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MESSAGE OF NEW CHAIRMAN



I am thankful to CCCGPA Chandigarh for unanimously electing me Chairman of this august House for next two years. Since my student life and about thirty eight years of Central Government service I remained active associated with trade union activities as an office bearer. The same continues even after retirement from active Government service. Presently I am working as Secretary Finance of the Association of retired officers of IA&AD, Chandigarh. I am holding this post for the last seven years. Association of retired officers of IA&AD is known for its social activities. When we entered Government services we were single young men and by the time we retired the almighty had bestowed upon us much favour and munificence. Now is the time to pay back the society which the almighty has created.

CCCGPA Chandigarh was constituted during 1993. It was the outcome of the hard work and dedication put in by the founders of this association. Since then we have achieved a lots. Our association is constituted of 12 Central Government Pensioners units. We shall make efforts to increase this figure for strengthening this body. Our main problems, national and local, are allotment of plot for CGHS Welfare Centre, problems of CGHS beneficiaries with empaneled hospitals, enhancement of pension at the age of 65,70,75 years and change of DA formula etc. . I hope we shall achieve the targets as we are young persons with 50 years of experience of life behind us.

"Thanking you again."

Gurdial Singh Saini

Ministry of Finance

Cabinet approves additional 2 percent Dearness Allowance (DA) for Central Government employees and Dearness Relief (DR) to pensioners w.e.f. 1st July, 2018

Posted On: 29 AUG 2018 1:07PM by PIB Delhi

The Union Cabinet, chaired by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has approved to release an additional instalment of Dearness Allowance (DA) to Central Government employees and Dearness Relief (DR) to pensioners w.e.f. 01.07.2018 representing an increase of 2% over the existing rate of 7% of the Basic Pay/Pension, to compensate for price rise.

The combined impact on the exchequer on account of both Dearness Allowance and Dearness Relief would be Rs.6112.20 crore per annum and Rs.4074.80 crore in the financial year 2018-19 (for a period of 08 months from July, 2018 to February, 2019).

This will benefit about 48.41 lakh Central Government employees and 62.03 lakh pensioners.

This increase is in accordance with the accepted formula, which is based on the recommendations of the 7th Central Pay Commission.

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**Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)
(Central Civil Services)**

1. PENSION POLICY

Last Updated : 18.04.2018

- (1.1) Which rules govern pension and gratuity to the employees retiring from Central Government Civil Departments.
Pension and gratuity of the employees retiring from Central Government Departments is regulated by the Central Civil Services (Pension) Rules, 1972. There are separate rules regarding pension and gratuity of Railway employees and Defence personnel.
- (1.2) Is the date of voluntary retirement treated as duty?
Yes, the date of voluntary retirement is treated as duty (Rule 5).
- (1.3) Who is eligible for pension?
A Govt. servant appointed in a pensionable establishment on or before 31.12.2003 and retires from Government service with a qualifying service of 10 years or more is eligible for pension (Rule 2, 49).
- (1.4) How is pension calculated?
W.e.f. 1.1.2006, pension is calculated @ 50% of emoluments (last pay) or average emoluments (for last 10 months), whichever is more beneficial to the retiring Govt. servant. (Rule 49).
- (1.5) What happens to the departmental proceedings instituted against a Govt. servant during service and pending at the time of retirement? Can pension/gratuity be paid to a retiring, Govt. servant if Departmental/Judicial proceeding are pending against him at the time of retirement?
Department proceedings pending at the time of retirement are deemed to be the

proceedings under Rule 9 and shall be continued and concluded by the same disciplinary authority and in the same manner. Thereafter, authority will submit a report recording its finding to the President. In such cases, only provisional pension is paid and gratuity is withheld till the conclusion of departmental proceedings and issue of final orders thereon by the competent authority.

- (1.6) Can Departmental proceedings be instituted after retirement?
Departmental proceeding can be instituted after retirement subject to following conditions:-
- (a) Sanction of the President shall be obtained before instituting such proceedings;
 - (b) The proceedings shall not be in respect of any event which took place more than 4 years such institution;
 - (c) Proceedings shall be conducted by such authority and in such place or the President may direct and in accordance with rules applicable to departmental proceedings in which an order of dismissal from service could be made in relation to the Govt. servant during his service.
- (1.7) When is departmental or judicial proceeding deemed to be instituted?
- (a) Departmental proceedings shall be deemed to be instituted on the date on which the statement of charges is issued to the Government servant or pensioner, or is the Government servant has been placed under suspension from an earlier dated, on such date;
 - (b) Judicial proceedings shall be deemed to be instituted-
 - (i) In the case of criminal proceedings, on the date on which the complaint or report of a Police Officer, of which the Magistrate takes cognizance, is made, and
 - (ii) In the case of civil proceedings, on the date the plaint is presented in the court.
- (1.8) Can the pension/gratuity be withheld on conclusion of departmental/judicial proceedings?
The President reserves to himself the right of withholding a pension or gratuity, or both, either in full or in part, or withdrawing a pension in full or in part, whether permanently or for a specified period, and of ordering recovery from a pension or gratuity of the whole or part of any pecuniary loss caused to the Government, if, in any departmental or judicial proceedings, the pensioner is found guilty of grave misconduct or negligence during the period of service, including service rendered upon re-employment after retirement. Power to withhold/withdraw pension/gratuity is with President and UPSC is required to be consulted before any final orders are passed.
- (1.9) Which pay is reckoned as emoluments for pension and gratuity?
The basic pay as defined in FR 9 (21) (a) (i) is reckoned as emoluments for pension. However, Non- Practicing Allowance granted to Medical Officers is also included in emoluments. For the purpose of Retirement/ Death gratuity, Dearness Allowance admissible on the date of retirement/death is also treated as emoluments.
- (1.10) Which pay is reckoned as emoluments for pension if the Government servant is on leave, suspension or deputation at the time of retirement?
- (a) If a Government servant immediately before his retirement or death while in service had been absent from duty on leave for which leave salary is payable or having been suspended had been reinstated without forfeiture of service, the emoluments which he would have drawn had he not been absent from duty or suspended shall be the emoluments for the purposes of this rule. However, increase in pay (other than the increment) which is not actually drawn shall not form part of his emoluments.
 - (b) If a Government servant immediately before his retirement or death while in service had been absent from duty on extraordinary leave or had been under suspension, the period whereof does not count as service, the emoluments which he drew immediately before proceeding on such leave or being placed under suspension shall be the emoluments for the purposes of this rule.

- (c) If a Government servant immediately before his retirement of death while in service, was on earned leave, and earned an increment which was not withheld, such increment, though not actually drawn, shall form part of his emoluments. However, such increment should have been earned during the currency of the earned leave not exceeding one hundred and twenty days, or during the first one hundred and twenty days of earned leave where such leave was for more than one hundred and twenty days.
- (d) Pay drawn by a Government servant while on foreign service shall not be treated as emoluments, but the pay which he would have drawn under the Government had he not been on foreign service shall alone be treated as emoluments.
- (1.11) Can a pension be withheld/withdrawn on grounds of misconduct after retirement?
Future good conduct is the implied condition for grant/continuance of pension. The appointing authority may, by order in writing, withhold or withdraw a pension or a part thereof, whether permanently or for a specified period, if the pensioner is convicted of a serious crime or is found guilty of grave misconduct.
- (1.12) Can a pension, once authorized, be revised to the disadvantage of pensioner on grounds other than misconduct under Rule 8 and 9.
Except under Rule 8 and 9, pension once authorized after final assessment shall not be revised to the disadvantage of the Government servant, unless such revision becomes necessary on account of detection of a clerical error subsequently. No revision of pension to the disadvantage of the pensioner shall be ordered by the Head of Office without the concurrence of the Department of Pension and Pensioners' Welfare if the clerical error is detected after a period of two years from the date of authorization of pension. The question whether it is a case of clerical error or not would be decided by the administrative Ministry.
- (1.13) What is the formula for revision of pension of pre-2006 pensioner/family pensioner? In terms of para 4.1 of OM No.38/37/08-P&PW(A) dated 1.9.2008, the pension/family pension will be consolidated w.e.f. 1.1.2006 by adding together (i) The existing pension/family pension,(ii) Dearness Pension, where applicable, (iii)Dearness Relief @24% of basic Pension/Basic Family Pension plus dearness pension as admissible vide OM No.42/2/2006-P&PW(G) dated 5.4.2006 and (iv) Fitment weightage @40% of the existing pension/family pension. Where the existing pension at (i) includes the effect of merger of 50% of DR w.e.f. 1.4.2004, the existing pension for the purpose of fitment weightage will be re-calculated after excluding the merged DR of 50% from the pension. The amount so arrived at will be regarded as consolidated pension/family pension w.e.f. 1.1.2006. The fixation of pension will be subject to the provision that the revised pension, in no case shall be lower than 50% of the minimum of the pay in the pay band plus the grade pay corresponding to the pre-revised pay scale from which the Govt. servant retired. The minimum of pay is the pay band/pay scale is to be reckoned in accordance with DoPPW OM No. 38/37/08-P&PW dated 30.07.2015.
- (1.14) Whether all pre-2006 pensioners/family pensioners would get benefit under Department of Pension and Pensioners' Welfare O.M. NO.38/37/08- P&PW (A) dated 28.1.2013 (now OM dated 30.07.2015)?
There will be no change in the pension of those pre-2006 pensioners whose pension (as revised with effect from 1.1.2006) is already equal to or more than this minimum limit mentioned in the OM dated 28.01.2013 and 30.07.2015. In the case of family pensioner also the minimum family pension as mentioned in Col.10 of the Annexure to the OM dated 28.1.2013 shall be payable if the amount of family pension (w.e.f. 01.01.2006) is equal to or more than this minimum family pension, the same family pension shall continue to be paid.
- (1.15) What are the provisions regarding revision of pension of pre-2016 pensioners after 7th CPC?
Orders were issued vide OM No. 38/37/2016-P&PW(A) dated 04.08.2016 for revision of pension of pre-2016 pensioners by multiplying the pre-revised pension by a factor of 2.57. This was to be done by the Pension Disbursing Authorities/ Banks.

Further orders were issued vide OM No. 38/37/2016-P&PW(A) dated 12.05.2017. As per this OM, the revised pension/family pension w.e.f.01.01.2016 of all Central Civil Pensioners/family pensioners, including CAPF's, who retired/died prior to 01.01.2016, shall be revised by notionally fixing their pay in the pay matrix recommended by the 7th CPC in the level corresponding to the pay in the pay scale/ pay band and grade pay at which they retired/ died. This will be done by notional pay fixation under each intervening Pay Commission based on the Formula for revision of pay.

While fixing pay on notional basis, the pay fixation formulate approved by the Government and other relevant instructions on the subject in force at the relevant time shall be strictly followed. 50% of the notional pay as on 01.01.2016 shall be the revised pension and 30% of this notional pay shall be the revised family pension w.e.f. 01.01.2016 as per the first Formulation. In this case of family pensioners who were entitled to family pension at enhanced rate, the revised family pension shall be 50% of the notional pay as on 01.01.2016 and shall be payable till the period up to which family pension at enhanced rate is admissible as per rules. The amount of revised pension/ family pension so arrived at shall be rounded off to next higher rupee.

The pension/ family pension already revised in accordance with this Department's OM No. 38/37/2016-P&PW(A) (ii) dated 04.08.2016 or the revised pension/ family pension as worked out in accordance with OM dated 12.05.2017 shall be granted to pre-2016 central civil pensioners as revised pension/ family pension w.e.f. 01.01.2016. In cases where pension/ family pension being paid w.e.f. 01.01.2016 in accordance with this Department's OM No. 38/37/2016-P&PW(A) (ii) dated 04.08.2016 happens to be more than pension/ family pension as worked out in accordance with para 4 above, the pension/ family pension already paid shall be treated as revised pension/ family pension w.e.f. 01.01.2016.

- (1.16) Is any ready reckoner available for revision of pension of pre-2016 pensioners by notional pay fixation method?
A Concordance Table for fixation of notional pay of pension/ family pension of employee who retired/ died in various grades of Vth/ VIth CPC period has been prepared and circulated on 06.07.2017. These Concordance Tables are available on the website of this Department, i.e. doppw.gov.in and pensionersportal.gov.in.
- (1.17) Is there any online calculator available for fixation/ revision of pension?
A calculator for calculation/ revision of pension/ gratuity is available on the website of this Department, i.e. doppw.gov.in and pensionersportal.gov.in.
- (1.18) What is the amount of minimum and maximum pension after Seventh CPC?
The pension shall not be less than Rs.9000/- (excluding the element of additional pension to old pensioners) and shall not be more than 50% of the highest pay in Government i.e Rs 1,25,000/- w.e.f. 01.01.2016.
- (1.19) From where can we download the pension /nomination Forms ?
All forms are available at the website of Department of Pension & Pensioners Welfare.
- (1.20) When can a Government servant apply for voluntary retirement?
Under Rule 48, a Government servant can apply for voluntary retirement after completion of 30 years of qualifying service. Under Rule 48-A, he can apply for voluntary retirement after completion of qualifying service of 20 years. Under FR 56 (k) he can apply for voluntary retirement an attaining the age of 50 years (for Gr. A & B) and 55 years (in other cases).
- (1.21) Whether older pensioners will get higher rate of pension?
Yes, from 1.1.2006, the quantum of pension/family pension available to old pensioners/family pensioners has been increased as follows:-

O.M.No. 38/37/08- P&PW(A) dated 2.9.2008 .

Age of pensioner/family pensioner	Additional quantum of pension
From 80 years to less than 85 years	20% of revised basic pension/family pension
From 85 years to less than 90 years	30% of revised basic pension/family pension
From 90 years to less than 95 years	40% of revised basic pension/family pension
From 95 years to less than 100 years	50% of revised basic pension/family pension
100 years or more	100% of revised basic pension/family pension

- (1.22) Is additional pension admissible to old family pensioners also?
Yes, the rates related to additional pension as applicable in the case of old pensioners hold good for family pensioners, as well.
- (1.23) Whether the provision of added years in qualifying service for computation of pension is still in force?
The benefit of added years of qualifying service for computation of pension/related benefits has been withdrawn w.e.f. 01.01.2006.
- (1.24) Whether the provision of added years in qualifying service has been withdrawn for calculating gratuity also?
Yes, w.e.f. 01.01.2006.
- (1.25) Whether the additional pension/family pension available to old pensioners would be payable from the date of attaining age of 80 years or above or from the first day of the month in which the date of birth falls?
The additional quantum of pension/family pension, on attaining the age of 80 years and above, would be admissible from the 1st day of month in which his date of birth falls. For example, if a pensioner/family pensioner completes age of 80 years in the month of August, 2008, he will be entitled to additional pension/family pension w.e.f. 1.8.2008. Those pensioners/family pensioners whose date of birth is 1st August, will also be entitled to additional pension/family pension w.e.f. 1.8.2008 on attaining the age of 80 years and above.

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Ministry of Finance

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Relief to Senior Citizens: Exemption of Interest Income on deposits increased to Rs 50,000

Pradhan Mantri Vaya Vandana Yojana extended up to March 2020

Existed limit on investment under PMVVY enhanced to Rs 15 lakhs

With the objective of providing a dignified life to senior citizens, the Union Minister for Finance and Corporate Affairs, Shri Arun Jaitley, announced significant incentives for senior citizens.

Presenting the General Budget 2018-19 in Parliament here today, the Finance Minister said that the exemption of interest income on deposits with banks and post offices to be increased from Rs. 10,000/- to Rs. 50,000/- and TDS shall not be required to be deducted on such income, under section 194A. This benefit shall be available also for interest from all fixed deposits schemes and recurring deposit schemes.

The Finance Minister also announced raising the limit of deduction for health insurance premium and/ or medical expenditure from Rs. 30,000/- to Rs. 50,000/-, under section 80D. All senior citizens will now be able to claim benefit of deduction up to Rs. 50,000/- per annum in respect of any health insurance

premium and/or any general medical expenditure incurred.

Further, the Finance Minister proposed raising the limit of deduction for medical expenditure in respect of certain critical illness from Rs. 60,000/- in case of senior citizens and from Rs. 80,000/- in case of very senior citizens, to Rs. 1 lakh in respect of all senior citizens, under section 80DDB.

These concessions will give extra tax benefit of Rs. 4,000 crores to senior citizens.

In addition to tax concessions, the Finance Minister proposed to extend the Pradhan Mantri Vaya Vandana Yojana up to March 2020 under which an assured return of 8% is given by Life Insurance Corporation of India. The existing limit on investment of Rs. 7.5 lakh per senior citizen under this scheme is also being enhanced to Rs. 15 lakh.

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**CGHS – Payment of Conveyance Allowance to Medical Officers under CGHS
for Domiciliary visits**

Z 15025/DIR/CGHS/Conveyance/JACSD0/2017/744252

Government of India

Ministry of Health and Family Welfare

Department of Health & Family Welfare

Directorate General of CGHS

Office of the Director, CGHS

Nirman Bhawan, New Delhi 110 011

Dated, the 2nd February, 2018

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject:- Payment of Conveyance Allowance to Medical Officers under CGHS for Domiciliary visits- regarding.

With reference to the above subject the undersigned is to state that the payment of Conveyance to CHS doctors (GDMOs and Specialists) working in CGHS Wellness Centres for domiciliary visits and performing other official duties is governed by this Ministry's OM No. A-45012/03/2008 —CHS-V dated 28th April, 2009.

2. In this regard attention is drawn to the Circular No C.14019/03/2013/CGHS-III dated the 12th April, 2013 and 23rd October 2015 vide which certain instructions have been issued for claiming conveyance allowance for domiciliary visits to see patients by CGHS doctors. In this regard the undersigned is directed to state that the matter has been reviewed by this Ministry, in response to the representations received from CGHS doctors and to state that it has now been decided, in supersession of the earlier directives that for claiming the conveyance allowance by CGHS doctors that the instructions as contained in the OM No. A-45012/03/2008 —CHS-V dated 28th April, 2009 shall be applicable and CGHS doctors shall submit a certificate as per Annexure 'A' (copy enclosed) for claiming the conveyance allowance.

The instructions shall be applicable uniformly for CGHS Medical Officers regardless of their posting in a Wellness Centre or a Central Government Hospital or a medical college.
This issues with the approval of AS&DG, CGHS

S/d,
(Dr.D.C.Joshi)
Director, CGHS

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Revision of Ceiling Rates for Knee and Hip Implants under CGHS and CS(MA) Rules
No: Z.15025/74/2017/DIR/CGHS/EHS
Government of India Ministry of Health and Family Welfare
Department of Health & Family Welfare
EHS Section

Nirman Bhawan, New Delhi 11011
Dated the 26th September, 2017

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FFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject:- Revision of Ceiling Rates for Knee and Hip Implants under CGHS and CS(MA) Rules.

With reference to the above mentioned subject the undersigned is directed to draw attention to this Ministry's OM No. S.11018/ 1/ 95- CGHS (P), dated the 7th March, 1995 vide which ceiling rates for Knee and Hip implants under CGHS and CS(MA) Rules have been prescribed and to state that it has now been decided by competent authority to revise the ceiling rates and guidelines for Knee and Hip Implants under CGHS and CS(MA) rules as per the details given under the succeeding paragraphs.

2. (A) PRIMARY KNEE REPLACEMENT SYSTEM

(*Ceiling price in Rs.)

Applicable to all Variants	FEMORAL COMPONENT BY WHATSOEVER NAME/ SPECIFICATIONS	TIBIAL COMPONENT BY WHATSOEVER NAME/ SPECIFICATIONS	ARTICULAR SURFACE/ INSERT BY WHATSOEVER NAME/ SPECIFICATIONS (ANY MATERIAL)	PATELLA COMPONENT BY WHATSOEVER NAME/ SPECIFICATIONS
1. Titanium alloy coated	38,740	24,280	9,550	4,090
2. Oxidized zirconium (OxZr) alloy	38,740	24,280		
3. Hi-flex	25860			
4. Cobalt Chromium (CoCr) alloy and other than at 1, 2 and 3 above	24090	16960		
		COMPONENT HAVING TIBIAL TRAY AND INSERT COMBINED AS SINGLE UNIT BY WHATSOEVER NAME SPECIFICATION		
		Polyethylene or cross linked Polyethylene or highly cross linked Polyethylene or other material	12,960	
		Tibial: Metallic Insert: Polyethylene or cross linked Polyethylene or highly cross linked Polyethylene or any other materil	26,546	

(B) REVISION KNEE IMPLANT SYSTEM

(*Ceiling price in Rs.)

FEMORAL COMPONENT BY WHATSOEVER NAME/ SPECIFICATIONS	TIBIAL COMPONENT BY WHATSOEVER NAME/ SPECIFICATIONS	ARTICULAR SURFACE/ INSERT BY WHATSOEVER NAME/ SPECIFICATIONS (ANY MATERIAL)	PATELLA COMPONENT BY WHATSOEVER NAME/ SPECIFICATIONS
62,770	31,220	15,870	4,090

*plus GST wherever paid or payable

(C) HIP IMPLANT–Rs.40,000/- + GST, wherever paid or payable

3. The rates prescribed shall be valid till further orders and are applicable to Implants of any name / category/ cemented/non-cemented,

4. The ceiling rates are applicable for treatment taken in government hospitals / private empanelled hospitals/other private hospitals.

5. Institutions such as hospitals utilizing knee implants shall specifically and separately mention the cost of the knee implant component-wise along with its brand name, name of manufacturer / importer/ batch no./ specifications and other details, if any in their estimate/proforma invoice/ final billing , etc., to the patients or their representatives.

6. Prior permission of Competent Authority may be obtained before undergoing Knee /hip Implant

7. This issues with the approval of competent authority and concurrence of Integrated Finance Division vide Dy. No. C.No, 3119442, dated 30.08.2017.

S/d,

(Sunil Kumar Gupta)

Under Secretary to the Government of India

[Accessed on 07.07.2018 from <https://www.govtempdiary.com/wp-content/uploads/2017/10/Revision-of-Ceiling-Rates-for-Knee-and-Hip-Implants-under-CGHS-and-CSMA-Rules.pdf>]

**CGHS has come up with Revised Guidelines for settlement of the Medical Claims of Pensioner –
New Timeline, Procedure for relaxation of Rules, constitution of Committee etc**

Government of India

Ministry of Health and Family Welfare

Department of Health & Family Welfare

EHS Section

No: Z.15025/51/2018 /DIR/CGHS/EHS

Nirman Bhawan, New Delhi

Dated the 6th June, 2018

OFFICE MEMORANDUM**Subject :- Guidelines for settlement of Medical claims of pensioners and others-**

With reference to the above subject the undersigned is to draw attention to the revised timelines and constitution of High Powered Committee in compliance of the directions of Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in their Judgement in the WP(Civil) No 694 of 2015 between Shiva Kant Jha Vs UOI delivered on 13th April 2018 and to state that it has been decided to issue guidelines to the Additional Directors of CGHS for implementing these decisions. The new guidelines are enclosed for perusal and compliance.

JULY-AUG. 2018

Encl as above.

S/d,
(Dr.D.C.Joshi)

Director,CGHS

GUIDELINES TO PROCESS THE REQUESTS FOR SETTLEMENT OF THE MEDICAL CLAIMS

1. New Timelines for settlement of the Medical Claims

The new timelines prescribed for settlement of normal medical claims are 30 days from the date of submission to the payment by Pay & Accounts Office. Every effort must be made to avoid delay at any stage. Proper calculation sheet must be prepared in the file, so that the same could be shared with the beneficiaries, if there are requests for reasons for the deductions.

2. Full reimbursement case /Cases for relaxation of Rules

As per the new guidelines they fall into two categories

- (a) Full reimbursement – Non-HPC (Non- High Power Committee) cases
- (b) Full reimbursement – HPC (High Power Committee) cases
- (a) Full reimbursement – Non-HPC cases

The following cases fall under this category;

- i) Treatment was obtained in a private unrecognized hospital under emergency and the patient was admitted by others when the beneficiary was unconscious or severely incapacitated and was hospitalized for a prolonged period.
- ii) Treatment was obtained in a private unrecognized hospital under emergency and was admitted for prolonged period for treatment of Head Injury, Coma , Septicemia, Multi-organ failure , etc.
- iii) Treatment was obtained in a private unrecognized hospital under emergency for treatment of advanced malignancy
- iv) Treatment was taken under emergency in higher type of accommodation as rooms as per his/her entitlement are not available during that period.
- iv) Treatment was taken in higher type of accommodation under specific conditions for isolation of patients to avoid contacting infections
- v) Treatment was obtained in a private unrecognized hospital under emergency when there is a strike in Govt. hospitals.
- vi) Treatment was obtained in a private unrecognized hospital under emergency while on official tour to non-CGHS covered area.

Although the new OM has not mentioned about STC recommendation, it is advisable to have expert Committee meetings under the Chairperson of Addl. DGHS (as in the case of earlier STC meetings) in respect of item Nos. i), ii),iii) and v) before arriving at a decision. The conditions mentioned at Nos. iv),vi) and vii) are administrative in nature and do not require meetings of expert committees and may be recommended by Addl. Director, if conditions are satisfied.

In Delhi the expert committee meetings shall be organized by respective CMO(R&H) and by AD(R&H) in case of claims of serving employees of Delhi. Such meetings in respect of other cities shall be organized by Sr. CMO in the office of Addl.DDG(HQ).

The requests for full reimbursement as examined by Additional Director (HQ)/Addl. DDG(HQ), in consultation with expert committee meetings, wherever deemed necessary and recommended for full reimbursement shall be submitted to Director, CGHS and concurrence of IFD may be obtained after approval of AS&DG, CGHS before the seeking the approval of Secretary for reimbursement in excess of CGHS rates.

If the above criteria are not satisfied (including the regrets by expert committees) the requests may be regretted by Addl. Director of concerned City, with a covering letter explaining the reasons and referring to the concerned OM.

In case there is a representation to consider as a special case then only it may be placed before the High Power Committee.

Addl. Directors shall prepare a self-contained note giving details of case and submit the files with relevant documents to Director, CGHS though AD(HQ)/Addl. DDG(HQ)

If the proposal is approved by AS&DG,CGHS , concurrence of IFD and approval of Secretary , Health & Family Welfare are solicited for reimbursement in excess of approved rates.

b) Full reimbursement – HPC cases

The Composition of High Power Committee, shall be as under:

- 1. Special Director General Chairperson
- 2. Directorate General, CGHS or his Nominee..... Member
- 3. Additional Director, CGHS(HQ) / Addl. DDG(HQ),CGHS.....Member
- 4. Addl. Director, CGHS(R&H)
- 5. One Government Specialist.....Member Secretary
(of concerned Speciality)..... Member

The High Powered Committee shall consider the representations of only those CGHS beneficiaries having a valid CGHS Card.

The High Powered Committee shall consider representations received from CGHS beneficiaries holding valid CGHS cards only at the time treatment, in respect of the following conditions:

- 1. Approval for air-fare with or without attendant on the advice of treating doctor for treatment in another city even though he is not eligible for air travel / treatment facilities are available in city of residence
- 2. Representations from CGHS beneficiaries seeking full reimbursements under special Circumstances.
- 3. Relaxation of Rules

High Powered Committee shall meet once in a month and action on the decisions taken shall be completed within seven days of meeting, with the concurrence of the IFD , wherever , it is deemed necessary.

Addl Directors shall submit the files with relevant documents to the AD(HQ) / Addl. DDG(HQ) for placing the representations before High Power Committee.

AD(R&H) shall be Member Secretary , who shall with the help of Sr. CMO of the Office of Adl.DDG(HQ) shall issue meeting notices including notices to concerned Govt. Specialists and organize meeting for the Meetings of High Power Committee.

The requests received upto the 15th of the month shall be placed before the Committee.
If the High Power Committee does not recommend the regret letters shall be issued explaining the reasons.

If the High Power Committee recommends full reimbursement / relaxation of rules, Concurrence of IFD and approval of Secretary (H&FW) shall be obtained within 7 days.

3. In addition there are expert committees to consider several cases

Expert Committee meetings for other purposes shall continue to be held as in the past in the following cases:

Expert Committee meetings for Consideration of Liver Transplant cases, Bariatric Surgery, Bone-marrow / Stem Cell Transplant, Justification of treatment / Implants in selected cases shall continue as before.

Standing Committee meetings for Cochlear Implant shall continue as before.

Expert Committee meetings for approval of Drugs , etc. , shall continue.

[Read/Download Guidelines for settlement of Medical claims of pensioners and others OM No: Z.15025/51/2018 /DIR/CGHS/EHS dated 06.06.2018]

[Accessed on 09.07.2018 fom <https://www.gconnect.in/orders-in-brief/cghs/guidelines-for-settlement-of-medical-claims-of-pensioners.html>]

TO RECAPITULATE FOR THE BENEFICIERIES

1. Supply of Medicines from Wellness Centres

- Medicines prescribed by CGHS doctors/specialists, which are available in Wellness Center are supplied immediately.
- For the branded medicines prescribed by the specialist, if the same composition (chemical salt), same strength with same therapeutic value is available in the Wellness Center in different brand name/generic name, the same will be supplied against the prescription.
- Supply of vitamins/minerals/antioxidants prescribed by the specialist will be restricted to CGHS formulary medicines.
- Products classified as Dietary Supplements/food items, cosmetics etc. are not admissible for supply by CGHS.
- Medicines which are otherwise admissible and not available in the store of the Wellness Center will be indented from Authorized Local Chemist (ALC) and will be normally distributed on the next working day after receipt of the same from ALC. These indented medicines will have to be collected by the beneficiary maximum within 15 days of date of indent.
- Medicines for chronic diseases may be issued for 3 months at a time by any CGHS Doctor against the valid prescription of a specialist.
- If the beneficiary is planning to go abroad, medicines prescribed may be issued upto 6 months at a time with permission of Addl. Director for which an application with copy of valid prescription, CGHS Card and proof of travel has to be produced.
- All the medicines including ALC supplied medicines will be issued throughout the duty hours of the Wellness center.
- For collection of indented medicines registration in the Wellness Centre is not required

[Accessed on 19.08.2018 from <https://cghs.gov.in/index1.php?lang=1&level=2&sublinkid=6044&lid=3954>]

2. Authorizing Beneficiaries to Purchase Medicines

Beneficiary is to be authorized by CMO I/C to purchase medicines prescribed to him and get reimbursement when –

- Such medicine has been indented from ALC/ ALC authority slip issued and the medicine has not been supplied by ALC
- In case the authorization to purchase is given the steps to be followed are:-
 - o beneficiary has to purchase the prescribed medicine from any chemist shop
 - o produce the medicines with cash memo in the Wellness center
 - o fill up a prescribed form with endorsement of CMO I/C
 - o Submit it with the cash memo to ALC, who in turn will pay the cost of medicines incurred by the beneficiary.

The empanelled hospital will supply essential medicines for 7 days, on discharge of a CGHS beneficiary.

[Accessed on 19.08.2018 from <https://cghs.gov.in/index1.php?lang=1&level=2&sublinkid=6045&lid=3972>]

3. Issuance of Life Saving Medicines

Lifesaving medicines include chemotherapy medicines for cancer and other medicines as enumerated in the “lifesaving drugs” list of CGHS. This list is available in under ‘circulars’. When lifesaving medicines like those for cancer and other such conditions are prescribed the following procedure is to be followed:-

- An authority slip for MSD/ AD of the city will be issued from the wellness center for the lifesaving drugs on the specialist prescription.
- This authority slip along with following documents (all duly verified by CMO I/C) are to be submitted at MSD/AD's office.
 - o Application to AD forwarded by CMO I/C
 - o Copy of specialist prescription/discharge summary(Emergency cases) indicating lifesaving drugs
 - o Copies of investigation reports
 - o Permission letter for treatment in CGHS recognized hospital
 - o Photocopy of CGHS card
 - o Utilization certificate (This is required when the same medicines have been issued earlier also. The certificate in case of orally administered medicines can be given by the beneficiary himself and for those administered parentally certificate from CMO I/C or treating specialist is required.)

Person (If not beneficiary himself) who is to collect these medicines must carry authorization letter, the original CGHS card and his photo I/D

[Accessed on 19.08.2018 from <https://cghs.gov.in/index1.php?lang=1&level=2&sublinkid=6046&lid=3667>]

RBI/2014-15/110

DGBA.GAD.No.H-4/31.05.001/2014-15

July 1, 2014

(Updated upto May 07, 2015)

All Agency Banks

Dear Sir/Madam

Master Circular - Disbursement of Pension by Agency Banks

Please refer to our master circular RBI/2013-14/101 dated July 1, 2013 on the above subject. We have now updated the master circular incorporating important instructions issued by us till end of June 2014. A copy of the same is enclosed for your information. This circular may also be downloaded from our

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website www.mastercirculars.rbi.org.in

② Please acknowledge receipt.

Yours faithfully

(G. Sreekumar)

Chief General Manager

Encl: As above

Master Circular- Disbursement of Pension by Agency Banks

Introduction

The payment of pension to retired Government employees is governed by the relevant Schemes prepared by concerned Ministries/Departments with the approval of Controller General of Accounts, Ministry of Finance, Government of India or by State Governments and involves payment of basic pension, increased Dearness Relief and other benefits as and when announced by the Governments. Various circulars issued in this connection are summarized hereunder for information.

(Extract only)

⑦ Payment of Central Civil Pension – Entry of Dearness Relief in both halves of Pension Payment Orders (PPOs).

(Ref. DGBA. GAD. No. H.3452-3485/45.01.001/2004-05 dated January 11, 2005)

It has come to our notice that some of the Pension Paying Bank branches do not update the amount of basic pension/family pension whenever there is change in basic rates in both halves of the Pension Payment Order (PPO) concerned.

In this connection, we reproduce below para 12.17 and 19.1 of the "Scheme for Payment of Pensions to Central Government Civil Pensioners by Public Sector Banks":

"Whenever there is change in the basic rates of pension and/or dearness relief on pension, the paying branch shall call back the pensioner's half of the PPO and record thereon the changes, indicating, inter-alia, the date(s) from which the changes are effective. After this is done, those halves will be returned to the pensioners " (Para 12.17).

Whenever any additional relief on pensions is sanctioned by Government, an intimation to this effect will be sent by the Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions (Department of Pension and Pensioners' Welfare) to the authorised representative (by name) of each nominated public sector bank at the address given by the latter. Thereafter, it shall be the responsibility of the banks to collect through their representatives operating at Delhi or otherwise, the required number of copies (to be intimated in advance) of the sanction orders, along with the ready-reckoner relating thereto, from the Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions (Department of Pension and Pensioners' Welfare) and send them immediately to their respective Head Offices for direct transmission to the paying branches within ten days for implementation. Each paying branch will promptly determine the revised rates of relief on pensions payable to the Central Government Civil Pensioners under its payment. The calculations of these rates applicable to individual pensioners would be made as in Annexure XXII (Page 41) **and they will be noted in disburser's portion of the PPOs along with the date from which relief would take effect, under attestation by the Branch Manager or In-Charge** before commencing payment of relief at the revised rates and/or payment of arrears, if any, due to the pensioners on this account....." (Para 19.1).

Banks are requested to draw the attention of their pension paying branches to the above provisions and advise them to strictly follow the instructions.

⑮ Disbursement of Central Government Pension through Public Sector Banks - Issue of Pension Slip.**(Ref.DGBA.GAD.H.10975/45.05.031/2006-07 dated January 9, 2007)**

It has been decided in consultation with the Central Pension Accounting Office, Ministry of Finance, Government of India to issue pension slips to the Central Government pensioners (Civil) at commencement of pension and thereafter, wherever there is a change in quantum of pension. All the agency banks were advised to issue suitable instructions to their pension paying branches.

30. Issue of Pension Slips / Updation of Pension Payment Order by Pension paying branches of Agency banks.**(Ref.DGBA.GAD.No.H-9326/44.01.001/2008-09 dated April 29, 2009)**

Although suitable instructions were issued to the agency banks, for issue of Pension Slips and for updation of PPO, we have been receiving complaints from Pensioners' Associations regarding non-issue of Pension Slips by pension paying branches. They have also complained that the pension paying branches do not update both halves of Pension Payment Order (PPO), whenever there is change in basic rates of pension advised by the concerned Government Departments. We have, therefore, advised all Regional Offices to ensure that the Inspecting Officers from PADs invariably look into the aspect of Pension Slips and updation of PPO and furnish specific comments thereon while conducting the inspection of agency banks.

34. Pension Payment to Central/ State Govt. Pensioners by Agency Banks-Compensation for delay**(Ref.DO.No.CSD.CO/8793/13.01.001/2009-10 dated April 09, 2010, DGBA.GAD.No.H-46/45.01.001/2010-11 dated July 2, 2010, DGBA.GAD.No.H- 6212 & 6213/ 45.01.001/ 2010-11 dated March 11, 2011 and DGBA.GAD.No.H- 6760 and 6762/45.01.001/2011-12 dated April 13, 2012)**

Reserve Bank of India is receiving several complaints from the pensioners alleging inordinate delay in disbursing the revised pension and arrears. Position was reviewed by RBI and the agency banks have been instructed as under:

- i. Pension paying banks should compensate the pensioner for the delay in crediting the pension/ arrears thereof by paying compensation at a fixed interest rate of 8 per cent for the delay after the due date and the compensation shall be credited to the pensioner's account automatically without any claim from the pensioner on the same day when the bank affords credit for revised pension/ pension arrears, in respect of all delayed pension payments made since October 1, 2008.
- ii. Pension paying banks have been requested to put in place a mechanism to obtain immediately the copies of pension orders from the pension paying authorities directly and make payments without waiting for receipt of instructions from RBI so that pensioners should get the benefits announced by the Governments in the succeeding month's pension payment itself.
- iii. System of attending to customer service including pension payments may be reviewed.
- iv. The branch continues to be a point of referral for the pensioner lest he/she feel disenfranchised.
- v. All branches having pension accounts should guide and assist the pensioners in all their dealings with the bank
- vi. Suitable arrangements are made to place the arithmetic and other details about the pension calculations on the web, to be made available to the pensioners through the net or at the branches at periodic interval as may be necessary and sufficient advertisement is made about such arrangements.
- vii. All claims for agency commission in respect of pension payments must be accompanied by a certificate from E.D. / CGM- in- Charge of Government business in case of SBI and its Associate Banks that there are no pension arrears to be credited/ delays in crediting regular

pension/arrears thereof.

**40. Payment of pension to the Central Government pensioners- Continuation of either or survivor pension account after death of a pensioner
(Ref.DGBA.GAD.No.H-7386/45.01.001/2012-13, dated June 3, 2013)**

All agency banks disbursing Central Government pension have been advised that in case the spouse (Family pensioner) opts for existing joint account for credit of family pension, banks should not insist on opening of a new account when the spouse is the survivor and having a joint account with the pensioner and in whose favour an authorization for payment of family pension exists in the Pension Payment Order (PPO).

**41. Submission of a digital life certificate based on Aadhaar Biometric Authentication
(Ref. DGBA.GAD.H.2529/45.01.001/ 2014-15 dated December 09, 2014 and RBI/2014-15/587 :
DGBA.GAD.No.H – 5013/45.01.001/2014-15 dated May 7, 2015)**

As per the present pension scheme, pensioners are required to furnish a life certificate to the pension disbursing bank every year in November.

In view of the difficulties faced by pensioners in submission of these certificates, and in order to alleviate these difficulties, the Government of India has since launched "Jeevan Pramaan", a digital life certificate based on Aadhaar Biometric Authentication on November 10, 2014. In order to facilitate Jeevan Pramaan, a web portal (jeevanpramaan.gov.in) was launched on November 10, 2014. All agency banks disbursing government pension may take necessary steps to implement and benefit from the scheme and issue necessary instructions to all their branches concerned and dealing staff. They are requested to work towards creating awareness about this facility amongst their pensioner customers through their branches, websites and other means. Banks may also suitably amend the FAQs on pension payments.

There have been complaints that life certificates submitted over the counter of pension paying branches are misplaced causing delay in payment of monthly pensions. In order to alleviate the hardships faced by pensioners, agency banks were instructed to mandatorily issue duly signed acknowledgements. They were also requested to consider entering the receipt of life certificates in their CBS and issue a system generated acknowledgement which would serve the twin purpose of acknowledgement as well as real time updation of records.

[Accessed on 10.07.2018 from https://www.rbi.org.in/Scripts/BS_ViewMasCirculardetails.aspx?id=9040]

**NJCA Resolution – 7th CPC Revision of Minimum Wage and Fitment Formula
National Joint Council of Action
4, State Entry Road New Delhi – 110055**

RESOLUTION

The National JCA, which met today (03.07.2018) at New Delhi as per the notice issued by the Convenor, after deliberations, came to the painful conclusion that the government had been unfortunately indulging in chicanery for the past two years by not honouring their commitment made to the NJCA leaders on 30.06.2016. The NJCA which was formed to pursue the demands and issues of the Central Government Employees especially those emanating from the recommendations made by the 7th CPC in the matter of Wage Revision, New Pension Scheme etc. had deferred the Indefinite Strike action, which was to commence from 11.07.2016, on the solemn announcement held out by the Group of Ministers, consisting of the Hon'ble Home Minister, Finance Minister and the then Railway

Ministers. The Govt. had categorically stated that they would set up a High Power Committee to look into the matters concerning the upward revision of Minimum Wage Fitment Formula etc. with a direction to submit its report within four months. The NJCA had made reasoned submissions as to the fallacy of the computation of Minimum Wage made by the 7th CPC.

The meeting further noted that the report of the committee, set-up by the Government under the Chairmanship of the Secretary, Pension, to look into the grievances of the employees and officers over the newly introduced Contributory Pension Scheme in place of the existing Defined Benefit Pension Scheme, has been kept pending by the Government without taking any action whatsoever, thereby denying the benefit of Defined Benefit Of Pension to the employees recruited on or after 1.1.2004.

The meeting also noted that, rejection of Option No.1, recommended by the 7th CPC, to the Pensioners on the specious ground that the said recommendation was not feasible to be implemented, was nothing but denial of legitimate parity between the past and present Pensioners.

The meeting noted with deep concern and anguish that the government has virtually closed down the doors of negotiation by not convening the meeting of the National council JCM for the past 8 years.

The meeting in the above circumstances and given the totally nugatory attitude of the government has decided to revive the Indefinite Strike action, which was deferred on 30.06.2016, immediately and call upon the Central Government employees to prepare themselves for an otherwise inevitable show down. The meeting noted that the government had been dillydallying the issue for the past two years. The meeting desired that the government must immediately address the following issues and bring about negotiated settlement thereof without any further delay.

- a) Upward Revision of Minimum Wage and Fitment Formula
- b) Scrapping the New Contributory Pension Scheme.
- c) Allow Option No. 1 as one of the Pension Fitment Formula.

The meeting has directed the Convener to bring to the notice of the Cabinet Secretary and through him the government the resentment and discontent of the employees and await their response up to 07.08.2018 and put into operation the decision to revive the decision of Indefinite Strike action immediately, thereafter, in case no negotiated settlement is brought about on the various demands included in the Charter of Demand

(Shiva Gopal Mishra)
Convener
Dated: 3rd July, 2018

National Joint Council of Action
4, State Entry Road, New Delhi-110055
No.NJCA/2018

Cabinet Secretary,
Government of India,
Rashtrapati Bhawan Annexe,
New Delhi-110001

Dear Sir,

The NJCA of the organizations, participating in the JCM, met today and adopted the enclosed resolution.

The NJCA was extremely unhappy to note that the government did not honour its commitment made to

the leaders of the organizations when they met the Hon'ble Home Minister and Finance Minister in the presence of the then Railway Ministers on 30.06.2016 on the basis of which Indefinite Strike which was to commence on 11.07.2016 was deferred.

The reply to a question asked by Shri Neeraj Shekhar in the Upper House of the Parliament (Rajya Sabha) given by Hon'ble Minister of State for Finance, Shri P.Radha Krishnan, on 06.03.2018 Minister, which is reproduced below, has further angered the Central Government employees.

“Question of Shri Neeraj Shekhar(1170)

(a) Whether Government is actively contemplating to increase minimum pay from Rs. 18,000/- to Rs.21,000/- and fitment factor from 2.57 to 3, in view of resentment among the Central Government employees over historically lowest increase in pay by 7th Central Pay Commission (CPC);

(b) If so, the details thereof and the date from which it would be implemented; and (c) If not, the reasons for the callous attitude of Government towards Government Employees?”

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR FINANCE (SHRI P RADHAKRISHNAN)

“(a), (b)&(c) – The minimum Pay of Rs. 18,000/- p.m. and fitment factor of 2.57 are based on the specified recommendations of the 7th Central Pay Commission in the light of the relevant factors taken into account by it. Therefore, no change therein is at present under consideration”.

The NJCA has decided to meet again on 18.08.2018 to consider the response, if any, from the government to this letter and to the enclosed resolution.

In case of the continuing negative attitude of the government, the NJCA will be left with no other alternative but to revive the decision of Indefinite Strike action, which was deferred on 06.07.2016 on the basis of the assurance given by the Group of Ministers on 30.06.2016.

Sincerely yours,

(Shiva Gopal Mishra)

Convener

[courtesy Sh. P S Bedi,]

Ministry of Finance

Major Steps taken for Reducing Tax Litigations

Posted On: 11 JUL 2018 5:52PM by PIB Delhi

In order to reduce the long pending grievances of taxpayers and to minimise litigations pertaining to tax matters and to facilitate the Ease of Doing Business, Government of India has decided to increase the threshold monetary limits for filing Departmental Appeals at various levels, be it Appellate Tribunals, High Courts and the Supreme Court in the following manner :-

Sl. No.	Appeal Fora	Present limit for filing appeal (In Rs.)	Enhanced limit (In Rs.)
1.	ITAT/CESTAT	10 lakhs	20 lakhs
2.	High Courts	20 lakhs	50 lakhs
3.	Supreme Court	25 lakhs	1 Crore

This is a major step in the direction of litigation management of both direct and indirect taxes as it will effectively reduce minor litigations and help the Department to focus on high value litigations.

In case of CBDT, out of total cases filed by the Department in ITAT, 34% of cases will be withdrawn. In case of High Courts, 48% of cases will be withdrawn and in case of Supreme Court 54% of cases will be withdrawn. The total percentage of reduction of litigation from Department's side will get reduced by 41%.

However, this will not apply in such cases where substantial point of law is involved.

Similarly, in case of CBIC, out of total cases filed by the Department in CESTAT, 16% of cases will be withdrawn. In case of High Courts, 22% of cases will be withdrawn and in case of Supreme Court 21% of cases will be withdrawn. The total percentage of reduction of litigation from Department's side will get reduced by 18%. However, this will not apply in such cases where substantial point of law is involved.

This step will also reduce future litigation flow from the Department side.

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Ministry of Finance

PFRDA Invites Expression of Interest (EOI) for Actuarial Valuation of Atal Pension Yojana

Posted On: 18 JUL 2018 10:02AM by PIB Delhi

Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (PFRDA) invites Expression of Interest (EOI) from reputed Actuary/Actuarial Firm for valuation to estimate the likely shortfall or otherwise on account of the minimum guaranteed pension and suitable provisioning for gap funding under Atal Pension Yojana (APY).

APY offers guaranteed pension benefits which entails suitable gap funding to fulfill the commitment of guaranteed pension benefits to the subscribers and spouse of the subscribers. The Expression of Interest document has been issued on 18.07.2018 and the same is available on PFRDA's website. Along with the other conditions, the actuarial firm should have carried out the actuarial valuation of at least 10 funds in the immediately preceding 5 financial years and out of which at least 2 of the funds should have had the minimum fund size of 5000 cr.

It may be recalled that, the Prime Minister had launched Atal Pension Yojana in May, 2015 for all Indian citizens in the age group from 18-40 years, specially targeting under-privileged sections of society in the unorganized sector. As on date 1.08 cr subscribers have been registered under Atal Pension Yojana (APY) and more than Rs 4,500 Cr contribution have been collected from the subscribers under the Scheme.

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**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF FINANCE
DEPARTMENT OF EXPENDITURE
CENTRAL PENSION ACCOUNTING OFFICE
TRIKOOT-II, BHIKAJI CAMA PLACE,
NEW DELHI-110066**

CPAO/IT&Tech/Clarification/P&PW/13 (Vol-III)/2018-19/68

13.07.2018

Office Memorandum

Subject :-Procedure for extending the benefits of Old GPF/Pension Scheme to those casual workers covered under the Scheme of 1993 and regularized on or after 01.01.2004.

It has been observed that the pension cases of casual labour who were regularized on or after 01.01.2004 and eligible for old GPF/Pension Scheme vide DOPT OM No.49014/2/2014-Estt(C) dated 28.07.2016 have not been processed by the concerned Ministries/Departments. In order to avoid the hardship to the pensioners all the Ministries/Departments/PAOs have been requested to finalise the pension cases of the pensioners after following the procedure below:

- 1) Department may issue the order that the old GPF Scheme/ Pension Scheme is applicable to the

concerned official.

- 2) CPAO may be requested through concerned Pay & Accounts Office to stop Provisional Pension after cancellation of PPO, if issued.
- 3) NSDL may be requested by the concerned PAO to deposit the NPS subscription, Govt. Contribution plus interest thereon into the Govt. Account through ERM of NSDL.
- 4) On receipt of the amount it may be classified by the concerned PAO as below:

SI No.	COMPONENT	HEAD OF ACCOUNT
i)	Adjustment of employee's contribution in Accounts	Amount may be credited to the individual's GPF Account and the account may be recast permitting upto- date interest as applicable from time to time (FR-16 & Rule 11 of GPF Rule)
ii)	Adjustment of Government contribution under NPS in Accounts	To be accounted for as [-] Dr.to object Head "70 Deduct Recoveries under major Head 2071 Pension and Other Retirement Benefits" and Minor Head "911 - Deduct Recoveries of Overpayment" (Para 3.10 of List of Major Minor Heads)
iii)	Adjustment of increased value of subscription account of appreciation of investment	May be accounted for by crediting the amount to Govt. Account under Major Head "0071 Contribution and Recoveries towards pension and Other Retirement Benefits" and Minor Head "800 - Other Receipts". (Note under the above Major Head in List of Major Minor Heads)

- 5) GPF and Pension case of the concerned official may be processed as per the GPF Rules and CCS (Pension) Rules, 1972 after adjusting the Provisional Pension paid to the pensioner, if paid.

This issues with the approval of the Chief Controller (Pensions).

(Praful Dabral)
Sr. Accounts Officer (IT & Tech)

[Accessed on 18.07.2018 from <http://www.7thpcorders.in/cpao-orders/cpao-procedure-for-extending-the-benefits-of-old-gpf-pension-scheme-to-those-casual-workers/>]

**Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances & Pensions
Furnishing of Property Details**

Posted On: 18 JUL 2018 3:33PM by PIB Delhi

In terms of Rule 16(2) of the All India Services (Conduct) Rules, 1968, every member of the Service shall submit an annual return to the Cadre Controlling Authority by 31st January of the year following the calendar year for which the return is being filed.

In terms of DoPT's O.M. dated 07.09.2011, vigilance clearance shall be denied to an officer, if he fails to submit his annual Immovable Property Return (IPR) of the previous year latest by 31st January of the following year. It may be added that vigilance clearance is required for inclusion in the offer list, empanelment, any deputation for which Central Government clearance is necessary, appointments to sensitive posts, assignments to training programmes, premature repatriation to the cadre etc. in terms of the guidelines contained in DoP&T O.M. No. 104/33/2005-AVD.I dated 29.10.2007.

For the period from 01.1.2017 till 31.3.2018, vigilance clearance has been denied to 80 officers on the ground of filing IPRs after prescribed time or failing to file IPR.

From the year 2014 onwards, sanction for prosecution under the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 has been accorded in respect of three (3) IAS officers on account of having disproportionate assets.

This information was provided by the Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) Development of North-Eastern Region (DoNER), MoS PMO, Personnel, Public Grievances & Pensions, Atomic Energy and Space, Dr Jitendra Singh in written reply to a question in Lok Sabha today.

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Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances & Pensions

Reversion to old pension scheme

Posted On: 19 JUL 2018 4:25PM by PIB Delhi

In accordance with the scheme for National Pension System (NPS), as notified vide Ministry of Finance (Department of Economic Affairs)'s Notification No. 5/7/2003-ECB & PR dated 22.12.2003, the System is mandatory for all new recruits to the Central Government service (except armed forces) from 01.01.2004. Accordingly, as per Rule 2 of the Central Civil Services (Pension) Rules, 1972, as amended on 30.12.2003, these rules are applicable to Government servants appointed to civil posts on or before 31.12.2003. The date on which the vacancies arose or the date on which the examination was conducted for filling up the vacancies is not relevant for deciding the applicability of the Central Civil Services (Pension) rules, 1972.

Ministry of Home Affairs have not sought any advice from Department of Pension and Pensioners' Welfare on the question of having a policy to cover the paramilitary personnel appointed after 01.01.2004 under the Old Pension Scheme on the ground that the vacancies arose, or the examination was conducted, in the year 2003. However, a reference was received from Ministry of Home Affairs in a specific case relating to appointments as Sub-Inspector in various Central Para Military Forces after selection in August, 2003 on the basis of an Examination conducted in 2002. Appointments on the basis of these selections were made in Central Reserve Police Force in 2003 and the candidates appointed were covered by the pension scheme under Central Civil Service (Pension) Rules, 1972. However, in the Border Security Force, offers of appointment on the basis of the same examination/selection were issued in January, 2004. On a petition filed by some personnel appointed in the Border Security Force on the basis of that examination, Hon'ble High Court of Delhi directed to cover the petitioners under the Central Civil Service (Pension) Rules, 1972 on the grounds of administrative delay on the part of Border Security Force in making appointments. The order of Hon'ble High Court of Delhi was implemented by the Ministry of Home Affairs/Border Security Force in view of the peculiar circumstances of that case. The decision taken in that case is, however, not relevant for deciding applicability of Central Civil Service (Pension) Rules to all appointments made on or after 01.01.2004 in the Central Para Military Forces or in any other Department/organization on the basis of year of examination/selection.

This information was provided by the Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) Development of North-Eastern Region (DoNER), MoS PMO, Personnel, Public Grievances & Pensions, Atomic Energy and Space, Dr. Jitendra Singh in written reply to a question in Rajya Sabha today.

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Ministry of Railways

New ticket confirmation process in Railways

Posted On: 20 JUL 2018 4:46PM by PIB Delhi

A tool has been developed to predict the probability of waitlisted ticket getting confirmed at the time of booking as well as during Passenger Name Record (PNR) enquiry of waitlisted ticket. The tool has

been developed using the algorithm of Machine learning. The machine learning model has been developed using the waitlisted PNR data of past 2 years. This model creates the pattern for the various waitlist scenarios and predicts the probability for the future date journey. Currently this feature is integrated with Indian Railway Catering & Tourism Corporation (IRCTC) website only. In IRCTC website this feature is operational w.e.f. 13 June, 2018 as under:-

- i. When the user is doing the booking transaction, and if the status of accommodation availability of the inputted journey is waitlisted, then the user can check the probability of confirmation.
- ii. At the time of PNR enquiry of waitlisted ticket, the user can check the probability of confirmation.

As far as trends of confirmation chances and cancellation chances probability is concerned, it is informed that it varies depending upon peak and lean periods, type of trains like short distance trains, long journey trains, trains with limited stoppage, etc.

In the computerised Passenger Reservation System (PRS), confirmed berths/seats are allotted on first come first served basis till the availability and thereafter Reservation Against Cancellation (RAC)/Waiting List tickets are issued. The status of RAC/Waiting List tickets get automatically updated against the cancellation of confirmed berths/seats and also against release of unutilised reservation quotas.

To facilitate those passengers who have to undertake journey at short notice and to save such passengers from the clutches of unscrupulous elements/touts, Tatkal scheme of reservation is available where the accommodation becomes available for booking on the previous day of journey from train originating station. Further, with a view to providing confirmed accommodation to waiting list passengers and to ensure optimal utilisation of available accommodation, a scheme known as Alternate Train Accommodation (ATAS) known as "VIKALP" was introduced as a pilot project in November, 2015. This scheme has been expanded to cover all type of train on all sectors from 01.04.2017. For this facility, waiting list passenger has to give an option at the time of booking of ticket & passengers with waiting list status at the time of preparation of first reservation charts are shifted to other trains, subject to availability of vacant accommodation.

In the computerized PRS there is already a provision to permit cancer patients and their attendants travelling on concessional tickets issued in exchange of concession certificate, to directly access Emergency Quota at the time of booking itself. Maximum number of berths/seats out of the Emergency Quota in a train, which can be accessed by Cancer patients and their attendants in Sleeper, is 4 and 2 each in AC Chair Car, AC 3 tier, AC 2 tier and First Classes. In addition, separate Cancer Patient Quota has also been defined in some identified trains. Moreover, instructions are also there that in case requests are received for confirmation of berths out of emergency quota from patients who have to undertake journey for checkup like cancer treatment and dangerous ailments which cannot be postponed due to compelling circumstances, the same should be considered by quota controlling authority as per extant norms so as to accommodate to the extent feasible after satisfying themselves of the genuineness of travel.

This information was given by the Minister of State of Railways Shri Rajen Gohain in a written reply to a question in Rajya Sabha today.

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**F.No.01/04/2016-NS
Government of India
Ministry of Finance
Department of Economic Affairs
(Budget Division)**

North Block, New Delhi
Dated: 02.07.2018

Office Memorandum

Subject: Revision of interest rates for Small Savings Schemes.

On the basis of the decision of the Government, interest rates for small savings schemes are notified on quarterly basis since 1st April, 2016. Accordingly, the rates of interest on various small savings schemes for the second quarter of financial year 2018-19 starting 1st July, 2018 and ending on 30th September, 2018 shall remain unchanged from those notified for the first quarter of financial year 2018-19.

2. This has the approval of Finance Minister.

Sd/-
(Sakshi Kumar)
Deputy Director
Tele: 01123095764

[Accessed on 21.07.2018 from <https://dea.gov.in/sites/default/files/Revision%20of%20Interest%20Rates%20for%202nd%20Quarter%20of%20FY%202018-19.pdf>]

**Ministry of Health and Family Welfare
Early Detection of Cancer and Other Ailments
Posted On: 24 JUL 2018 5:02PM by PIB Delhi**

A population level initiative of prevention, control and screening for common Non-Communicable Diseases (NCDs) (diabetes, hypertension and cancer viz. oral, breast and cervical cancer) has been rolled out in 2017-18 under National Health Mission (NHM), as a part of comprehensive primary healthcare. Under the initiative, frontline health workers such as Accredited Social Health Activists and Auxiliary Nurse Midwives are leveraged to carry out screening and generate awareness about the risk factors of NCDs among the masses. This initiative will not only help in early diagnosis but will also generate awareness on risk factors of the diseases. The initiative has been rolled out in over 150 Districts across the country and as informed by the State Governments, about 72 lakh people have been screened for common NCDs under Population Level Screening.

Government of India is also implementing National Programme for Prevention and Control of Cancer, Diabetes, Cardiovascular Diseases and Stroke (NPCDCS) under the National Health Mission for awareness generation for Cancer prevention, opportunistic screening, early detection and referral to an appropriate level institution for treatment. Interventions for COPD, a Chronic Respiratory disease, are included under NPCDCS.

The Minister of State (Health and Family Welfare), Smt Anupriya Patel stated this in a written reply in the Rajya Sabha here today.

[Accessed on 25.07.2018 from <http://pib.nic.in/PressReleaseDetail.aspx?PRID=1539873>]

**Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment
No proposal of star ratings to old age homes
Posted On: 24 JUL 2018 5:28PM by PIB Delhi**

The Government has recently revised the on-going Scheme of Integrated Programme for Older

Persons (IPOP) and renamed it as "Integrated Programme for Senior Citizens (IPsRC)", laying down standards with respect to food, medical facilities, recreation, security, clothing, rooms, bathrooms/toilets, hygiene and sanitation, and physical aids. At present, there is no proposal for rating of any Old Age Homes/Senior Citizens Care Homes on the lines of star ratings to hotel chains.

The Maintenance and Welfare of Parents and Senior Citizens Act, 2007 is being considered for amendments which inter-alia propose that all institutions, whether run by a Government/Non-Governmental/ Voluntary/Private Organisations or Society/ Trust and providing residential/Multi-Service Day-Care facilities for senior citizens for their care and welfare, shall be registered as a service provider and that the Central Government shall prescribe Minimum standards required for the establishment of Senior Citizens Care Homes and functioning and maintaining of Multi-Service Day Care Centres.

This information was given by Minister of State for Social Justice and Empowerment Shri Vijay Sampla in a written reply in Lok Sabha today.

[Accessed on 25.07.2018 from <http://pib.nic.in/PressReleaseDetail.aspx?PRID=1539905>]

Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances & Pensions
Implementation of Reservation in Promotion for Employees
Posted On: 26 JUL 2018 1:55PM by PIB Delhi

The Supreme Court in Special Leave Petition (Civil) No.30621/2011 has passed the following order on 17.5.2018:-

"It is directed that the pendency of this Special Leave Petition shall not stand in the way of Union of India taking steps for the purpose of promotion from 'reserved to reserved' and 'unreserved to unreserved' and also in the matter of promotion on merits.."

Further, in the matter related to Special Leave Petition (Civil) No.31288/2017 connected to Special Leave to Appeal (Civil) No.28306/2017, the Supreme Court held as under on 05.06.2018:-

"Heard learned counsel for the parties, Learned ASG has referred to order dated 17.05.2018 in SLP(C) No.30621/2011. It is made clear that the Union of India is not debarred from making promotions in accordance with law, subject to further orders, pending further consideration of the matter. Tag to SLP (C) No.30621 of 2011."

Based on interim Orders/directions of the Supreme Court dated 17.05.2018 and 05.6.2018, Department of Personnel and Training vide Office Memorandum No. 36012/11/2016- Estt.(Res-I) {Pt-II} dated 15.06.2018 requested all the Ministries/Departments of the Government of India to carry out promotions in accordance with above directions of the Supreme Court on existing seniority / select lists subject to further orders which may be passed by the Supreme Court. The State Governments were advised to take necessary action in accordance with the above-mentioned orders passed by the Supreme Court.

This information was provided by the Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) Development of North-Eastern Region (DoNER), MoS PMO, Personnel, Public Grievances & Pensions, Atomic Energy and Space, Dr Jitendra Singh in written reply to a question in Rajya Sabha today.

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Ministry of Health and Family Welfare
High cost on medical expenditure
Posted On: 31 JUL 2018 4:36PM by PIB Delhi

As per a recently published research paper based on cross-sectional analysis of National Sample Survey Office (NSSO) data, 55 million Indians were pushed into poverty in a single year because of having to fund their own healthcare, and out of this, 38 million fell below the poverty line due to spending on medicines alone.

It is true that the total expenditure on out-patient care is significantly higher than the in-patient care. Further, as per the 71st Round (January-June 2014) of the National Sample Survey Office (NSSO) on Health in India, purchase of medicine accounted for around 72% in rural sector, and 68% in urban sector, of the total expenditure on non-hospitalized treatment of ailments.

The Minister of State (Health and Family Welfare), Smt Anupriya patel stated this in a written reply in the Rajya Sabha here today.

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Ministry of Health and Family Welfare
Lifestyle diseases in India
Posted On: 31 JUL 2018 4:34PM by PIB Delhi

Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) and other Institutes conduct studies on lifestyle disease. According to ICMR India State-Level Disease Burden Study report "India: Health of the Nation's States", the estimated proportion of all deaths due to Non-Communicable Diseases (NCDs) has increased from 37.09% in 1990 to 61.8% in 2016.

As per the National Family Health Survey (NFHS); 2015-16, 11% of women (1 in 10) and 15% of men (1 in 7) of age 15-49 are hypertensive. The survey has also found that about 60.4% of persons screened have ever had their blood pressure measured.

As per ICMR's cancer registry data, the estimated incidences of cancer patients in India are 13,28,229, 13,88,397, 14,51,417 and 15,17,426 during the years 2014, 2015, 2016 and 2017, respectively. While estimated deaths due to cancer during these years are 670541, 701007, 732921 and 766348, respectively.

The Government has formulated the National Health Policy, 2017, which aims attainment of the highest possible level of good health and well-being for all at all ages, through a preventive and promotive health care orientation in all the developmental policies, and universal access to good quality health care services without anyone having to face financial hardship as a consequence. The policy seeks to move away from Sick- care to Wellness, with thrust on prevention and Health promotion. The policy, inter alia, seeks to reduce premature mortality from cardiovascular diseases, cancer, diabetes or chronic respiratory diseases.

Government of India is also implementing National Programme for Prevention and Control of Cancer, Diabetes, Cardiovascular Diseases and Stroke (NPCDCS) under the National Health Mission. The objective of the programme includes awareness generation for Cancer prevention, screening, early detection and referral to an appropriate level institution for treatment. For Cancer, the focus is on three Cancer namely breast, cervical and oral.

Further, for early diagnosis, population level initiative of prevention, control and screening of common NCDs (diabetes, hypertension and cancers viz. oral, breast and cervical cancer) has been rolled out in over 150 districts of the country in 2017-18 under NHM, as a part of comprehensive primary healthcare. This initiative will not only help in early diagnosis but also will generate awareness on risk factors of common NCDs.

Under Pradhan Mantri Swasthya Suraksha Yojana (PMSSY), 6 new AIIMS have been set up and

upgradation of identified medical colleges has been undertaken which will also improve tertiary care facilities for NCDs including Diabetes.

In collaboration with the Ministry of AYUSH, an initiative to use the knowledge available in AYUSH system of medicines for prevention and control of Non-communicable Diseases is being implemented in 6 districts on pilot basis.

The Minister of State (Health and Family Welfare), Smt Anupriya Patel stated this in a written reply in the Rajya Sabha here today.

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MINISTRY OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE

C.G.H.S.WELLNESS CENTRE NO-1, SECTOR 45, CHANDIGARH

No: CMO/CGHSWC-I/Advisory Committee/Minutes /

25 May, 2018

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF ADVISORY COMMITTEE HELD ON 25-05-2018 IN CGHS

WELLNESS CENTRE

NO-1, SECTOR 45, CHANDIGARH

The meeting of the CGHS Advisory Committee was held at 10.00 a.m. on 25 May, 2018 and was presided over by Dr Ashwani Kumar Senioray, Senior CMO (SAG), I/C CGHS Wellness Centre, Sector 45, Chandigarh, and attended by the following members:

- (1) Sh. P S Bedi-DIG (Retd)- PMF Retired Officers Association, Chandigarh. (Mob: 94648-35350)
- (2) Sh Didar Singh, IA & AD Pensioners Welfare Association, Chandigarh. (Mob: 98159-91318)
- (3) Sh D R Sharma, Central Excise Pensioners Association, Chandigarh. (Mob: 98147-35251)
- (4) Sh D D Sharma, Survey of India, Rep of serving employees, Chandigarh. (Mob: 94171-84124)
- (5) Sh Vinit Goel, Rep, Jai Ambika Medicos, ALC, SCO 361 Sector 32 D, Chandigarh. (Mob: 99886-37709)

Welcome Address:

Dr. Ashwani Kumar Senioray, Senior CMO (SAG) In-charge CGHS Wellness Centre No 1, welcomed the members of the Advisory Committee. He reviewed the progress of the points discussed in the last meeting held in April, 2018, and appreciated the follow-up action taken by the members of the Advisory Committee, in taking up the case for the early allotment of the earmarked plot of land to CGHS in Sector 41, Chandigarh.

The CMO also intimated that ADDG, CGHS Dte, New Delhi has also noted our concern on the issue, and is also expediting the case with MHA and others in New Delhi. It is hoped that the action on the issue will get the required attention of the authorities in the MHA, New Delhi, for early allotment of the earmarked plot to CGHS.

Considerable progress has been noticed in beneficiaries converting their Paper CGHS I-cards to Plastic Cards. It still needs more publicity for the remaining CGHS beneficiaries to do the needful.

Amenities for the beneficiaries

The work on the repair and proper upkeep of the toilet block is still pending. Shri Didar Singh intimated that the required sanction for the repairs and renovation of the toilet block has been issued by Public Health Dept and the work is to be executed by the City Hospital. It was decided that members of the Advisory Committee would meet the Medical Superintendent of the City Hospital on this issue. On the conclusion of the Advisory committee meeting, the members met Dr (Mrs) Krishna Choudhary, SMO In charge of civil hospital, who apprised the members that as no official requisition for this work had been, received from CMO I/C CGHS WC and hence the work was held up. The repair of the Toilet block would be undertaken after receipt of formal requisition for this work.

Dr Choudhary, also raised the point about the shifting of the CGHS WC, from its present premises, as the accommodation with CGHS was required by the civil Hospital to set-up its OPD, which was at present clubbed with the Emergency Ward, where the OPD patients mix up with the emergency patients with some serious diseases. She intimated that the alternative sites in Sector 27 /28 offered to CGHS earlier were found inadequate/ unsuitable, for the requirement of the CGHS, as assessed by a team of medical officers of the Chandigarh Administration. She also intimated that a very good and suitable premise with adequate accommodation was available in Sector 22, where the CGHS WC could be shifted.

Large quantity of extra stuff lying in the waiting hall of WC has been shifted to the Sector 9 premises, creating more room for easy movements of the beneficiaries. This has considerably reduced the congestion and overcrowding conditions in the waiting hall of the WC. Additional sitting space has also been created by placing eight new benches for the patients.

Shri P S Bedi suggested that we may encourage the CGHS beneficiaries to avail the facility of 'online' appointment, which will reduce the rush at the CGHS registration Desk.

Formal approvals for the empanelment of J P Eye hospital and Dr Lal's Pathlabs have been issued, and the beneficiaries can make full use of these HCOs. It may be noted that Dr Lal Pathlabs has number of collection centres in Chandigarh, with facilities for Home collection also, at nominal cost.

MRC status/Pendency of claims:

The scrutiny and sanction / approval of MRC has been completed up to January 2018, but there has been some delay in disbursement of MRC to the claimants, as the office of CDDO has shifted to New Delhi.

Performance of Local Chemist:

There has been no problem with the supply of local purchased medicines from the local chemist. The supply of indented medicine is being received in time.

Availability of Drugs in the WC:

As per records, there are 32 Generic items and 220 Proprietary items available in the WC. No problem is being faced by CGHS beneficiaries in supply of medicines. The medicines and drugs are now being procured through HLL.

Staff Punctuality & Behaviour:

The conduct and behaviour of the staff of the Wellness Centre has been good. They are courteous and helpful to the senior/aged CGHS beneficiaries.

Cleanliness & Maintenance of Wellness Centre:

Under the prevailing circumstances, the upkeep of the premises is appreciable.

Suggestion /Grievance Redressal:

(1) Shri Narinder Singh, from Ludhiana, wanted that the CGHS beneficiaries coming from distant places/ other cities of Punjab to be given the benefit extended to beneficiaries above 80 years of age. After a discussion, it was felt that this was not feasible as it is a policy matter. The CGHS beneficiaries from non-CGHS stations can also opt for FMA, in lieu of OPD. These beneficiaries may also avail the facility of 'ONLINE APPOINTMENT' after roughly calculating the travel time from their city to the WC.

(2) One of the CGHS beneficiaries took up case with the CMO, advocating the merger of P&T dispensary at Ambala with the CGHS, for the benefit of the patients covered under CGHS. As there is a move to merge P&T dispensaries with CGHS, his request seems very genuine and feasible, and may be considered by CGHS HQs, New Delhi.

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks

(Dr.Ashwani Kumar Seniaray)
Senior CMO (SAG) I/C
CGHS WELLNESS CENTRE NO-1,
Sector 45, Chandigarh

Copy to

1. Addl. Director CGHS, Sector 9, Chandigarh
2. All the committee members.

Government of India
MINISTRY OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE
C.G.H.S.WELLNESS CENTRE NO-1, SECTOR 45, CHANDIGARH
: CMO/CGHSWC-I /Advisory Committee/Minutes / 29 June, 2018
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF ADVISORY COMMITTEE HELD ON 29-06-2018 IN CGHS
WELLNESS CENTRE
NO-1, SECTOR 45, CHANDIGARH

The meeting of the CGHS Advisory Committee was held at 10.00 a.m. on 29 June,2018 and was presided over by Dr Ashwani Kumar Seniaray, Senior CMO (SAG), I/C CGHS Wellness Centre, Sector 45, Chandigarh, and attended by the following members:

- (1) Sh. P S Bedi-DIG (Retd)- PMF Retired Officers Association, Chandigarh. (Mob: 94648-35350)
- (2) Sh Didar Singh, IA &AD Pensioners Welfare Association, Chandigarh. (Mob: 98159-91318)
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- (4) Sh Vinit Goel, Rep, Jai Ambika Medicos, ALC, SCO 361 Sector 32 D, Chandigarh. (Mob: 99886-37709)

Welcome Address:

Dr. Ashwani Kumar Seniaray, Senior CMO (SAG) In-charge CGHS Wellness Centre No 1, welcomed the members of the Advisory Committee. He apprised the members that the case for formal allotment of earmarked plot of land for CGHS set-up in Chandigarh is being actively followed by the CGHS authorities in Delhi also. It was suggested that, we must highlight that this delay is adversely affecting the healthcare of the CGHS patients, who have to face congested atmosphere at the present location of the CGHS WC, which needs to be realised by the MHA, which is unnecessarily delaying the formal approval to the Chandigarh administration, for early allotment of the plot to CGHS authorities. Shri Didar Singh intimated that our rejoinder to the PM office in Delhi was again misinterpreted by that office, which has now referred the case to the Ministry of H&FW. CMO intimated that the CGHS authorities are now actively following up the case.

Good progress has been noticed in the cases of converting Paper CGHS cards to Plastic cards by the CGHS beneficiaries.

Amenities for the beneficiaries

The work on the repair and proper upkeep of the toilet block is still pending. Shri Didar Singh was requested to follow up the matter.

Regarding the discussion with Medical Superintendent / in charge civil hospital at the conclusion of the CGHS meeting in May, 2018, the CMO intimated that no proposal for offering alternative premises to the CGHS has been received from the Chandigarh Administration.

MRC status/Pendency of claims:

The payment of MRC up to January, 2018 has been made. The delay in payment of MRC is attributed to the shifting of CDDO to New Delhi, which requires cases being forwarded to that office regularly.

Performance of Local Chemist:

There has been no problem with the supply of local purchased medicines from the local chemist. The supply of indented medicine is being received in time.

However, the reimbursements bills of the ALC are also pending for last FIVE months. The members felt that, this delay may cause problem to the CGHS beneficiaries/patients, as had happened a few years ago, and need immediate attention of higher CGHS authorities for early approval / release of payments to the ALC.

Availability of Drugs in the WC:

As per records, there are 42 Generic items and 237 Proprietary items available in the WC. No problem is being faced by CGHS beneficiaries in supply of medicines. The waiting time for issue of medicines to the OPD patients has also been reduced by posting of additional Pharmacist to the WC in Chandigarh, which has large footfall of patients in the OPD.

Staff Punctuality & Behaviour:

The conduct and behaviour of the staff of the Wellness Centre has been good. They are courteous and helpful to the senior/aged CGHS beneficiaries.

Cleanliness & Maintenance of Wellness Centre:

Under the prevailing circumstances, the upkeep of the premises is appreciable.

Suggestion /Grievance Redressal:

No letter was found in the Grievances Box.

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks

(Dr.Ashwani Kumar Seniaray)
Senior CMO (SAG) I/C
CGHS WELLNESS CENTRE NO-1,
Sector 45, Chandigarh

Copy to

1. Addl. Director CGHS, Sector 9, Chandigarh
2. All the committee members.

Ministry of Railways
Limit of Free Luggage in Trains
Posted On: 01 AUG 2018 5:39PM by PIB Delhi

Passengers travelling over all Indian Railways are permitted to carry luggage free of charge with them in the compartment up to 70 Kgs. in First AC, 50 Kgs. in First Class/AC-2 tier, 40 Kgs. in AC 3-tier/AC Chair Car/Sleeper Class and 35 Kgs. in Second Class.

Passengers are allowed to book and carry excess luggage beyond free allowance, with them in the

compartment up to the maximum prescribed class-wise limit on payment of charges at 1.5 times of luggage rate. The class-wise maximum limit is as under

Class	Maximum Limit
1st AC	150 kgs
First class/AC-2 tier	100 kgs
AC 3 tier/ AC Chair Car	40 kgs
Sleeper Class	80 kgs
Second Class	70 kgs

When a passenger is detected either enroute or at the destination with unbooked or partially booked luggage weighing more than the free allowance/maximum prescribed class-wise limits, penalty as per rule is levied.

This information was given by the Minister of State of Railways, Shri Rajen Gohain in a written reply to a question in Lok Sabha today.

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One Rank One Pension Scheme for premature retirement [Rajya Sabha Q&A]

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA

MINISTRY OF DEFENCE

RAJYA SABHA

QUESTION NO 1285

ANSWERED ON 30.07.2018

Pension criterion for army Jawans

1285 Dr. Banda Prakash

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:-

- whether a new proposal has been mooted by the personnel section of the Army which requires Jawans to put in more number of years into service and also a change in pension rules;
- Whether One Rank One Pension (OROP) scheme led to a spike in the number of troops seeking premature retirement; and
- Whether the minimum qualifying service for pension has been raised from fifteen years to twenty years of service?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE

DR. SUBHASH BHAMRE

- No, Sir.
- As per Para 4 of Ministry of Defence order dated 07.11.2015 on One Rank One Pension (OROP), Armed Forces personnel who proceed on Pre Mature Retirement after issue of the order are not entitled to the benefits of OROP Scheme.
- No, Sir.

[Accessed on 02.08.2018 from <https://www.govtempdiary.com/2018/07/rajya-sabha-qa-defence-pension-criterion-for-army-jawans/43078>

No alternative for Pay Commission [Loksabha Q&A]

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA

MINISTRY OF FINANCE

LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO: 1652

ANSWERED ON: 27.07.2018

JULY-AUG. 2018

Pay Commission Reports

RAJENDRAAGRAWAL

Will the Minister of

FINANCE be pleased to state:-

- (a) whether the reports of successive Pay Commissions have been increasing the burden on Government finances/exchequer in partially accepting their recommendations for increase in wages and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the last Pay Commission has suggested productivity linked pay hike to the deserving employees to eliminate below average or mediocre performance and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether such periodic hikes in wages resulting from Pay Commission recommendations trigger similar demands from the State Government/public utility employees, imposing burden on already strained State finances and if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) whether the Government is considering an alternative for increasing the salaries and allowances of Central Government employees and pensioners in future instead of forming Pay Commission and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE

(SHRI P. RADHAKRISHNAN)

- (a) The financial impact of the recommendations of the Central Pay Commission, as accepted by the Government, is normally pronounced in the initial year and gradually it tapers off as the growth in the economy picks up and fiscal space is widened. While implementing the recommendations of the last Central Pay Commission, i.e., the Seventh Central Pay Commission, the Government staggered its implementation in two financial years. While the recommendations on pay and pension were implemented with effect from 01.01.2016, the recommendations in respect of allowances after an examination by a Committee have been implemented with effect from 01.07.2017. This has moderated the financial impact of the recommendations. Moreover, unlike the previous 6th Pay Commission, which entailed substantial impact on account of arrears, the impact in the year 2016-17 on account of element of arrears of revised pay and pension on the present occasion of the 7th Central Pay Commission pertained to only 2 months of the previous financial year of 2015-16.
- (b) The Seventh Central Pay Commission in Para 5.1.46 of its Report proposed withholding of annual increment in the case of those employees who are not able to meet the benchmark either for Modified Assured Career Progression (MACP) or regular promotion within the first 20 years of their service.
- (c) The service conditions of employees of State Governments fall within the exclusive domain of the respective State Governments who are federally independent of the Central Government. Therefore, the concerned State Governments have to independently take a view in the matter.
- (d) **No such proposal is under consideration of the Government.**

[Accessed on 04.08.2018 <https://www.igecorner.com/no-alternative-for-pay-commission-loksabha-qa/>]

Date of next increment – Promoted or Granted financial upgradation including upgradation under the MACP scheme

F.No.4-21/2017-IC/E.III(A)

Government of India, Ministry of Finance

Department of Expenditure, North Block, New Delhi

Dated 31st July,2018

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject: Date of next increment- Rule 10 of CCS (RP) Rules, 2016

The undersigned is directed to invite attention to Rule 10 of CCS (RP) Rules 2016 which provides, inter alia, that there shall be two dates for increment namely 1st January and 1st July of every year, instead of the provision of one date of increment on the 1st July during the 6th Pay Commission pay structure. The Rule further provides that an employee shall be entitled to only one annual increment either on 1st January or 1st July depending on the date of appointment, promotion or grant of financial upgradation. The Sub-Rule (2) thereof provides that increment in respect of an employee appointed or promoted or granted financial upgradation including upgradation under MACP during the period between the 2nd day of January and 1st day of July (both inclusive) shall be granted on 1st day of January and the increment in respect of an employee appointed or promoted or granted financial upgradation including upgradation under MACP during the period between 2nd day of July and 1st day of January (both inclusive) shall be granted on 1st day of July.

2. The proviso to Sub-Rule 2 of Rule 10 of CCS (PR) Rules, 2016 provides that the next increment after drawal of increment on 1st day of July 2016 shall accrue as on 1st day of July 2017.

3. A number of references has been received in the Ministry of Finance seeking clarification whether, in case of an employee promoted on 1st July 2016, whose pay was fixed on 01/07/2016 in terms of the rules governing fixation of pay on promotion, the next increment may be allowed on 1st January 2017 or on 1st July 2017.

4. The matter has been considered. During the regime of pay structure obtaining immediately prior to 01/01/2016, when the annual increment was admissible uniformly on 1st July every year, the increment was admissible on 1st July, provided the condition of 6 months' service was fulfilled. Thereafter, the next increment used to be given after a period of 12 months.

5. Accordingly, keeping in view the principle followed during the period before 1.1.2016 immediately prior to coming into force of the CCS(RP) Rules,2016 which has been modified in the revised pay structure in terms of Rule 10 thereof by way of 2 dates of increment on 1st January and 1st July, it is clarified that in case an employee is promoted or granted financial upgradation including upgradation under the MACP scheme on 1st January or 1st July, where the pay is fixed in the Level applicable to the post on which promotion is made in accordance with the Rule 13 of the CCS(RP) Rules,2016, the first increment in the Level applicable to the post on which promotion is made shall accrue on the following 1st July or 1st January, as the case may be, provided a period of 6 months qualifying service is strictly fulfilled. The next increment thereafter shall, however, accrue only after completion of one year.

6. This order is issued in consultation with the office of C&AG in its application to employees working in Indian Audit and Accounts Department.

7. Hindi version of this order is also attached.

S/d,
(Ram Gopal)

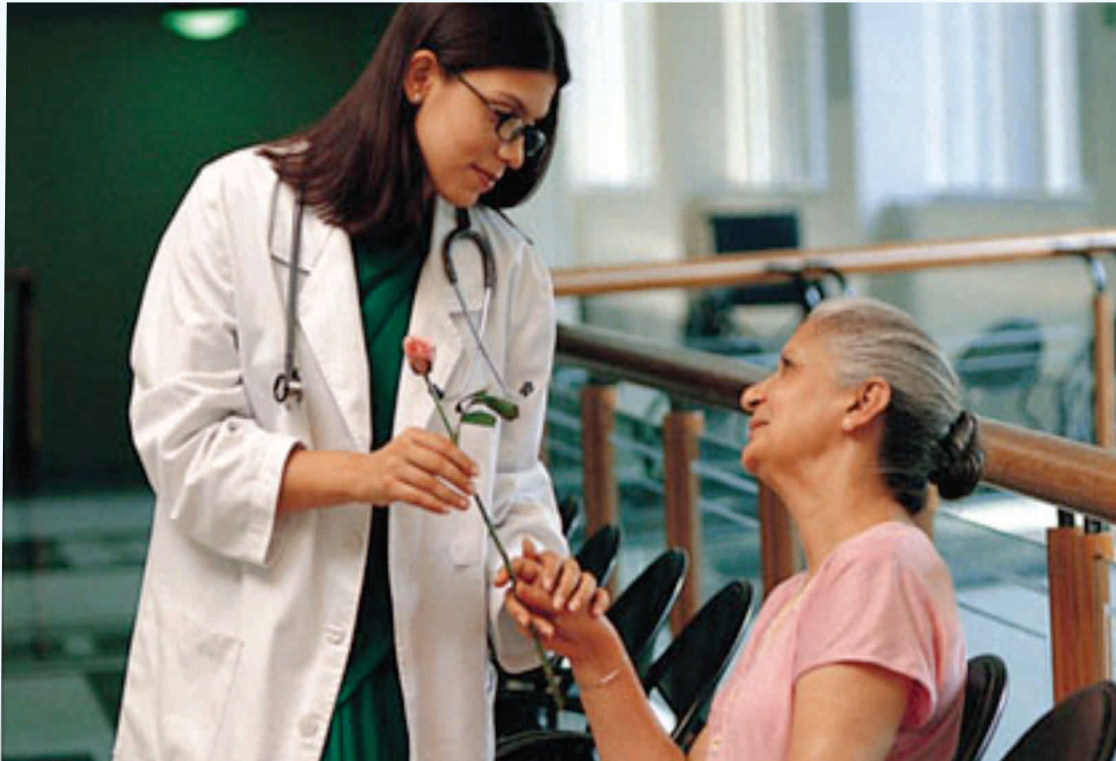
Under Secretary to the Government of India

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