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RSCWS IDENTIFIED BY DOP&PW UNDER PENSIONERS' PORTAL

Govt. of India, Ministry of Pension & Pensioners' Welfare (DOP&PW) has Identified and Recognised Railway Senior Citizens Welfare Society (RSCWS) under Pensioners' Portal for the welfare of Pensioners and for Redressal of their grievances and providing information, guidance & awareness to the Pension on Retirement related Matters and for promotion of other activities.

This is a major achievement for RSCWS. Appropriate grant may also be sanctioned by the Government for promotion of the activities for the welfare of Pensioners in the country.

RSCWS to promote Social Welfare activities

Core Committee of RSCWS has decided to extend the activities of RSCWS and to include more Social Welfare activities for the society – including Body & Organ Donation, helping destitute and educating poor and needy children etc. both through individual and collective efforts. (See details of the proposals on Page 4)

Appointment of 7th Pay Commission Notified

The Government of India have decided to appoint the Seventh Central Pay Commission comprising the following: 1.Chairman – Justice Shri Ashok Kumar Mathur; 2.Member – Shri Vivek Rae; 3.Member – Dr. Rathin Roy and 4.Secretary – Smt. Meena Agarwal. 7th Pay Commission has been given time to finalize report within 18 months – with following Terms of Reference besides others (as per details on Page 2)

It may consider, if necessary, sending interim reports on any of the matters as and when the recommendations are finalized. (See copy of Notification & Terms of Reference on Page 2)

POSITION OF CONTEMPT PETITION IN CAT REG MODIFIED PARITY

Arguments in the Contempt Case, remained inconclusive and could not be completed on 26th March, 2014 before the Full Bench of Principal Bench of CAT New Delhi, against non-implementation of its judgement in OA 655/2010, regarding grant of Modified Parity at the Minimum of each of Pre revised Pay Scale. (Late News: The hearing of the Contempt case could not take place on the next date of 3rd April due to absence of Govt. Advocate & is now fixed on 30th April, 2014. Three other SLPs, filed by the Govt., on similar matters, are pending in the Supreme Court and are scheduled to be heard on April, 22, 2014.

LATE NEWS: GOVT FILES REPLY IN THE COURT CASE FOR HIGHER FMA FILED

Govt. has filed its reply to the OA filed by RSCWS in CAT Chandigarh on date 11-4-2014, in the Court Case for higher FMA (Fixed Medical Allowance) @ Rs. 2000 pm at par with EPFO (instead of Rs.300 pm at present) to CG & Railway Pensioners. 3 hearings had been held so far and final Notice had been issued to Respondents to file Reply. Next Date of Hearing which was fixed on 1st May, 2014.

NOTICE- GBM RSCWS

MEMBERS RSCWS - PLEASE ATTEND WITH YOUR SPOUSE & OTHER RAIL PENSIONERS
GENERAL BODY MEETING OF RSCWS AND
FREE MEDICAL CHECKUP CAMP & SEMINAR

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Please join us for Lunch after the Meeting & the Seminar. See detailed Programme on Page 8

– President & Secretary General RSCWS

NOTIFICATION & TERMS OF REFERENCE OF 7TH PAY COMMISSION

Copy of Ministry Of Finance (Dept. of Expenditure) Resolution Dated 28-2-2014 No.1/1/2013-E.III(A)

The Government of India have decided to appoint the Seventh Central Pay Commission comprising the following: 1.Chairman – Justice Shri Ashok Kumar Mathur; 2.Member – Shri Vivek Rae; 3.Member – Dr. Rathin Roy and 4.Secretary – Smt. Meena Agarwal.

2. The terms of reference of the commission will be as follows

a) To examine, review, evolve and recommend changes that are desirable and feasible regarding the principles that should govern the emoluments structure including pay, allowances and other facilities/benefits, in cash or kind, having regard to rationalization and simplification therein as well as the specialized needs of various Departments, agencies and services, in respect of the following categories of employees:-

- i. Central Government employees - industrial and non-industrial;
- ii. Personnel belonging to the All India Services;
- iii. Personnel of the Union Territories;
- iv. Officers and employees of the Indian Audit and Accounts Department;
- v. Members of regulatory bodies (excluding the Reserve Bank of India) set up under Acts of Parliament; and vi. Officers and employees of the Supreme Court.

b) To examine, review, evolve and recommend changes that are desirable and feasible regarding principles that should govern the emoluments structure, concessions and facilities/benefits, in cash or kind, as well as retirement benefits of personnel belonging to the Defence Forces, having regard to historical and traditional parities, with due emphasis on aspects unique to these personnel.

c) To work out the framework for an emoluments structure linked with the need to attract the most suitable talent to Government service, promote efficiency, accountability and responsibility in the work culture, and foster excellence in the public governance system to respond to complex challenges of modern administration and rapid political, social, economic and technological changes, with due regard to expectations of stakeholders, and to recommend appropriate training and capacity building through a competency based framework.

d) To examine the existing schemes of payment of bonus, keeping in view, among other things, its bearing upon performance and productivity and make recommendations on the general principles, financial parameters and conditions for an appropriate incentive scheme to reward excellence in productivity, performance and integrity.

e) To review the variety of existing allowances presently available to employees in addition to pay and suggest their rationalization and simplification, with a view to ensuring that the pay structure is so designed as to take these into account.

f) To examine the principles which should govern the structure of pension and other retirement benefits, including revision of pension in the case of employees who have retired prior to the date of effect of these recommendations, keeping in view that retirement benefits of all Central Government employees appointed on and after 01.01.2004 are covered by the New Pension Scheme (NPS).

g) To make recommendations on the above, keeping in view:

- i. the economic conditions in the country and need for fiscal prudence;
- ii. the need to ensure that adequate resources are available for developmental expenditures and welfare measures;
- iii. the likely impact of the recommendations on the finances of the State Governments, which usually adopt the recommendations with some modifications;
- iv. the prevailing emolument structure and retirement benefits available to employees of Central Public Sector Undertakings; and
- v. the best global practices and their adaptability and relevance in Indian conditions.

h) To recommend the date of effect of its recommendations on all the above.

3. The Commission will devise its own procedure and may appoint such advisors, Institutional Consultants and Experts, as it necessary for any particular purpose. It may call for such information and take such evidence, as it may consider necessary. Ministries and Departments of Government of India shall furnish such information and documents and other assistance as may be required by the commission. The government of India trusts the State Governments, Service Associations and other concerned will extend to the Commission their fullest cooperation and assistance

4. The Commission will have Headquarters in Delhi

5. The Commission will make its recommendations within 18 months of the date of its constitution. It may consider, if necessary, sending interim reports on any of the matters as and when the recommendations are finalised.

RATAN P.WATAL, Secy

**MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL BODY MEETING, RSCWS
HELD ON 22ND FEBRUARY, 2014 AT GOVT MUSEUM, SECTOR 10, CHANDIGARH.**

Meeting was presided over by Shri N. P. Mohan -President RSCWS. 78 Members attended the Meeting.

1. of the Shri Jaswant Singh, Vice President RSCWS, who had recently expired after prolonged sickness.

2. Meeting started with a cultural programme conducted by Shri Sachdeva – with devotional Songs & hymens by Sh. T. S. Chawla, Smt Rama Dogra, Sh. Sachdeva and ----

3. Shri N. P. Mohan while inaugurating the AGM, mentioned that we were missing Shri M.S. Batra, chairman in our midst because of his illness and wished him a speedy recovery. Giving a brief account regarding the implementation of CAT's verdict of 1-11-2011 for the revised pension from 1-1-2006 upheld by DHC and having reached finality with the dismissal of SLP and Review Petition in SC, he mentioned that contempt Petition in CAT is being adjourned from time to time. Members were requested to make efforts for inducting more pensioners in the society through their contacts with retired/retiring railway men.

4. Activities of the Society during the year were outlined by Shri Harchandan Singh, Secretary General RSCWS – including the following points:

i) RSCWS has been Identified & Recognised by DOP&PW under the Pensioners Portal & this may be followed by appropriate grant by the Govt. for promoting activities for the welfare of the Pensioners & redressal of their grievances.

ii) Empanelment of Fortis Hospital Mohali has been extended up to Sept 2014 for Cardiology & Cardiac surgery .

iii) Empanelment Fortis Hospita has been approved for Nephrology (kldney), Urology, Critical medicine & trauma.

iv) Empanelment has been applied for by Fortis for Joint Replacement & Cancer

v) Issue of smart cards is under process for being issued to

vi) Court case for higher FMA of Rs.2000 was filed by RSCWS in November, 2013 and so far Govt has not filed its reply

vii) Contempt Case reg: Modified Parity filed by S 29 Association is pending in CAT Delhi

viii) Issue of revised PPOs has been hanging for long due to non-cooperation by Accounts Staff.

He made a fresh appeal for donation towards the Legal-cum-Struggle Fund @ Rs.1000 per head by those who had not yet paid the same in full or paid only part thereof.

5. Shri Harchandan Singh proposed to add social welfare activities for the welfare of the needy & the poor. The House agreed to the idea and asked the Executive Committee to work out the details.

6. Following Members were honoured – including two nonagenarian Members (above 90 years of age), nine octogenarians (above 80) and nine Senior Citizens above 65 years of age. They were presented with Shawls and Mementos. (Some of them were honoured in absentia):

o ABOVE 90 – Sh. A.D. Sehgal & Sh. M. L. Dudeja (in absentia)

o ABOVE 80 – Sh. Ajit Singh Walia, Sh Arjun Singh, Sh B.S. Chawla, Smt Krishna Bhatnagar, Sh Hardaman, Singh, Sh. Man Singh, Sh. Ranjit Kaur Hanspal, Sh. S.S. Johar, Sh. Surinder Singh

o ABOVE 65 – Sh. C. P. Singh

7. Shri Harchandan Singh proposed that the Constitution Amendments approved by the Executive Committee and the General Body Meeting in the last Meeting, with some amendments, may now be finally adopted forthwith. The AGM unanimously resolved to adopt the Amendments in the Constitution of RSCWS as already approved by the GBM.

8. Meeting approved the Nomination of Shri C. P. Singh as Treasurer/ Finance Secretary RSCWS in place of Shri K. S. Bhandari, who had since resigned on grounds of health and old age. While appreciating the services rendered to the Society over a long period by Shri K. S Bhandari, he was nominated as the Vice President RSCWS against the vacancy caused due to the sad demise of Sh. Jaswant Singh.

9. A Seminar was held on the “Problems of Chest in old age and their prevention & remedies”. Seminar was addressed by Dr V.K. Mainee of Fortis Hospital Mohali, followed by interaction on the subject.

10. Meeting dispersed after a vote of thanks to the Chair and to Shri Mohinder Singh who had sponsored the Lunch served to all after the Meeting.

N. P. Mohan.
President RS

- Harchandan Singh,
Secretary General, RSCWS

<p>Dearness Relief to Central Government pensioners/family pensioners – Revised rate effective from 1.1.2014 – 100% vide DOP&PW OM dated 9-4-2014</p>

RSCWS TO PROMOTE SOCIAL WELFARE ACTIVITIES
MINUTES OF URGENT MEETING OF STANDING COMMITTEE RSCWS
HELD ON 22-2-2014 AT GOVT MUSEUM CHANDIGARH

Shri N. P. Mohan President RSCWS presided over the meeting. 10 Members attended the Meeting.

1. Shri Harchandan Singh Secretary General, RSCWS, proposed that, in addition to the existing activities of the Society, some Social Welfare activities be also started by the RSCWS – like Mobilisation for Organ & Body Donation after death; Education of under-privileged, poor & destitute Children and Helping the poor & the destitute Elderly.

2. Shri N. P Mohan – while appreciating the proposal - pointed out that Society's financial position is not that sound to undertake schemes requiring substantial expenditure and that such avenues be explored which are sustainable with contribution of members of the Society. He requested the members to give their suggestions in this regard. All the Members attending the Meeting, gave their views on the subject.

3. After detailed discussion, it was decided as under:

In addition to its existing activities, RSCWS should also start some Social Welfare activities – including the following, as may be approved by the Executive Committee & General Body:

- a) Mobilisation of Members & other Senior Citizens & youngsters, for Eyes, Organ & Body Donation after death;
- b) Education of under-privileged, poor & destitute Children – through teaching / Coaching the Children and grant them Merit Scholarships etc..
- c) Helping the poor & destitute Elderly.
- d) To coordinate with other NGOs (like CRY & Help Age India etc), for the above objectives.
- e) To start a separate "Social Welfare Fund" of RSCWS – with voluntary contributions by the Members – after the approval of the Executive Committee and General Body RSCWS.
- f) Any other activity proposed by the Members – and approved by the Executive Committee & General Body RSCWS from time to time.

CHANDIGARH LOCK-UP DISPENSARY OF RAILWAYS UPGRADED AS HEALTH UNIT - WITHOUT DOCTOR - ONLY A PHARMACIST ATTENDS ON ALL THE 6 DAYS OF THE WEEK

Lock-up Dispensary of Railways at Chandigarh has been upgraded as Health Unit recently but without a single Doctor. Only a Pharmacist attends it on all the 6 days of the week. Earlier a Doctor and the Pharmacist used to attend at Lock-up Dispensary for 3 days a week. But no Doctor attends at present.

There are over 4000 Railway employees, Pensioners & their Dependents residing at Chandigarh. They have no way to get any Medical Treatment – whether for acute or chronic problems of day to day ailments.

RSCWS had recently taken up the issue with the CMD Northern Railway – through an SOS (reproduced below) and was informed that there was shortage of Doctors in the Ambala Division, but necessary were being taken to fill up the vacancies and Doctor shall soon be provided at

Copy of the letter No. RSCWS/ CMD/ HU-CHD/2014-1 Dated 19-3-2014 from Secretary General, RSCWS to CMD Northern Railway, Baroda House New Delhi with copies to DRM/UMB, CMS/UMB & others

S.O.S.

Subject: Lack of Doctor, Para-Medical Staff & other facilities at Health Unit, Chandigarh.

We would like to draw your kind attention to the pathetic condition of the Health Unit Chandigarh – which lacks even a Doctor, Para-Medical Staff & other facilities. This is causing much hardship to over 4000 Railway employees, Pensioners and their families.

The Lock-up Dispensary, Chandigarh, had been upgraded as Health Unit after several representations by the Staff, Pensioners, RSCWS as well as the Unions. But even the Doctor, who was earlier attending the Lock-up Dispensary 3 times a day, is no more available even for a single day in the so called Health Unit.

There is no one, except a Pharmacist, to attend to the Patients to either prescribe the Medicines for day to day medical problems or to refer the Patients to the PGI Chandigarh, or to any other Govt. Hospital, or to the Fortis Hospital Mohali - (which is the only Private Hospital empanelled or recognized by the Railways in Chandigarh, Panchkula or Mohali - and that too for limited Specialties).

This is a very critical condition and any serious eventuality can happen at any time – with a large number of old Pensioners and their Spouses besides the large number of Serving employees and their dependents, not having any Medical Facility what so ever at present.

We therefore, earnest appeal to you to please provide at least one Doctor / Consulting Doctor in the Health Unit Chandigarh besides other Facilities and the Para Medical Staff etc.

Please treat this as **S. O. S.**

LETTER OF APPROVAL OF IDENTIFICATION OF RSCWS BY DOP&PW

Copy of letter No.55/ 12/2013-P&PW(C), Dated: 03-04-2014,

Govt of India, Ministry of Personnel PG & Pension, Department of Pension & Pensioners Welfare,
3rd Floor, Lok Nayak Bhawan, Khan Market, New Delhi,

to the Secretary General, Railway Senior Citizens Welfare Society Chandigarh UT,

Subject: Identification of Pensioners Association, Under Pensioners' Portal.

Sir,

Please refer to your letter dt. 02-02-2012 regarding identification of your Pensioners Association under the Pensioners Portal.

2. With the approval of competent authority this Department has identified your Association, for being associated with the implementation of "Pensioners Portal", a Mission Mode Project under National e-governance Plan. As you are already aware, the Portal envisages welfare of Central (Civil) Pensioners across the country through the redressal of grievances, providing information, guidance etc. on pension and retirement related matters and other activities taken up by the Department as a policy from time to time.

3. The details of the involvement of your Association in implementation of the above said scheme will be communicated to you shortly. It is hoped that your association with this Department through involvement in "Pensioners' Portal" would go a long way in benefiting the pensioners in the area.

4. You are requested to send necessary details in the enclosed Performa which may be required for processing the matter regarding release of Grant-in- Aid under the scheme.

Yours faithfully
Sd/- (Tripti P. Ghosh), Director

FORTIS HOSPITAL MOHALI HAS APPLIED FOR EMPANELLMENT TO THE RAILWAYS FOR JOINT REPLACEMENT AND ONCOLOGY (CANCER) & FOR EXTENSION OF EXISTING SPECIALITIES

Fortis Hospital Mohali is at present recognised by Northern Railway for treatment of Cardiology, Cardiac Surgery, Nephrology (Kidney), Urology, Dialysis, Critical Medicine & Trauma, on Billing system for Railway employees, Pensioners & their Families in Ammbala Division. It has now applied for empanellment for Orthopedics / Joint Replacement and Oncology (Cancer) and sought extension for existing Specialities.

Railways seeks time up to September 2014 to issue remaining Revised PPOs

Railways has sought time up to September 2014 to issue remaining 900000 Revised PPOs, as these were complicated cases – pending on various Zonal Railways. This was stated by the Ministry of Railways in the Meeting of SCOVA held on 24th February, 2014. RSCWS/BPS is seeking further details & clarifications thereof.

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COPIES OF "PENSIONERS RAIL SAMPARK" & OTHER MULTIFARIOUS FEATURES OF INTEREST

Major changes proposed in Direct Tax System in DTC Bill

Major changes are proposed in Direct Tax System in the Revised Draft DTC Bill, which has been prepared by Finance Ministry. It will be taken by the new government to be formed after the general elections are over in mid-May.

- The revised draft of the Direct Taxes Code (DTC) Bill has retained the income tax exemption limit at Rs 2 lakh and introduced a fourth slab of 35 per cent on super-rich with income exceeding Rs 10 crore.
- The Bill has lowered the age for tax exemption for senior citizens to 60 years from 65 years.
- In another significant step, the draft has suggested that foreign companies with more than 20 per cent assets in India will be subjected to domestic tax laws.
- The ministry has rejected the recommendations of the Standing Committee on Finance, to raise the income tax exemption limit to Rs 3 lakh and to adjust other slabs saying that it will lead to an annual loss of Rs 60,000 crore to the exchequer.
- The Committee had proposed no tax on income of up to Rs 3 lakh per annum; 10 per cent for Rs 3-10 lakh; 20 per cent, for Rs 10-20 lakh and 30 per cent on annual income beyond Rs 20 lakh.
- "The recommendation is not acceptable as it will result in huge revenue loss. The total revenue loss on account of recommended changes in PIT slabs and removal of cess works out to Rs 60,000 crore approximately," said the revised Direct Taxes Code Bill – 2013.
- As per the current structure, there is no tax on income of up to Rs 2 lakh per annum; 10 per cent on Rs 2-5 lakh; 20 per cent on Rs 5-10 lakh and 30 per cent on income beyond Rs 10 lakh.
- Although the revised DTC draft was to be taken up by the Cabinet in August 2013, it did not come up for discussion because of differences over introducing a fourth slab for the super-rich.
- "With a view to maintaining overall progressivity in levy of income tax, the revised Code provides for a fourth slab for individuals, HUFs and artificial judicial persons. In their case if the total income exceeds Rs 10 crore, it is proposed to be taxed at the rate of 35 per cent," the draft said.
- The DTC Bill, which aims to replace the existing I-T Act 1961 and overhaul the taxation system, has been pending since 2009 and has undergone various changes.
- Out of 190 recommendations made by the Committee, 153 were accepted wholly or with partial modifications.

Source: Business Today

RSCWS ASKS RAILWAY BOARD TO CLARIFY

PROCEDURE FOR DEALING WITH EMERGENCY CASES BY EMPANELLED HOSPITALS

Copy of the letter to DG RHS/Railway Board from Secy Genl. RSCWS Reg: Treatment of Railway Beneficiaries – in Emergency in Empanelled Hospitals & Procedure to be followed by the Empanelled Hospitals for dealing with (such) cases – Urgent Need for clarification.

1. We would like to draw your kind attention towards the urgent need for clarification by the Railway Board, regarding the procedure for dealing with Emergency Cases of Railway Beneficiaries, by Empanelled Hospitals – in the absence of which the Patients in many cases have to face serious difficulties – as the Empanelled Hospitals – in the absence of stipulated condition in this regard in the MOU/ Contract, refuse to attend to the Patients without a Referral even in the case of an Emergency or insist on charging the Patients before discharge.

2. Information was sought from your office, through an application (dated 6-12-2013) under RTI by us, enquiring about the procedure in this regard. The said application was sent by your office to various Railways (*vide your office letter No. RB/RTI/2013/01009373 dated 7-1-14*).

3. The replies received from various Railways / Divisions, reveal completely divergent procedures being followed by all the Railways & Divisions. There is no uniformity about it. Some Railways / Divisions clearly lay down the procedure in the MOUs / Contracts indicating the procedure for dealing with Emergency Cases – by intimating the details through FAX within a stipulated period or taking a post facto approval of the Authorized Railway Doctor.

4. Regrettably others don't even mention the word Emergency in the MOU / Contract even for Specialties for which the Hospital is empanelled by the Railways – which is in violation of the Rules laid down by the Railway Board – permitting the Railway Beneficiaries to get cashless treatment in case of Emergency from the Empanelled Hospitals. This needs to be remedied – to avoid serious problems being faced by the Patients in getting the treatment in case of Emergency – especially when there is no Railway Hospital in or around the city (like Chandigarh etc).

5. A copy of the guidelines issued in this regard for Treatment in Emergency under CGHS, is enclosed herewith for the kind consideration of the Railway Board. (*Not reproduced here. Placed on Website*)

6. It is requested that appropriate guidelines may please be issued by the Railway Board to all the Railways and PUs, clarifying the specific Clause to be provided in the MOU / Contract regarding the Procedure to be followed by the Empanelled Hospitals for Medical Treatment in case of Emergency of Railway Beneficiaries (including the serving employees, pensioners & their dependents – covered under the RELHS etc), for uniformity, transparency and patient convenience.

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Govt rejects demand for Merger of 50% of DA since not recommended by Sixth Pay Commission

GOI MINISTRY OF FINANCE RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO-2062 ANSWERED ON-11.02.2014

SHRI PRABHAT JHA, ARVIND KUMAR SINGH, KUSUM RAI Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

- (a) Whether Government is actively considering merging existing dearness allowance payable to Central Government Employees with basic pay;
 (b) If so, the details thereof, and if not, the reasons there for;
 (c) Whether Government has received any representation from employees associations in this regard;
 (d) If so, the details thereof and the details of action taken thereon; and
 (e) The reasons for delay in constitution of 7th Central Pay Commission?

ANSWER MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA)

- (a) No Sir. (b) The 6th Central Pay Commission did not recommend merger of Dearness Allowance with basic pay at any stage. This has been accepted by the Government vide Resolution dated 29th August, 2008.
 (c) & (d) A number of representations have been received from Associations/Organizations of Central Government Employees demanding merger of 50% of Dearness Allowance with basic pay. However, in view of (b) above, the same has not been agreed to.

(e) The Govt. has already decided to constitute the 7th Central Pay Commission under the Chairmanship of Justice Ashok Kumar Mathur, Retired judge of the Hon'ble Supreme Court. - Source: <http://rajyasabha.nic.in/>

RSCWS & BPS to seek Interim Relief & Immediate Merger of DA from 7th CPC Detailed Memorandum on Pensioners issues to be submitted

As the Govt had rejected the demand for merger of DA, and as the 7th Pay Commission had since been formed, RSCWS, BPS (Bharat Pensioners Samaj) and the other Organisations representing the Central Government Employees, have no alternative except to approach the Seventh Pay Commission for an Interim Report recommending for grant of appropriate Interim Relief and merger of 50% DA with Pay/Pension from January, 2011 and merger of 100% DA from January, 2014, besides raising other demands, for which separate Memorandum shall be submitted later on – when asked for by the Pay Commission.

BPS & ITS AFFILIATES STAGED A MASSIVE DHARNA AT JANTAR MANTAR

Bharat Pensioners' Samaj (BPS) staged a massive Dharna at Jantar Mantar, New Delhi, on 24.02.2014, for the demands of pensioners. Over 2000 Pensioners representing BPS and its Affiliates participated. A memorandum was later presented to the Prime Minister on the Pensioners demands – including i) Removal of inequalities caused within Pre-2006 Pensioners due to adoption of varied multiplication factor of 2.26 at lower levels and 3.37 times at higher levels; ii) Pension @ 65% of last Pay drawn; iii) 5% Additional Pension after every 5 years of retirement; iv) Pension should be net of Income Tax and various other demands.

FREE MEDICAL CAMP, SEMINAR & MEETING OF RSCWS ON 3RD MAY, 2014 AT FORTIS HOSPITAL MOHALI PROGRAMME:

1, FREE MEDICAL CAMP FOR RAILWAY SENIOR CITIZENS & THEIR SPOUSES:

- FREE CONSULTATION BY NEPHROLOGIST (FOR KIDNEY), ORTHOPAEDICIAN, GYNECOLOGIST & GENERAL PHYSICIAN.
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(THOSE HAVING HIGH CHOLESTEROL SHALL BE PROVIDED WITH FREE LIPID PROFILE TEST REPORT & CONSULTATION)
- VENUE: Fortis Hospital, Mohali, 3rd Floor (OPD Side) - Future Expansion Library (Near Auditorium)
- TIMINGS: 9-30 to 11-30 AM Tests, Consultations & Refreshments (Sponsored by Fortis)

2. MEETING & SEMINAR:

- VENUE: Fortis Hospital, Mohali, 3rd Floor > Auditorium
- TIMING: 11-15 to 12 PM > MEETING OF RSCWS:
12 TO 1 PM -> SEMINAR ON) PAIN MANAGEMENT > BY DR. AVTAR SINGH MATHAROO,
GUEST SPEAKER: EMOTION & STRESS MANAGEMENT > BY MRS. RAMANJIT KAUR
1-15 to 2 PM > Lunch (By RSCWS)

IMPORTANT INSTRUCTIONS

- Please come empty Stomach. Sample for Cholesterol Test has to be taken empty Stomach
- Refreshment will be served after the Test.
- Please reach the Venue in time (9-30 am sharp),
- Get yourself registered in time, for the Tests & Check up.

- President & Secretary General RSCWS

PRS: 1-3-2014

If undelivered, please return to:

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