empanelment of the above-mentioned hospitals was under process. While we appreciate your assurance, it is regretted to state that more than one month has elapsed, and no Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) has been signed so far.

Due to this undue delay, Railway pensioners residing in the Tri-City area (Chandigarh–Panchkula–Mohali) are facing considerable harassment and hardship, particularly in availing specialized eye care services.

Both these Hospitals are well-known for their specialized Eye Care facilities. Their non-empanelment is causing inconvenience, delays in treatment, and additional financial burden on aged pensioners.

In view of the above, we once again earnestly request you to kindly expedite the empanelment process and ensure that the MoU with the said hospitals is finalized at the earliest in the larger interest of Railway pensioners.

8. No. RSCWS/CHD/Med/2026-08 Dated 03-02-2026 addressed to The Director / Managing Director 1. Max Hospital, Mohali 2. Livasa Hospital, Mohali 3. Drishti Eye Hospital, Panchkula 4. Indus Hospital, Dera Bassi 5. Neelam Hospital, Rajpura 6. Homi Bhabha Cancer Hospital, Chandigarh 7. Eden Hospital, Chandigarh 8. Mukat Hospital, Chandigarh 9. Amar Hospital, Mohali 10. Indus Hospital, Mohali 11. Park/Grecian Hospital, Mohali

Subject: - Compliance of Chief Medical Superintendent, Divisional Hospital, Ambala Cantt. regarding Opening of Special Counter for Railway Beneficiaries.

Ref: CMS, N Railway, Ambala Cantt's letter No. 140/MED/Empanelled Pvt. Hospital/UMB/2026 dated 29.01.2026.

On behalf of the Railway Senior Citizens Welfare Society, I wish to draw your kind attention to the letter referred above regarding facilities to be extended to Railway beneficiaries in empanelled private hospitals. Your hospital is empanelled with the Railway Health Services. Railway pensioners and serving employees (RELHS/UMID card holders) are availing medical services from your hospitals. In this context, you are requested to strictly comply with the above-mentioned instructions issued by the Chief Medical Superintendent. In particular, you are requested to kindly ensure the following at the earliest:

1. A dedicated/special counter for Railway beneficiaries is to be opened in your hospital for registration, billing, and related services at the reception.
2. The said counter should be clearly identifiable with a prominent display board indicating "Railway Beneficiaries / RELHS / UMID" at the reception or registration area. Head Office:- E-203, Rishi Apartments, Sector-70, SAS Nagar, Mohali-160071 (Punjab)
3. Necessary instructions may be issued to your staff so that Railway beneficiaries, most of whom are senior citizens, are facilitated smoothly and without inconvenience. We hope for your kind cooperation and early compliance in the larger interest of senior citizens and Railway beneficiaries. A confirmation of compliance may please be shared with the office of the Chief Medical Superintendent, Divisional Hospital, Ambala Cantt, under intimation to this Society. These measures will go a long way in ensuring hassle-free medical care to elderly Railway pensioners and will also help in avoiding unnecessary grievances and correspondence.
9. No. RSCWS/CHD/Med/2026-09 Dated 05-02-2026 addressed to The C M S, Divisional Hospital, Ambala Cantt. With copy to PCMD, N. Railway, Baroda House New Delhi.

**Subject: Follow-up of empanelment of Drishti Eye Hospital and Sohana Hospital under RELHS/ Railway Health Scheme**

**Ref: -i). Our Memorandums No.RSCWS/CHD/Med/2026-01/07 Dated 05-01-2026 & 28-01-2026**

**iii). Your letter no. 66/MED/UMB/2026 Dated 31-01-2026**

Kindly refer to our earlier memorandums on the above cited subject regarding the empanelment of Drishti Eye Hospital and Sohana Hospital, Sector 77, Mohali & your reply there of.

We would like to respectfully submit that a considerable period has elapsed since our previous communication, yet the formal empanelment process has not been finalized. As you are aware, a large number of railway pensioners and senior citizens residing in Chandigarh, Mohali, Panchkula and adjoining areas are in urgent need of specialized ophthalmological services and multi-specialty treatment facilities. The empanelment of these reputed hospitals will significantly ease the hardship faced by elderly beneficiaries who presently have limited options for cashless and timely treatment.

Drishti Eye Hospital is well known for advanced eye care services, while Sohana Hospital, Sector 77, Mohali provides comprehensive multi-specialty treatment under one roof. Their inclusion in the empanelled list will ensure better accessibility, reduced travel burden, and prompt medical attention for senior citizens, many of whom are suffering from age-related ailments.

In view of the above, we request your good office to kindly expedite the signing of the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) and complete all necessary formalities at the earliest. An early decision in this regard will be highly appreciated by the entire railway senior citizens community.

We shall be grateful for an update on the present status of the empanelment process.

**10. No. RSCWS/CHD/Med/2026-10 Dated 05-02-2026 to C M S, Ambala Cantt. & copy to PCMD, N.Rly. new Delhi**

**Subject: Non-updating of Local Purchase Status of Medicines on HMIS Application.**

We wish to invite your kind attention to the difficulties being faced by railway pensioners, particularly senior citizens residing in remote areas of the Tricity (Chandigarh, Mohali and Panchkula), due to non-updating of the local purchase status of medicines on the HMIS application.

It has been observed that when medicines are indented under local purchase, the status is not regularly updated on the HMIS portal. As a result, pensioners are unable to ascertain whether the medicines have been procured and made available at the Railway Health Unit, Chandigarh. Many elderly beneficiaries, some of whom are suffering from chronic ailments, are compelled to undertake repeated visits to the Railway Health Unit Chandigarh merely to enquire about the availability of their medicines.

For pensioners residing in distant and remote areas, travelling to Railway Health Unit Chandigarh is nothing sort of a herculean task. The repeated visits not only cause physical strain and financial burden but also add to their woes and anxiety, particularly for those with mobility issues or without family support.

In view of the above, we earnestly request your good office to kindly issue necessary instructions to the concerned staff to ensure timely and regular updating of the local purchase status of medicines on the HMIS application. This will enable beneficiaries to plan their visit appropriately and collect the medicines without unnecessary inconvenience and hardship.

**11. Memorandum No. No. RSCWS/CHD/8thCPC/2026-12 Dated: ....2026 addressed to The Chairperson, 8th Central Pay Commission, New Delhi-110001.**

**Subject: Submission on Pay, Allowances and Pension**

**- Railway Pensioners' Perspective-cum-Representation, by RSCWS ..... In process ).....**

#### **GOVERNMENT ORDERS CONCERNING PENSIONERS**

**1. Government of India, Ministry of Railways, Railway Board, Letter No. 2022/E(W)/01/02/5 Dated 04-12-2025 addressed to all GMs/DGs/CAOs (P) of All Indian Railway. PUs & CTIs.**

**Sub: - Complaints regarding non-compliance of Board's letter No. 2022/E(W)/01/01/5 Dated 03-02-2023 in issuing Post Retirement Complimentary Passes (PRCP)/Widow Passes/WPs**

All India Railwaymen's Federation vide their letter have brought to the notice of Board that Pass Issuing Authorities across Zonal Railways/PUs are violating instructions contained in Board's letter dated 03-02-2023 and are not issuing entitled number of PRCPs/WPs to railway employees/their widows who have retired/demised under different CPC regimes. Similar requests have been received from various retired railway employees, pensioner's associations, etc.

In this context, it is stated that with the approval of the competent Authority, PRCP entitlements for railway employees retired in the same level under different CPC regimes were rationalised and it was decided that "Status-cum-PLPM" shall be the uniform criterion for PRCP entitlement. The decision was conveyed to all ZRs/PUs vide Board's letter dated 03-02-2023 with directions to refix PRCP/WP entitlement corresponding with "Status-cum-PLPM/Notional PLPM" indicated in the PPOs / Revised PPOs. These instructions are reiterated for strict compliance.

2. Government of India, Ministry of Communications, Department of Telecommunications, Office of Controller General of Communication Accounts, NICF Campus, Ghitori, New Delhi Letter No. 13-81/2020 21/BA&IT/4623-4652 Dated 14.01.2026 addressed to All Pr. CCAs/CCAs/Jt. CCAs

Subject: Issue of Identity cards to Central Government Pensioners - regarding

Reference: (i) O/o CGCA, letter no. 2-184/BA&IT/2021-22/145 dated 22.06.2022. (ii) O/o CGCA, letter no. 2-184/BA&IT dated 19.05.2022.

Kind reference is invited to this office letters as referred to above on the subject vide which it was requested to issue identity cards to Central Government Pensioners in accordance with DOP&PW letter No. 41/21/2000-P&W (D) dated 30.04.2013. In this regard, it is again requested that Identity cards may be issued to the retired employees. Camps may be organized for wider reach and convenience of the Pensioners. Additionally, requests received vide email or letter may be processed after due diligence and the Identity Cards may be issued and dispatched through speed post to the Pensioner's address.

Enclosures: 1. O/o CGCA, letter no. 2-184/BA&IT/2021-22/145 dated 22.06.2022. 2. O/o CGCA, letter no. 2-184/BA&IT dated 19.05.2022

- 3., Ministry of Railways, Railway Board, Letter No. 2025/TG-I/20/59 Dated 19-01-2026 & Commercial Circular No.01 of 2026 addressed to all Principal Chief Commercial Managers of Zonal Railways & Managing Director CRIS.

Sub: Facility of change of name on concession tickets in reference to Commercial Circular No.14 of 2017, dated 31-01-2017.

Please refer to the instructions referred to above wherein it has been informed that the facility of change of name shall not be permissible on the tickets issued on concession.

The matter has been reviewed and it has been decided that the facility to change of name may be extended to the attendant of PWD on the concessional ticket booked by them as per provisions of Railway passenger (Change of name) rule 1990 subject to condition that the change of name does not involve any grant of refund or payment of difference of fare. Sd/- Director Passenger Marketing, Railway Board.

4. Government of India, Ministry of Railways, Railway Board, Letter No. E(NG)H/2023/RC-II/CR Dated 21-01-2026 addressed to all General Managers (P) of All Zonal Railways & Production Units.

Sub: Compassionate Ground Appointment (CGA) -Reg children born to second wife of deceased railway employee.

1. Attention is invited to Board's letter No. E(NG)H/2016/RC-I/CR/12(Pt) dated 30-12-2019 (RBE No. 218/2019) in terms of which appointment on compassionate ground of children born to second wife of deceased railway employee could be considered subject to conditions stipulated therein. As further clarifies vide Board's letter of even number and 02-11-2023 (RBE No. 120/2023) above instructions were effective from 11-12-2018 i.e. the date of judgement of Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in the matter of TR Tripathi VS Union of India.
2. It comes to the notice of the Board that some of the Railways have not interpreted the directions in the spirits of instructions vide RBE 218/2019 read with RBE 120/2023, particularly about the date of effect of eligibility of children born to second wife of the deceased railway employee and the powers of the competent authorities available to condone the delay for consideration of an application in compassionate appointment cases. This has resulted in many avoidable adverse legal decisions.
3. In order to align the understanding of concerned Railways, it is clarified that all applications of children born to second wives claiming compassionate appointment in Railway received after 11-12-2018 are to be considered and decided on merits of each case and should not be rejected merely on the grounds that the cause of action arose before 11-12-2018. Also, instructions exist to decide delayed applications in compassionate appointment claims depending on the merits of individual case. The Railways, are therefore, advised to take action accordingly in the matter of deciding such claims.
5. Railway Board, Letter No. 2026/TG-V/1/1 Dtd 04-02-2026 to Pr Chief Commercial Managers of All Zonal Railways.

Sub: - Verification of proof of identity during the journey in reference to letter No. 2011/TG-I/20/P/ID-eFile dated 16-11-2021 and Commercial Circular No. 13 of 2021.

Vide instructions dated 16-11-2021 referred to above it was advised that:

While undertaking journey in reserved class of the train, one of the passengers has to produce one of the prescribed proofs of identity (in original) failing which all the passenger will be treated as travelling without ticket.

Any passenger availing concessions for booking ticket under the quota earmarked for specific category of passengers will be required to produce a valid proof to establish his/her concession/reservation quota availed.

It is desired that these instructions may be reiterated to all concerned for strict compliance especially in the areas serving the international borders e.g. Indo-Nepal, Indo-Bangladesh, etc.

Government of India (GOI), Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, OM File No. S.11030/4/2026-EHS (8385264) I/3840089/2026 dated 16-02-2026.

Sub: - Delegation of Powers to Heads of Departments in various Ministries/Departments for Setting Permission cases and Post-Facto Approval relating to Referral System and Medical Reimbursement under CGHS or CS(MA) Rules, 1944- Enhancement of Ceiling Rate from Rs. 5 Lakhs to Rs. 10 Lakhs without consultation of IFD of concerned Ministry. – Reg.

This is with refer to the MoH&FW vide OM No. 11011/20/2014-CGHS(P)/EHS, dated 23-11-2016, whereby the ceiling limit for settlement of medical reimbursement cases (where no relaxation of rules is involved and entitlement is worked out strictly as per prescribed CGHS rates), was enhanced from Rs. 2 to Rs. 5 Lakhs.

In this regard, the matter has been re-examined and decided to enhance the present ceiling limit from Rs. 5.00 Lacs to Rs. 10.00 Lakhs for setting medical reimbursement cases by the Heads of Departments of Ministries/Departments without consultation of IFD, provided that:

- (i) No relaxation of CGHS/CS9MA) Rules is involved, and
- (ii) The entitlement is worked out strictly with reference to the prescribed CGHS/CS(MA) rate list.

This has the concurrence of IFD vide CD No. 3131 dated 29-01-2026. Government of India, Ministry of Railways

7. Railway Board, Letter No. 2026/H-1/2/2/Medical Facilities dated 12-02-2026 addressed to all Principal Chief Medical Directors of All Indian Railways & Pr, Chief Medical Officers of All PUs including RDSO,

Sub: - Inhuman stoppage of medical treatment during intervening period in cases of voluntary retirement till issue of Medical Card under RELHS. - Reg.

Ref: - Railway Board's letter No. 2003/H/JCM-DC dated 13-10-2003.

Rly Board vide letter above, advised to adopt humanitarian attitude to provide medical treatment to the family members of Ry employees expired while in service, till issue of Medical Card under RELHS.

It is advised to adopt humanitarian attitude to provide medical treatment to the employees and their family members, also opting for voluntary retirement, till issue of Medical Card under RELHS, after obtaining competent authority's sanction.

8. Railway Board, Letter No. 2026/TG-I/20/11 dated 19-02-2026 to Managing Director, CRIS, , New-Delhi.

Sub: - Change of Boarding point. Ref: - Commercial Circular No. 17 of 2019

Instruction was issued vide CC 17 of 2019 to extend the facility of change of boarding point to passengers who have purchased tickets and reserved the accommodation there from a particular station but desire to entrain and occupy the accommodation from another station en route. This facility is, however, available upto preparation of first reservation charts.

However, keeping in view the change in timings of preparation of first reservation charts 10-20 hours before the schedule departure of train and with a view to make the change of boarding point more convenient to the passengers, it is proposed that change of boarding point may be allowed upto the preparation of second reservation chart.

CRIS is requested to examine the feasibility of proposal and furnish their comments to this office at earliest to enable final decision being taken in the matter.

**LIST OF HOSPITALS EMPANELLED WITH RSCWS IN THE TRI-CITY: -**

**FOR TREATMENT AT CGHS RATES ON CASH PAYMENT IN OPD, IPD & DIAGNOSTICS, ON PRODUCTION OF VALID MEMBERSHIP CARD OF RAILWAY SENIOR CITIZENS WELFARE SOCIETY (RSCWS) and any one out of UMID Card / RELHS ID-Card / copy of PPO on every visit to the Hospital. Prior information to the contact person will help members for quick and prefixed appointment with the specialists.**

SI No.	Hospital Name & Address	Validity of MOU	Empanelled for Services	Contact Person, Phone No.
1	FORTIS MULTI-SPECIALITY HOSPITAL Sector-62, Phase-VIII. Mohali	Open Ended	All available Specialities	Sh. Krishan Kumar-6280173155 Sh. Rahul Rai-9569146660
2	OJAS Multispecialty Hospital, Sector 26, Panchkula.	Open Ended	All available Specialities	Sh. Parveen Kumar M:-9779992668
3	SHALBY HOSPITAL, Sector 63, SAS Nagar Mohali	Open Ended	All available Specialities	Sh. Shashwat Sood M:-9712974533
4	OSCAR HOSPITAL, Sector 25, Panchkula	Open Ended	All available Specialities	Mrs. Inderjit Kaur M: - 9888853047
5	Paras Multispecialty Hospital, Sector 25, Panchkula 134116	31.05.2026	All available Specialities	Sh. Dheeraj Kr. M:-99904-60965 Sh. Rajesh Kr. M:-99960-82119
6	AMAR HOSPITAL, Sector-70, Mohali	Open Ended	Super Speciality Heart Centre	Sh. Ramesh Sharma Mob. 88472-85932
7	Eden Critical Care Hospital Pvt. Ltd. 115, Industrial Area Phase-I, Chandigarh	Open Ended	All Available Speciality	Sh. Sukhvinder Singh Mob 8427380700
8	JP Eye Hospital, Phase -7, Sector -61, Mohali	15-11-2028	All Available Speciality	Sh. Rohit 82644-81581 Sh. Manish Sharma 89687-80092
9	Drishti Hospital Panchkula Plot No. 209, Sector 10, Panchkula (Haryana)	25-12-2027	Ophthalmology (Eye)	Sh. Abhimanyu Kainthla Mob 8284948888

Hospitals Empanelled by N Rly, Ambala Divn, as listed below and Addl C M S Ambala's Letter No.140/MED/Empanelled Pvt. Hospital/UMB/2026, Dated 29-01-2026, to Managing Directors of:

S.No.	Name of the Hospital	S.No.	Name of the Hospital
1.	Max Hospital Mohali	14.	MMIMS & Mulana Hospital
2.	Livasa Hospital Mohali	15.	Saksham Hospital Saharanpur (UP)
3.	Drishhti Eye Hospital Panchkula*	16.	Amar Hospital Mohali
4.	Indus Hospital Dera Bassi	17.	Healing Touch Hospital Ambala
5.	Neelam Hospital Rajpura	18.	Aneja Hospital Ambala
6.	Homi Bhabha Cancer Hospital Chandigarh	19.	Indus Hospital Mohali
7.	Homi Bhabha Cancer Hospital Sangrur	20.	Adesh Hospital Mohri
8.	Eden Hospital Chandigarh	21.	Grecian Hospital Mohali
9.	Mukat Hospital Chandigarh	22.	Rotary Cancer & General Hospital Ambala
10.	Max Hospital Bhatinda Punjab	23.	Adesh Hospital Bhatinda Punjab
11.	M.M. Medical College & Hospital Solan (HP)	24.	Medi gram Hospital Saharanpur (UP)
12.	P.C. Sharma Eye Hospital	25.	M.M. College & Medical Research Ambala
13.	Krishna Super Specialty Bhatinda Punjab	26.	Swastik Arogya Nursing Home Ropar Panjab

(Note: \* Empanellment of Drishhti Eye Hospital is under process)

Subject: - Cashless treatment to Railway Beneficiaries serving/Rtd. In emergency, at Pvt empanelled Hospitals on the Basis of valid UMID Card.

Ref: - Railway Board Letter No. 2023/H/28/1/RELHS/Empanelled (CGHS) New Delhi Dated 02-01-2025

Ref: - No. 2024-4/RSCWS/CHD/Memo-DGRHS/Dated 06-05-2024

In reference to above, the above-mentioned private hospitals empanelled with Ambala Division are hereby given following instructions to implement with immediate effect:

1) As per Clause 4 of MOU signed between above mentioned hospitals & CMS/UMB "In emergency the hospital will not refuse admission or demand an advance payment from the Railway Beneficiary or his family members and will provide credit facilities to the patient whether the patient is a serving employee or a pensioner availing facilities, on production of a valid Railway Medical Identity Card (UMID)."

In this situation hospital will intimate through email to Northern Railway Divisional Hospital Ambala Cantt. Within 24 hours of admission & will seek on line approval for treatment. The Railway authority will give on line approval if agrees with the emergency condition of the patient.

2) The empanelled hospital will put up a display board near entry gate and clearly mention that this hospital is empanelled with Ambala Division Northern Railway and on production of valid UMID Card cashless emergency treatment will be given to all railway beneficiaries.

3) Provide OPD consultation & related investigation for RELHS beneficiaries aged 70 years & above without referral from Railway Hospital/HU. This facility is valid as Pilot Project from 01-01-2024 to 31-10-2027. This facility is not available to beneficiaries having UMID Card with FMA.

Private Hospitals empanelled shall submit the bills to the railways for payment along with copy of UMID card, copy of prescription/reports and declaration form signed by the beneficiary and duly endorsed by the competent authority of the empanelled hospitals.

<b>SOCIAL WELFARE FUND</b>				
<b>RSCWS thanks the following members for donating to Social Welfare Fund from Jan-26 to March-2026</b>				
<u>S.No</u>	<u>Name S/Sh/Smt</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Receipt No.</u>	<u>Dated</u>
<u>1</u>	<u>Desh Rattan. Peer Mochhala, Zirakpur.</u>	<u>500/-</u>	<u>3763</u>	<u>07.02.2026</u>
<u>2</u>	<u>Gurmukh Singh. Mani Majra. Chandigarh</u>	<u>500/-</u>	<u>3765</u>	<u>07.02.2026</u>
<u>3</u>	<u>Shubash Chander Kaushal, Dakoli, Zirakpur</u>	<u>500/-</u>	<u>3766</u>	<u>07.02.2026</u>
<u>4</u>	<u>Satnam Singh, Kharar, Mohali</u>	<u>500/-</u>	<u>3767</u>	<u>07.02.2026</u>
<u>5</u>	<u>S.K. Dewan, Baltana. Zirakpur</u>	<u>500/-</u>	<u>3636</u>	<u>07.02.2026</u>
<u>6</u>	<u>Harcharan Singh, Sec-19. Chandigarh</u>	<u>500/-</u>	<u>3637</u>	<u>07.02.2026</u>
<u>7</u>	<u>Mayank Kumar Bhatanagar. Zirakpur.</u>	<u>500/-</u>	<u>3640</u>	<u>07.02.2026</u>
<u>8</u>	<u>T.S. Kalra, Ph-3 B-2, Sec-60. Mohali</u>	<u>1100/-</u>	<u>3774</u>	<u>22.03.2026</u>
<u>9</u>	<u>G. P. Singh, Sector-70, Mohali</u>	<u>3100/-</u>	<u>3853</u>	<u>23.03.2026</u>
<u>10</u>	<u>Jaspal Singh, Sector-45/B, Chandigarh</u>	<u>3100/-</u>	<u>3854</u>	<u>23.03.2026</u>
<u>11</u>	<u>RITA SODHI, Phase 2 Mohali</u>	<u>1100</u>	<u>3855</u>	<u>26.03.2026</u>
<u>12</u>	<u>ANIL KUMAR KAUSHIK, AMBALA</u>	<u>1100</u>	<u>3856</u>	<u>26.03.2026</u>
<u>13</u>	<u>S. ATCHAI AH, MYSORE (out station member)</u>	<u>500</u>	<u>3857</u>	<u>26.03.2026</u>
<u>14</u>	<u>J. ANANTHA NARAYANAN, Chennai ( out station member)</u>	<u>2000</u>	<u>3858</u>	<u>27.03.2026</u>
<u>15</u>	<u>M P SASTRY, HYDERABAD (out station member)</u>	<u>1000</u>	<u>3859</u>	<u>29.03.2026</u>
<u>16</u>	<u>RAKESH KUMAR SHARMA, SEC 78, MOHALI</u>	<u>301</u>	<u>3860</u>	<u>30.03.2026</u>
<u>17</u>	<u>NAND LAL KALKA</u>	<u>500/</u>	<u>3863</u>	<u>30.03.2026</u>

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**WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS WHO JOINED RSCWS FROM JAN, 2026 TO MARCH, 2026**

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