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FOR MEMBERS ONLY

GOVERNMENT URGED TO ACCEPT GENUINE DEMANDS OF PENSIONERS

28th Pensioners Day celebrated at Chandigarh

Over 250 Pensioners, while observing 28th Pensioners Day – to celebrate the historic judgment of the Supreme Court in *D. S. Nakara's case vs UOI* – upholding that the “Pension was a right and not a bounty by the employer”, declared their resolve to continue the struggle for the welfare of the Pensioners – including removal of Anomalies caused by the Sixth Pay Commission and the unjust orders of the Government thereon.

A Seminar on “**CARDIAC PROBLEMS IN OLD AGE - SEASONAL AGGRAVATIONS – THEIR PREVENTION & TREATMENT**” was also held on the occasion which was addressed by Dr. H. K. Bali, Director Cardiology Fortis Hospital Mohali. Dr Bali stressed on the need for regular check-up, greater precautions and care during old age – especially during winter season by those suffering from High Blood Pressure, Cardiac and Diabetic problems – due to greater chances of aggravation in the cold weather.

Sh. Harchandan Singh Secretary General CCCGPA & RSCWS, in his address regretted that the Government had subverted the judgment of the Supreme Court in Nakara's case by deviating from the principle of Modified Parity between Pre and Post-2006 Pensioners - recommended by the Sixth Pay Commission and by granting a paltry sum of ₹ 300 Per Month as Fixed Medical Allowance to those not covered by the Medical Scheme. He also highlighted the problems of the Pensioners in the Tri-city of Chandigarh.

Sh. Rajpal Sharma Chairman CCCGPA, stressed on the need for unity amongst the Pensioners for securing their legitimate rights

Brig. (Retd.) Keshav Chandra, President Chandigarh Senior Citizens' Association, inaugurated the new website of CCCGPA, commended the effort and found the website to be very informative and “user-friendly”.

Others who spoke on the occasion included Sh. P. S. Bedi Senior Vice- Chairman CCCGPA, Maj. Genl. (Retd.) M. S. Kandal, Dr. Pushpinder Kaur, and Sh. Y. P. Doshi.

Empanelment of Fortis Hospital Extended up to September, 2011

Empanelment of Fortis Hospital, Mohali has been extended up to September, 2011, by GM Northern Railway, for treatment of Railway Beneficiaries (on Cashless / Bill System) in cases of Cardiac problems and for Cardiac Surgery. Patients shall be referred to Fortis Hospital by CMS NR Ambala, but may also be treated directly in case of “Emergency” for the said Specialties of Cardiac problems and Cardiac Surgery.

**'RAILWAY SENIOR CITIZENS WELFARE SOCIETY' (RSCWS)
CORDIALLY INVITES ALL THE MEMBERS OF RSCWS & THEIR SPOUSES TO
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM) OF RSCWS; AND –
A SEMINAR ON “NEUROLOGICAL PROBLEMS IN OLD AGE –
PREVENTION & TREATMENT OF PARALYTIC STROKES”**

ON 16TH JANUARY, 2011, FROM 10-30 AM (SHARP) TO 1PM

AT 'GOVERNMENT MUSEUM & ART GALLERY AUDITORIUM, SECTOR 10, CHANDIGARH

SHRI S. G. MISHRA, GENERAL SECRETARY, AIRF SHALL BE THE CHIEF GUEST

HE WILL SPEAK ON THE PROBLEMS OF PENSIONERS AND WILL ALSO

HONOUR THE MEMBERS WHO HAVE CROSSED 65 YEARS & 80 YEARS OF AGE THIS YEAR

AGENDA FOR AGM:

**Report of activities by Secy. General, Constitution Amendments & Bi-Annual Elections of RSCWS
(PLEASE JOIN US FOR LUNCH AFTER THE MEETING & SEMINAR)**

- President & Secretary General, RSCWS

**WE WISH A VERY HAPPY, HEALTHY & PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR
TO ALL OUR MEMBERS, THEIR FAMILIES & OTHER SENIOR CITIZENS - RSCWS**

**Excerpts from Memorandum to Shri Pardeep Kumar Sanghi, Divisional Railway Manager,
Northern Railway, Ambala Division, Ambala Cantt. submitted by Secy Genl. RSCWS**

No. RSCWS/ Memorandum /DRM-UMB Dated: 8-11-2010

1. Reg: Non issue of Revised PPOs to Pre-2006 Pensioners & Family Pensioners:

It is regretted that over one year had passed since the expiry of the targeted date (of 30-9-2009) fixed by the Railway Board for issue of PPOs to Pensioners & Family Pensioners, the action had yet to be taken in this regard – causing needless hardship to the Pensioners & Family Pensioners. It is, therefore, requested that - all concerned - may please be advised to ensure issue of Revised PPOs to all Pre-2006 Pensioners & Family Pensioners suo-moto, at the earliest – (irrespective of the fact whether the Pensioners & Family Pensioners had applied for the same or not) as per Boards orders cited above, in order to mitigate the present and future hardship of the Pensioners / Family Pensioners.

2. Reg: Serious problems related to Medical Department:

i) Empanelment of Hospitals in and around Chandigarh:

a) Extension of Empanelment of Fortis Hospital: a) Empanelment of Fortis Hospital expired in Sept, 2010 but has yet not been renewed – causing serious hardship to the Patients with Cardiac problems. It is requested that the case for extension of Empanelment of Fortis Hospital may please be got expedited. (*Extension of Empanelment of Fortis Hospital has since been approved by the GM NR– See Page 1*).

b) Empanelment of some Hospitals for other left out Specialties: It is requested that steps may please be initiated for Empanelment of some Hospitals in & around Chandigarh - for specialties other than those covered with Fortis and IVY Hospitals.

c) Copy of agreements with IVY & Fortis Hospitals to RSCWS – Copy of agreements with IVY & Fortis Hospitals etc. may please be supplied to RSCWS – for information of all Pensioners in the area.

c) Empanelment of Malhotra Lab / Diagnostic Centre: The said Lab at Chandigarh had been recognized but the benefit thereof is being denied to the Railway beneficiaries at Chandigarh by CMS on the ground that it is not meant for them. This is against the written advice by the CMD NR that it is meant both for Kalka and Chandigarh. This facility may please be extended to avoid serious hardship to residents of Chandigarh.

2. a) Upgrading of “Lock Up Dispensary” Chandigarh: The orders for upgrading of “Lock Up Dispensary” Chandigarh, are not being implemented – in spite of sanction for the same both by the Railway Board in this year’s Budget to the level of Semi-specialty Hospital and inspite of sanction of funds for upgrading in to Health Unit last year itself. The work may please be expedited.

c) Opening of “Lock Up Dispensary” Chandigarh for 3 days a week: “Lock Up Dispensary” Chandigarh, is not opening for 3 days – as before but only for 2 days in a week for the last few months. It is requested that early arrangement may please be made to ensure opening thereof at least for 3 days a week.

3. a) Referring of cases to PGI & other Government Hospitals: It is regretted that the cases of Patients settled at Chandigarh and its nearby areas (*at Panchkula, Mohali, Kharar or Kurali etc*) are not yet being referred to the PGI or Government Medical College & Hospital, Sector 32, Chandigarh either by the Doctor at Chandigarh or the Doctors at Ambala – who many a times insist on treating them at Ambala or referring them to Delhi. This causes much hardship to the patients settled in the area.

It is, therefore, requested that the Patients of Chandigarh and near by areas (*at Panchkula, Mohali, Kharar or Kurali etc*) – who require surgical intervention, Hospitalisation or specialised treatment may please be referred to the PGI or Government Medical College & Hospitals, Sector 32, Chandigarh or to the Empanelled Private Hospitals in the area – as required.

4. Reasons for rejection of claim (or rejection of part of the claim) for Reimbursement: Reasons for rejection of claim (or rejection of part of the claim) for Reimbursement of Medical treatment - have not so far been advised to the concerned claimants in spite of repeated requests by us and assurance by the CMS. This may please be ensured.

5. Supply of medicines prescribed by Specialised Doctors: System for Supply of medicines prescribed by Specialised Doctors, has not been streamlined and the Senior Citizens are being badly treated and harassed – in total disregard to their old age, adverse or fragile health, and convenience – due to one or more of the following reasons:

a) Refusal to give the prescribed medicines and Supply of cheap alternatives (against Doctor’s advice, Board’s instructions & Patients requirements);

b) Asking the Patients to come time and again for the same medicine (due to either:

i) Medicine being “out of stock”,

ii) Delay in procurement,

iii) Delay in local purchase; and

vi) Issue of small quantity of medicine at a time – much lesser than that prescribed by the Doctor.

It is request that all these aspects may please be looked into and all concerned be advised suitably to reduce the hardship of the Senior citizens.

It is further requested that these issues may please be discussed in an informal meeting with our representatives – to further explain the difficulties of Senior Citizens in regard to these issues.

Memorandum to Shri Manmohan Singh, Hon' Prime Minister of India & Minister for Personnel, Public Grievances & Pensions, submitted by Secretary General, RSCWS

No. RSCWS/ Memorandum / Pension Dated: 28-12-2010

Subject: Implementation of Recommendations of Sixth Central Pay Commission

- Appeal for Equitable Fitment Benefit to Serving employees and Pensioners

Reference: i) DOP Resolution No.38/37/08-P&PW (A) dated 29. 08.2008

ii) DOP O.M. F. No. 38/37/08-P&PW (A), dated 1.9.2008

iii) DOP O.M. F.No. 38/37/08-P&PW (A) pt.1 dated 3. 10. 2008

We crave for your kind intervention in the cause justice to a large number of Pre-2006 pensioners who have been a victim of injustice - and seek your kind indulgence in a matter of serious concern resulting from denial of same fitment benefit to pensioners as given to serving employees though the 6th CPC had recommended for an Equitable Fitment Benefit for them all.

It is really regrettable that a very fair recommendation made by the 6th Central Pay Commission for giving equal fitment benefit to serving employees and pensioners has been belied in implementation orders issued by DOP. A perusal of the following facts is requested for appreciation of the matter.

1. 6th CPC, in Para 5.1.47 of its recommendations, relating to 'Fitment benefit to past pensioners' aimed at identical amelioration in the pension and pay of serving employees by recommending equal fitment benefit to both. This implies that increase in pay and pension reckoned as a percentage would be the same in both cases.

The recommendations made in the above said Para were accepted by the Union Cabinet and notified in the Gazette of India: EXTRAORDINARY (305) vide Resolution referred at (i) above.

2. In Para 11.33 of the Summary of Main Recommendations, it is also stated that "Fitment formula recommended for serving employees to be extended in case of existing pensioners/family pensioners". The Commission never intended to create a divide between pre and post-2006 pensioners on account of variation in their pension retiring from the same post/grade - at the minimum of the pre-revised scale.
3. Consequently, the Sixth Pay Commission recommended as under:

- a) *"However, in order to maintain the existing modified parity between present and future retirees, it will be necessary to allow the same fitment benefit as is being recommended for the existing Government employees. The Commission, accordingly, recommends that all past pensioners should be allowed fitment benefit equal to 40% of the pension".*

Tables were accordingly issued vide para 4.1 of DOP OM of 1/9/08 (Ref.(ii) above) wherein basic pension drawn on 1-1-2006 was increased by 40% for all and termed as consolidated pension working out to 2.26 times of existing basic pension with an effective increase of 21.5%.

- b) It was further laid down by the Sixth CPC that ;

"The fixation as per this table will be subject to the provision that the revised pension, in no case, shall be lower than fifty percent of the sum of the minimum of the pay in the pay band and the grade pay thereon corresponding to the pre-revised pay scale from which the pensioner had retired. To this extent, a change would need to be allowed from the fitment shown in the fitment table".

The above stipulation makes it clear that pension worked out as per fitment table in Para 1(a) cannot be less than fifty percent of the sum of the minimum of the pay in the pay band and the grade pay thereon corresponding to the pr-revised pay scale from which the pensioner had retired (Para 1(b)).

4. The objective of above accepted recommendations has been set at naught in the implementation orders issued by DOP. The operative order issued vide OM dated 3/10/2008 (Ref. (iii) above) that minimum of the pay in the pay band (PB) to be taken as minimum of the pay in the Pay Band *"irrespective of the pre-revised scale of pay"* - has not only reduced the legitimate pension of pre-2006 pensioners by delinking it from the post/scale one has retired from but also created difference in the fitment benefit which was intended to be the same for serving employees and the pensioners. This has been quantified in the enclosed Table.
5. a) The enclosed table (at Annexure I) gives the %age rise in pay & pension taken at the minimum level of the pre-revised scales. The difference in pension of pre and post-2006 pensioners at the minimum of scale is given in the last column of the Table at Annexure I.

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b) The following facts are readily noticeable from the Table at Annexure I:

- For pensioners in PB-1, increase in pension is 21.5% whereas the pay for employees increases by over 32%.
- For pensioners in PB-2, increase in pension is mostly 21.5% whereas the increase in pay for employees is 33 to 45%.
- For pensioners in PB-3, increase in pension is mostly 21.5% whereas the increase in pay for employees is 32 to 35%.
- For pensioners in PB-4, the %age difference of increase between pay & pension is nil or marginal (about 8%) except in one isolated case of S-29 whereas the increase in pension is only 38% compared to pay which is 60%.
- Equal Fitment benefit is evident for pensioners & serving employees in scales 30 to 34 where pre-revised scales do not fall in any PB and have been replaced by a revised pay scale. Incidentally, %age increase in pay/pension is the highest - 81.2 % in S 31.

6. It would be seen that the recommended equality in fitment benefit by the Commission is jeopardized by and large in all scales except in scales S-30 to 34 (as S-30 to S-34 have been treated differently by being given the Pay Scales instead of Grade Pay & Pay Bands given to others).

7. By misinterpreting the accepted recommendations of 6th CPC and de-linking the pension from the pay of the post from which one had retired from, all pre-2006 pensioners retiring from pre-revised pay scale S-4 to S-29 have been put to a substantial loss in their pension ranging from Rs.165 to Rs.3650 pm as on 1-1-2006.

8. The objective of Equal Fitment Benefit is achievable in all pay bands only if the pension is based on the minimum of the pay in the PB corresponding to the pre-revised pay scale from which the pensioner had retired (as per accepted recommendations in Para 1 (b) by CABINET) and not the minimum pay of the PB as per misinterpreted operative orders of OM dated 3/10/08

9. It is high time that the genuine wide-spread discontentment amongst the pensioners is redressed by the Government in implementing the accepted recommendations - in letter and spirit and save the pensioners from continuous loss of pension.

10. We, therefore, humbly request that the Pensions of Pre-2006 Pensioners be fixed so that it is not less than 50% of the sum of the minimum of the pay in the pay band and the grade pay thereon corresponding to the pre-revised pay scale from which the pensioner had retired – as recommended by the Sixth Pay Commission as this alone will ensure same fitment benefit as given to serving employees.

ANNEXURE I

VARIATION IN %AGE RISE OF PENSION & PAY DUE TO MISINTERPRETED ORDERS OF DOP

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K
Existing Pay Scales as per 5th PC	Rev-ised Pay Band & Revised Pay Structure	Pen-sion as on 1-1-06	Consoli-dated pension (DOP OM dt. 1/9/08)	Pension of Pre-2006 retirees (50% of PB & GP)	%age inc-rease in Pension on 1-1-06 (better of cols. D & E with C)	Exist-ing Pay on 1-1-06	Pay on 1-1-06 as per Fixa-tion Table	%age inc-rease in Pay (col. G & H)	Pension of Post-2006 retiree (based on col. H)	LOSS in pen-sion of Pre & Post 2006 Re-tirees (L-F or G)
S-4 (2750-4400)	PB-1 5200-20200+1800	2558	3500	3500	36.8	5115	7330	43.30	3665	165
S-5 (3050-4590)	PB-1 5200-20200+1900	2837	3500	3550	25.1	5673	7780	37.14	3890	340
S-6(3200-4900)	PB-1 5200-20200+2000	2976	3616	3600	21.5	5952	8060	35.42	4030	414
S-7(4000-6000)	PB-1 5200-20200+2400	3720	4520	3800	21.5	7440	9840	32.26	4920	400
S-8(4500-7000)	PB-1 5200-20200+2800	4185	5085	4000	21.5	8370	11170	33.45	5585	500
S-9 (5000-8000)	PB-2 9300-34800+4200	4650	5650	6750	45.2	9300	13500	45.16	6750	0
S-10 (5500-9000)	PB-2 9300-34800+4200	5115	6215	6750	32.0	10230	14430	41.06	7215	465
S-11 (6500-6900)	PB-2 9300-34800+4200	6045	7345	6750	21.5	12090	16290	34.74	8145	800
S12 ((6500-10500)	PB-2 9300-34800+4200	6045	7345	6750	21.5	12090	16290	34.74	8145	800

ANNEXURE I (CONTINUED FROM LAST PAGE)**VARIATION IN %AGE RISE OF PENSION & PAY DUE TO MISINTERPRETED ORDERS OF DOP**

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S-13 (7450-11500)	PB-2 9300-34800+4600	6928	8419	6950	21.5	13857	18460	33.22	9230	811	
S-14 (7500-12000)	PB-2 9300-34800+4800	6975	8475	7050	21.5	13950	18750	34.41	9375	900	
S-15 (8000-13500)	PB-2 9300-34800+5400	7440	9040	7350	21.5	14880	20280	36.29	10140	1100	
New scale Group A entry) (8000-13500)	PB-3 15600-39100+5400	7440	9040	10500	41.1	14880	21000	41.13	10500	0	
S-16 (9000)	PB-3 15600-39100+5400	8370	10170	10500	25.4	16740	22140	32.26	11070	570	
S-17 (9000-9550)	PB-3 15600-39100+5400	8370	10170	10500	25.4	16740	22140	32.26	11070	570	
S-18 (10325-10975)	PB-3 15600-39100+6600	9601	11666	11100	21.5	19205	25810	34.39	12905	1239	
S-19 (10000-15200)	PB-3 15600-39100+6600	9300	11300	11100	21.5	18600	25200	35.48	12600	1300	
S-20 (10650-15850)	PB-3 15600-39100+6600	9905.12	12035	11100	21.5	19809	26410	33.32	13205	1170	
S-21 (12000-16500)	PB-3 15600-39100+7600	11160	13560	11600	21.5	22320	29920	34.05	14960	1400	
S-22 (12750-16500)	PB-3 15600-39100+7600	11858	14408	11600	21.5	23715	31320	32.07	15660	1252	
S-23 (12000-18000)	PB-3 15600-39100+7600	11160	13560	11600	21.5	22320	29920	34.05	14960	1400	
S-24 (14300-18300)	PB-4 37400-67000+8700	13299	NA	23050	73.3	26598	46100	73.3	23050	0	
S-25 (15100-18300)	PB-4 37400-67000+8700	14043	NA	23050	64.1	28086	48390	72.3	24195	1145	
S-26 (16400-20000)	PB-4 37400-67000+8900	15252	NA	23150	51.8	30504	48590	59.3	24295	1145	
S-27(16400-20900)	PB-4 37400-67000+8900	15252	NA	23150	51.8	30504	48590	59.3	24295	1145	
S-28 (14300-22400)	PB-4 37400-67000+10000	13299	NA	23700	78.2	26598	47400	78.2	23700	0	
S-29 (18400-22400)	PB-4 37400-67000+10000	17112	NA	23700	38.5	34224	54700	59.8	27350	3650	
S-30 (22400-24500)	HAG 67000-79000	20832	NA	33500	60.8	41664	67000	60.8	33500	0	
S-31 (22400-26000)	HAG+ Scale 75500-80000	20832	NA	37750	81.2	41664	75500	81.2	37750	0	
S-32 (24050-26000)	HAG+ Scale 75500-80000	22367	NA	37750	68.8	44733	77765	73.8	37750	0	
S-33 (26000)(fixed)	Apex 80000 (Fixed)	24180	NA	40000	65.4	48360	80000	65.4	40000	0	
S-34 (30000)	Cab. Sec. 90000 (Fixed)	27900	NA	45000	61.3	55800	90000	61.3	45000	0	

MEMBERS! PLEASE PAY YOUR SUBSCRIPTION FOR 2011 EARLY @ Rs. 200 PA & FOR 2010 IF DUE DONATIONS & SUBSCRIPTIONS MAY PLEASE BE SENT BY CHEQUE IN FAVOUR OF -

**“RAILWAY SENIOR CITIZENS WELFARE SOCIETY” – OR MAY BE PAID IN CASH DIRECTLY TO –
Sh. K. S. BHANDARI, TREASURER, RSCWS, 3098, SECTOR 22-D, CHANDIGARH (PH. 2711641 & 9815012641).**

- President, Secretary General, RSCWS

Memorandum submitted by Secy. Genl. RSCWS to MOS for Personnel, PG & Pension**No. RSCWS / CHD / Memo – FMA Date 28-10-2010****Subject: Grant of Fixed Medical Allowance (FMA) to the Central Government Pensioners
- Appeal for increase of FMA to Rs 1200 p.m. – due to high cost of Medicines.****Reference: DOPP & PW Office Memorandum No. 4/252008-P&PW(D) Dated 26-5-2010**

1. We draw the kind attention of the Government towards the serious hardship suffered by the Central Government Pensioners on account of meager amount of Rs.300 p.m. - paid to them - vide OM cited above - as Fixed Medical Allowance (FMA). The amount is so less and in fact negligible that it does not meet with even a fraction of day-to-day Medical expenses for treatment of old-age problems – not requiring hospitalization. It thus defeats the very purpose for which the said Allowance is purported to be paid – as defined in the OM under reference.

2. Keeping in view the 10 to 20 times increase in the cost of Medicines over the last few years, the belated nominal increase of only Rs.200 in FMA (from Rs.100 to Rs.300 p.m.) seems to be a cruel joke with the Senior Citizens who have given valuable years of their lives to the service of the Nation.

3. **EMPLOYEES' PROVIDENT FUND ORGANISATION – under the MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT, GOVERNMENT OF INDIA, has enhanced the Fixed Medical Allowance (FMA) from Rs.600 p.m. (Rupees Six hundred only) to Rs. 1200 p.m.(Rupees one thousand two hundred only) for outdoor treatment, vide its Circular No. HRM-V/12(1)2003/FMA/Vol-II dated: 11.1.2010 (Copy of the Office Circular is attached.**

4. a) It was recently agreed to by you in the Meeting of SCOVA (held on 20-9-2010) that the “amount of Rs.300 per month (as FMA) appears to be inadequate but the Government could not increase it further due to constraints of resources”.

b) Sir, we very earnestly pray to you and the Government of India that the resources may please not be allowed to come in the way of providing the requisite means for proper treatment in the old age of the frail and ailing Senior Citizens - suffering from numerous chronic and other day-to-day medical problems.

5. It is, therefore, requested that the Fixed Medical Allowance (FMA) to Pensioners and Family Pensioners may please be enhanced to Rs.1200 p.m. (at par with EPFO) to mitigate the hardship of the Pensioners and their dependents.

COPY OF LETTER NO. HRM-V/12(1)2003/FMA/VOL-II DATED : 11 JAN 2010 EMPLOYEES' PROVIDENT FUND ORGANISATION MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT, GOVERNMENT OF INDIA

Subject:- Enhancement in the rate of Fixed Medical Allowance, payable to the serving as well as retired employees of the EPFO for outdoor medical treatment - regarding.

I am directed to convey the approval of the 67 th Executive Committee, held on 4.12.2009;CBT EPF for enhancement of the Fixed Medical Allowance (FMA) from Rs.600/p.m. (Rupees Six hundred only) to Rs. 1200/- p.m.(Rupees one thousand two hundred only). This enhancement will be effective from 1st January, 2009 and subject to the following conditions.

(i) The enhancement of fixed medical allowance will be available to serving employees and pensioners (including family pensioners) of the Employees Provident Fund Organization. The serving employees of the Organization who are in the Head Office at New Delhi and Regional / Sub Regional Office at Delhi and at stations which are covered by the Central Government Health Scheme will not be eligible for Fixed Medical Allowance. As soon as any employee is covered by Central Government Health Scheme, the fixed medical allowance admissible to him/ her shall be stopped.

(ii) If two or more members of family are working in the EPF Organisation, only one of them will be eligible for the facility of fixed medical Allowance.

(iii) In the case of an employee whose wife / husband / spouse is an employee of a Government or any other organization (including private Firm /Office) he/she will be required to give an undertaking that his /her spouse is not availing of medical facilities in cash, if any granted by their respective employees.

(iv) The Fixed Medical Allowance will be in lieu of the medical facility available for outdoor treatment under the Central Services (Medical Attendance) Rules, 1944 as adopted by the EPF Organisation for its own employees and pensioners

2ND “NATIONAL CONVENTION OF RAILWAY PENSIONERS ASSOCIATIONS”

To be held under the aegis of “Bharat Pensioners’ Samaj”

on 13.02.2011 from 10.00 am to 5.00 pm At Rly. Kalyana Mandapam, Chilkalguda, Secunderabad

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA/भारत सरकार
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS/रेल मंत्रालय
(RAILWAY BOARD)/रेलवे बोर्ड

S.No.PC-V/563
No.PC-V/2006/A/Med/1

RBE No.168/2009
New Delhi, dated 15.09.2009

The General Manager
All Indian Railways & PUs
(As per mailing list)

Sub: Grant of Fixed Medical Allowance @ Rs.100 p.m. to the Railway pensioners/family pensioners-Clarification-reg.

Subsequent to the issue of Board's letter No. PC-V/98/V/1/1 dated 7-2-2008, references were received from pensioners/family pensioners and banks seeking clarification as to whether those pensioners/family pensioners who are members of RELHS and availing OPD facility are also eligible for the Fixed Medical Allowance.

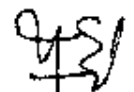
2. The matter has been examined and in reference to the Board's letter dated 7-2-2008 *ibid*, it is clarified that since actual enrolment under the Health Scheme is not mandatory, those pensioners/family pensioners who, in terms of Board's letter No.97/H/28/1 dated 23-10-97, are eligible to become members of the Scheme but are not actually enrolled are also entitled for grant of Fixed Medical Allowance. Pensioners/family pensioners who possess RELHS card & avail OPD facility are NOT entitled for Fixed Medical Allowance, whereas those who possess RELHS card but do not avail OPD facility (except in cases of chronic diseases, as defined in Board's letter No.2006/H/DC/JCM dated 12-10-2006) are entitled for Fixed Medical Allowance.

3. Further, FMA and arrears of FMA would continue to be paid, as earlier, to pensioners/family pensioners only after submission of the enclosed undertaking form to the Pension Disbursing Authority (PDA) thereby implying that fulfillment of the following two conditions is mandatory for becoming admissible for FMA:-

- (i) the pensioner/family pensioner is residing beyond 2.5 kms from the nearest health unit;
- (ii) the pensioner/family pensioner is not availing the facility of OPD (except in cases of chronic diseases as mentioned in para 2 above).

4. Hindi version is enclosed.

DA: As above



(N. P. Singh)

Dy. Director, Pay Commission - V
Railway Board

Railway Pensioners/Family Pensioners - Are you residing more than 2.5 Km from Railway Hospital?

***a) Have you joined RELHS - 97 but not taking OPD Facility from Railways OR *b) Not joined the RELHS - 97?**

In either of *above cases you are entitled to FMA @ ₹ 100pm up to 1.09.2008 & @ ₹ 300 pm after that.

Vide Rly. Board's above orders & No. PC-V/2010/A/Med/1 dated 29-06-2010 (RBE No. 92-2010)

If you are not getting the FMA but fulfill above said condition then -

Apply to your PDA / Bank with the copy of the Undertaking given on Page 8 to claim the FMA

If Banks still don't pay, ask them to give it in writing & send the request to the Regional Manager of the Bank

- With a copy to the Pension Sanctioning Authority (PSA) i.e. the Office from which you retired

UNDERTAKING FORM

(to be submitted in **DUPLICATE** by pensioners/ family pensioners to his/her Pension Disbursing Authority (PDA) one copy to be retained by PDA and other copy to be furnished to Pension Sanctioning Authority by PDA)

I _____, a retired employee/ family pensioner whose _____ (specify relation of Family pensioner with deceased Railway employee) was an employee of (Office address) _____ declare that I am residing at (residential address indicated in PPO) _____, which is beyond 2.5 KMs from the nearest Railway hospital/ health unit _____ (Name of the Hospital/Health Unit as contained in Annexure III to Railway Board's letter No. PC-V/98/1/7/1/1 dated 21.4.99)

2. Accordingly, I hereby opt to claim fixed medical allowance of Rs.100/- per month. Necessary endorsement may please be made in my PPO in this regard. Simultaneously, I undertake that I will not avail of OPD facilities at Railway hospitals/health units from the day I claim Medical Allowance. I also understand that grant of Medical Allowance is subject to the terms and conditions specified in Board's letters No. PC-V/98/1/7/1/1 dated 21.4.99 and 1.3.2004.

3. I also declare that I have not availed of any treatment as Out Door Patient for the period from _____ (indicate here the date of retirement or the date of availing OPD facility on the last occasion or 1.12.1997, whichever is later) to _____ (indicate here the date on which this declaration is signed). I may accordingly be paid arrear of Medical Allowance @ Rs.100/- per month for the period mentioned above.

Signature.....

Name in full

PPO No.....

Issued by.....

SB A/c No.

Post office/Bank

Branch

Place

Date

IVY Hospital, Mohali & Alchemist Hospital Panchkula apply for empanelment for all Specialties by Railways

IVY Hospital, Sector 71, Mohali has applied to the Railways for extension of its empanelment for Cancer, Kidney, Gynaecology & Obstetrics – as its agreement is expiring in February, 2011. IVY has also applied for empanelment by Railways for all the other 22 Specialties.

Alchemist Super-specialty Hospital, Sector 21, Panchkula has also applied for empanelment by Railways for all the major Specialties including Cardiology and Cardiac Surgery (Interventional and Non Interventional procedures), Joint Replacement Surgery, Orthopedics, Neurosurgery and Neurology, Nephrology and Dialysis, Gastroenterology.

PRINTED MATTER

If undelivered, please return to:

RAILWAY SENIOR CITIZENS WELFARE SOCIETY

32, Phase 6, Mohali (Chandigarh) – 160055

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