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(P. S. Bedi, DIG (Retd.) BSF)

### **National Policy on Senior Citizens - 2011**

A draft on National Policy on Senior Citizens was submitted to the Union Minister of Social Justice & Environments, Govt of India in April 2011. This was in pursuance to the 'National Policy on older Persons' announced by the Govt of India in 1999. It ordains to make effective provisions for securing the right to public assistance in cases of old age.

Substantial increase in the number of older persons has been recorded due to vast increase in the human life expectancy over the years. The demographic profile in India, depicts that during 2000-2050, the overall population in India would increase by 55% whereas population of people above 60 years would increase by 326% and those above 80 years by 700%. Almost 1/8th of world's elderly population lives in India.

"In principal, the policy values an age integrated society. It will endeavor to strengthen integration between generations, facilitate interaction between old and the young as well as strengthen bonds between different age groups". The draft has listed as many as 10 points as 'focus of the new policy'. The main concerns of the policy have been identified as : Income Security in old age, Income tax, Healthcare (good affordable healthcare, Geriatric services etc.) Housing, Welfare and multi generational bonding etc. The implementation mechanism would include establishment of Dept of Senior Citizens under Ministry of Social Justice & Environments, establishment of Dte of Senior Citizens at states & Union territory level, National /State Commission for Senior Citizens and Establishment of National Council for Senior Citizens.

For details visit our Websites : [www.cccgpa.in](http://www.cccgpa.in) and [www.rscws.com](http://www.rscws.com).

### **Retirement age of Central Govt employees to be extended to 62**

The government of India is planning to extend the retirement age of all central govt employees by two years – from the current 60 to 62 years. An in-principle decision is reported to have been taken in this regard and the Dept of Personnel & Training (DOPT) has started the work to implement the same. A formal announcement to this effect is expected during the current year.

### INCOME TAX SLABS 2011-12 (Assessment Years 2012-13)

(Some errors had crept in the Income Tax rates/slabs published in our issue of March-April, 2011. The corrected and up dated details of income Tax slabs are reproduced afresh in this issue )

Tax Rate	2010-11	2011-12	Tax Rate	2010-11	2011-12
<b>Males below 60 years</b>			<b>Females below 60 years</b>		
Nil	1,6 Lac	1.8 Lac	Nil	1.9 Lac	1.9 Lac
10%	1.6 Lac to 5.00 Lac	1.8 Lac to 5.00 Lac	10%	1.9 Lac to 5.00 Lac	1.9 Lac to 5.00 Lac
20%	5.00 Lac to 8.00 Lac	5.00 Lac to 8.00 Lac	20%	5.00 Lac to 8.00 Lac	5.00 Lac to 8.00 Lac
30%	Above 8.00 Lac	Above 8.00 Lac	30%	Above 8.00 Lac	Above 8.00 Lac
<b>Senior Citizens (60-80 years)</b>			<b>Very Senior Citizens (60-80 years)</b>		
Nil	2.4 Lac	2.5 Lac	Nil	2.4 Lac	5.00 Lac
10%	2.4 Lac to 5.00 Lac	2.5 Lac to 5.00 Lac	10%	2.4 Lac to 5.00 Lac	-
20%	5.00 Lac to 8.00 Lac	5.00 Lac to 8.00 Lac	20%	5.00 Lac to 8.00 Lac	5.00 Lac to 8.00 Lac
30%	Above 8.00 Lac	Above 8.00 Lac	30%	Above 8.00 Lac	Above 8.00 Lac

**Education Cess of 2% +1% on Income Tax will continue.**

**Savings under Chapter VI A-Sec 80 C (Up to Rs. 1,00,000), Sec 80 D (Up to Rs. 20,000 for Senior Citizens) and under 80CCF (Up to Rs. 20,000) will be allowed. Contributions to CGHS is also allowed under Sec 80 D.**

Min. of Finance (Dept of Revenue), Central Board of Taxes No 402/92/2006-MC (07 of 2011)

#### PRESS RELEASE

#### Streamlining procedure for scrutiny of Income Tax returns

Scrutiny of income tax returns is an important mechanism for ensuring taxpayers compliance and to counter tax-evasion. However, it has evoked some concern from small taxpayers and senior citizens about prolonged enquiries. Concerns have also been raised about selection of the same cases in scrutiny year after year.

Appreciating the concern of these taxpayers and with a view to mitigate their hardships, Central Board of Direct Taxes has reviewed its scrutiny selection procedure. In order to redress the grievances, it has been decided that during the financial year 2011-12, cases of Senior Citizens and small taxpayers, filing income-tax returns in ITR-1 and ITR-2, will be subjected to scrutiny only where the Income Tax department is in possession of credible information.

Senior Citizens for this purpose would be individual taxpayers who are above 60 years of age or more. Small taxpayers would be individual and HUF taxpayers whose **gross total income, before availing deductions under Chapter VI A, does not exceed Rupees ten lakh**

#### No filing of Income Tax Returns for Salaried class employees

APTI Press Release indicates that a New Policy regarding 'No filing of returns' scheme for salaried class earning less than 5.00 Lakh will be notified shortly. The Chairman of the Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT) Shri Sudhir Chandra, intimated that the scheme to exempt the salaried people earning up to Rupees 5.00 Lakh annually from filing Income tax Returns will be notified by first week of June, 2011. The category of small salaried tax payers whose net salaried income is not above Rs 5.00 lakh and whose tax is deducted at source by the employer, who files return, will be exempted from filing returns. However, if the tax payer is claiming a refund from the Income Tax dept, he will have to file the return

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF ADVISORY COMMITTEE HELD ON 30-04-2011 IN THE CGHS WELLNESS CENTRE NO-1, SECTOR 45, CHANDIGARH**

The meeting was attended by the following members:-

- (1) **Sh.P.S.Bedi-DIG(Retd)**-Sr.ViceChairman,CentralGovt.Pensioners Coordination Committee, Chandigarh.  
(2186, Sector 35 C, Chandigarh- Tele; 2615048)
- (2) **Sh.G.S.Bhogal**, Gen.Sec, Senior Citizens Forum, Zirakpur.  
(F-23, Panchsheel Enclave, Ambala Road, Zirakpur- M- 9872639304)
- (3) **Sh.M.C.Arya**, Gen.Sec, Defence Accounts Pensioner Welfare Association, Chandigarh  
(210 Swastik Vihar, Patiala Road, Zirakpur- M- 9417495648)
- (4) **Sh.D.D.Sharma**, Survey of India, Sector 32, Chandigarh (M-94171-84124)
- (5) **Sh.Raj Kumar**, Representative of Goyal medicose, local chemist.
- (6) **Dr. Ashwani Kumar Senioray**, Chairperson, Advisory Committee, Chief Medical Officer (NFSG) I/C, CGHS WC-1, Sector 45, Chandigarh.

**Welcome Address:** Dr. Ashwani Kumar Senioray, CMO Incharge, welcomed the members of the Advisory Committee. He apprised the members regarding the action taken to improve the functioning of the Wellness Center, by putting up 'Information Boards' at appropriate places in the Wellness Center, and upgrading the facilities for the beneficiaries e.g. provision of drinking water, clean toilet etc. Following points were discussed.

**MRC status/Pendency of claims:** It was intimated to the members that as per information provided from AD office, the MRC bills of pensioners have been cleared up to February, 2011. The members again reiterated that the AD office may be requested to provide the status of pending MRC claims before the meeting of the advisory committee on regular basis. In respect of serving employees, as per latest instructions, their re-imbursement bills are being cleared by the respective departments. It was also stressed that new modified form for reimbursement claims as per latest instructions should be used.

**Performance of Local Chemist:** Performance of local chemist has been satisfactory and drugs are supplied in time and there has been no case of supply of substitute medicines by the local chemist..

**Availability of Drugs in the WC:** As per the records, there are 33 Generic items and 115 Proprietary items available in the WC. It was also intimated that six drugs have been banned by the Drug Controller, and had been withdrawn from pharmacy distribution counter.

**Amenities for the beneficiaries:** The members again felt the need to have a Token Display System installed at the Wellness Center to mitigate the patients stress and avoid long queues. There is urgent need to implement this point at an early date. Shri D D Sharma, representative of serving CGHS beneficiaries, reiterated that serving employees should be given preference in the morning hours to enable them to reach their office in time. A proposal to attend to the employee beneficiaries in the ratio of 3 employees to 1 pensioner from 07.30 a.m to 09.30 a.m. and there-after the Pensioners will be given preference in the same manner. However, emergency cases and acutely ill patients will be attended to on top priority as per norms.

A need to have a Ceiling fan at the Local Purchase Dispensing Area was discussed and the feasibility of putting the fan will be looked into. As this area is in the open, possibility of theft cannot be ruled out.

It was pointed out that the performance of the Diagnostic Centre at Silver Oaks Hospital, Mohali has invited criticism from the beneficiaries. Besides its distance from Chandigarh/ Panchkula and other areas, there have been cases of anomaly in reporting. It was decided to approach the hospital authorities by a sub-committee of the Advisory Committee consisting of Sarv Shri P S Bedi, M C Arya and D D Sharma to meet the Director, Silver Oaks Hospital and sort out this problem.

**Staff Punctuality & Behavior:** The conduct and behavior of the staff of the Wellness Center has been very good. They are courteous and helpful to the senior/aged CGHS beneficiaries. **Ms. Minakshi Tomar, Staff Nurse**, who had been selected as the best and most helpful staff member of the Wellness center No 1, Chandigarh for the Quarter ending 31 March, 2011 was felicitated and presented the Certificate of Excellence by the CMO, in the presence of all Medical Officers, Staff and the Advisory Committee members. A suggestion was mooted to give some monetary grant also if admissible as per govt. rules with the certificate as an additional incentive.

**Cleanliness & Maintenance of Wellness Centre:** The Wellness Centre was found to be clean and well maintained. Air purifier has been placed in the toilet block.

**Grievance Redressal:** The complaint box was opened by Sh.M.C.Arya and one letter, in which one of the beneficiaries had requested for installing Token system in the Wellness Center, was found. This point had already been discussed in the meeting.

The sub. committee had visited Silver Oaks Hospital Mohali on 10 May, 2011 and sorted out the problems with the Director (Dr. Akhil Bhargava and Pathologist Dr. Bharti Ahuja)

Minutes of the meeting of Advisory committee Held On 26-03-2011 In the CGHS Wellness Centre No-1, Sector 45, Chandigarh

**Welcome Address :**

Dr. Ashwani Kumar Seniaray, CMO Incharge, while welcoming the members of the Advisory Committee, informed that our Wellness Centre has been adjudged as the 'Best CGHS Performing Wellness Center for the Year 2010, in a survey carried out on an All India level by high level CGHS committee. A Certificate of Merit has been issued by the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Govt of India signed by the Secretary, Health & Family Welfare, Min of H&FW, Govt of India, Ms K Sujatha Rao. The CMO expressed his appreciation for the cooperation and positive contribution to improve the functioning of the Wellness Centre to the outgoing CGHS Advisory committee members (2008-2010), for this honour. The CMO I/C also appreciated the hard work, dedication and commitment to work by the team of doctors, all the staff members and positive support and cooperation from the Additional Director CGHS-Chandigarh, Dr. S.C Anand and his staff, for achieving this honour. The present members of the Advisory Committee extended their felicitations to the CMO and the staff of the CGHS Wellness Centre No 1, Chandigarh for this great achievement.

**MRC status/Pendency of claims :**

It was intimated to the members that as per information provided by AD office, the MRC bills of pensioners have been cleared up to January, 2011. The members again reiterated that the AD office may be requested to provide the status of pending MRC claims before the meeting of the advisory committee on regular basis.

**Performance of Local Chemist :**

Performance of local chemist has been satisfactory and drugs and supplied in time and there has been no case of supply of substitute medicines by the local chemist. The local chemist was directed to intimate the CGHS authorities about imported drugs whenever indented, for which Indian brands are available, as per Min of Health & Family Welfare order No : 28-2/09-10/CGHS/MSD dated 25-06-2010.

**Availability of Drugs in the WC.**

As per the records, there are 36 Generic items and 141 Proprietary items available in the WC. store. In reply to the Mr. M.C. Arya's query regarding difference between generic and proprietary drugs, the CMO informed that the Generic drugs contain the 'Basic Salts Formulations' and do not carry any Brand Name e.g. Paracetamol is Generic Drug, whereas Crocin (containing same salt formulations) is a Proprietary drug.

**Amenities for the Beneficiaries :**

The members felt that there is an urgent need for opening of another Wellness Centre in Chandigarh to accommodate the increasing number of beneficiaries. Sh P S Bedi, raised a point for ambulance services at the Wellness Center. The CMO informed that there is provision for engaging the services of ambulance in emergency cases, for which the incumbents can claim re-imbursement, vide Min of H & F W, OM No S-4924/20/2010/CGHS (R & H)/CGHS (P) dated 17 Jan, 2011.

**Staff Punctuality & Behavior :**

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

Regarding a case of complaint against an official. brought to the notice of the CMO I/C, by one of the Pensioners association, the misunderstanding was resolved amicably to the satisfaction of all, by calling a meeting of Wellness Center staff and briefing them to be more courteous to senior pensioner beneficiaries.

In reference to the latest instructions regarding nomination of Best Worker, the Advisory Committee unanimously approved the name of Ms. Minakshi Tomar, Staff Nurse, as the best and most helpful staff member of the Wellness Center No 1, Chandigarh for the Quarter ending 31 March, 2011.

**Cleanliness & Maintenance of Wellness Centre :**

The Wellness Centre was found to be clean and well maintained. The Toilet has also been repaired to the best possible extent and its upkeep by the staff ensured. There was a suggestion to place Air Purifier in the toilet block.

**Grievance Redressal :**

There was also demand for opening a Wellness Center in Panchkula to mitigate the difficulties faced by pensioners residing in and around Panchkula. The CMO informed that case for opening Wellness Center one each in Panchkula and Jalandhar (Punajb) is under consideration of the govt.

The CMO also intimated that case for empanelment of Fortis Hospital and a Diagnostic Centre in Chandigarh are in an advance stage and formal orders for their empanelment are expected soon.

The complaint box was opened by Sh. M.C. Arya and no letter was found.

**Govt. of India, Min. of H&FW No. S-11015/8/2011 - CHGS (P) dated 26 April, 2011, addressed to Sh. P.S. Bedi, DIG (Retd.) Senior Vice Chairman CCCGPA, Chandigarh**

**Sub : Entitlement of wards in Empanelled Hospitals for CGHS beneficiaries - reg**

Sir,

I am Directed to refer to your letter dated 11th March, 2011 on the above mentioned subject and to say that entitlement of ward is based on the payment made at the time of retirement which cannot be changed.

Yours faithfully,  
(Jai prakash)

Under Secretary to the Government of India)

The ministry's letter above is a reply to CCCGPA, Chandigarh letter of 11-03-2011, seeking clarification on entitlement of wards in empanelled Hospitals for elderly CGHS beneficiaries, who had retired before January 2006, and as per the revised Basic Pension w.e.f. 01-01-2006 on 6th CPC recommendations, their Basic Pension fell short of the revised entitlement of wards given vide Min of H&FW OM No. 5-11011/23/2009-CGHS - II/Hospital call (Part I) dated 16-11-2010.

This sets at rest the apprehension of some elderly pensioner beneficiaries who had retired before 2006.

**GMCH introduces new surgery packages for cataract**

(Tribune News Service dated 21-04-2011)

The package system of surgery in the ophthalmology department, Government Medical College and Hospital Sector 32, has proved a big success since it has been introduced two years ago. Nearly 800 patients are availing the facility every year.

The package includes the cost of intra ocular lens and other consumable items, which are made available to patients from the office of the ophthalmology.

It is convenient for patients as they do not have to stand in long queues in front of the chemist shop and moreover the cost of the package is cheap compared to buying such items from chemist shops as lenses are purchased directly from the manufacturer or distributor, said Dr Raj Bahadur, Director - Principal, GMCH.

"After getting a boost following the response of the patients, we are enlarging the scope of lenses in the package," he said. This year, patients will have the option to choose from eight different lenses, which will be offered at different costs. The cost of package A is Rs. 10, 300, package B1 and B2 Rs. 8,400 package D1 and D2 Rs. 5, 500, and package E Rs. 2,700.

The patient can choose any lens depending on their paying capacity and the indication depending upon the type of cataract, said Dr Sunandan Sood, head, ophthalmology department. The amount is deposited by patients in the hospital and all items are issued from the ophthalmology department with complete transparency. All these lenses are foldable and are implanted through 2.8 mm or 1.8 mm incision during phacoemulsification, which is a stitchless surgery. The Patient can go home immediately after the surgery and return for follow-up the next day, he added.

**Whole life CGHS cards**

Ministry of H & F.W., OM No. Misc. 6024/2007/CGHS (HQ) CGHS (P) dated 22 Dec, 2010

**Sub . : Issue of Individual Plastic Cards to each CGHS Beneficiary - guidelines to pensioner beneficiaries.**

The undersigned is directed to draw attention to the office memorandum of even number dated 30th December 2009 and to clarify that in response to representations received from pensioners CGHS beneficiaries, it has now been decided to partially modify para E (2) of the said memorandum.

Para E(2) of the Office memorandum of even number dated 30th December 2009, which reads as

"The Plastic Cards (which are identity cards) are issued for a maximum period of Five years or till entitled for CGHS benefits, whichever may be earlier. The actual validity of CGHS Card for availing services shall be as per records available in CGHS Data base. In case of CGHS pensioners who have paid for 'Rest of Life' facilities, a new plastic card shall be issued after 'Five years' without any additional contribution. However the beneficiaries would not be denied CGHS facilities, if there is any inadvertent delay in procurement of new plastic card after five years, provided the beneficiary is entitled for CGHS benefits." Is replaced by the modified paragraph which reads as follows :

Para E(2) "The Plastic Cards (Which are identity cards), would, hereinafter, be issued with validity till the pensioner beneficiary is entitled for CGHS benefits. In respect of pensioner CGHS beneficiaries, who have paid CGHS contribution for 'Rest of Life' CGHS facilities, the Plastic cards would, hereinafter, be issued for 'Rest of Life'. The Plastic cards already issued with a printed validity of five years to pensioner beneficiaries, who had paid CGHS contribution for 'Rest of Life' CGHS would be taken as valid for use for 'Rest of Life' However, such CGHS pensioner beneficiaries have the option to obtain new plastic cards after five years, if they choose to do so."

The other contents of the Office Memorandum of even number dated 30th December 2009 remain unchanged.

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Ministry of H & FW. (Dept of H & FW). OM No. Misc. 6024/2007/CGHS (HQ)/CGHS (P) dated 16 March 2011.

**Subject : Clarification regarding validity of Individual Plastic Cards at all CGHS Wellness Centres in the Country.**

The undersigned is directed to draw attention to the para E (6) of Office Memorandum of even number dated 30th December, 2009, wherein it was mentioned that after computerization of all CGHS covered cities the Plastic Cards will be valid in all CGHS cities in India and there will be no need for obtaining temporary attachment while on a visit to another CGHS City.

2. In response to representations received from CGHS beneficiaries seeking clarifications, it has now been decided to further clarify that :

"Now that computerization of all CGHS covered cities has been completed, the plastic Cards are valid in all CGHS cities in India and there is no need for obtaining temporary attachment while on a visit to another CGHS City. Since the data is available online, CGHS beneficiaries are permitted to obtain medicines (including indented medicines) from any Wellness Centre located in the same city, where the card is registered or from any Wellness Centre located in any other CGHS city while on a visit (official as well as personal.)"

3. The other contents of the Office Memorandum of even number dated 30th December 2009 remain unchanged.

R Ravi, Director

Min. of H & FW (Dept. of H & FW) OM No. S-11011/7/99-CGHS(P) dated 27-04-2011

**Subject : Medical facilities for inpatient treatment and post-operative follow-up treatment to CGHS Beneficiaries in Non-CGHS areas.**

The undersigned is directed to invite attention to the office Memorandum of even number dated 30th September, 1999, issued by the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare on the above subject and to state that keeping in view the difficulties being faced by the pensioners CGHS beneficiaries residing in non-CGHS covered areas, it has now been decided to liberalise the CGHS Rules with regard to pensioner CGHS beneficiaries and serving employees, as below, to enable them to avail medical facilities for in-patient treatment and post-operative follow-up treatment:

(a) (i) CGHS pensioner beneficiaries (and their dependant and eligible family members), who are holding a valid CGHS Card and are residing in a non-CGHS areas shall be eligible to obtain treatment from Government hospitals (Central Government/State Government/Local self Government/hospitals recognised under Central Services (Medical Attendance) Rules, 1944/hospitals and clinics empanelled under Ex-Servicemen Contributory Health Scheme (ECHS) and submit the medical reimbursement claim to the Additional Director/Joint Director of CGHS or the CMO in charge of CGHS Wellness Centre, where the CGHS is registered.

(ii) In case of non-emergency treatment from hospitals approved under Central Services (Medical Attendance) Rules, 1944 and Ex-Servicemen contributory Health Scheme (ECHS), it is necessary to obtain prior approval from CMO in charge of concerned Wellness Centre where the CGHS card is registered.

(iii) In case of medical emergency, treatment may be obtained from any hospital and medical claim shall be submitted to Additional Director / Joint Director, CGHS of the concerned city through CMO in charge of the Wellness Centre, where the CGHS card is registered.

(iv) Reimbursement shall be limited to the CGHS rates of the city where the card is registered and as per the ceiling rates and ward entitlements or as per actuals, whichever is lower.

(v) CGHS Pensioner beneficiaries/serving Central Government employees (and their dependant and eligible family members) and holding a valid CGHS Card and on a visit to non CGHS covered area may obtain treatment under emergency from Government hospitals (Central Government/State Government/Local self Government/hospitals recognised under Central Services (Medical Attendance) rules, 1944/hospitals and clinics empanelled under Ex-servicemen Contributory Health Scheme (ECHS) and the medical claim shall be submitted to Additional Director/Joint Director, CGHS of the concerned city through CMO in charge of the Wellness Centre, where the CGHS card is registered, in case of pensioners, etc., and to the concerned Ministry/Department/office in case of serving employees.

(vi) Reimbursement shall be limited to the CGHS rates of the city nearest to the place, where treatment is obtained and as per the ceiling rates and ward entitlements or as per actuals, whichever may be less.

b (i) CGHS pensioner beneficiaries (and their dependant and eligible family members), who are holding a valid CGHS Card and residing in a non-CGHS areas shall be eligible to obtain post operative follow-up treatment from Government hospitals (Central Government/State Government/Local self Government/hospitals approved under Ex-servicemen Contributory Health Scheme (ECHS) in follow up cases of Renal Transplant surgery, Knee and Hip Joint Replacement, Cancer treatment, neuro-surgery and cardiac surgery. However, prior permission is to be obtained from the CMO in charge of the concerned Wellness Centre, where the CGHS card is registered.

(ii) Permission shall be issued for 3 to 6 months at a time and may be extended based on medical requirement. Reimbursement for concerned, procedures and investigation shall be limited to CGHS rates of the city, where the card is registered and as per the ceiling rates and ward entitlements or as per actuals, whichever may be lower. OPD medicines shall be obtained from the concerned Wellness Centre for a maximum period of 3 months at a time.

c) Wherever treatment is obtained from a hospitals approved under Central Services (Medical Attendance) Rules, 1944/ECHS approved hospital, the beneficiaries (as in (a), (b) & (c) above) shall submit a certificate from the hospital that they have not charged more than the approved applicable hospitals approved under Central Services (Medical Attendance) Rules, 1944 /ECHS rates.

d) This office Memorandum supersedes the earlier OM of even number dated 30th September 1999.

e) This arrangement is provisional and would be in place till such time the proposed Health Insurance Scheme for Central Government employees & pensioners is brought into effect.

f) These orders will come into effect from the date of issue.

O.M. No. S. 11011/23/2009-CGHS D.II/Hospital Cell (Part I), dated 7-2-2011  
**Referral of CGHS beneficiaries to empanelled Super-speciality Hospitals**

With reference to the subject mentoned above, the undersigned is directed to state that serveral representations have been received from CGHS beneficiaries regarding problems faced by them in obtaining permission to undergo treatment at Superspeciality hospitals. The matter has been reviewed and it has now been decided to simplify the procedure for obtaining treatment from CGHS empanelled super-speciality hospitals. Attention is drawn to Para. 6.2 of office memorandum of even number dated the 17th August, 2010. wherein it was stated that -

"CGHS beneficiaries have, so far, been given the option to get themselves treated in any hospital of their choice. However, in view of the increased outgo on getting treatment in super-speciality hospitals, it has now been decided that CGHS beneficiaries desirous of getting treated in super-speciality hospitals, in non-emergency conditions, prior aproval of the concerned Additional Director, CGHS would have to be obtained."

**The above-mentioned procedure is modified to read as follows:**

"CGHS beneficiaries have, so far, been given the option to get themselves treated in any hospital of their choice. However, in view of the increased outgo on getting treatment in super-speciality hospitals, it has now been decided that CGHS beneficiaries desirous of getting treated in super-speciality hospitals, in non-emergency conditions, prior approval of the concerned Chief Medical Officer-in-Charge of the CGHS Wellness Centre would have to be obtained.

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Min. of H & FW O.M. No : S 11011/23/2009-CGHS D. II/Hospital Cell (Par VII)/1, dated 30-12-2010

**Fresh empanelment of private hospitals and revision of package rates applicable under CGHS, Ahmedabad, Chandigarh, Pune and Ranchi**

The undersigned is directed to invite reference to this Ministry's Office Memoranda of even number, dated the 5th October, 2010 and 20th October, 2010, vide which revised package rates payable to private hospitals under CGHS, Ahmedabad, Chandigarh, Pune and Ranchi for treating CGHS beneficiaries were notified and also that the rates would become applicable after issue of notification empaneling the hospital under CGHS. Three rates were notified, one for super-speciality hospitals, the second for hospitals that were accredited with the NABH and the third for hospitals not accredited with the NABH.

2. The undersigned is directed to enclose the list of hospitals, under the categories mentioned in the tender document, that have conveyed their acceptance of the rates of 5th October 2010, referred above and signed the Memorandum of Agreement with CGHS and have also furnished the appropriate performance bank guarantee. These hospitals are now taken as included in the list of approved hospitals for empanelment under CGHS, Ahmedabad, Chandigarh, Pune and Ranchi

4 It has now been decided that :-

(i) In the list of hospitals enclosed, hospitals that are already on the panel of CGHS, Ahmedabad, Chandigarh, Pune and Ranchi, and have now signed the fresh Memorandum of Agreement and submitted the appropriate performance guarantee will be eligible to charge at the revised rates with effect from the date of issue of this Office Memorandum.

(ii) In the list of hospitals enclosed, hospitals that are not on the existing panel of CGHS, Ahmedabad, Chandigarh, Pune and Ranchi, but have been now approved under the fresh empanelment procedure, and have now signed the fresh Memorandum of Agreement and submitted the appropriate performance guarantee will be eligible to treat CGHS beneficiaries and charge at the revised rates with effect from the date of issue of this Office Memorandum.

(iii) Hospitals that are presently on the panel of CGHS, Ahmedabad, Chandigarh, Pune and Ranchi, which

either did not apply in response to the fresh empanelment process initiated by the CGHS during the second half of 2009, or have not yet been approved by the CGHS under the fresh empanelment procedure can continue to treat CGHS beneficiaries at the old (pre-revised rates) for the present and until further orders.

5. The Office Memoranda of 5th October, 2010 and 20th October, 2010 can be downloaded from the website of CGHS, [www.mohfw.in/cghsnew/index.asp](http://www.mohfw.in/cghsnew/index.asp).

6. A similar notification for empanelment of diagnostic centres/imaging centres will be notified separately.

List of Hospitals Short-listed for consideration of empanelment category - Wise

LIST OF HOSPITALS - Chandigarh			
General Purpose		Whether accredited by NABH	Whether already on the panel of CGHS
NIL			
<b>SPECIALITY (SELECTIVE)</b>			
1. Mukat Hospital & Heart Institute (A) Unit of City Clinic Pvt. Ltd.)	Cardiology & Cardiothoracic, Orthopaedic and Endoscopy	No	Yes
<b>SUPER SPECIALITY CANCER HOSPITAL</b>			
NIL			
<b>EYE CARE CENTES DENTAL CLINICS</b>			
NIL			

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Min. of FW O.M. No. 37-1/2009-C&P/CGHS(P), dated 23-2-2011

#### **Issue of pensioner CGHS Cards to Central Government Servants before retirement**

Central Government servants on their retirement from service are entitled to CGHS facility, if they retire from office Ministries /Departments/Offices covered by CGHS. For availing CGHS facility, if eligible, after retirement from service, pensioners are required to fill up the requisite form and deposit the appropriate amount [lumpsum amount equivalent to one year's contribution for availing CGHS facility for which can be extended on an annual basis on payment of the appropriate contribution as applicable at the time of renewal or pay in lumpsum equivalent to ten years contribution for availing CGHS facility with life-time validity]. The process of issuing of pensioner CGHS cards starts only after the Government servant retires from service and only after the Pension Pay Order (PPO) and Last Pay Certificate (LPC) are issued by the Ministry/Department /Office. The completion of the formalities takes two to three months, which puts pensioners in a problematic condition for getting treatment from the date on which they retire from service and the time when a pensioner CGHS card is issued to them.

2. The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare has received representations from retired Central Government servants and from officials due for retirement within the next few months with the request that the policy regarding issue of pensioner CGHS cards be simplified so that they are in a position to get the pensioner CGHS card a day after their retirement from service.

3. The matter has been examined by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare in consultation with CGHS and it has been decided that the following course of action will be taken in respect of officials who are entitled to avail CGHS facility after his/her retirement from Government service.

(i) All Ministries/Departments will, along with pension papers, give the application for issue of pensioners CGHS cards to the office three months before the due date for retirement of the official.

(ii) The official, if he/she is interested in availing CGHS facility after his/her retirement, will :

(a) Fill up the form for issue of pensioner's card.

(b) Affix stamp sized photographs of the family members entitled to avail CGHS facility in the proforma for issue of pensioner's card.

(c) Enclose Demand Draft/Pay Order for the appropriate amount with reference to his/her decision to get CGHS card with life-time validity (the amount will be equal to ten year's contribution) or with validity for one year (the amount will be equal to one years contribution). For obtaining the card in Delhi, the Demand Draft/Pay Order will have to be made payable to "Pay and Accounts Officer

(CGHS), payable at Delhi" and for obtaining card in a CGHS city outside Delhi, the Demand Draft/ Pay Order will have to be made payable to "Additional Director or Joint Director (as the case may be ) of the CGHS city, payable in that city,"

(iii) The Ministry/Department will add a certificate of pay, grade pay, etc., drawn by the applicant form and also mention the entitlement of ward (Private Ward/Semi- Private Ward/General Ward) at the time of retirement of the official :

(iv) The Ministry/Departement will forward the application complete in all respects to the Additional Director in the concerned CGHS city after verifying the particulars furnished by the applicant six weeks before the date of retirement of the official.

(v) CGHS pensioner cell in the concerned GGHS city will initiate action to get the pensioner card prepared.

(vi) The validity of the pensioner card will start from a date after the last day of service of the official.

(vii) If the beneficiary, while in service, has been issued plastic card, then the Beneficiary Identification Number (Ben ID No.) will not be changed at the time of preparation of pensioner card and the same Ben ID number will be carried forward in the pensioner card.

(viii) The pensioner card will be handed over to the retired official only after the date of superannuation/retirement from service. and

(ix) Before the pensioner CGHS card is issued to the beneficiary, the plastic CGHS cards issued to all the members of the family will be surrendered.

4. All Ministries / Depts are requested to give wide publicity to contents of these instructions

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Ministry of Health and F W (Deptt of Health) OM No. S. 11025/10/2002. MS dated 17/21 Nov. 2006.

**Sub. : Revision in the schedule of charges/procedure for reimbursement of expenses on purchase/replacement/repair/adjustment of Hearing Aid under CS (MA) Rules, 1944- Clarification regarding.**

In continuation of this Ministry's O.M. Nos. S. 14025/36/93-MS dated 26.3.1991 and 17.8.1999 and partial modification in O.M. No. S. 14025/10/2002-MS dt 28.10.2001 of even number dated 19.12.2003 on the subject mentioned above, the undersigned is directed to say that the rates and procedure in this behalf as prevailing in CGHS will be applicable to Cental Government servants covered under CS (MA) Rules, 1944 also.

2. The special circumstances under which the digital hearing aid may be reimbursed up to a limit of Rs 30,000/- (Rupees Thirty thousand only for one ear) should include.

(a) Moderate to Severe Sensory Neural Hearing Loss with Aided Speech Discrimination Score, which cannot be improvised to 70% by use of analog Hearing Aid.

(b) Sharply sloping audiogram seen on Pure Tone Audiometry, inverted Audiogram or U shaped Audio gram involving 2000 Hz.

3. This should be done on the recommendation of two ENT Surgeons of two different Government Hospitals who have facilities to audiometric assessment and have facilities to audiometric assessment and have all performed their independent audiological assessment and an undertaking that has not been reimbursed a digital hearing aid in the preceding five years.

4. However, factors like (the age of the patient/educational or work requirement and bilateral congenital losses can also be taken into consideration by the prescribed surgeons for prescribing hearing aids based on digital technology. The request for the procurement of digital hearing aid need not be put up to the Standing Committee

5. The technical expert competent to condemn a hearing aid after 5 years would be the service engineer of the authorised hearing aid Centre/Denier. The above certificate would be required to be countersigned by the ENT Surgeon of Government Hospital.

6 These orders will be applicable to both type of beneficiaries viz CGHS beneficiaries and the beneficiaries covered under CS (MA) Rules 1944

7. This issues with the concurrence of Internal finance Division vide their Diary No 5689/06-IFD dated the 18th Oct. 2006.

8. The orders will come into effect from the date of issue

R. RAVI, Deputy Secy to Gol

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**Checklist For Hearing- AIDS**

(CGHS North Zone, Delhi Circular dated 23.07.10.)

All the CMO Incharges of the Wellness Centres under CGHS North Zone are requested to forward all the requests for approval of Hearing Aids of their CGHS beneficiaries as per following guidelines/Check list

**A) FOR APPROVAL/PERMISSION :**

- (i) Request from the card holder/claimant.
- (ii) Valid prescription with Name, Signature and Office Seal of the ENT surgeon/s.
- (iii) Audiogram Report/s signed by card holder/claimant.
- (iv) Undertaking from the claimant for not taken any Hearing Aid within last 5 years from Govt, funds
- (v) All the papers are duly verified/attested by concerned CMO I/C with Seal.
- (vii) Copy of CGHS Token card of patient as well as of the Card holder.

**(B) FOR REIMBURSEMENT / SANCTION :-**

The reimbursement of the medical claim would be considered subject to the Original OPD prescription/s. Original Audiogram/s. Empty Box-duly signed by-CGHS card holder, Original Referral slip, Original Permission Letter duly signed by card holder/claimant along with complete set of claim papers/bills.

- \* Each and every page of claim papers are signed by the claimant.
- \* The beneficiary may be asked to bring Hearing Aid Machine at the time of Medical reimbursement to check specifications.
- \* The periodic verification and signature/seal of the consultant ENT.

Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (Dept. of H & FW) New Delhi, the 10th February, 2011

**NOTIFICATION**

**G.S.R 82 (E)-** Whereas the Central Government is satisfied that use of the following drugs is likely to involve certain risks to human beings and whereas safer alternatives to the said drugs are available. And whereas the Central Government is satisfied that it is necessary and expedient to prohibit the manufacture, sale and distribution of the said drugs in public interest.

Now, therefore, in exercise of the power conferred by Section 26A of the Drugs and Cosmetics Act, 1940 (23 of 1940), the Central Government hereby prohibits the manufacture, sale and distribution of the following drugs with immediate effect, namely .

1. Nimesulide formulations for human use in children below 12 years of age.
2. Cisapride and its formulations for human use.
3. Pheylpropanoamine and its formulations for human use.
4. Human Placental Extract and its formulations for human use.
5. Sibutramine and its formulations for human use and
6. R-Sibutramine and its formulations for human use.

(davn 17102/11/0037/1011)

Three controversial drugs-Nimesulide, suspension to treat pain and fever in children, cisapride for stomach acid reflux, and phenylpropanolamine (PPA), a component of popular cold and cough syrups-have been declared unsafe by the Union Health Ministry's Drugs Technical Advisory Board (DTAB) and will be banned.

Experts, however, say the ban has come too late. It is because most pharmaceutical companies in India have stooped manufacturing these drugs following their ban in many developed countries, including Britain, Canada, Sweden, Denmark, Australia, New Zealand and Japan. Nimesulide has never been filed for sale in the US, where it is not marketed, "It's an eyewash. The combined worth of all three drugs is just 20 crore of India's Rs.50, 000-crore pharma market . If the drug Controller General of India (DCGI) wants an effective ban that benefits people, he should ban nimesulide tablets, which accounts for 99% of the Rs. 300 crore nimesulide market." said Dr Chandra M Gulati, Delhi-based editor of the journal, Monthly Index of Medical Specialities.

In India, nimesulide tablets are routinely prescribed for inflammation, pain and fever because they have a longer-lasting effect. Unlike paracetamol, which usually acts for 4-6 hours, nimesulide brings down pain and fever for 12-18 hours. However, the side effects include liver damage. The world Health Organization recommends paracetamol, which should be the first drug of choice for fever, followed by ibuprofen.

The other unsafe drugs banned are cisapride, which was found to cause irregular heartbeats. It has 2 crore market. PPA is a component of cold and cough remedies and commands a 3.5 crore market. Despite repeated attempts, DCGI Dr Surinder Singh Could not be reached for comment.

Courtesy : Hindustan Times

**CGHS SET-UP AT HEADQUARTERS**

Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, New Delhi O.M. F.No. A 48013/Z009-E.I dt. 19.11.2010

The administrative control of the CGSH will be with the newly created post of AS&DG (CGHS) and will include the following.

- (i) The full administrative control of the all officers and staff of CGHS will vest in AS & DG (CGHS) .
- (ii) All the sanctioned posts and the existing incumbents at different levels for CGHS in DGHS will be under the AS & DG (CGHS)
- (iii) Until the separate sections for cash, budget, parliamentary matters etc, are established, the present working arrangement, may continue in the concerned sections in the DGHS.
- (iv) The CGHS will be given a separate budget head/line from the fiscal 2011-12. Until such time this is done, the present budget head of DGHS may continue
2. In all technical matters AS&DG (CGHS) will consult and route files through the DGHS before circulating the files to secretary (HFW) and Minister of Health & Family Welfare.
3. DGHS will continue to be the Chairman of the Committee for examining requests of high value claims of treatment abroad
4. A Central Government Health Care Scheme Board has been constituted and will comprise the following member.
  - (i) Secretary (HFW) Chairperson
  - (ii) DGHS Member Representatives of 3 Pensioner Associations nominated by Secy (HFW) Secy DOP & T Member
  - (iv) Representatives of Secy (Expdr) - Member
  - (v) AS & FA Member
  - (vi) MOHFW - Member
  - (vii) AS & DG (CGHS) - Secretary
5. The terms of reference of the Board will be as follows :
  - \* The approval of the recommendations to the Government on policies related to Central Government Employee & Pensioners Health Care Scheme (CGE & PHCS) subject to rules/regulations.
  - \* Approval of annual operational plans for implementation of the scheme
  - \* Approval of budget proposals :
  - \* Approval of reallocation of funds between components
  - \* Approval of the appointment of Consultants and outside agencies.
  - \* Coordination with other Ministries/Departments wherever necessary in regard to expansion of the scheme.
  - \* Matters related to Insurance for CGHS
  - \* Overall supervision of the CGE & PHCS
  - \* Any other matter related to improving the functioning and incremental efficiency of the scheme for the welfare and benefit of the beneficiaries.
  - \* The Board shall meet at least four times every financial year
  - \* The issues with the approval of the Minister of Health & Family Welfare
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Joint Secretary to the Govt. of India

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BHARAT SANCHAR NIGAM LIMITED O/O GENERAL MANAGER TELECOM CHANDIGARH  
(MEMO NO. GC-III/HRD/NEW HOSPITAL/EMPANELMENT/18 DATED 06-12-2010)

1. In pursuance of the orders contained in the CGMT (Pb.) Circle, Chandigarh Memo No. Genl/Hospital/Empanelment/Chandigarh/2/21 dt. 18.11.2010. the agreement has been entered into with the following hospital, which has been approved for empanelment by CGMT, Punjab Telecom Circle, Chandigarh for providing Indoor Medical Treatment to all BSNL employees at latest CGHS rates as applicable at Chandigarh or concerned Hospital rates whichever is lower for a period shown against the hospital.

S. No.	Name & Address of Hospital	Specialization	Period of Empanelment
1.	Grewal Eye Institute SCO 166-169 Sector - 9C, Chandigarh	Specialized in Eyes	4 December 2010 to 3 December 2011.

- II. The claim of the indoor medical treatment to be availed by the BSNL employees will be regulated as per following conditions/instructions :-

- (a) All the BSNL employees seeking indoor treatment will apply for the same, preferably carrying the recommendation of competent medical authority, to the DGM (Admn.) O/o GMTD. Chandigarh for issuing of authorization letter for such treatment in the hospital. However in the case of emergency, patient may get himself/herself admitted to the hospital on production of the valid Family Health Card. In such cases the patient will get pre-authorization letter from the hospital in the prescribed form (enclosed) for issue of authorization letter from the prescribed competent authority immediately or on the following day. The patient will not be required to pay any advance & Medical facilities will be provided on credit till the authorization letter is furnished from the authorized letter of BSNL. After issuing the valid family identity cards the patients are not likely to be admitted by the respective hospital without producing the same.

- (b) Entitlement of Rooms/Beds for indoor treatment shall be as given below :

S. No.	Employees Group	Eligibility	S. No.	Employees Group	Eligibility
1.	Group 'D'	General ward.	4.	Group 'A' JAG & Above	Pvt. Ward with AC.
2.	Group 'C'	Semi Pvt. Ward.	5.	CMD & Board Directors ( full time)	Delux room with AC
3.	Group 'B' & Group 'A' (upto STS)	Pvt. Ward (Non AC)			

In case the eligible accommodation is not available at the time of admission, the patient will be admitted to lower category of accommodation. But if the patient is provided higher category of accommodation at his/her own request, the differential amount will be borne by the beneficiary and accommodation is provided by the hospital in the event of non-availability of entitled accommodation, the differential amount will be borne by the hospital concerned.

- (c) Inpatient hospitalization will only be extended to the members under this agreement and claims will be settled directly by the BSNL under "Direct Payment System". For the outpatient treatment the employees may take such treatment on the agreed rates as applicable in Chandigarh on cash basis and BSNL, shall not be responsible for any such Medical expenditure on this account under "Direct Payment System".
- (d) GMTD. Chandigarh will be the competent authority for approval and passed for, of the bills, for the employees. After processing & Checking of the bills in the account section, the bills/claims shall be put through proper channel to the competent authority for approval & passed for.
- (e) (i) While operating BSLMR scheme for indoor treatment in the empanelled hospitals, the following letters may be referred to, which were issued by Corporate office BSNL, New Delhi endorsed by the Circle Office and any other letter issued from time to time.

1	BSNL/Admn./1/2	Dated 27-02-2002	5	BSNL/Admn./1	Dated 22-04-2003
2	BSNL/Admn./1/(Pt)/2003	Dated 24-02-2003	6	BSNL/Admn./1	Dated 04-12-2003
3	BSNL/Admn./1	Dated 28-02-2003	7	BSNL/Admn./1/1	Dated 03-06-2004
4	BSNL/Admn./1/(Pt)/2003	Dated 12-03-2003	8	BSNL/Admn./1/1 (ii)	Dated 03-06-2004

(ii) As per letter mentioned at Serial No. 8 in the above para SSA/Unit is required to maintain the limit of expenditure and quarterly statement in the prescribed format annexure with the above said letter, shall be sent to CAO (TA) of Circle office by 5th January/April/July/October.

(iii) In addition to the quarterly statement, two registers are also required to be opened for maintaining expenditure employee-wise (for working employee & retirees separately) giving details of expenditures like registration fee, Consultation fee, tests charge, nursing charges, room charges, operation charges, Medical charges, equipment charges if applicable, others etc. in the preform enclosed.

(V.K. Mahajan) AGM (HR)

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General Manager Telecom, Chandigarh Memo No. GC-III/HRD/New Hospital/Empanelment/2011/12 dated 24/28 Dec. 2010

**Sub : Extension of Empanelment of Hospitals with BSNL Chandigarh SSA.**

In accordance with CGMT. Pb. Circle letter No. Genl/Hospital Empanelment/2010-11/ 33 dt. 16-8-2010 regarding extension of already empanelled hospitals on the existing terms & conditions, below noted hospitals are given extension for empanelment w.e.f. 01 January 2011 till date as detailed below :

S. No.	Name of Hospital and Address	Specialization/facility provided by the Hospital	Extended Period of Empanelment
1.	Kapoor's Kidney and Uri Stone Center Private Ltd. Site 1 & 2 Sector 46D, Chandigarh.	Multi speciality & Kidney	01-01-2011 to 19-08-2011.
2.	Mukat Hospital plus Heart Institute. SCO 47-49, Sector 34, Chandigarh.	Super specialty & Heart	01-01-2011 to 31-12-2011
3.	Sri Guru Harkrishan Sahib Multi-speciality and Eye Hospital, Sohana (Mohali)	Super specialty & Specialized for Eyes	01-01-2011 to 31-12-2011
4.	Indus Super Specialty Hospital, Phase - I, Mohali	Super specialty	01-01-2011 to 31-12-2011
5.	Ivy Health & Life Science (P) Ltd. Sector 71, Mohali	Super specialty	01-01-2011 to 28-02-2011
6.	COSMO Hospital Mohali	Super specialty	01-01-2011 to 31-12-2011
7.	Alchemist Hospital, Panchkula.	Orthopaedic packages & Heart related Treatment	01-01-2011 to 31-12-2011
8.	OMNI Hospital, Sector - 34, Chandigarh	Super Sepcialty	01-01-2011 to 31-12-2011

The hospitals from Sr. No. 1 to 7 were empanelled as per Memo No. GC-III/HRD/New Hospital/Empanelment/13 Dated 08-01-2010 and hospital at Sr. No. 8 vide GC-III/HRD/New Hospital/Empanelment/18 dated 27-03-2010. The hospital at Sr. No.1 has been given extension upto 19-08-2011 and at Sr. No. 5 upto 28-02-2011 which is the date of expiry of their Income Tax Exemption Certificate respectively. The case of M/s. Kapoor's Kidney and Uri Stone Center Private Ltd. Sector 46 D, Chandigarh & Ivy Health & Life Science (P) Ltd. Sector - 71, Mohali for further extension upto 31-12-2011 will be considered on receipt of valid I/Tax Exemption Certificate till 31-12-2011.

This extension of empanelment is subject to existing terms & conditions signed with BSNL, Chandigarh at the time of empanelment as per CGHS rates.

This is issued with the approval of GMTD. Chandigarh

AGM (HR.)  
O/o. GMTD. Chandigarh.

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**Office of the PCDA (Pensions), Drapupadi Ghat Allahabad, Circular No. 451 datd 21-02-2011**  
**Subject : Grant of fixed Medical Allowance (FMA) to the Armed Forces Pensioners residing in area not covered under ECHS.**

Reference : This office Circular No. 208 (File No. Grants/Tech/0162-VIII dated 27.07.1998)

A copy of Government of India, MOD letter No. 1(10)/09-D (Pen-Policy) dated 12.01.2011, on the above subject is forwarded herewith as Annexure to this circular for further necessary action at your end.

2. The fixed medical allowance has been enhanced from 100/-pm to 300/-pm with effect from 01.09.2008. Ex Servicemen who retired after 01.04.2003 have to become member of ECHS compulsorily and are not eligible to draw fixed Medical Allowance, However, all Pre 01.04.2003 retirees have the option of either joining the Scheme or draw Fixed Medical Allowance as per the extant rates.

3. The other conditions for grant of Fixed Medical Allowance as brought out in this office Circular No.

208 quoted under reference shall continue to be in force. PDAs are requested to please review the cases and revise the Fixed Medical Allowance in all the affected cases accordingly.

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Min. of P.P.G & P (Dept of P & PW) O.M. No 1/13/09-P&PW (E) dated 28-04-2011

**Subject : Extension of scope of Family Pension to widowed/divorced/unmarried daughter and dependent siblings of Central Government servants/pensioners-Clarifications - reg.**

The undersigned is directed to state that as per the existing provisions of CCS (Pension) Rules. 1972 as amended from time to time, the son/daughter of a Government servant/Pensioner is eligible for family pension upto the date of his/her marriage/remarriage or till he/she starts earning or till the age of 25 years, whichever is earlier. Further, a disabled son/daughter of a Government servant/Pensioner suffering from any disorder or disability of mind, including mentally retarded, or who is physically crippled or disabled, is eligible for family pension for life subject to the fulfillment of certain conditions. Subsequently, orders were issued vide this Department's O.M. No. 45/86/97-P&PW(A) dt. 27.10.97 and No. 1/19/03-P&PW(E) dt. 30.08.2004 making divorced/widowed

daughters eligible for family pension even after attaining the age limit of 25 years subject to the fulfillment of certain conditions. It was subsequently clarified vide this Department's O.M. No. 1/19/03 P&PW(E) dt. 11.10.2006 that family pension to widowed/divorced daughters is admissible irrespective of the fact that the divorce/widowhood takes place after attaining the age of 25 years or before.

2. Further, orders have been issued vide this Department's O.M. No. 1/19/03P&PW(E) dt. 6th September., 2007, whereby an unmarried daughter of a Government servant/Pensioner beyond 25 years of age, has been made eligible for family pension at par with the widowed/divorced/unmarried daughters subject to fulfillment of certain conditions. However, family pension to the widowed/divorced/unmarried daughters shall be payable in order of their date of birth and the younger of them shall not be eligible for family pension unless the next above has become ineligible for grant of family pension, Further, the family pension to widowed/divorced/unmarried daughters above the age of 25 years, ceased to be eligible to received family pension and that there is no disabled child to receive the family pension.

3. Subsequently, orders have been issued vide this Department's O.M. No. 1/15/2008-P&PW(E) dt. 17.8.2009 whereby dependent disabled siblings of a Government servant/pensioner have been made eligible for family pension for life subject to the fulfillment of certain conditions.

4. Representations have been received in this Department from various quarters (i.e. Pensioners Aslsociations, etc.) to the effect that the claims for family pension of widowed/divorced/unmarried daughters and dependent disabled siblings are not being entertained by certain Ministries/Departments on the plea that names do not appear in the details of family submitted by the Government servant/Pension to the Head of Office from where he/she had retired. Besides, in cases where a Government servant/Pensioner had expired prior to the issued of above referred orders by this Department, the claims of widowed/divorced/unmarried daughters, etc. for family pension are not being entertained by Ministries/Departments on the pleas that they were not are not eligible for family pension at the time of retirement/death of the Government servant or death of the Pensioners. This Department had been requested for issued of appropriate clarificatory orders in the matter so as to settle the family pension claims of the aggrieved widowed/divorced unmarried daughters etc, of the Government servants/Pensioners.

5. The matter has been considered in this Department in consultation with Department of Expenditure, Ministry of Finance. It is hereby clarified that subject to fulfillment of other conditions laid down therein, the widowed/divorced/unmarried daughter of a Government servant/Pensioner, will be eligible for family pension with effect from the date of issue of respective orders irrespective of the date of death of the Government servant/Pensioner. Consequently, financial benefits in such cases will accrue from the date of issue of respective orders. The cases of dependent disabled siblings of the Government servants/Pensioners would also be covered on the above lines.

6. All Ministries/Departments are requested to kindly settle the family pension claims of widowed/divorced/unmarried daughters and dependent disabled siblings accordingly on priority. They are also requested to bring these order to the notice of their attached/subordinate organizations for compliance.

7. This issued with the concurrence of the Ministry of Finance, Department of Expenditure vide their U.O. No. 97/EV/2011 dated 06.4.2011.

8. In so far as their applicability to the personnel of Indian Audit and Accounts Department is concerned, the orders are being issued in consultation with the C&AG of India vide their U.O. No. 65-Audit (Rules) 14-2010 dt. 26.4. 2011.

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Ministry of PPG & P (Dept of P & PW) O.M. No. 1/4/2011-P & PW (E) dated 01 April 2011

**Subject : Grant of family pension to childless widow of a deceased Central Government employee after remarriage - Clarification - reg.**

A reference is invited to the Department of Pension & Pensioners 'Welfare's O.M. No. 38/37/08-P&PW(A) dt. 2.9.2008 whereby provisions regulating pension/family pension/gratuity/commutation of pension/disability pension/ex-gratia lumpsum compensation, etc. were revised consequent upon implementation of Government's decision on the recommendations of 6th CPC.

2. As per the provisions of para 8.6 of the ibid O.M. the childless widow of a deceased Government employee shall continue to be paid family pension even after her remarriage subject to the condition that the family pension shall cease once her independent income from all other sources becomes equal to or higher than the minimum prescribed for family pension in the Central Government.

3. References/Representations have been received in this Department from various quarters raising therein doubts that the provisions of this Department O.M. dt. 2.9.2008 do not adequately take care of cases wherein death of the employee took place prior to 1.1.2006 and the childless widow of the deceased employee got remarried before/on or after 1.1.2006.

4. The issue has been examined in this Department in consultation with Department of Expenditure. It is hereby clarified widow of a deceased Central Government employee who had expired before 1.1.2006, shall be eligible for family pension in the light of 6th CPC's recommendations irrespective of the fact that the remarriage of the widow had taken place prior to/on or after 1.1.2006. The financial benefits in such cases, however, will accrue from 1.1.2006. This, however, would be subject to the fulfillment of certain conditions laid down therein, including the income criterion that the income of the widow from all sources does not become equal to or higher than the minimum prescribed for family pension in the Central Government.

5. This issues with the concurrence of Department of Expenditure, Ministry of Finance vide their U.O. No. 64/EV/2011 dt. 11.3.2011.

6. This order, in so far as their applicability relates to employees of Indian Audit & Accounts Dept. is being issued in conciliation with the comptroller and General of India vide U.O. No. 50-Audit (Rules/14-2010) dated 31-03-2011. (K.S. CHIBB) Director

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Ministry of P.P.G & P (Dept of P & PW) OM F. No. 42/15/2010-P&PW(G) dated : 11.04.2011

**Subject : Grant of Dearness Relief to Central Government pensioners who are in receipt of provisional pension or pension in the pre-revised scale of 5th CPC w.e.f. 1-1-2011.**

In continuation to this Department's OM No. 42/18/2010-P&PW(G) dated 27th Oct., 2010 sanctioning the Dearness Relief to those central Government pensioners who are in receipt of provisional pension or pension in the pre-revised scales of 5th CPC, the President is pleased to grant the Dearness Relief to these Central Government pensioners as under :

(i) Those who are in receipt of provisional pension or pension in the pre revised scales of 5th CPC are entitled to Dearness Relief@115% w.e.f 1.1.2011.

(ii) The surviving CPF beneficiaries who have retired from service between the period 18.11.1960 to 31.12.1985 and are in receipt of ex-gratia@Rs. 600/- p.m. w.e.f. 1.11.1997 under this Department's OM No. 45/52/97-P&PW(E) dated 16.12.1997 are entitled to Dearness Relief@115% w.e.f. 1.1.2011.

2. The following categories of CPF beneficiaries who are in receipt of ex-gratia payment in terms of this Department's OM No. 45/52/97-P&PW(E) dated 16.12.1997 are entitled to DR@107% w.e.f. 1.1.2011.

(i) The widows and dependent children of the deceased CPF beneficiary who had retired from serviced prior to 1.1.1986 or who had retired from service prior to 1.1.1986 and are in receipt of Ex-gratia payment Rs. 605/- p.m.

(ii) Central Government employees who had retired CPF benefits before 8.11.1960 and are in receipt of Ex-gratia payment of Rs. 654/-, Rs. 659/-, Rs. 703/- and Rs. 965/-

3. Payment of DR involving a fraction of a rupee shall be rounded off to the next higher rupee. In their application to the pensioners / family pensioners belonging to Indian Audit and Accounts Department, these orders issue in consultation with the C&AG.

4. This issues with the concurrence of Ministry of Finance, Department of Expenditure vide their UO No. 1(4)/EV/2004 dated 8th April 2011.

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Ministry of P.P.G & P (Dept of P & PW) OM No. 44013/2010-Coord. 25.03.2011

**Sub. : Guidelines for holding of Pension Adalats - reg.**

The undersigned is directed to state that the Department of Pension & Pensioners Welfare, Ministry of Personnel, P.G. & Pensions, is the nodal Department for the formulation of general policy relating to benefits of Central Government employees covered under CCS (Pension) Rules, 1972. Besides, it also seeks to promote pensioners welfare and serves as a forum for the redressal of pensioners' grievances.

2. At present, some Ministries/Departments like Defence, Railways and Posts have been conducting Pension Adalats from time to time wherein on-the-spot decisions are taken for a prompt resolution of pensioners grievances. However, keeping in view the rising spate of pensioner's grievances, the cooperation and involvement of all Ministries/Departments in redressing these grievances through various fora (i.e. Pension Adalats, etc.) is considered necessary.

3. The Department of Pension & Pensioners' Welfare has been considering for sometime framing of some sort of guideliness/framework for holding of Pension Adalats. Based on the interaction with Ministries Department of Defence, Railways and Posts and the feedback received from banks with regard to holding of Pension Adalats, this Department has formulated guidelines for holding of Pension Adalats by various Ministries Departments/Organisations, including the Pension disbursing banks. A copy of these guidelines is enclosed herewith for perusal. The Ministries/Departments/Organisations may like to organise Pension Adalats for pensioners as considered appropriate by them. These guidelines are not mandatory in nature and suitable changes could be effected, wherever required, keeping in view the overall objective of prompt and quick redressal of objective of prompt and quick redressal of pensioners grievances.

(K.S. Chibb) Director (P)

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### **Guidelines for conducting Pension Adalats**

**1.Objective -** The intention of conducting Pension Adalats is to look into the grievances of Pensioners so as to redress the same by taking on-the-spot decisions thereby reducing the delay, if any, in the settlement of their legitimate dues. This kind of interaction with Pensioners would instill in them a sense of being cared for and attended to, thus, dispelling their feelings of isolation and neglect. It will also give an idea of the kind of problems/difficulties that are being faced by the pensioners and help in identifying the areas of concern in policy that require our urgent attention for amendment, etc.

#### **2. Frequency, Date and Time -**

**2.1** Pensioners Adalats may be held twice around January and July every year. Venue and date will be fixed by the concerned organization in consultation with the stakeholders and notified through advertisements in leading newspapers/other media. For this purpose, the following time frame may be adopted.

(a) Issue of notice by respective organisations through print and visual media and other means about holding of Pension Adalats indicating date, venue, time of Adalat and the name of officer to whom the grievances have to be submitted. (At least 4 months in advance of proposed date of Adalat)

(b) Last date for submission of grievances by Pensioners, which should be indicated in the Notification mentioned above. (within 90 days from the date of issue of notice)

**2.2** About 4 to 6 weeks time is considered adequate to investigate most of the complaints / representations though some cases may take a little longer. However, keeping in view the fact that the aim of the Adalat is to promote credibility and generate confidence amongst the pensioners, the last date for receiving the complaints/representations to be heard in the Adalat may be suitably fixed and announced at the time of giving the publicity. Only one officer will be nominated to receive the complaints/representations. The office to whom the complaints/representations should be sent will also be indicated in the advertisement.

#### **3. Publicity for the Adalat**

**3.1** Wide and adequate publicity through print and visual media and other means like posters at prominent places, may be given in advance to enable the pensioners to send their cases in time for consideration in such Adalats. Doordarshan and A.I.R. can also be requested to telecast/broadcast the same through appropriate programmes. This is considered necessary, as reference to various records is very often essential before a grievance can be considered/redressed.

**3.2** The most important aspect of the publicity campaign is to reach out to the individual pensioners. For this purpose a set of handouts, posters and press releases may be prepared and sent to the following agencies three months in advance.

\* Bank branches, Post Offices and Treasury offices for display at their respective premises.

\* Respective organizations at regional level for display at their premises and other crucial points.

\* Pensioner's Associations & Leagues of pensioners at the station of the Adalat and its adjoining states for dissemination of information to the pensioners.

\* For publicity of the Adalat for the information of Pensioners, press releases be issued in various print and electronic media in local/regional languages.

\* The above exercise may be repeated through several rounds of press releases to above mentioned agencies.

#### **4. Admissibility of cases in Pension Adalats**

**4.1** Cases involving purely legal points e.g. succession etc. cannot be taken up in the Adalat. This aspect need to be adequately publicized.

4.2 Grievances involving policy matters need not be taken up in such Adalats.

4.3 In the cases of grievances not being tenable, the pensioners may be suitably advised in writing.

4.4 Normally, no case should be held up for the sake of consideration/decisions in the Adalat unless the delay is absolutely inescapable.

### **5. Advance Action**

5.1 The representations/grievances of Pensioners may be acknowledged indicating the date, venue and time of Pension Adalat.

5.2 The concerned Officers will examine the grievances/representations admitted and submit necessary reports at least two weeks before the Adalat meets, to the member of the Adalat. The grievances/representations may be examined in detail and prompt action to finalize the cases be taken. Wherever necessary, liaison may be done with other concerned agencies for prompt settlements of the grievances. The cases which do not fall within the scope of the Adalat, will be required to be communicated to complainants indicating the result of enquiry/investigation, etc, and the decision taken thereon.

### **6. Representation in Pension Adalats -**

6.1 All officers dealing with pension viz senior officers of Personnel/Administrative Branch and Accounts Department and Managers of the pension-disbursing Banks from zonal or Divisional Headquarters should be present with all the relevant records so that decisions are not postponed for the sake of referring to the records.

6.2 The officers present in the Pension Adalats should be able to take decisions on the spot to redress the grievances. In this connection it is pertinent to note that such meetings are not to take up policy matters but they should deal with specific grievances of the individual pensioners, when represented by him personally or by a family member of the Pensioners.

6.3 The authorized representatives of the Standing Committee of Voluntary Agencies (SCOVA) and the recognized Trade Unions/Pensioners Associations may also be invited to attend the Pension Adalats. But they should not be permitted to present the grievances of the Pensioners.

6.4 However, in the case of illiterate Pensioners, widows, minors etc. it may not be possible for them to effectively prepare and present cases before the Adalat. In such cases, if the pensioner/ family pensioner seeks the assistance of the representatives of the SCOVA/Pensioners Associations attending the Adalat, the SCOVA/Pensioners Associations representatives may be permitted to present the grievances of such pensioners/family pensioners. It may so happen that the Office bearers of the SCOVA/Trade Union/Pensioners Associations may not be available when Pension Adalats are held on different dates, at different places. In such cases even the representatives of SCOVA/Trade Unions/Pensioners Association, as authorized by the SCOVA/Trade Unions / Pensioners Associations and whose credentials, are sent in advance to the concerned organisation may be allowed to attend the Pension Adalats and to present the cases, if necessary.

6.5 It needs to be ensured that all the cases which are tenable are settled at the time of Pension Adalat itself. But in cases, where it is not possible to settle the same on the spot, it should be settled and finalized within a period of approx, three months from the date of holding the Pension Adalat.

### **7. Composition & Conduct of Pension Adalat**

7.1 The Adalat will comprise of concerned stakeholders at the Regional level, which may have minimum five members chaired by the Head of the concerned Organization/Bank. The Head of the Pension Adalat would be assisted by the concerned officer of the Region concerned. The other three members will be one each from the Operational Wing and Finance Wings and the Bank/Post-Office (Pension disbursing authority). It may also have a representative of DoP & PW. However, modification in the composition of the members can be made if the Head of the respective Organization/Pension Adalat feels so in the circumstances.

7.2 The business of the Adalat is conducted through benches which comprise of experts in pension matters from various authorities. The Pension Adalat would be more beneficial if the representatives of DoP & PW and all the concerned stakeholders are included in it.

7.3 The Pension Adalats should be conducted at the level of very senior officers including officers of Personnel, Accounts, Finance and other Departments concerned. The representatives of Banks/other Pension Disbursing Authorities should also be co-opted in the Pension Adalats. The officers comprising the Adalat should be those who have been authorized to take decision on the various aspects of pension.

**8. Jurisdiction and Venue**

The Adalats are generally held at places where there is large concentration of Pensioners who draw their pension from Public Sector Banks, Post officers and Treasuries, There will be one Adalat at least at regional level. "Which will cover a wide range of organizations/stakeholders. The Adalats may be held at the Headquarters/Station of the Regional office of the respective organization.

**9. Evaluation & Monitoring**

**9.1** A summary of outstanding cases may be compiled at the end of the Adalat and the unsettled cases referred to the concerned agencies for appropriate action in a time bound manner. A periodical review of outstanding cases conducted and follow up action is taken with the internal and external agencies.

**9.2** A review of the performance of the Adalat may be completed within 3 months of the ADALAT DAY. The items for evaluation could be

- (a) Total no. of grievances/cases.
- (b) Number of cases decided on - the - spot.
- (c) Disposal of cases where decision could not be given on-the-spot and another date has been given.
- (d) Users satisfaction generated through the Adalat.

**9.3** An evaluation report after the first Adalat meeting may be prepared by the Head of the Pension Adalat assisted by the concerned officer at regional level clearly indicating further steps. if any, required for improvement, and the same submitted within a month from the date of Adalat to senior officers to the respective organization

**9.4** Efforts should always be made to make payment of settlement dues immediately on retirement as per normal practice. No case should be held up for decision in Pension Adalats unless the delay is absolutely inescapable.

**9.5** As the conduct of Pension Adalat is being monitored at the highest level of the respective organization including stakeholders. the guidelines should be followed scrupulously to ensure that the grievances of Pensioners/Family Pensioners are settled promptly without giving any room for complaint whatsoever.

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Ministry of Communications & I.T., O.M. No. 40-172008-Penn-Vol II dated 15.03.2011.

**Sub. : Revision of Pension of pre-2007 pensioners/family pensioners of BSNL.**

1. The employees of erstwhile Department of Telecom (DoT) who were absorbed in BSNL with effect from 1.10.2000 in accordance with Rules 37 A of CCS (Pension) Rules 1972 and have since retired are being paid pension by the Government in accordance with sub-rule 21 of the said rule.

2. The matter regarding revision of Pension in respect of BSNL IDA Pensioners, who retired during the period from 1.10.2000 to 31.12.2006 pursuant to wage revision in BSNL with effect from 1.1.2007 had been under consideration of the Government of India.

3. The undersigned is directed to convey the decision of Government of India to regulate the pension/family pension of all the BSNL absorbed pensioners/family pensioners, who retired during the period 1-10-2000 to 31-12-2006 with effect from 1.1.2007. In the manner indicated in the succeeding paragraphs.

3.1 These orders shall apply to all pensioners/family pensioners who were drawing/entitled to draw pension/family pension on 1.1.2007 under the provisions of sub-rule 21 of Rule 37-A of Central Civil Services (Pension) Rules, 1972, based upon the combined services rendered in Government and in BSNL,

3.2 In these orders.

(a) Pre-2007 BSNL pensioner / family pensioner means a pensioner/family pensioner, who. after retirement from BSNL during the period 1.10.2000 to 31.12.2006, was drawing/entitled to draw pension based upon his combined service in Government and in BSNL, in accordance with sub rule 21 of Rule 37-A of CCS (Pension) Rules 1972, as on 31.12.2006.

(b) Existing pension means the basic pension inclusive of commuted portion, if any. as on 31.12.2006, covered under sub-rule 21 of Rule 37-A of the CCS (Pension) Rules, 1972.

(c) Existing family pension means the basic family pension as on 31.12.2006 under sub-rule 21 of Rule 37-A of the CCS (Pension) Rules 1972.

4.1 The pension/family pension of pre-2007 BSNL pensioners/family pensioners will be consolidated with effect from 1.1.2007 by adding together.

(1) The existing pension/family pension, including commuted portion of pension, if any :

(2) Dearness Relief upto AICPI (IW) average index 126.33 (Base year 2001=100) i.e. @68.8% of Basic

Pension/Basic Family pension :

3. Fitment weightage @30% of the sum of existing pension/family pension and Deamess Relief thereon. The amount so arrived at will be regarded as consolidated pension/family pension with effect from 1.1.2007.

4.2. The fixation of pension will be subject to the provision that the revised pension, in no case, shall be lower than fifty percent of the minimum of the pay in the pay scale corresponding to the pre-revised pay scale from which the BSNL pensioner had retired.

4.3 Since the consolidated pension will be inclusive of commuted portion of pension, if any, the commuted portion will be deducted from the said amount while making monthly disbursements.

4.4 The lower and upper ceiling on pension / family pension shall be Rs. 3500/- and Rs. 45000/- respectively.

4.5 The quantum of pension/family pension available to the old pensioners/family pensioners shall be increased as follows :

<b>Age of Pensioner/ Family pensioner</b>	<b>Additional Quantum of Pension</b>
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 year to Less than 100 years	50% of revised basic Pension/Family pension
100 years or more	100% of revised pension pension/family pension

The amount of additional pension will be shown distinctly in the pension payment order. For example, in case where a pensioner is more than 80 years of age and his/her consolidated pension in terms para 4.1 and 4.2 above is Rs. 10,000 pm, the pension will be shown as (i) Basic pension=Rs, 10,000 and (ii) Additional pension=Rs. 2,000 pm. The pension on his/her attaining the age of 85 years will be shown as (i) basic pension-Rs. 10,000 and (ii) additional pension-Rs. 3,000 p.m.

4.6. The consolidated pension/family pension arrived at as per paragraph 4.1 includes dearness relief of 68.8% of basic pension corresponding to average Index level upto. 126.33 (Base year 2001=100) as on 1.1.07, as per orders issued quarterly by Department of Public Enterprises in respect of serving employees, whose pay scales were revised w.e.f. 1.1.1997. Therefore, dearness relief on the consolidated pension/family pension will be admissible only beyond index average 126.33 (Base year 2001=100) in accordance with the scheme of dearness allowance which is admissible on pay to serving employees of BSNL, i.e. the quarterly IDA rates notified by Department of Public Enterprises. Sixteen such quarterly Instalments of Deamess Relief on IDA pension due w.e.f. 1.4.07 upto the date of issue of these orders will be paid on the basis of DPE OM issued from time to time in respect of serving employees of CPSEs whose scales were revised w.e.f. 1.1.07. A table indicating dearness relief admissible w.e.f. 1.4.2007 to 31.3.2011 is under :

<b>S. No.</b>	<b>IDA effective from</b>	<b>IDA Rates</b>	<b>S. No.</b>	<b>IDA effective from</b>	<b>IDA Rates</b>
1.	01.01.2007	0%	10.	01.04.2009	16.9%
2.	01.04.2007	0.8%	11.	01.07.2009	18.5%
3.	01.07.2007	1.3%	12.	01.10.2009	25.3%
4.	01.10.2007	4.2%	13.	01.01.2010	30.9%
5.	01.01.2008	5.8%	14.	01.04.2010	34.8%
6.	01.04.2008	6.3%	15.	01.07.2010	35.1%
7.	01.07.2008	9.2%	16.	01.10.2010	39.8%
8.	01.10.2008	12.9%	17.	01.01.2011	43.0%
9.	01.01.2009	16.9%			

4.7 Where the consolidated pension/family pension in terms of paragraph 4 above works out to an amount less than Rs. 3500, the same shall be stepped upto Rs. 3500.

This will be regarded as pension/family pension with effect from 1.1.2007. In the case of pensioners who are in receipt of more than one pension, the floor ceiling of Rs. 3500/- will apply to the total of all pensions taken together.

4.8 Cases of BSNL pensioners who are in receipt of any other pension may be referred to this office for issue of orders separately.

5. The annual pension liability of Government in respect of employees retired from DoT prior to 1.10.2000 and those who are working in BSNL on deemed deputation basis or on absorption shall continue to remain within 60% of annual receipts to Government from (i) dividend income from MTNL/BSNL, (ii) License fee from MTNL/BSNL and (iii) Corporate Tax/Excise duty/Service Tax paid by BSNL after this revision. In case it exceeds 60% excess liability will be borne by BSNL.

6. All administrative offices of BSNL handling preparation of pension papers to the BSNL pensioners are hereby directed to initiate the process of consolidation of pension/family pension to existing BSNL pensioners/family pensioners at the consolidated rates in terms of para 4 above immediately, and forward the same to concerned CCA for authorization. A table showing pre-revised and revised pay scales in BSNL is given in Annexure I.

7. A suitable entry regarding the revised consolidated pension shall be recorded by the Pension Disbursing Authorities, in both halves of the Pension Payment Order. An intimation regarding disbursement of revised pension may be sent by the pension disbursing authorities to the office of CCA which had issued the PPO in the form given at Annexure-II so that the latter can update the Pension Payment Order Register maintained by him. An acknowledgement shall be obtained by the Pension Disbursing Authorities from office of the respective CCAs in this behalf.

8. The consolidated pension as worked out in accordance with provisions of Para 4 above shall be treated as final Basic Pension with effect from 1.1.2007 and shall qualify for grant of Dearness Relief of IDA pattern sanctioned thereafter.

9. It shall be the responsibility of the CCAs/Heads of the office, etc. from which the BSNL employee had retired or where he was working prior to his demise to revise the pension/family pension of all BSNL pensioners/family pensioners with effect from 1st January 2007 in accordance with the provisions mentioned in para 4.1 and 4.2 above and to issue revised Pension/family pension in terms of these provisions shall be initiated suo-moto by the concerned Heads of offices. It is emphasized that the Pension Sanctioning Authority, in no case, will ask the BSNL pensioner/ family pensioner to surrender his/her original/family Payment order (PPO) for issuing revised authority. In case, however, the age of pensioner/family pensioner is not available on the PPO/ office records, the same shall be obtained from the pensioner/family pensioner and indicated in the revised PPO. The authenticity of the age declared by the pensioner/family pensioner shall be verified by the pension sanctioning authority. It may also be ensured that a copy of the revised PPO should be invariably endorsed to the pensioner/family pensioner.

10. It is considered desirable that the benefit of these orders should reach the pensioners as expeditiously as possible. To achieve this objective it is desired that all Heads of offices should ensure that the calculation for revised pension due to the pensioners in terms of para 4.1 and para 4.5 above is forwarded to the concerned CCA by 30th April 2011 who in turn will issue the revised PPO within one month of receipt of cases completed in all respects positively. Payment of pension at revised rates should start from the month of July 2011 and payment of arrears should be completed by 30th September 2011. Concerted efforts should be made by all the authorities concerned to ensure that the revised PPO's are issued, wherever necessary, with the utmost expedition in terms of para 4.1, 4.2 and 4.5 above.

Shakeel Ahmad Dy. Director Central (Establishment)

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#### **Department of Pension and Pensioners Welfare) - Notification**

**S.O. 2806. In exercise of the powers conferred by the proviso to article 309 read with clause (5) of article 148 of the constitution and after consultation with the Comptroller and Auditor General in relation to persons serving in the Indian Audit and Accounts Department, the President hereby makes the following rules to amend the Central Civil Services (Commutation of Pension) Rules 1981, namely:-**

**1. (1) These rules may be called the central Civil Services (Commutation of Pension) Amendment Rules,**

(2) They shall be deemed to have come into force with effect from the 2nd September, 2008 and the revised Table Commutation Value for Pension, appended to these rules shall be used for all commutation of pension which becomes absolute from the 2nd September 2008 and in the case of pensioners whose commutation of pension became absolute on or after 1st January, 2006 but before

2nd September, 2008, the pre revised Table of Commutation Value for Pension shall be used for payment of commutation of pension based on pre revised pay or pension and in respect of such pensioners, the revised Table of Commutation Value for Pension, appended to these rules shall be used for the commutation of additional amount of pension that has become commutable on account of retrospective revision of pay and pension.

2. In the Central Civil Services (Commutation of Pension) Rules, 1981

(1) in rule 3, sub-rule (1) for clause (d), the following clause shall be substituted, namely :-

"(d) "Retirement gratuity" means the gratuity payable under sub-rule(1) of rule 50 of the CCS (Pension) rules, 1972."

(2) in rule 5, for sub-rule(3), the following sub-rule shall be substituted, namely :-

(3) If the percentage of pension to be commuted results in fraction of rupee, such fraction shall be ignored for the purpose of commutation."

(3) in rule 6, for sub-rule (2) the following sub-rule shall be substituted, namely :-

"(2) In the case an applicant referred to in rule 9 or rule 10 the commuted value is paid in two or more stages, the reduction in the amount of pension shall be made from the respective dates for the payments as laid down in clause (a) or clause (b) of the provision to sub-rule (1)"

(4) in rule 9, in sub-rule (3), (a) in clause (i) and (ii), for the words "two thousand", wherever they occur, the words, "six thousand" shall respectively be substituted, and (b) in clause (i), for the word "fraction" the word "percentage" shall be substituted"

(5) in rule 10, (a) for the word "fraction" the word "percentage" shall be substituted (b) for the words "two thousand". wherever they occur, the words "six thousand" shall be substituted :

(6) after rule 10, the following rule shall be substituted, namely :-

"10 A. Restoration of commuted pension, — The commuted amount of the pension shall be restored on completion of fifteen years from the date the reduction of pension on account of commutation becomes operative in accordance with rule 6 :

Provided that when the commutation amount was paid on more than one occasion on account of upward revision of pension, the respective commuted amount of the pension shall be restored on completion of fifteen years from the respective date (s)"

(7) in rule 12, in clause (iii), the words "death-cum", shall be omitted.

(8) in rule 22, in sub rule (1), in clause (b), for the words "two thousand" the words "six thousand" shall be substituted.

(9) in rule 31, (i) for the words "One hundred" wherever they occur, the words "six thousand" shall be substituted, (ii) for the word "fraction" wherever it occurs, the word "percentage" shall be substituted.

(10) in rule 32, for the words "Department of Personal and Administrative Reforms", the words "Department of Pension and Pensioners welfare" shall be substituted.

(11) in rule 33, for the words " Department of Personnel and Administrative Reforms," the words "Department of pension and pensioners Welfare" shall be substituted :

(12) in rules, 3,4,11,12,13,14,15,16,17,18,19,26 and 27 for the words "fraction" wherever it occurs the word "percentage" shall respectively be substituted.

(13) for the table appended to these rules, the following table shall be substituted namely:-

**TABLE**  
**"Commutation Values For A Pension of Rs.1 Per Annum Effective from 1st January, 2006**  
**(see rules 3(1)(m) 8,26(7), 28(5) and 29(1) and 29(21))**

Age next birthday	Commutation value expressed as number of year's purchase	Age next birthday	Commutation value expressed as number of year's purchase	Age next birthday	Commutation value expressed as number of year's purchase
1	2	3	4	5	6
20	9.188	41	9.075	62	8.093
21	9.187	42	9.059	63	7.982
22	9.186	43	9.040	64	7.862
23	9.185	44	9.019	65	7.731
24	9.184	45	8.996	66	7.591
25	9.183	46	8.971	67	7.431
26	9.182	47	8.943	68	7.262
27	9.180	48	8.913	69	7.083
28	9.178	49	8.881	70	6.897
29	9.176	50	8.846	71	6.703
30	9.173	51	8.808	72	6.502
31	9.169	52	8.768	73	6.296
32.	9.164	53	8.724	74	6.085
33.	9.159	54	8.678	75	5.872
34.	9.152	55	8.627	76	5.657
35.	9.145	56	8.572	77	5.443
36.	9.136	57	8.512	78	5.229
37.	9.126	58	8.446	79	5.018
38.	9.116	59	8.371	80	4.812
39.	9.103	60	8.287	81	4.611
40.	9.090	61	8.194		

#### Explanatory Memorandum

Due to implementation of the recommendations of the sixth Cental Pay Commission, it has become necessary to give retrospective effect to the proposed amendments from the date from which the recommendation of the Sixth Central Pay commission were given effect to. It is certified that the interest of no person is adversely affected by giving retrospective effect to the proposed amendments.

**Note :** The central civil Services ( Commutation of Pension) Amendment Rules, 1981 were published vide S.O. 1134 dated 11th April, 1981 as amended by notification No. 34/1/81 Pension Unit dated the 8th July, 1983 and were subsequently amended vide Department of Pension and Pensioners Welfare Notification as given below :

S.No.	Notification	Date	S.No.	Notification	Date
1.	S.O. No. 1870	04-05-1985	2.	S.O. No. 2097	18-05-1985
3.	S.O. No. 1775	19-07-1997	4.	S.O. No. 918	28-02-2002
5.	S.O. No. 1484(E)	30-12-2003			

F.No. 42/23/10-P&PW(G)  
Raj Singh, Jt. Secy.

Ministry of Finance (Dept of Exp)-Central Pension Accounting Office, Tridkoot - II, Bhikaji Cama place, New Delhi Letter No CPAO/Tech/Pen Assn/2011/882 dt 08.11.2010 addressed to Sh. Harcharan Lal, Secy. Central Govt. Pensioners Assn., KK-149, Kavi Nagar, Ghaziabad

**Sub : Payment of arrears of pension (Nomination) Rules 1983 read with para-23 of the "Scheme of payment of pensions" to Central Govt. Civil Pensioners by Public Sector Banks**

Sir, Please refer to your letter No. CGPA/Pen/2008 dated 08.10.2010 on the above cited subject. The para 23.1 of Scheme booklet for Payment of Pension to Central Government Civil Pensioners by Authorized Banks states that the payment of arrears will be made to heir (s) of the deceased pensioner, if the deceased pensioner had not submitted any nomination under the payment of arrears of Pension (Nomination) Rules, 1983. In case, a valid nomination by the deceased pensioner exists, payment will be made to the nominee in accordance with the nomination.

Since joint accounts for pension purpose are permissible with spouse only, the submission of nomination form 'A' and 'B' by the pensioners is necessary in the cases of singly operated bank Accounts.

P. Sarada, Sr. Accounts Officer (Tech)

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Ministry of Finance, (Dept of Expdr) Central Pension Accounting office, Trikot-II, Bhikaji Cama Place, New Delhi, circular No. CPAO / TEC / Annuxure III/ 2010-11/953 dated 06-12-2010.

**Sub : Meeting with the representatives of Banks and other Government Pensioners Departments regarding issue of revised PPOs in respect of pre-2006 retirees.**

Reference is invited to the enclose minutes of the meeting held on 12th November 2010 under the chairmanship of Secretary (Pension, AR & PG) to sort out the issues relating to issuance of revised PPOs for pre-2006 pensioners. Necessary action as discussed and reviewed at senior level on a continued basis. The Nodal Officer appointed may be given clear directions in this matter.

2. The status of issue of Annexure III by the Banks was reviewed in the meeting on the basis of inputs received from the Banks and CPAO. It was observed that in may cases, there is variation in the information on number of Annexure III despatched by the Banks. All Banks may ensure that Annexure III in respect of each pensioner reach his PAO in the Ministry/Department from where he retired by 31st Dec. 2010 with a copy to CPAO.

3. The status of Annexure III reported by banks alongwith action to be taken on their part is also attached herewith. To facilitate follow-up action all banks have been directed to provide a PAO-wise and PPO-wise list of Annexures III sent by them (indicating reference number of despatch postal addresses of PAO addressed and disbursing Bank branch) to CPAO by 20th December 2010, This may be sent electronically at the email id psarada.cpao@gmail.com. Alternatively, the hard copy of the list may be sent by name to Ms. P. Sarada, Sr. Accounts officer, Technical Section CPAO. The same may also be sent to the Deptt of Pension and PW, 3rd Floor Lok Nayak Bhawan, Khan Market, New Delhi

4. On scrutiny of Annexure III received from the Banks, the following irregularities have been observed.

a) Some Banks have sent the copy of Annexure-III to CPAO but may not have sent to concerned Pay and Account office i.e. PPO issuing authority.

b) The quality of copies of Annexure III is a matter of concern as a number of Annexure III received by CPAO are not in prescribed format.

c) Some Banks seem to have resent Annexure III resulting in multiple counts.

5. All Banks are hereby directed to rectify the above irregularities and complete the work of issuing Annexure IIIs latest by 31st December, 2010 failing which the matter will be referred by Department of Pension & Pensioner's Welfare to Department of Financial Services, Ministry of Finance.

6. All Banks are also directed to furnish (and confirm adequacy of files in CPAO) the master data of Central Civil Pensioners in a soft copy in the prescribed format for reconciliation with database of CPAO (if not already done) by 31st January 2011. This would be a mandatory requirement for switching over to CPPC. The approval for transition to CPPC would be considered only if the master data has been reconciled PPO-wise based on receipt of files. A time table will be issued for the Bank for detailed reconciliation.

7. For any queries, the banks may contact Ms. P. Sarada Senior Accounts officer, Technical Section. Tel. No. 2453 0027

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BSNL (Pension Section) Circular letter No. 40-19/2010-Pen(B) 1-12-2010

**Sub. : Processing of paper related to retirement benefits of un-absorbed BSNL employees-regarding streamlining of procedure for early settlement of pensionary benefits.**

This is in continuation to this office letter of even number dated 19.8.2010 with regard to timely settlement of retirement benefits of un-absorbed/absorbed BSNL retirees. As you would be aware, the CCA offices in the field release pension orders and other retirement benefits after receipt of pension papers complete in all respects from concerned BSNL units. Needless to emphasize, if the pension papers are incomplete and or vigilance/disciplinary clearance not submitted, the issue of PPO and other final benefits get delayed in CCA office which causes great inconvenience to the pensioners.

2. It is requested that before the 1st of January of each year, a print-out of all officials due for retirement in forthcoming year be taken out from HRMS system. This facility is available under the Staff module Reports Retirement profile year wise. Each such official may be approached by giving appropriate set, well in time and the same be got submitted by the individual to Head of Office not later than eight months prior to the date of retirement.

3. The Head office, not later than 6 months of the date of retirement of the BSNL absorbed & un-absorbed employee should forward to A.O. Form 5&7 duly completed with a covering letter in Form 8 along with service book of the employee duly completed upto date, and any other documents relief upon for the verification of service. He should also prepare the "Pension Calculation Sheet" in the prescribed Form in triplicate and forward it to Communication Accounts officer of the concerned DOT cell/CCA office.

4. A check list has been attempted which will help the concerned Pension Branch of Circle office to cross check that the pension papers are in order before sending to CCA office. A copy of check list is enclosed as ANNEXURE, It is expected that this will also facilitate the issue of PRO by CCA office expeditiously.

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Railway Board letter No E(W) 2007/CP-1/37-RBE No 04/2011 10.01.2011

**Sub. : Payment of Ex-gratia lump-sum compensation to families of Railway employee who die in harness on duty**

Ref : Board's letter No. E(W) 99/CP-I/I dated 05.11.1999 (RBE No. 285/1999)

In partial modification of this office letter No. E(W)99/CP-I/I dated 09.02.2000, the clarification that the compensation payable under Workmen's Compensation Act (WCA) should be reduced from the lump-sum amount payable as Ex-gratia compensation is hereby withdrawn. However, the aggregate of the relief/Ex-gratia Compensation paid from different sources of workmen compensation, viz. compensation under WCA, compensation under Section 124 of the Railways Act, 1989 as applicable, etc. is subject to the ceiling laid down in para-12 of Annexe to O.M. No. 45/55/97-P&PW(C) dated 11.09.1998 circulated vide Board's letter No. E(W) 99 CP-I/Idated 05.11.1999 as amended vide letter No. E(W) 2008/CP-1/7 dated 30.09.2008 notifying revised rates of compensation w.e.f. 01.01.2006 orders are effective from 01.08.1997.

2. Sanction is also communicated to revision of the ceiling on aggregate amount mentioned in Para-12 of Annexe to the DOP&PW's O.M. dated 11.09.1998 ibid referred to above from Rs. 10 lakh to Rs. 20 lakh in each individual case w.e.f. 01.01.2006

3. This issues with the concurrence of the Finance, Directorate of the Ministry of Railways.

Debasis Mazumdar, Joint Director Estt.

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Ministry of Defence (Dept. of Ex-servicemen Welfare) New Delhi- No1(4)/2008(1)/D(Pen/Policy)/-Vol-V dated 15 Feb. 2011

**Subject : Rationalization of casualty pensionary awards for the Armed Forces Officers and Personnel Below Officer Rank (PBOR)-Special benefits in cases of death and disability in service prior to 1.1.2006-reg.**

Sir,

The undersigned is directed to refer this Ministry letters No. 17(4)/2008(1)/D(Pen/Policy) dated 11.11.2008 and No. 16(6)/2008(1)/D(Pen/Policy) dated 4.5.2009, issued in implementation of the Government decision on the recommendations of Sixth CPC for revision of Disability/Liberalized Disability/War injury pension and Special family pension/Dependent pension (Special)/Liberalized family pension /Dependent pension (Liberalized)/2nd life award (ii) case of PBOR for the Armed Forces Officers and Personnel Below Officer Bank (PBOR) retired/discharged/died/invalided out from service prior to 1.1.2006.

2. The question of grant of modified parity between pre-2006 and post-2006 Armed Forces pensioners drawing pension under casualty pensionary awards has been under consideration of the Government for quite some time. The President is pleased to decide the following provisions mentioned in succeeding paragraphs for revision of pension/family pension for pre-2006 Armed Forces pensioners/family pensioners drawing pension under casualty pensionary awards-

#### **Special Family Pension**

3. The special family pension revised in terms of this Ministry's letter dated 11.11.2008 read with letter dated 14.5.2009, shall not be less than 60% of the minimum of the pay in the band plus Grade pay, Military Service pay, 'X' Group pay where applicable/minimum of pay in case of HAG and above pay scales, in the revised pay structure introduced from 1.1.2006 corresponding to the pre-revised scale held by the deceased Armed Forces personnel at the time of death, subject to a minimum of Rs. 7,000/-per month.

#### **Dependent Pension (Special)**

4. The dependent pension (special) revised in terms of this Ministry's letter dated 11.11.2008 read with letter dated 4.5.2009, shall not be less than 50% of the special family pension worked out based on 60% of the minimum of the pay in the pay band plus Grade pay, Military Service pay, 'X' Group pay where applicable/minimum of pay in case of HAG and above pay scales, in the revised pay structure introduced from 1.1.2006 corresponding to the pre-revised scale held by the deceased Armed Force personnel at the time of death, subject to a minimum of Rs. 3,500/-per month.

#### **Second Life Award (Special Family/Pension) in respect of PBOR including Non Combatants (Enrolled)**

5. The second life award (Special family pension) revised in terms of this Ministry's letter dated 11.11.2008 read with letter dated 4.5.2009, shall not be less than 50% of the special family pension worked out based on 60% of the minimum of the pay in the pay band plus Grade pay, Military Service pay, 'X' Group pay where applicable in the revised pay structure introduced from 1.1.2006 corresponding to the pre-revised scale held by the deceased Armed Force personnel at the time of death, subject to a minimum of Rs. 3,500/- per month.

#### **Liberalized Family Pension**

6. The liberalized family pension revised in terms of this Ministry's letter dated 11.11.2008 read with letter dated 4.5.2009, shall not be less than the minimum of the pay in the pay band plus Grade pay, Military Service pay, 'X' Group pay where applicable/minimum of pay in case of HAG and above pay scales, in the revised pay structure introduced from 1.1.2006 corresponding to the pre-revised scale held by the deceased Armed Force personnel at the time of death subject to a minimum of Rs. 7,000/- per month.

6.1 In case where child/ children of an armed force personnel is in receipt of liberalized family pension, the family pension, the revised pension of all children together in terms of this ministries letter dated 11-11-2008 read with letter dated 04-05-2009 shall not be less than 60% of the minimum of pay in the pay band plus grade pay, military service pay, 'x' group pay where applicable/ minimum of pay in case of

HAG and above pay scales, in the revised pay structure introduced from 1-1-2006 corresponding to the pre revised scale held by deceased Armed Force Personnel at the time of death subject to a minimum of Rs. 7000/-.

**Dependent Pension (Liberalized)**

7. The dependent pension (Liberalized) revised in terms of this Ministry's letter dated 11.11.2008 read with letter dated 4.5.2009, shall not be less than 75% (in case both parents are alive) and 60% (in case of single parent/dependent brother (s) and sister (s) of the minimum of the pay in the pay band plus Grade pay, Military Service pay, 'X' Group pay where applicable /minimum of pay in case of HAG and above pay scales, in the revised pay structure introduced from 1.1.2006 corresponding to the pre-revised scale held by the deceased Armed Force personnel at the time of death.

**Second Life Award (Liberalized family pension) in respect of PBOR including Non Combatants (Enrolled)**

8. The second life award (liberalized family pension) revised in terms of this Ministry's letter dated 11.11.2008 read with letter dated 4.5.2009, shall not be less than 60% of the Liberalized family pension worked out based on the minimum of the pay in the pay band plus Grade pay, Military Service pay, 'X' Group pay where applicable/minimum of pay in case of HAG and above pay scales, in the revised pay structure introduced from 1.1.2006 corresponding to the pre-revised scale held by the deceased Armed Force personnel at the time of death.

**Disability Pension**

9. The disability element revised in terms of Para 2.2 of this Ministry's letter dated 4.5.2009, shall not be less than 30% of minimum of the pay in the pay band plus Grade pay, Military Service Pay, 'X' Group pay where applicable in the revised pay structure introduced from 1.1.2006 corresponding to the pre-revised scale held by the Armed forces personnel at the time of retirement/discharge/invalidemnt for 100% disability.

9.1 For disability less than 100% the disability element shall be proportionately reduced as per the period and degree of disability already accepted.

9.2 In cases where permanent disability is not less than 60% the disability pension (i.e. total of service element revised in terms Para 2.1 of this Ministry's letter dated 4.5.2009 plus disability element) shall not be less than 60% of minimum of the pay in the pay band plus Grade pay, Military service pay, 'X' Group pay where applicable/minimum of pay in case of HAG and above pay scales, in the revise pay structure introduced from 1.1.2006 corresponding to the pre-revised scale held by the Armed Force personnel at the time of retirement/discharge/invalidment, subject to minimum of Rs. 7,000/- per month.

**Liberalized Disability Pension**

10. The Disability element revised in terms of Para 2.2 of this Ministry's letter dated 4.5.2009, shall not be less than 30% of minimum of the pay in the pay band plus Grade pay, Military Service Pay, 'X' Group Pay where applicable/minimum of pay in case of HAG and above pay scales, in the revised pay structure introduced from 1.1.2006 corresponding to the pre-revised scale held by the Armed Force personnel at the time of retirement/dishcharge/invalidment for 100% disability.

10.1 For disability less than 100% the disability element shall be proportionately reduced as per the period and degree of disability already accepted. However, in no case the revised liberalized disability pension (i.e. aggregate of service element revised in terms Para 2.1 of this Ministry's letter dated 4.5.2009 plus disability element) shall be less than 80% of minimum of the pay in the pay band plus Grade pay, Military service pay, 'X' Group pay where applicable/minimum of pay in case of HAG and

above pay scales, in the revised pay structure introduced from 1.1.2006 corresponding to the pre-revised scale held by the Armed Force personnel at the time of retirement/discharge/invalidment.

### War Injury Pension

11. The rates of war injury element revised in terms of Para 2.3 of this Ministry's letter dated 4.5.2009, shall not be less than 100% in case of invalidment and 60% in case of retirement/discharge of Minimum of the pay in the pay band plus Grade pay, Military Service pay, 'X' Group pay where applicable/minimum of pay, in case of HAG and above, pay scales, in the revised pay structure introduced from 1.1.2006 corresponding to the pre-revised scale held by the Armed Force personnel at the time of retirement/discharge/invalidment for 100% disability.

11.1 For disability less than 100% the disability element shall be proportionately reduced as per the period and degree of disability accepted.

11.2 However, the aggregate of service element (revised in terms Para 2.1 of this Ministry's letter dated 4.5.2009) and war injury element shall not exceed the minimum of the pay in the pay band plus Grade pay, Military Service pay, 'X' Group pay where applicable/minimum of pay in case of HAG and above pay scale, in the revised pay structure introduced from 1.1.2006 corresponding to the pre-revised scale held by the Armed Force personnel at the time of retirement/discharge/invalidment. The ceiling on aggregate of war injury pension with reference to minimum of the pay in the revised pay structure, applicable from 1.1.2006, as stated above shall stand removed with effect from 1.7.2009.

12. All other terms and conditions for revision of pension/family pension in respect of pre-2006 Armed Force pensioners/family pensioners drawing pension under casualty pensionary awards which are not affected by the provisions of this letter will remain unchanged.

13. The actual benefit accrued on account of these orders shall be payable with effect from 1.1.2006

14. All pension Disbursing Agencies (PDAs) handling disbursement of pension to the Defence pensioners are hereby authorized to pay revised disability/liberalized disability/war injury pension/special/liberalized family pension to the existing pensioners under these order without any further authorization from the concerned Pension Sanctioning Authorities, However, PCDA (Pension) Allahabad will issue further suitable implementation instructions while circulating these orders to all the PDAs concerned. Action as prescribed in Para 16.4 of this Ministry's letter dated 11.11.2008 may also be taken by the PDAs in the cases covered under these orders.

15. This issues with the concurrence of Finance division of this Ministry vide their UO No 553/Fin/Pen/2011 dated 15.02.2011

(Malathi Narayanan) Under Secretary (Pen/Policy)

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### Ministry of Defence (JCM)

#### Subject : Smart card of Canteen Stores Depot to Retired Civilian Employees

Enclosed please find a copy of Letter No. BPMS/01/AGNEND/A/D-JCM/10 dated 26.11.2010 from Shri M.P. Singh of BPMS who also happens to be National Council Member of JCM headed by Cabinet Secretary. Shri Singh has given some basic details regarding Pensioners. It would be seen from the details that Relied Defence Civilians comprise only 23% among the overall retired pensioners. Even out of the 23% retired civilian pensioners certain entitled categories are getting CSD facilities like, civilian Pensioners retired from CSD, Border Road Organization, etc. Hardly 10 to 15% of the Pensioners would be availing of the CSD facilities. This 10 to 15% could also be an over-estimation considering the fact that many retirees are settled down in places away from CSD. Out of 23% Retired Civilian 6% belongs to the family pension categories and such categories availing of CSD facilities among the Civilians is generally less. Moreover, PCDA, Allahabad is not sure as to how many pensioners out of 23% are

actually living. Moreover, there is no immediate sign at least in the year 2011, of implementation of GST as feared by the services.

2. Considering the above and other justification given by the undersigned to the DDG, Canteen Services as a member of the Committee to look into the of extending CSD facilities to retired Defence Civilians, the facility of CSD facilities to retired civilian my please be accepted. Besides, other Committee Members Like Director (JCM), Army HQ. and Joint Director, Office of JS (Trg & CAO), have also given sufficient justification. Even the concerned committee has also given justification.

3. DDG, Canteen Services, is kindly requested to take a favorable decision at the earliest.

DDG, Canteen Services,  
QMG Branch, 'L' Block,  
New Delhi

(S,Shankar)  
Under Secretary (JCM)  
31.12.2010

N B : - The Gol has not, it appears, so far taken a final decision in this case. Bharat Pensioners - April 2011)

Note: The issue of extension of CSD facilities to the retired Defence Civilian employees was discussed in the 79th Executive Committee of the Board of Control Canteen Services in March, 2010, and it was decided to take a holistic view on the subject. A study Group was also constituted under the Chairmanship of DDG, Canteen Services with members of appropriate status representing the three services HQ, to review the subject matter. The outcome of the same is awaited.

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Ministry of Defence (Dept of Ex-Servciemen No. 17(3)/2010/D(Pen/Pol) dated 15, Nov 2010

**Subject : Implementation of the Government Decision on the Recommendations of the sixth Central pay commission - Revision of pension of the Pre-1.1.2006 armed forces Pensioners/Family Pensioners.**

Sir,

The undersigned is directed to refer to Annexure - II, IIA & III attached to this Ministry's letter No. 17(4)2008(1)/D (Pen/Pol) dated 11.11.2008 on the above subject as amended indicating amount of minimum guaranteed pension and ordinary family pension in respect of Commissioned officers of three services, commissioned officers of MNS and Personnel Below officer rank respectively, in terms of provisions contained in Para 5 of this Ministry's letter dated 11.11.2008 cited above. Due to difference in weightage allowable to different ranks for computation of pension the pro-rata pension in certain lower ranks has been more as compared to higher ranks with same qualifying service. The said anomaly has been considered by the Government and the President is pleased to decide that where the amount of pension indicated in the above said Annexure-II, IIA & III of a senior rank happens to be less than the pension of a lower rank (and group in case of PBOR) with same qualifying service, the pension of senior rank shall be stepped up to the level of their junior counterpart. Accordingly, three tables showing rates of minimum guaranteed pension and ordinary family pension of Pre-1.1.2006 Commissioned officers of three services, Commissioned officers of MNS and Personnel Below Officer Rank are annexed to this letter which may be treated as Annexure-II(Revised), Annexure-IIA(Revised) and Annexure III (Revised) to this Ministry's above quoted letter dated 11.11.2008.

This issues with the concurrence of the Finance Division of this Ministry vide their U.O. No. 3884/2010/Fin/Pen dated 04.11.2010.

Hindi version will follow.

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*"You can't help getting older, but you don't have to get old" - George Burns*

**Ministry of Law and Justice  
(Legislative department)  
Resolution**

New Delhi, the 8th April, 2011

- No. 1 (42)/2004-Leg. 1- The Government of India hereby constitutes a Joint Drafting Committee to prepare a draft of the Lok Pal Bill.
2. The Joint Drafting Committee shall consist of five nominee Ministers of the Government of India and five nominees of Shri Anna Hazare (including himself.)
3. The five nominee Ministers of the Government of India are as under :
- (i) Shri Pranab Mukherjee, Union Minister of Finance
  - (ii) Shri P. Chidambaram, Union Minister of Home Affairs
  - (iii) Dr. M. Veerappa Moily, Union Minister of Law and Justice
  - (iv) Shri Kapil Sibal, Union Ministers of Communication and Information Technology
  - (v) Shri salam Khursheed, Union Minister of Water Resources and Minister of Minority Affaris.
4. The five nominees of Shri Anna Hazare (including himself) are as under : -
- (i) Shri Anna Hazare, At/Post-Ralegon Siddhi, Tal - Pamer, Dist-Ahmednagar, Maharashtra
  - (ii) Shri Justice N. Santosh Hedge, 94A, 9th Cross, RMV Extension, Sadashiv Nagar, Bengaluru-80
  - (iii) Shri Shanti Bhushan, Senior Advocate, B-16, Sector 14, Noida
  - (iv) Shri Prashant Bhushan, Advocate, B-16, Sector 14, Noida
  - (v) Shir Arvind Kejriwal, Parivartan, L403, Gurnar, Kaushambi, Ghaziabad-201010
5. The Chairperson of the Joint Drafting Committee shall be Shri Shanti Bhushan.
7. The Convener of the Joint Drafting Committee shall be Dr. M. Veerappa Moily.
8. The Joint Drafting Committee shall commence its work forthwith and evolve its own procedure to prepare the proposed legislation.
9. The Joint Drafting Committee Shall complete its work latest by 30th June. 2011.

V.K. Bhasin, Secy.

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### RAILWAY CONCESSIONS FOR SENIOR CITIZENS The Ministry of Railways, Commercial Circular No 18 of 2011 ( No TC II/2161/2011/SRC/Policy dated 13 May,2011)

The Ministry of Railways has

- (i) Reduced the minimum age for availing concession from 60 years to 58 years in case of women senior citizens. The element of concession will, however, remain 50%.
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