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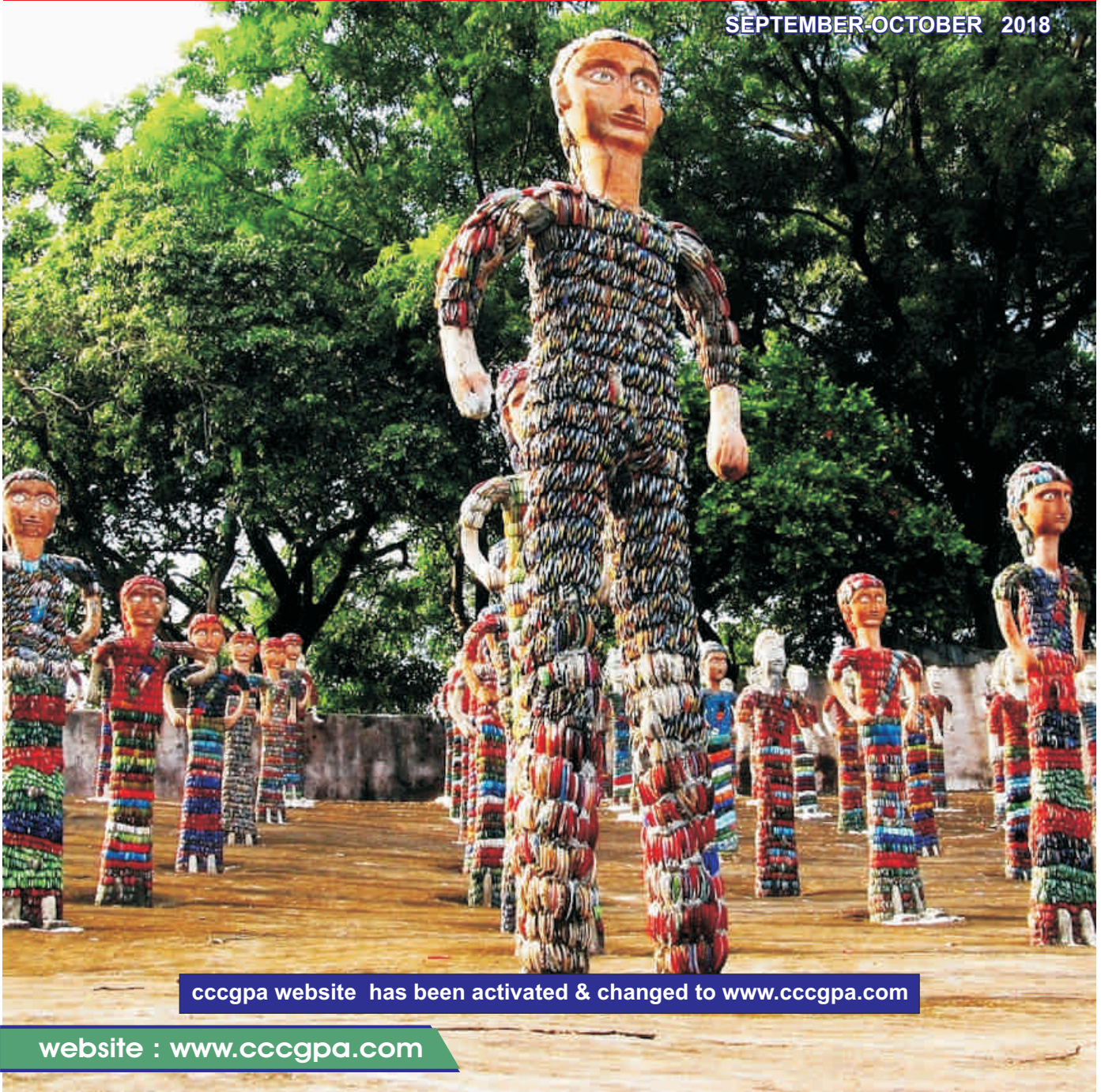
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Z 15025/64/2018/DIR/CGHS
Government of India
Ministry of Health & Family Welfare
Department of Health & Family Welfare

545-A Nirman Bhawan, New Delhi
Dated the 18 July, 2018.

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Sub: Clarification of the guidelines issued regarding simplification of referral system under CGHS

With reference to the above mentioned subject the undersigned is directed to draw attention to the guidelines issued vide Office Memoranda Z 15025/105/2017/DIR/CGHS Dt. 09/11/2017 and Z 15025/117/2017/DIR/CGHS dt. 15/01/2018 and to state that complaints have been received that some of the Hospitals and diagnostic centres empanelled under CGHS are insisting on a permission letter. It is therefore, once again reiterated that once a specific listed treatment procedure / investigation has been advised by Govt. Specialist /CGHS Medical Officer, no other permission letter is required and the hospitals and diagnostic centres shall not insist on permission letter.

Such treatments / investigations shall be provided on cashless basis in respect of pensioners, ex-MPs, Freedom Fighters , Hon'ble Members of Parliament (Rajya Sabha) and Hon'ble Members of Parliament (Lok Sabha) and other categories of CGHS beneficiaries , who are presently eligible for credit facility and the empanelled Hospitals and diagnostic centres shall not ask for any permission letter separately.

Sd/-
[Dr Atul Prakash]
Director,CGHS

[Accessed on 04.10.2018 from <http://www.staffnews.in/2018/07/clarification-of-guidelines-issued.html>]

.....from previous issue (Last Updated : 18.04.2018):

2. QUALIFYING SERVICE

(2.1) Does all leave period qualify for pension and gratuity?

All leave for which leave salary is payable qualifies for pension and gratuity. Extraordinary leave (EOL) on medical certificate (MC) also qualifies for pension and gratuity. EOL without MC qualifies only on account of inability to join duty on civil commotion or when granted for a higher scientific & technical study qualifies.

(2.2) Is the benefit of counting of past service under Rule 19 available to ex-serviceman re-employed to civil service / post?

An ex-serviceman re-employed to the Civil Post / service on or before 31/12/2003 is covered under the CCS (Pension) Rules, 1972. Therefore the benefit of Rule 19 also becomes automatically available to him. An ex-serviceman re-employed in civil service on or after 1/1/2004 is covered by the National Pension System and is not covered under the CCS (Pension) Rules, 1972. Therefore the benefit of Rule 19 is not available to the ex-serviceman on re-employment on or after 1/1/2004.

(2.3) What happens to the past service of a Govt. servant (appointed before 1.1.2004) who resigns to take up, with proper permission, another appointment under the Govt.?

Under Rule 26 (2) "A resignation shall not entail forfeiture of past service if it has been submitted to take up, with proper permission, another appointment, whether temporary or permanent, under the Government where service qualifies". This also applies to a Govt. servant who joined Govt. service before 1/1/2004 and takes up another appointment in the Govt., on or after 1.1.2004.

(2.4) What is the impact of resignation (other than technical resignation) on qualifying service and pension?

Resignation (other than technical resignation) entails forfeiture of past service. Therefore, no pension is

payable on such resignation.

(2.5) Will a Government servant who joined Central/State/Autonomous Body before 01.01.2004 be eligible for pension under CCS(Pension) Rules, if he takes up another appointment in Central/State/Autonomous Body after 01.01.2004 by submitting technical resignation in his previous organisation?

Yes, it has been clarified in Department of Pension & Pensioners Welfare OM No 28/30/2004-P&PW(B) dated 26.07.2005 and 28.10.2009 that employees appointed before 01.01.2004 who were governed by Old Pension Scheme of their respective Governments/Organisation will be eligible to continue in Old Pension Scheme, if such scheme exists in new organization, where such employee submits resignation to take up new appointment with proper permission.

(2.6) Is the service rendered by an employee in Public Sector Undertakings(PSUs) counted for pension on moving to Central Government?

As per OM no 28/24/94-P&PW(B) dated 13.09.1996, the service rendered in Public Sector Undertakings (PSUs) before joining service under the Government is not counted for the purpose of pension in Government.

4. FIXED MEDICAL ALLOWANCE (FMA)

(4.1) What is the Fixed Medical Allowance for pensioners? What is it's amount?

Fixed Medical Allowance is granted to the pensioners residing in areas not covered by CGHS, if they are not using CGHS facility for OPD treatment from a CGHS dispensary in the nearest city. The amount of Fixed Medical Allowance has been increased from Rs. 500/- per month to Rs. 1000/- per month w.e.f. 01.07.2017.

(4.2) Are the Government Pensioners who have not applied for CGHS card in spite of residing in areas covered by CGHS, also eligible for Fixed Medical Allowance?

In accordance with Office Memorandum No. 45/57/97-P&PW(C) dated 19.12.1997, Central Government pensioners/ family pensioners residing in areas not covered by Central Government Health Scheme administered by Ministry of Health and Family Welfare and corresponding Health Schemes administered by other Ministries/Departments for their retired employees are entitled to Fixed Medical Allowance (FMA) for meeting expenditure on day-to-day medical expenses that do not require hospitalization. Government pensioners/ family pensioners residing in CGHS covered areas are eligible to avail medical facility under CGHS for both indoor as well as outpatient treatment on payment of CGHS contributions. Those pensioners/ family pensioners residing in CGHS areas who do not opt to avail CGHS facility are not eligible to receive FMA. Government pensioners/ family pensioners residing in Non CGHS area are also entitled to avail CGHS facility from the nearest city covered by CGHS for the both Indoor and OPD treatment on payment of CGHS contributions. If they do not avail CGHS facility, they are eligible for FMA. Government pensioners/family pensioners not residing in CGHS area have an option to avail CGHS facility from the nearest CGHS city for Indoor treatment only (on payment of CGHS contribution) and to get monthly FMA in lieu of OPD facility.

(4.3) In the case of those Pensioners who are in receipt of two pensions viz., service pension and family pension OR military pension and another civil pension to which category of pension, medical allowance shall be allocated.

If any pensioner or family pensioner receives two pensions, Fixed Medical Allowance is admissible from only one of the two organizations. As regards, pensioner who gets both military pension and civil pension, if the pensioner avails of the medical facilities provided by one of the civil or military organisations, he is not entitled to Fixed Medical Allowance and if he does not avail medical facilities from any of the organizations, he is entitled to Fixed Medical Allowance for only one of the two organizations.

[Accessed on 05.09.2018 from http://pensionersportal.gov.in/FAQ_Civil.pdf]

**Change in Referral System – ECHS follow CGHS Norms
Change In System of Referral – No Referral To Be In The Name Of Any Private Empanelled**

Sept.-Oct. 2018

Medical Facility
F.No.18(54)/2018/WE/D(Res-1)
Government of India
Department of Ex Servicemen Welfare
D(WE)

New Delhi, dated 02 August. 2018

To
Managing Director
Ex-servicemen Contributory Health Scheme,
Maude Line,
Delhi Cantt

Subject: Change in System of Referral- No referral to be in the Name of any Private Empanelled Medical Facility.

Sir,

The undersigned is direct to state that as per the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare OM No.Z15025/105/2017/DIR/CGHS/EHS dated 09.11.2017 the CGHS doctor / Government Specialist shall not refer the beneficiary to any particular empanelled hospital by name but shall specify the treatment procedure and mention "referred to any CGHS empanelled centre"

2. ECHS has to follow the CGHS Norms. However, it is seen that doctors at CHS Polyclinics are issuing referrals by name to specific Pvt. Empanelled Medical Facilities.

3. In view of the above, it has been decided by the competent authority that henceforth no ECHS doctor will issue referrals by name to any Pvt. Empanelled Medical Facility. The ECHS doctors shall mention on the prescription the treatment procedure/tests required by the ECHS beneficiary and then write as follows:

"Referred to any ECHS Empanelled Medical Facility located within the Area of Responsibility of Regional Centre, (Name of City)."

4. CO, ECHS and RC, ECHS will ensure that the list of Pvt. Empanelled Medical Facilities along with the medical treatment procedures/tests for which they have been empanelled is prominently displayed on the website of ECHS, Regional Centre wise. OIC, of every Polyclinic, will be responsible for ensuring that hard copies of this list downloaded from ECHS website is kept in the Polyclinic in sufficient numbers and given to the ECHS beneficiary whenever demanded. If any change takes place in this list, it shall be the responsibility of Director RC, ECHS concerned ensure display of the corrected/amended list on the website of ECHS without any delay.

5. Whenever an ECHS beneficiary approaches a Pvt. Empanelled Medical Facility with such a referral from ECHS Polyclinic and the Pvt. Empanelled Medical Facility is not empanelled by Ministry of Defence (MoD) for the required treatment procedure / tests, it shall be the responsibility of the Pvt. Empanelled Medical Facility to inform the beneficiary that it is not empanelled for the required treatment procedure / tests. If any Pvt. Empanelled Medical Facility is found providing treatment procedure / conducting tests to such an ECHS beneficiary for which it is not empanelled, then apart from not reimbursing the expenses incurred by the Medical Facility on such treatment, action will be taken against the said ECHS Empanelled Pvt Medical Facility under the rules / as per the provisions of Memorandum of Agreement (MoA).

6. No ECHS Polyclinic Officer/Official/Doctor should indulge in any action force canvassing for/against any ECHS empanelled Pvt. Medical Facility.

7. The above orders shall come into force with immediate effect.

sd/-
(A.K. Karn)

Under Secretary to the Government of India

[Accessed on 14.08.2018 from <https://cgstaffnews.com/?p=15640>]

Government of India
MINISTRY OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE
C.G.H.S.WELLNESS CENTRE NO-1, SECTOR 45, CHANDIGARH

No: CMO/CGHSWC-1/Advisory Committee/Minutes/

27 JULY 2018

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF ADVISORY COMMITTEE HELD ON 27-07-2018 AT THE OFFICE OF AD, CGHS, SECTOR 9, CHANDIGARH

The meeting of the CGHS Advisory Committee was held at 3.00 p.m. on 27 July, 2018 and was presided over by Dr Ashwani Kumar Seniaray, AD CGHS/ 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 Vineet Goyal, 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 intimated that the CGHS authorities in Delhi are actively considering strengthening the CGHS set-up in Chandigarh, one among the three cities in India, where the number of CGHS beneficiaries are in large number.

Regarding the premises of the CGHS WC, in Sector 45, a communication has been received from the DHS, Chandigarh Administration, seeking information about the allotment of the plot for the CGHS set-up in Chandigarh, as the City Hospital, Sector 45, is experiencing problems due paucity of space in the civil hospital premises. A suitable reply has been sent, indicating the position, and requesting him to suggest suitable alternative premises keeping in mind the requirement of the space for the CGHS set-up in Chandigarh, where the CGHS WC could be shifted, till the allotment and construction of the CGHS set-up at the earmarked plot in Sector 41.

Shri Didar Singh intimated that our rejoinder to the PM on the allotment of the plot for CGHS in Chandigarh, has again been misconstrued, and the said office has now referred our case for allotment of the plot, to Ministry of Health & Family Welfare. After consideration, it was decided to once again approach the Prime Minister, with specific request to direct the MHA, to accord formal approval, and direct Chandigarh administration to formally allot the plot of land in sector 41, Chandigarh to the CGHS authorities.

Amenities for the beneficiaries

Although, the work on the repair and proper upkeep of the toilet block is still pending, there was a demand for a separate toilet for women CGHS beneficiary patients visiting the WC. It was clarified that the space in the WC, in Sector 45, is restricted, it is not feasible to have separate toilet for the ladies. The existing toilet has a separate enclosure, which can be utilised by the ladies. The Saffai karamchari has already been instructed not to allow any male person to go towards the area when a lady is using the toilet. The ladies may also make use of the ladies toilet of the main City hospital in the main building of the civil hospital.

Three members of the Advisory Committee had attended the pensioners meeting in the forenoon, where some points were raised. These are as under:

- (a) Some CGHS beneficiaries wanted that consultation and prescriptions by the specialists of the empanelled HCOs (including any follow-up additional procedures/ diagnostic tests etc), should be

considered at par with the govt specialists, and the requirement of getting the procedures prescribed by them should not require vetting by the CGHS MOs, as it entails commutation to and fro CGHS WC, and the hospital, which is not only time consuming, but also tiring for the elderly CGHS beneficiaries. The Ad Director/ CMO CGHS clarified that the empanelled private hospitals are mainly commercial entities, and that it was necessary to have govt checks on their functioning, for which the requirement of vetting is essential, and that the instructions to this effect, have been issued by the Ministry of H&FW, keeping in mind various factors.

(b) It was also suggested to introduce Token system at the medicine dispensing window at the CGHS WC. After a discussion, on the issue to find out the solution to it, Shri Didar Singh volunteered to explore the possibility of its implementation. AD / CMO CGHS is also open to any suggestion by any CGHS beneficiary on this issue, keeping in mind the availability of space.

MRC status/Pendency of claims:

Delays are being experienced in timely disbursement of MRCs, not only of individual CGHS beneficiaries, but also of HCOs and the ALC, as the office of AD, CGHS, Chandigarh, has to send the documents to the office of CDDO, New Delhi, which is time consuming.

Performance of Local Chemist:

Shri Vineet Goyal, representative of the ALC, intimated that his bills amounting to almost 4 crore rupees are now pending, and it has become difficult to procure required medicines / drugs from the Bulk holders, where payment is to be made by him. He, however, assured that he would continue to supply the medicines to the best of his ability.

Availability of Drugs in the WC:

As per records, there are 40 Generic items and 190 Proprietary items available in the WC.

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:

As the meeting was held in the office of AD, CGHS, Sector 9, the suggestion Box could not be opened.

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks

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

Copy to

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



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An annual general meeting of the association was held at CRPF, NWZ HQ, Hallomajra, Chandigarh on 7th July 2018 and a new Governing body as detailed below has been elected by a democratic process for TWO years:-

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GENERAL SECRETARY

[Sent by Sh. Parminder Bedi psbedi03@yahoo.co.in]

No proposal to replace the NPS with old pension scheme in respect of Central Government employees recruited on or after 01.01.2004

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF FINANCE
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO: 4075
ANSWERED ON: 10.08.2018**

Reintroduction of Old Pension Scheme

**RAKESH SINGH
Will the Minister of**

FINANCE be pleased to state:-

(a) the details of drawbacks of the New Pension Scheme (NPS) introduced for the Government officials;

(b) whether the NPS is not as beneficial monetarily as the Old Pension Scheme (OPS) and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government employees are disgruntled with the NPS and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether the Government proposes to reintroduce the OPS replacing the NPS, if so, the details thereof and the action taken by the Government in this regard?

ANSWER

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Finance

(a) & (b) National Pension System (NPS) has been designed giving utmost importance to the welfare of the subscribers. Government has made a conscious move to shift from the defined benefit pension scheme to defined contribution pension scheme i.e. NPS, due to rising and unsustainable pension bill. There are a number of benefits available to the employees under NPS. Some of the benefits are enlisted below:

- NPS is a well designed pension system managed through an unbundled architecture involving intermediaries appointed by the Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (PFRDA) viz. pension funds, custodian, central record keeping and accounting agency, National Pension System Trust, trustee bank, points of presence and Annuity service providers. It is prudently regulated by PFRDA which is a statutory regulatory body established to promote old age income security and to protect the interest of subscribers of NPS.

- The pension wealth which accumulates over a period of time till retirement grows with a compounding effect. The all-in-costs of the institutional architecture of NPS are among the lowest in the world.

- Contribution made to the NPS Tier-I account is eligible for tax deduction under the Income Tax Act, 1961. An additional tax rebate of Rs.50000 is also allowed for contributions made to NPS Tier-I under Section 80CCD (1B) of the Income Tax Act, 1961.

- Subscribers can withdraw up to 25% of their own contributions before attaining age of superannuation, subject to certain conditions. Further, PFRDA vide “PFRDA (Exits and Withdrawals under the NPS) (First Amendment) Regulations, 2017” dated 10.08.2017 has liberalized norms for partial withdrawals which also include reduction of requirement of minimum years of being enrolled under NPS from 10 years to 3 years from the date of joining.

- PFRDA has increased the maximum age limit from 60 years to 65 years for joining NPS-All Citizen Model and Corporate Sector Model, vide “PFRDA (Exits and Withdrawals under the NPS) (Second Amendment) Regulations, 2017” dated 06.10.2017.

- PFRDA vide “PFRDA (Exits and Withdrawals under the NPS) (Third Amendment) Regulations, 2018” dated 02.02.2018 has facilitated easy exit & withdrawal in case of disability and incapacitation of the subscriber covered under NPS.

- Transparency and Portability is ensured through online access of the pension account by the NPS subscribers, across all geographical locations and portability of employments.

(c) & (d) Representations have been received which inter alia also include the demand that the Government may revert to old defined benefit pension system. However, due to rising and unsustainable pension bill and competing claims on the fiscal, there is no proposal to replace the NPS with old pension scheme in respect of Central Government employees recruited on or after 01.01.2004.

[Accessed on 13.09.2018 from <https://www.igecorner.com/no-proposal-to-replace-the-nps-with-old-pension-scheme/>]

**feedback through Mobile App developed by Govt
F.No.44-49/2018/MCTC/CGHS/ 2920-3029
Monitoring Computerization and Training Cell
Directorate of CGHS
CGHS Building Kalibari, New Delhi.**

Date: 21st August 2018

A Quick Response Code (QR Code) based Mobile Application has been developed for CGHS beneficiaries to submit their feedback on defined CGHS Services. QR codes will be displayed in the Wellness Centres and CGHS beneficiaries, using Mobile Application will scan the QR code and submit their feedback.

With the approval of the competent authority it has been decided that to begin with this service will be available to the beneficiaries of Wellness Centres (WCs) of Delhi only. A beneficiary can download the Application named 'CGHS Service Feedback' from Google Play store on his mobile.

CGHS beneficiaries can submit their feedback on the following CGHS services:

1. Registration of beneficiary
2. Consultation with Medical Officer
3. Dispensing of Medicines
4. Dressing Room services
5. Cleanliness of Wellness Centre
6. Punctuality of Staff
7. Behaviour of Staff

A beneficiary can provide the rating on a scale of 1 to 5 and also enter remarks on ratings less than or equal to 3. The feedback will be monitored by CGHS officials to improve CGHS services only and it is not intended to be a grievance redressal mechanism.

CMOs Incharge are requested to

- Download the Quick Response Code through a link in In-charge Module named 'Feedback QR code', take a print out of the same and display it in the WC for the use of the beneficiaries.
- They may also ensure prominently displaying of the enclosed Notice for the benefit of beneficiaries who intend to use the Application and
- Peruse the reports on the feedback available through a link named 'QR Feedback report' in CMO In charge Module.

Dr.V.K Dhiman
Nodal Officer

NOTICE

Give your Feedback on CGHS services

A mobile application has been developed for CGHS beneficiaries to submit their feedback on defined CGHS Services. QR codes will be displayed in the Wellness Centres and CGHS beneficiaries, using mobile app, will scan the QR code and submit their feedback on the defined CGHS services.

To begin with this service will be available to the beneficiaries of Wellness Centres (WCs) in Delhi only.

Steps for using the Application

- Download the Application named 'CGHS Service Feedback' on your mobile from Google Play Store.
- First time user should register using the icon with + sign given on the top right of login screen
- Enter your Name and email-id.
- Tap on the text 'Verify' to confirm your E mail Id.
- Enter your desired password.
- Enter Pass code and the Application is ready to use.

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A beneficiary can provide the rating between 1 to 5 and have provision to enter the feedback on ratings less than or equal to 3

These ratings on various CGHS services will be monitored by CGHS officials to improve the services only and it is not intended to be a grievance redressal mechanism.

Read/Download Feedback on CGHS Service can be given through Mobile App

[Accessed on 21.09.2018 from <https://www.gconnect.in/orders-in-brief/cghs/feedback-on-cghs-service-can-be-given-through-mobile-app.html>]

Clarification on 'fall clause' for the services – 'Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana'

F.No.C.11322/27/2018/HEC

Government of India

**Ministry of Health & Family Welfare
Department of Health & Family Welfare**

545-A, Nirman Bhavan, New Delhi

Dated the 11th September, 2018

Office Memorandum

Sub: Clarification regarding 'fall clause' for the services provided by CGHS empanelled Health Care Organizations under 'Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana'

With reference to the above mentioned subject the undersigned is directed to clarify that if CGHS empanelled Health Care Organizations provide health care facilities under 'Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana' at rates lower than the CGHS package rates 'the fall clause' as mentioned under Memorandum of Agreement with CGHS shall not apply.

Issued with the approval of Competent Authority.

sd/
(Dr. Atul Prakash)
Director, CGHS

[Accessed on 21.09.2018 from <https://www.govtempdiary.com/2018/09/clarification-on-fall-clause-for-the-services-pradhan-mantri-jan-arogyayojana/47427>]

Grant of Dearness Relief to Central Government pensioners/family pensioners — Revised rate effective from 01.07.2018.**No. 42/06/2018-P&PW(G)****Government of India****Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances & Pensions****Department of Pension & Pensioners' Welfare****3rd Floor, Lok Nayak Bhavan,****Khan Market, New Delhi – 110003****Dated the 18th Sept., 2018****OFFICE MEMORANDUM****Sub: Grant of Dearness Relief to Central Government pensioners/family pensioners — Revised rate effective from 01.07.2018.**

The undersigned is directed to refer to this Department's OM No. 42/06/2018- P&PW(G) dated 22.03.2018 on the subject mentioned above and to state that the President is pleased to decide that the Dearness Relief admissible to Central Government pensioners/family pensioners shall be enhanced from the existing rate of 7% to 9% w.e.f 01.07.2018.

2. These rates of DR will be applicable to (i) Civilian Central Government Pensioners/Family Pensioners including Central Govt. absorbee pensioners in PSU/Autonomous Bodies in respect of whom orders have been issued vide this Department's OM No. 4134/2002-P&PW(D) Vol.II dated 23.06.2017 for restoration of full pension after expiry of commutation period of 15 years (ii) The Armed Forces Pensioners, Civilian Pensioners paid out of the Defence Service Estimates, (iii) All India Service Pensioners (iv) Railway Pensioners/family pensioners (v) Pensioners who are in receipt of provisional pension (vi) The Burma Civilian pensioners/family pensioners and pensioners/families of displaced Government Pensioners from Burma/ Pakistan, in respect of whom orders have been issued vide this Department's OM No. 23/3/2008-P&PW(B) dated 11.09.2017.

3. The payment of Dearness Relief involving a fraction of a rupee shall be rounded off to the next higher rupee.

4. Other provisions governing grant of DR in respect of employed family pensioners and re-employed Central Government Pensioners will be regulated in accordance with the provisions contained in this Department's OM No. 45/73/97-P&PW (G) dated 2.7.1999 as amended vide this Department's OM No. F.No. 38/88/2008-P&PW(G) dated 9th July, 2009. The provisions relating to regulation of DR where a pensioner is in receipt of more than one pension will remain unchanged.

5. In the case of retired Judges of the Supreme Court and High Courts, necessary orders will be issued by the Department of Justice separately.

6. It will be the responsibility of the pension disbursing authorities, including the nationalized banks, etc. to calculate the quantum of DR payable in each individual case.

7. The offices of Accountant General and authorised Pension Disbursing Banks are requested to arrange payment of relief to pensioners etc. on the basis of these instructions without waiting for any further instructions from the Comptroller and Auditor General of India and the Reserve Bank of India in view of letter No. 528-TA, I1134-80-11 dated 23/04/1981 of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India addressed to all Accountant Generals and Reserve Bank of India Circular No. GANB No. 2958/GA-64 (ii) (CGL)/81 dated the 21st May, 1981 addressed to State Bank of India and its subsidiaries and all Nationalised Banks.

8. In their application to the pensioners/family pensioners belonging to Indian Audit and Accounts Department, these orders issue after consultation with the C&AG.

9. This issues in accordance with Ministry of Finance, Department of Expenditure's OM No. 1/2/2018-E.II(B) dated 07th Sept,2018.

Hindi version will follow.
(Charanjit Taneja)

Under Secretary to the Government of India

[Accessed on 22.09.2018 from <https://www.7thpaycommissionlatestnews.in/2018/09/grant-of-dearness-relief-to-central.html>]

CGHS Revision of ceiling rates for reimbursement of the cost of Cardiac pacemaker, AICD, Combo-device, Rotablator and Aortic Stent Graft

**Government of India
Ministry of Health and Family Welfare
Department of Health & Family Welfare
Directorate General of CGHS
Office of the Director, CGHS**

No: S-11011/29/2018-CGHS(HEC)/DIR/CGHS
Nirman Bhawan, New Delhi

Dated the 6th August, 2018

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject :- Revision of ceiling rates for reimbursement of the cost of Cardiac pacemaker, AICD, Combo-device, Rotablator and Aortic Stent Graft for beneficiaries of CGHS/CS(MA) Rules

With reference to the above subject attention is drawn to the OM No 12034/02/2014/Misc./-CGHS D.III dated 22nd July 2014 vide which ceiling rates for reimbursement of the cost of Cardiac pacemaker, AICD, Combo-device, Rotablator and Aortic Stent Graft for beneficiaries of CGHS/CS (MA) Rules were prescribed and to state that the matter has been reviewed by the Ministry and it is decided to revise the ceiling rates as per the details given under:

SI. NO.	CARDIAC DEVICE	CEILING RATE
1	Single Chamber Cardiac Pacemaker without Rate Response	Rs. 34,840/- + GST
2	Single Chamber Cardiac Pacemaker with Rate Response	Rs. 44,928/-+ GST
3	Dual Chamber Cardiac Pacemaker	Rs.83,200/-+ GST
4	Bi-Ventricular Cardiac Pacemaker	Rs.1,95,000/-+ GST
5	Implantable Cardioverter Defibrillator (Single Chamber)(ICD/AICD-Single Chamber)	Rs.1,75,786/-+ GST
6	Implantable Cardioverter Defibrillator (Dual Chamber)(ICD/AICD-Single Chamber)	Rs. 3,75,000/-+ GST
7	Combo Device (CRT-D)	Rs. 4,90,000/-+ GST
8	Aortic Stent Graft (expandable, bifurcated and including delivery system)	Rs. 4,40,960/- + GST
9	Rotablator with Advancer	Rs.49,920/-+ GST
10	Rotablator Burr	Rs.23,920/-+ GST

2. Other terms and conditions prescribed under OM No 12034/02/2014/Misc./-CGHS D.III dated 22nd July 2014 shall remain unchanged.

3. These rates shall remain valid till the rates for the above devices are notified by National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority (NPPA).

4. issued with the concurrence of SS&FA, Ministry of Health & Family Welfare vide CD — 1295 dated 25.07.2018.

(Dr. Atul Prakash)
Director, CGHS

[Accessed on 01.10.2018 from <https://www.geod.in/cghs/cghs-revision-of-ceiling-rates-for-reimbursement-of-the-cost-of-cardiac-pacemaker-aicd-combo-device-rotablator-aortic-stent-graft-for-beneficiaries-of-cghs-csma-rules/>]

AICPIN for the month of July 2018
No. 5/1/2018-CPI
GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF LABOUR & EMPLOYMENT
LABOUR BUREAU
'CLEREMONT', SHIMLA-171004
DATED: 31st August, 2018

Press Release

Consumer Price Index for Industrial Workers (CPI-IW) – July, 2018

The All-India CPI-IW for July, 2018 increased by 10 points and pegged at 301 (three hundred and one) On 1-month percentage change, it increased by (+) 3.44 per cent between June, 2018 and July, 2018 when compared with the increase of (+) 1.79 per cent between the corresponding months of previous year.

The maximum upward pressure to the change in current index came from Housing group contributing (+) 8.23 percentage points to the total change. The Food index further accentuated the overall index by (+) 1.30 percentage points. At item level, Eggs (Hen), Goat Meat, Chillies Green, Onion, Brinjal, Cabbage, Cauliflower, Gourd, Lady Finger, Mango (Ripe), Tomato, Sugar, Cooking Gas, Electricity Charges, Medicine (Allopathic), Primary School Books, etc. are responsible for the increase in index. However, this increase was checked by Rice, Coconut Oil, Fish Fresh, Poultry (Chicken), Banana, Coconut, Lemon, Secondary School Books, etc., putting downward pressure on the index.

The year-on-year inflation based on CPI-IW stood at 5.61 per cent for July, 2018 as compared to 3.93 per cent for the previous month and 1.79 per cent during the corresponding month of the previous year. Similarly, the Food inflation stood at (-) 0.32 per cent against 0.97 per cent of the previous month and (-) 0.32 per cent during the corresponding month of the previous year.

At centre level Nagpur reported the maximum increase of 32 points followed by Nasik (28 points) and Ghaziabad, Agra, Lucknow (26 points each). Among others, 23 points increase was observed in 3 centres, 21 points in 2 centres, 20 points in 1 centre, 18 points in 1 centre, 17 points in 2 centres, 15 points in 4 centres, 14 points in 2 centres, 13 points in 2 centres, 12 points in 3 centres, 11 points in 2 centres, 10 points in 3 centres, 9 points in 4 centres, 8 points in 5 centres, 7 points in 1 centre, 6 points in 6 centres, 5 points in 5 centres, 4 points in 3 centres, 3' points in 8 centres, 2 points in 7 centres and 1 point in 6 centres. On the contrary, Coimbatore recorded a decrease of 2 points. Rest of the 2 centres' indices remained stationary. The indices of 37 centres are above All-India Index and 41 centres' indices are below national average.

The next issue of CPI-IW for the month of August, 2018 will be released on Friday, 28th September, 2018. The same will also be available on the office website www.labourbureau.gov.in.

(AMRIT LAL JANGID)
DEPUTY DIRECTOR

[Accessed on 01.10.2018 from <https://www.govtempdiary.com/2018/08/aicpin-for-july-2018/46158>]

Mandatory use of Digital Signature – CPAO
CPAO/IT&Tech/Revision(7th CPC)/19.Vol-III (E)/2018-19/95
29.08.2018
Office Memorandum
Subject: Mandatory use of Digital Signature – Regarding.

Reference is invited to this office OM No. CPAO/IT&Tech/Revision (7th CPC)/19.Vol-III/ 2016-17/37 dated 25.05.2017 followed by OM No. CPAO/IT&Tech/ Revision (7thCPC)/19.Vo1-III(B/E)/2016-17/127 dated-25.09.2017 and OM No. CPAO/ IT&Tech/ Revision (7thCPC)/19.Vol-III(E)/2016-17/147 dated14.11.2017 on the above subject thereby in unavoidable circumstances only, PAOs were allowed to process the pension cases manually and forward to CPAO with the counter signature Pr. CCAs/CCAs/ CAs/AGs/Administrators of UTs with valid reasons.

Further, it has been observed that the PAOs are sending revision of pension authorities to the CPAO in a format other than the format prescribed by CPAO while processing the revision of pension cases manually under the 7th Central Pay Commission and without the counter signature by concerned Pr. CCAs/CCAs/ CAs/AGs/ Administrators of UTs with valid reasons.

In view of the above all Pr. CCAs/CCAs/CAs/AGs/Administrators of UTs are once again requested to instruct the PAOs under their jurisdiction to process the revision of pension cases in the prescribed format manually only in exceptional circumstances when it is not possible to process the pension case through the e-Revision utility of CPAO and forward to this office only after counter signature by the concerned Pr. CCAs/ CCAs/CAs/AGs/Administrators of UTs with valid reasons.

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

(Md. Shahid Kamal Ansari)
(Asstt. Controller of Accounts)
Ph No.011-26103074

[<https://www.govtempdiary.com/2018/09/mandatory-use-of-digital-signature-cpao/46669>]

Disposal of PPO – death of the pensioner with no claimant authorized for family pension in the same PPO.

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF FINANCE
DEPARTMENT OF EXPENDITURE
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CPAO/IT&Tech/Bank Performance/37 Vol.III/2018-19/85

20.08.2018

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject:- Manner of disposal of PPO – death of the pensioner with no claimant authorized for family pension in the same PPO.

Attention is invited to this office OM No. CPAO/Tech/Bank Performance/2014-15/511-581 dated-23.09.2011- (copy enclosed) wherein all Heads of the CPPC and Heads of Government Business Department of the Banks were instructed to return both halves of PPO to CPAO where no nominee is authorized for pension on the same PPO so that the family pension could be authorized to other eligible members of the family of the pensioner.

It has been observed that the both halves of the PPOs are not being returned by the CPPCs of the banks which has resulted in a number of court cases for delay in the commencement of family pension to the family pensioner other than the spouse.

It is reiterated that both halves of the PPO may be returned to the CPAO in case there is no nominee authorized for family pension on the same PPO exist as stipulated at per Para 23.3 of the Scheme for Payment of Pension to Central Government Civil Pensioners by Authorized Banks (Fourth Edition, 3rd December, 2004).

As per Para 23.3 of the Scheme for Payment of Pension to Central Government Civil Pensioners by Authorized Banks (Fourth Edition, 3rd December, 2004), wherein it is clearly stated that "The paying branch will enter the date of death of the pensioner in the disburser's portion of the PPO as well as pensioner's portion and in the register in the form as in Annexure VIII (pg. 33). The pensioner's half of PPO will then be returned to the nominee if family pension stands authorized through the same PPO; otherwise it will be returned to the Link Branch/CPPC along with the disburser's half, for onward transmission to the CPAO. The latter will up-date its record and transmit both halves of the PPO after keeping the necessary note in their records, to the PAO/AG who had issued the PPO for similar action and record".

All the Heads of the CPPC and Heads of Government Business Department of the Banks are requested to adhere to the above guidelines and return both halves of the PPO to the CPAO in order to avoid delay in finalization of family pension cases other than spouse.

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

(Md. Shahid Kamal Ansari)
(Asstt. Controller of Accounts)

The non-compliance of these instructions by the banks is resulting increase in receipt of number of court cases and legal cases in CPAO, non-updation of CPAO's and PAO's relevant record, delay in authorization of family pension to the eligible family members for whom a new PPO is to be issued, causing hardship to the claimants, points raised by the Pensioners' Welfare Associations from different platforms including SCOVA meetings.

The Para 6.3.1 of the CPPC Guidelines also stressed upon the strict adherence to the codal provisions of "Scheme Booklet", CCS(Pension) Rules, Orders, Guidelines on Pension issued by Government of India/Reserve Bank of India from time to time.

Non-compliance of codal provisions by the banks is a very serious lapse on their part. Therefore, it is imperative to instruct the Heads of CPPC of all the banks/ Heads of Govt. Business Divisions to take a stock of these cases and send a Review Report within seven days from the receipt of this Office Memorandum followed by returning of both the halves of all such PPOs wherein pensioner/spouse has died and no claimant for family pension has been authorized in the PPO. The matter may be taken on priority as it is under review at the higher level.

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

(M.M Kaushik)

Asstt. Controller of Accounts

[Accessed on 01.10.2018 from <https://www.govtempdiary.com/2018/08/disposal-of-ppo-death-of-the-pensioner-with-no-claimant-authorized-for-family-pension-in-the-same-ppo/44710>]

Classification of Post –Gazette Notification

**MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS
(Department of Personnel and Training)**

**ORDER
New Delhi, the 9th August, 2018**

S.O. 3964(F).—In exercise of the powers conferred by the proviso to article 309 of the Constitution read with rule 6 of the Central Civil Services (Classification, Control and Appeal) Rules, 1965 and in supersession of the notification of the Government of India in the Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions (Department of Personnel and Training) number 5.0. 3570(E), dated the 9a November, 2017, and after consultation with the Comptroller and Auditor General of India in relation to person serving in the Indian Audit and Accounts Department, except as respects things done or omitted to be done before such supersession, the President hereby directs that with effect from the date of publication of this Order in the Official Gazette, all civil posts under the Union, shall be classified as follows,

S.NO.	DESCRIPTION OF POSTS	CLASSIFICATION OF POSTS
(1)	(2)	(3)
1.	A Central Civil Post carrying the pay in the Pay Matrix at the Level from 10	Group A
2.	A Central Civil Post carrying the pay in the Pay Matrix at the Level from 6	Group B
3.	A Central Civil Post carrying the pay in the Pay Matrix at the Level from I	Group C

to 5.

Explanation.—For the purpose of this Order, 'Level' in relation to a post means, the Level specified in third row of Part A of the Schedule to the Central Civil Services (Revised Pay) Rules, 2016.

[F. No. 11012/10/2016-EstrA-11,]

GYANENDRA DEV TRIPATHI,
Jt. Secy.

[Accessed on 01.10.2018 from <https://www.govtempdiary.com/2018/08/classification-of-post-gazette-notification-dopt/44004>]

Regarding interest rates for Small Savings Schemes

F.No.01/04/2016-NS

Government of India

Ministry of Finance

Department of Economic Affairs

(Budget Division)

North Block, New Delhi

Dated: 19.09.2018

Subject: Revision of interest rates for Small Savings Schemes.

The undersigned is directed to refer to this Department's OM of even number dated 16th February, 2016, vide which the various decisions taken by the Government regarding interest fixation for small savings

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schemes were communicated to all concerned.

2. On the basis of the decision of the Government, interest rates for small savings schemes are to be notified on quarterly basis. Accordingly, the rates of interest on various small savings schemes for the third quarter of financial year 2018-19 starting 1st October, 2018, and ending on 31st December, 2018, on the basis of the interest compounding/payment built-in in the schemes, shall be as under:

INSTRUMENT	RATE OF INTEREST W.R.T. 01.07.2018 TO 30.09.2018	RATE OF INTEREST W.R.T. 01.10.2018 TO 31.12.2018	COMPOUNDING FREQUENCY*
Savings Deposit	4.0	4.0	Annually
1 Year Time Deposit	6.6	6.9	Quarterly
2 Year Time Deposit	6.7	7.0	Quarterly
3 Year Time Deposit	6.9	7.2	Quarterly
5 Year Time Deposit	7.4	7.8	Quarterly
5 Year Recurring Deposit	6.9	7.3	Quarterly
5 Year Senior Citizen Savings Scheme	8.3	8.7	Quarterly and paid
5 Year Monthly Income Account	7.3	7.7	Monthly and paid
5 Year National Savings Certificate	7.6	8.0	Annually
Public Provident Fund Scheme	7.6	8.0	Annually
Kisan Vikas Patra	7.3 (will mature in 118 months)	7.7 (will mature in 112 months)	Annually
Sukanya Samriddhi Account Scheme	8.1	8.5	Annually

* No Change

3. This has the approval of Finance Minister.

(Padam Singh)

Sr.Regional Director(NS)

Tele: 01123095155

[Accessed on 01.10.2018 from <https://www.govtempdiary.com/2018/09/regarding-interest-rates-for-small-savings-schemes/47585>]

Government of India
MINISTRY OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE
C.G.H.S.WELLNESS CENTRE NO-1, SECTOR 45, CHANDIGARH

No: CMO/CGHSWC-1/Advisory Committee/Minutes / 28 AUG, 2018
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF ADVISORY COMMITTEE HELD ON 28-08-2018 AT THE OFFICE OF AD, CGHS, SECTOR 9, CHANDIGARH

The meeting of the CGHS Advisory Committee was held at 11.00 a.m. on 28 Aug, 2018 at the office of Additional Director CGHS, Sector 9, Chandigarh, and was presided over by Dr Ashwani Kumar Seniaray, AD CGHS/ 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)

Welcome Address:

Dr. Ashwani Kumar Seniaray, Senior CMO (SAG) In-charge CGHS Wellness Centre No 1, welcomed the members of the Advisory Committee.

The progress of the Pensioners efforts to expedite the case of the allotment of earmarked plot for CGHS set-up in Chandigarh was reviewed. The AD, CGHS appreciated the efforts of the pensioners in this regard. Shri Didar Singh intimated that no reply has been received to the latest letter of CCCGPA, Chandigarh, addressed to the Hon'ble Prime Minister on 16 July, 2018.

The CCCGPA, Chandigarh has also taken up case with PAO (NICD), MoH&FW, New Delhi on 09 Aug, 2018, for reverting to the old procedure for getting the medical reimbursement bills vetted by CDDO, Chandigarh to speed up the passage of the reimbursement. The office of the Additional Director CGHS, Chandigarh is receiving large number of reimbursement claims, which have to be sent to New Delhi, and in case of any objection raised, the same are received back for rectification of the observations, and re-submitted to New Delhi. This is time consuming, resulting into undue delays. This delay causes bottleneck in reimbursement of pensioners' claims, leading to unnecessary anxiety among the elderly pensioners. The attention of the concerned authority has also been drawn to the instructions of MoH&FW circular issued in May, 2018, wherein it has been made mandatory to clear all reimbursement claims as per specific time-line, and the existing procedure defeats the genuine efforts to maintain the time-line. It is therefore enjoined upon the authorities to revert back to the old procedure of getting the bills vetted by the local CDDO in Chandigarh, where any observation can be attended to immediately.

Amenities for the beneficiaries

The case for repair of toilet block in the CGHS WC is still pending. Shri Didar Singh assured to follow up the case with the concerned dept at the earliest.

Regarding the consultations and prescriptions by the specialists of the empanelled HCOs, for cashless treatment in empanelled HCOs, the MoH&FW has further clarified, vide their OM dated 31 July, 2018, (read with the guidelines issued vide OM dated 15 Jan, 2018), that after consultation with the specialists at empanelled hospitals, the beneficiary 'shall report back to concerned WC, where the MO/CMO would endorse listed investigation / listed treatment procedure, and issue the medicines.....'. The CGHS beneficiaries are advised to follow the correct procedure in this respect.

A point for issue of medicines to the CGHS beneficiaries for three months even to the local CGHS beneficiaries, to reduce the over-crowding in the waiting hall of the WC, was raised. The CMO / AD assured that necessary instructions are being issued to MOs of the CGHS WC, to issue the medicines on three months bases, keeping in view the instructions contained in CGHS OM Z.15025/33/2018/DIR/CGHS dated 01 May, 2018.

MRC status/Pendency of claims:

A case has been taken up with the appropriate authority to revert back to the old procedure of getting the MRC bills vetted from the local CDDO, but necessary orders are still awaited, resulting in inordinate delays in timely disbursement of MRCs, not only of individual CGHS beneficiaries, but also of HCOs and the ALC, as the office of AD, CGHS, Chandigarh, has to send the documents to the office of CDDO, New Delhi, which is time consuming. Reversion to the old procedure will, not only save time in transmitting the bills to New Delhi, but will also be cost effective, by saving unnecessary expenditure on postal/ courier service charges. The MRC claims have been cleared up to March, 2018, and claims up to May, 2018 are under scrutiny.

Performance of Local Chemist:

No problem is experienced in the timely supply of medicines by the ALC

Availability of Drugs in the WC:

As per records, there are 30 Generic items and 180 Proprietary items available in the WC.

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:

As the meeting was held in the office of AD, CGHS, Sector 9, the suggestion Box could not be opened.

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks

Sd/-
(Dr.Ashwani Kumar Seniaray),
AD/ Senior CMO (SAG) I/C
CGHS WELLNESS CENTRE NO-

1,

Chandigarh

Copy to

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

**Government of India
MINISTRY OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE
(Central Government Health Scheme)**

O/O ADDITIONAL DIRECTOR, C G H S, Chandigarh
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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF REPRESENTATIVES OF PENSIONERS ASSOCIATIONS, HELD ON 26-09-2018 IN THE OFFICE OF ADDITIONAL DIRECTOR CGHS, 4th FLOOR, KENDRIYA SADAN, SECTOR 9A, CHANDIGARH

The meeting of the representatives of Pensioners associations of the region was held at 12.00 noon. on 26 Sept,2018 at the office of Additional Director, CGHS, Chandigarh, and was presided over by Dr

Ashwani Kumar Senioray, Additional Director, CGHS, Chandigarh, and attended by the following members:

- (1) Sh. P S Bedi-DIG (Retd)- PMF Retd Offrs Assn, 2186 Sector 35C, Chandigarh. (Mob: 94648-35350)
- (2) Sh Didar Singh, IA & AD Penrs Welfare Assn, 111 sector 38A, Chandigarh. (Mob: 98159-91318)
- (3) Sh D R Sharma, Customs & Central Excise Penrs Assn, 1055 Sector 36C, Chandigarh. (Mob: 98147-35251)
- (4) Sh G S Pathania, IA & AD Penrs Welfare Assn, 357 Sector 80, Mohali. (Mob: 98729-83093)
- (5) Sh. G S Saini, Chairman, CCCGPA, Chandigarh, 3178, Sector 71, Mohali- (Mob: 94171-78500)
- (6) Sh. Joginder Singh, Secy Gen, CCCGPA, 686 Sector 40A, Chandigarh, (Mob: 94170-08686)
- (7) Sh. S S Kanwar, CGPW Society, 803 Sector 38A, Chandigarh. (Mob: 98147-21803)
- (8) Sh Jaspal Singh, Gen. Secy, Defence Accounts, 3373 sector 46C, Chandigarh. (Mob: 98152-26310)
- (9) Sh. Prahlad Kumar, Secretary, Labour Bureau, Assn, 718 Sector 11, Panchkula. (Mob: 98720-74950)
- (8) Sh H L Bhardwaj, C & Cent Excise P As., E3420 street -5, ABADPURA, Jalandhar, (Mob: 98144-75397)

Welcome Address:

Dr. Ashwani Kumar Senioray, Additional Director CGHS, welcomed the members of the pensioners associations. While referring to the large number of CGHS beneficiaries (in the range of over 32,000), registered with the Chandigarh regional CGHS HQs, he expressed his elation at the central govt's orders for opening new CGHS Wellness Centres at Jalandhar and Srinagar, which will lessen the pressure on the Wellness Centre, Chandigarh, to some extent. However, In spite of this, the Chandigarh CGHS Wellness centre would continue to face overcrowding, and expressed his desire for establishing additional CGHS Wellness Centres in Chandigarh tricity to cater for the large number of CGHS pensioner beneficiaries settled in the Tricity.

CGHS Wellness Centre Jalandhar

Shri H L Bhardwaj, from Jalandhar was requested to contact the CPWD authorities in Jalandhar, to identify a suitable place for the CGHS Wellness Centre in Jalandhar, so that it can be made functional at an early date. Shri H L Bhardwaj, intimated that a P&T dispensary is already functioning in Jalandhar, and suggested its amalgamation with the existing structure of P&T dispensary. The AD, CGHS clarified that the opening of CGHS dispensary in Jalandhar is in no way related to the merger of P&T dispensary with CGHS. The CGHS dispensary in Jalandhar is independent of this, and has independent identity. Hence there is need to find a suitable location for the CGHS Wellness Centre at a central location in the city, accessible to maximum pensioners / beneficiaries. Large number of central Govt pensioners are settled in Jalandhar, and they have formed various pensioners associations there. All these Associations can coordinate among themselves in identifying a suitable location. The AD desired that a suitable location in a CPWD building will be preferred, which will forestall many problems related to the building/ premises / rentals. Etc.

Points raised by Pensioners' representatives

- (a) Empanelment of Private hospitals in cities not covered by CGHS, Chandigarh
The pensioners' representatives wanted that some private hospitals located in various cities outside the Chandigarh tricity be considered for empanelment under CGHS, to enable CGHS beneficiaries to have hassle-free Medicare

The AD, CGHS, explained that as per policy, private hospitals located in the CGHS cities can only be empanelled. The private HCOs are basically business establishments, which need to be supervised by the officials of the CGHS. Now that a CGHS Wellness Centre is being established in Jalandhar, there the private HCOs (Hospitals / diagnostic centres), which are NABH / NABL accredited located at Jalandhar, would be considered for empanelment under CGHS Jalandhar, for providing cashless treatment to CGHS beneficiaries.

(b) Issue of medicines to CGHS beneficiaries from outstations

The pensioners' representatives expressed the concern of CGHS beneficiaries visiting WC, Chandigarh, from various cities in Punjab/ Haryana/ H P, and desired that they may be issued all the prescribed medicines on the same day, as they face problem for the night stay away from home.

AD, CGHS explained the procedure of dispensing of medicines, wherein the medicines available in the dispensary are issued to the beneficiaries on the same day, and for other medicines, an online indent is conveyed to the ALC, who prepares the packets for each individual patient, and supplies to the WC the next day. The indented medicines are dispensed to the beneficiaries a day later after checks/ verification. The number of beneficiaries visiting CGHS WC from Outside tricity, has increased manifold, thus Issuing medicines same day from ALC caused problems, both at the WC and at the shop of the ALC which will result in delay of regular supply on the next day.

(c) Issue of substitute medicines to the patients

The pensioners' representatives were apprehensive at the issue of substitute medicines, other than prescribed by the specialists, to the CGHS patients.

AD, CGHS explained that as per govt policy, govt doctors should prescribe generic medicines to the patients. However, in case of proprietary medicines prescribed by the specialists, and in case same equivalent drug having same salt formulation, or a different brand of the medicine is available in the wellness centre then same is dispensed to the CGHS patients.

(d) Preference to the beneficiaries from outstations in consultation with the MOs in the WC

The pensioners' representatives wanted that the beneficiaries visiting the WC from outstations be given out of turn preference in consultation with the MOs, so that they can return to their home in time.

AD CGHS pointed out the procedure for online appointment, and advised the pensioner beneficiaries to opt for online appointment with the MO of his choice, in the WC.

(e) Congestion in the WC in Sector 45

The pensioners representatives pointed out that in spite of various steps taken by the CMO, the congestion in the CGHS WC is continuing.

AD CGHS explained that the footfall at the CGHS WC has increased considerably, and is touching 600 daily. As we are functioning from premises of a part of civil hospital, there is no scope to have extra space. The case for the allotment of the earmarked plot in Sector 41 is still pending as the formal approval from the Ministry of Home Affairs; New Delhi is not forthcoming in spite of our best efforts

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks

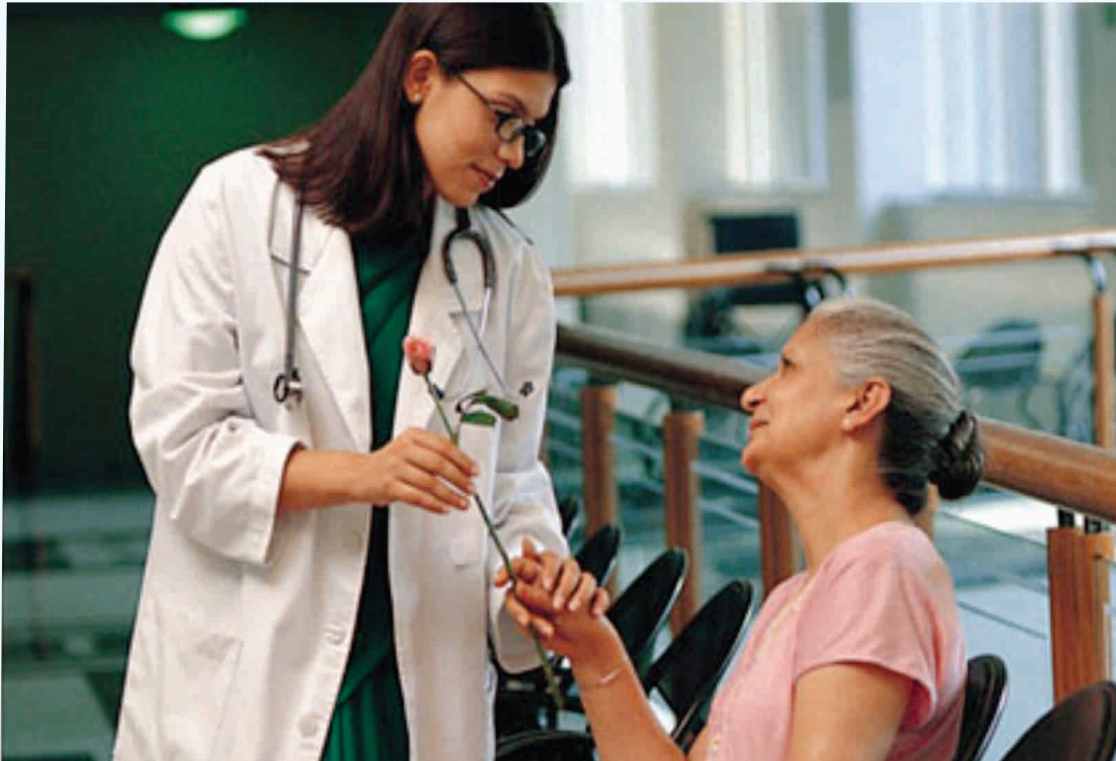
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(Dr.Ashwani Kumar Seniaray),
AD, CGHS, CHANDIGARH

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