



## Editorial

### IN SEARCH OF JUSTICE

There are very few to understand the pain and agony of the pensioners who are to run from pillar to post to get justice. The system now in vogue does not help them to get expeditious settlement of their problems. The departments which they served to their best for major part of their lives take no time to forget them once they retire from service. Any left out issue needing solution gets lost under the piles of files or under bureaucratic process. Any resultant benefit which becomes due under the existing rules or laws also takes longer time to get processed and even attempted to be stalled. There is none to hear the grievances of the pensioners and redress them. Frustrated pensioners finally resign to their fate and curse the system.

No doubt, Government has an exclusive department i.e. Department of Pension & Pensioners' Welfare to deal with the pensioners. But this is also found ineffective. Whenever the pensioners do represent to this department, the representations are forwarded to the concerned department in which the pensioner had last served with the advice

to take action as per extant rules on the subject and inform the petitioner accordingly. But hardly, the petitioner-pensioner gets any communication from the concerned department and the action taken mostly does not satisfy them. The platform named SCOVA, created by the Department of Pension and Pensioners' Welfare, which allows only a few selected Central Government Pensioners' Welfare Associations out of many to participate is also not found to be an effective mechanism. Therefore, the only remedy that is available to the pensioners is to approach the courts for redressal of their individual and common grievances. Unfortunately, this is not only costly but also a long drawn process. The cases are to start with Central Administrative Tribunals and may end up even in High Court and then Supreme Court. In the process, it takes decades to get the final judgment and many petitioner-pensioners by that time bid good bye to this world. Moreover, because of advancing age and financial constraints many aggrieved pensioners cannot follow up the cases. Thus the search for justice by the pensioners remains inconclusive. [contd..]

Under the above back-drop, the Government needs to wake up and tighten up its grievance redressal machinery and also make the Officers accountable and answerable. More importantly, **there is an urgent need to create a separate Tribunal in all important cities exclusively for the Pensioners which can hear the petitions of**

**the aggrieved pensioners expeditiously and give judgment. To begin with, separate courts exclusively for the pensioners be created in all the benches of Central Administrative Tribunals.** This will help the pensioners to get speedy justice and thus give them a sense of satisfaction at the fag end of their lives.

## **NEWS IN BRIEF**

**NO INCOME TAX RELIEF PROPOSED IN BUDGET :** The Budget for year 2016-17 presented in Lok Sabha did not propose any relief in Income Tax except that those having annual income up to Rs 5,00,000 will get additional relief of Rs. 3000 only. In the HRA front, the budget proposed raising of tax rebate on rent from Rs 24,000 as at present to Rs. 60,000. This benefit, available under 80GG, will give relief to the consultants and self-employed people. The first time home buyers will get additional deduction of Rs. 50,000. The impact of budget proposals on individual tax payers remain mostly the same.

**INTRODUCTION OF HEALTH INSURANCE SCHEME FOR PENSIONERS INCLUDING THOSE RESIDING AT NON-CGHS AREAS:** In regard to the above issue, the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, vide its No. S.11011/6/2009-CGHS (P)/Vol.3 dated 19.02.2015, has informed AIBSNLREA that “it is informed that the EFC Memorandum with regard to Central Government Employees and Insurance Scheme (CGEPHIS) has been circulated to all the concerned Ministries/Departments for seeking their comments, after obtaining concurrence of IFD of the Ministry, on 9/2/2016. The requisite comments are awaited”.

**CABINET NOTE FOR REVISION OF PENSION WITH FITMENT BENEFIT BY MERGER OF 78.2% IDA:** In the posting dated 22.02.2016 in this website on the above issue, we had reported that Secretary(Telecom), who is to clear the Cabinet Note before sending it to MOC&IT, desired to have a discussion and accordingly sent back the Note. We also reported on 26.02.2016 that the concerned section of DOT had prepared a “self-contained note” and submitted the same along with the Cabinet Note in file to the senior officers so that they may discuss the issue with Secretary(T) and brief him accordingly. The proposal is yet to progress further.

**REVISION OF SENIORITY LISTS NO. 1 TO 17 OF THE TES GROUP B OFFICERS BASED ON THE PRINCIPLE OF PARA 206 OF P&T MANUAL VOLUME IV AS PER JUDGMENT DATED 21.01.2015 BY THE SUPREME COURT:** The Supreme Court in its Judgment dated 21.1.2015, while disposing

of series of Civil Appeals, had ordered constitution of a two member Expert Committee with Justice Shri K.Ramamoorthy, retired judge of High Court of Madras as its Chairman. The Expert Committee was to suggest the way out for balancing the rights of the two groups of employees whose grievances are to be addressed with minimum disturbance in the matter of fixation of their seniority and allowing consequent promotions. Though this Association is not a party in the case, there are many members whose interests are likely to be affected. Keeping this in view, AIBSNLREA had sent some suggestions to the Committee for consideration so as to balance the rights of the groups in the process of revising their seniority and allowing promotions so as to cause minimum disturbance [Postings in this site on 3.5.2015 in this website may please be seen]. The Expert Committee having submitted its views, the Supreme Court in the hearing on 17.2.2016 has now given three weeks time for submission of objections, if any. Thereafter the Supreme Court will pronounce its final orders.

### *ISSUES TAKEN UP*

**AIBSNLREA SEEKS INTERVENTION OF PRIME MINISTER OF INDIA IN THE MATTER OF GREAT INJUSTICE METED OUT TO THE ABSORBED BSNL EMPLOYEES IN GENERAL AND BSNL EXECUTIVES IN PARTICULAR IN THE MATTER OF THEIR PAY AND PENSION:** AIBSNLREA takes up the case of high handed action of DOT to put its Officers who opted for absorption in BSNL in a great loss in terms of pay scales and pension by arbitrarily changing the terms and conditions of service for absorption after the absorption process was completed which gave advantage to those who had opted for absorption in MTNL. AIBSNLREA points out that while asking its officers to exercise option either in MTNL or BSNL, DOT had agreed to ensure payment of pension by the Government only to the absorbed employees in BSNL on their accepting lower pay scales than those offered to MTNL Employees and whose pension was decided to be paid by a trust. But subsequently DOT issued an order in 2014 allowing even the MTNL absorbed employees to get the pension by the Government w.e.f. 1.10.2000 with a provision that the pay parity between the employees of MTNL and BSNL is to be achieved by bringing down the pay scales of MTNL to the level of BSNL pay scales during next pay revision which is due w.e.f. 1.1.2017. But this decision has allowed the employees of MTNL not only to get the added benefit of higher pay scales and higher pensionary benefits than the employees of BSNL but also the added advantage of payment of pension by the Government till the next wage revision and practically even beyond. Thus those who opted for absorption in BSNL lost out in terms of both pay and pension starting w.e.f. 1.10.2000 i.e. the date on when absorption took place. The Association writes "..... it is our earnest appeal that the pay scales in BSNL be also brought at the same level as available in MTNL w.e.f. 01.10.2000 and the pension of retired absorbed employees of BSNL be revised accordingly. The employees who opted for absorption in BSNL, after comparing the general terms and conditions of service for absorption that was offered by DOT for exercising option either in BSNL and MTNL, cannot be put to a loss at a later stage by arbitrarily virtually changing the terms of conditions for absorption in favour of MTNL absorbed employees". ."

*[Posting dated 12.02.2016 in this website may be viewed to read the letter]*

**AIBSNLREA TAKES UP WITH SECRETARY (TELECOM) THE CASE OF DENIAL AND NON-RESTORATION OF BENEFIT OF 2<sup>nd</sup> ACP TO THE CIVIL WING EXECUTIVES OF BSNL BY WEST BENGAL TELECOM CIRCLE:**

AIBSNLREA has since taken up the case of denial and non-restoration of the benefit of 2<sup>nd</sup> ACP to 16 SDEs (Civil) of West Bengal Telecom Circle which was withdrawn in 2009 on the plea of non-filling the stated condition of 8 years of regular service in the cadre of SDE and non-possession of qualification in Degree in Engineering. The Association refers to the clarificatory Orders issued by DOP&T on 10.02.2000 which states that 24 years of regular service at the direct entry grade alone has to be taken into account for granting 2<sup>nd</sup> ACP. As regards the qualification, the Association quotes the BSNL Corporate Office letter dated 10.07.2015 which clarified that “diploma in appropriate field of engineering with 10 years of experience shall be construed to equivalent to Degree in Engineering”. The Association further points out that this clarification again is based on DoT letter No.19-23/2012-CWG dated 11.2.2015 conveying its decision to implement Hon’ble High Court of Delhi orders dated 5.8.2014 to treat diploma holders in engineering with 10 years of experience as equivalent to degree in Engineering. The Association writes that “In view of the above, we earnestly appeal to your kind self to intervene in the matter so that the benefit of 2<sup>nd</sup> ACP is restored to all the 16 SDEs (Civil) which was withdrawn by the West Bengal Circle of BSNL vide its No. 11-6/2007-CEEZ/1093 dated 26.05.2009 arbitrarily and in violation of the rules/orders”. *[Posting dated 10.02.2016 in this website may be viewed to read the letter]*

## **ACTION ON AIBSNLREA’S REPRESENTATIONS**

**MINISTRY OF FINANCE FORWARDS AIBSNLREA’S REPRESENTATION SEEKING INTERVENTION OF PRIME MINISTER OF INDIA FOR IMMEDIATE SETTLEMENT OF THE ISSUE OF REVISION OF PENSION OF THE ABSORBED BSNL PENSIONERS WITH FITMENT BENEFIT BY MERGER OF 78.2%**

**DA:** It was reported in this website on 08.01.2016 that AIBSNLREA had sent a representation to the Prime Minister of India requesting for his intervention for immediate settlement of the issue of revision of pension of the absorbed BSNL pensioners with fitment benefit by merger of 78.2% DA. Copy of the said representation was also endorsed to Minister of Communications & IT, Minister of Finance and Minister of State for (PP). It was further reported on 17.01.2016 that the Prime Minister’s Office forwarded the representation to the Secretary, Department of Telecommunications, vide No. PMOPG/D/2016/0007076 dated 08.01.2016. The PMO had advised DOT to take appropriate action on the representation and send a reply to the petitioner (AIBSNLREA) and a copy of the same uploaded on the portal. Now the Ministry of Finance has also forwarded the copy of the representation, which was endorsed to the Minister of Finance, to Department of Telecommunications vide No. 12(3)/E-V/2016 dated 22.02.2016 for appropriate action/ redressal of grievance. *[Posting dated 28.02.2016 in this website may be viewed to read the letter from MOF]*

**MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE REPLIES TO AIBSNLREA'S REPRESENTATION ON INTRODUCTION OF HEALTH INSURANCE SCHEME FOR PENSIONERS INCLUDING THOSE RESIDING AT NON-CGHS AREAS:** AIBSNLREA had earlier taken up with Ministry of Health and Family Welfare for an early decision on the proposal to introduce a Health Insurance Scheme for Pensioners including those residing in non-CGHS areas [view posting dated 14.01.2016 in this website for details]. Now the Ministry, vide its No. S.11011/6/2009-CGHS (P)/Vol.3 dated 19.02.2015, has responded to our representation and informed that "it is informed that the EFC Memorandum with regard to Central Government Employees and Insurance Scheme (CGEPHIS) has been circulated to all the concerned Ministries/Departments for seeking their comments, after obtaining concurrence of IFD of the Ministry, on 9/2/2016. The requisite comments are awaited". [\[Posting dated 27.02.2016 in this website may be viewed to read the letter from MH&FW\]](#)

**PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE FORWARDS AIBSNLREA'S REPRESENTATION SEEKING INTERVENTION OF PRIME MINISTER OF INDIA IN THE MATTER OF INJUSTICE METED OUT TO THE ABSORBED BSNL EMPLOYEES IN GENERAL AND THE BSNL EXECUTIVES IN PARTICULAR IN THE MATTER OF THEIR PAY AND PENSION TO SECRETARY, DEPARTMENT OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS:** Prime Minister's Office has since forwarded the representation dated 10.02.2016 from AIBSNLREA to the Secretary, Department of Telecommunications for action appropriate. AIBSNLREA had earlier sought for the intervention of the Prime Minister to protect the pay and pension of the absorbed BSNL employees in general and the Executives in particular following issue of orders in 2014 to allow Government pension to the absorbed MTNL employees with one stage higher pay scales. This order was in contravention to the provisions in the terms and conditions of service for absorption issued earlier [View posting dated 12.02.2016 in this website for further details and the representation]. ." [\[Posting dated 19.02.2016 in this website may be viewed to read the letter from PMO\]](#)

**AIBSNLREA'S REPRESENTATION REQUESTING GRANT OF NOTIONAL INCREMENT FOR THE PURPOSE OF PENSIONARY BENEFITS TO THOSE WHO COMPLETE FULL YEAR'S OF SERVICE ON THE DATE OF THEIR RETIREMENT BUT DENIED THE ANNUAL INCREMENT SINCE THE DATE OF THEIR INCREMENT FALLS ON NEXT DAY OF THE FOLLOWING MONTH--- DOP&T NOW FORWARDS THIS REPRESENTATION TO THE SECRETARY, DEPARTMENT OF EXPENDITURE:** AIBSNLREA had earlier taken up with 7th Central Pay Commission the above issue stating that "There are many pensioners who even after completing one full year's complete service on the last day of their service do not get the increment since the date of their annual increment falls on the next day. Just because they retire before the day of receiving the annual increment, even after completing one full year's service, they receive lesser pension and other benefits compared to those who retire after receiving the next increment. Thus an anomalous situation is created in such cases". The Association had urged to allow notional increment to the retiring Employees in

such cases [view posting dated 08.04.2015]. Subsequently, the Association took up the issue with Department of Personnel & Training [view posting dated 05.05.2015]. Now DOP&T has forwarded our representation to the Secretary, Department of Expenditure for 'taking appropriate action' on the matter. .” [\[Posting dated 14.02.2016 in this website may be viewed to read the letter from DOP&T\]](#)

**PGM(BW), BSNL CORPORATE OFFICE FINALLY ASKS CGMT, WEST BENGAL CIRCLE TO SUPPLY COPY OF CIRCLE’S EARLIER LETTER DATED 13.12.2006 AND ALSO THE COPY OF THE REPRESENTATION DATED 22.08.2006 OF SHRI ARABINDA CHOWDHURY, RETD EE (CIVIL) TO SETTLE THE CASE OF HIS WRONGLY FIXED PAY/PENSION:** AIBSNLREA is pursuing the above case for the last couple of years with BSNL Corporate Office and others. Once the PAT Section of BSNL Corporate Office had reported that it has transferred all the letters/representations to PGM(BW) to examine and settle the case. Since there was no response, the Association took up the matter with Director (HR) vide its No. AIBSNLREA/CHQ/2015/35 dated 16.11.2015 [view posting dated 19.11.2015 to view the letter]. Now PGM(BW) has written a letter dated 03.02.2016 to the CGMT, West Bengal Circle requesting to supply the copy of the Circle Office letter No. WB/TA/GE/PF/C(58)/86 dated 13.12.2006 with copy of the representation dated 22.08.2006 of Shri Arabinda Chowdhury and also to furnish detailed comments. .” [\[Posting dated 07.02.2016 in this website may be viewed to read the letter from BSNL\]](#)

## BRANCHES IN ACTION

**GENERAL BODY MEETING OF AIBSNLREA, SANGRUR BRANCH HELD:** A general body meeting of retired executives of Sangrur SSA was held at Kaula Park, Sangrur on February, 27 under the president ship of Shri P K Jindal, Retd DGM. The Association welcomed 7 new members who joined the Association in the meeting thus raising the membership strength of the branch to 14. In the meeting, S/Shri Manohar Lal, Retd DE and Jagtar Singh, Retd JAO were co-opted as the Organizing Secretary and Executive Member respectively of the Branch. Shri Parshotam Lal, SDE offered his office to use for holding meetings and the members thanked him for his gesture. The Branch Secretary and the President highlighted the various issues being taken up with different authorities. The members expressed their concern on the delay to extend the benefit of 78.2% DA merger to those executives who retired between 1.1.2007 to 9.6.2013.

**NEW BRANCH OF AIBSNLREA FORMED AT TIRUCHIRAPALLI:** A new Branch of AIBSNLREA has been formed in Tiruchirapalli of Tamilnadu State in a meeting of the retired Executives of BSNL held in PGM, BSNL, Trichy office Campus on 16/2/2016 at 1630 Hours. All the retired officers who were present in the meeting enrolled themselves as the life members of AIBSNLREA. They also elected the following members as the Office Bearers of the Branch:- President: Shri

S.Viswanathan, Ex-DGM(CFA-I)/Trichy, Vice-President : Shri R.Venkataraman Ex-DE/TAX/Trichy, Secretary: Shri K.Meyyalahan Ex-DE/Cantt& TUB, Trichy [Mobile No.9486103577], Asst Secretary: Shri S.Sivakumar Ex-SDE(Sub Urban I)/Trichy, Finance Secretary: Shri K.Natarajan Ex-AGM, O/o PGM/Trichy

**GENERAL BODY MEETING OF AIBSNLREA, EAST GODAVARI DISTRICT BRANCH HELD:** Quarterly General body meeting of AIBSNLREA, East Godavari District Branch was held on 21-02-2016 at Conference Hall, Sanchar Bhawan, Rajamahendravaram under the president ship of Shri GV Rama Krishna. The meeting started with prayer at 10.00 hrs. The house paid homage to the departed leaders. Shri GSVSS Vara Prasad, District Secretary welcomed the members. The President touched upon all the issues in his opening remarks. DS has explained various issues and their position including pay anomaly in fixation of pension of DoT employees absorbed in BSNL during 1-10-2000 to 31-07-2001, inordinate delay in revision of pension to allow the fitment benefit by merger of 78.2% DA to the pre and post 2007 retired employees. DS also mentioned about the empanelment of three additional new hospitals which was perused with the management i.e. DM&HO, AP Circle Office by our association constantly. S/Shri CH Gandhi, A Kodanda Rao, Chalapati Rao KV, Nagabhushanam M, Ananda Rao B, Sundara Rao G, Babu Rao T, Sarveswara Rao K, KBS Naidu, KP Srinivasa Rao enlightened on the 78.2% DA issue and expressed disappointment on its slow progress. Shri RSN Murthy and DS answered the questions raised by the members. Many members actively participated in the discussions and suggested to go for legal battle due to undue delay in settling 78.2% DA merger issue in consultation with CHQ .

Thereafter DS welcomed Shri A SRINIVASA RAO, GMTD who joined the meeting at 11.45 hrs. The President honored GMTD by presenting a bouquet. He also welcomed Shri Sounder Rajan, DGM (F&A) and Shri Subbara Rao D, DGM. The District Secretary expressed his gratitude in resolving the medical bill issues including empanelment of new hospitals. GMTD, in response, assured to include some more hospitals in near future.

The DS then welcomed and introduced Smt Rajani, Hon'ble Senior Civil Judge & Secretary, District legal Services Authority, East Godavari District as the Chief guest to the house. She was presented with bouquet by Smt Lakshmi G and Smt Seeta Ch, both members of the Association. The Hon'ble judge explained judicature of District Legal Services Authority and its rendering justice to poor and needy people apart from regular courts. The Hon'ble judge also explained how the senior Citizens can help the Judiciary by helping the needy people as para legal volunteers. The house expressed their happiness to share their feelings with the Hon'ble judge. The DS, on behalf of the house wished Smt Rajani a grand success in her future assignment also on her promotion as District Judge .

The District Secretary thanked specially to Shri A Srinivasa Rao, GMTD, Smt Rajani, Hon'ble Civil Judge. The DS also thanked S/Shri ASN Murthy, ASV Rama Rao, Krishnaiah, S Satyanarayana for

their immense support in hosting the Quarterly General body meeting in a grand manner. The DS then thanked all the members for their valuable suggestions in the organizational matters. The meeting was attended by 70 members. Five (5) new Life Members joined the Association taking the total strength of the Branch to 155. The meeting ended with National Anthem. This was followed by Lunch.

**AIBSNLREA, UP STATE BRANCH MEETS GM (FINANCE), UP EAST TELECOM CIRCLE:** S/Shri R S Arora, State Secretary of UP State Branch, Ambika Singh, Finance Secretary, UP State Branch and S P Singh, Branch Secretary, Lucknow Branch met General Manager (Finance) of UP East Telecom Circle of BSNL on 15.02.2016 to discuss the following issues:- abnormal delay in payment of indoor and outdoor medical claims, problems in raising bills by the empanelled hospitals, issue of updated list of empanelled hospitals with details of packages. The GM(F) gave a patient hearing and stated that there is no shortage of funds for settlement of medical claims and wanted a list of all pending cases which are delayed for more than one month. A copy of the list of empanelled hospitals was also handed over to the representatives of the Association.

**BI-ANNUAL GENERAL BODY MEETING OF AIBSNLREA, EAST VIDARBHA (NAGPUR) BRANCH HELD:** The bi-annual General Body meeting of AIBSNLREA, East Vidarbha (Nagpur) Branch was held on Sunday, the 7<sup>th</sup> February, 2016 at Amenity Block, CTO Compound Nagpur under the Chairmanship of Shri N G Talewar President of the Branch. After paying tributes to the departed family members, Shri Arun Deshpande, Asst Branch Secretary welcomed all the life members and also the newly enrolled life members. He briefed the house regarding the efforts being taken by Nagpur Branch to resolve the grievances of the BSNL pensioners. Shri P R Bhujbal, Branch Secretary highlighted the status of long pending and other important issues being taken up by CHQ. Various representations addressed to DOT, Telecom commission, BSNL, DOP&PW, DPE, Minister of Health, Hon Prime Minister etc made by CHQ over the inordinate delay in furnishing of the Final Cabinet Note allowing the benefit of 78.2% IDA merger with basic pay as on 1-1-2007 to the BSNL pensioners retired during 1-10-2000 to 9-6-2013, extension of CGHS facilities to the BSNL retired employees, anomaly in fixation of pension of DOT employees absorbed in BSNL and retired during 1-10-2000 to 31-07-2001, Restoration of benefit of medical allowance for outdoor treatment without vouchers to the retired BSNL employees etc were briefed to the house. Members were informed about the key recommendations of the VIIth CPC also. **The main** recommendation of "Enhancement in the ceiling of gratuity limit from the existing Rs 10Lakh to Rs 20 Lakh w.e.f. 1-1-2016 and further recommendation of Indexation i.e. the ceiling on gratuity may increase by 25% whenever DA rises by 50% and Introduction of Health Insurance Scheme for CG employees and pensioners cheered by members. Rest of other principal demands made before VIIth CPC by various pensioners associations including AIBSNLREA viz-Revision of additional rates of additional pension and additional family pension, as also reducing age eligibility for its receipt from the existing 80 years, Reduction in the time period for restoration of basic pension, reduced on account of commutation, Enhancement of ceiling of earned leave for purpose of leave encashment, Increasing the existing time period of seven years for enhanced family pension were not recommended by VIIth CPC.



House was briefed about the status of constitution of 3<sup>rd</sup> PRC for the salary revision of PSU employees w.e.f. 1-1-2017. Important local issues taken up with PGMT Nagpur regarding undue delay in payment of medical bills for outdoor treatment to the retired employees of BSNL Nagpur, furnishing of yearly life certificate for continuation of concessional telephone facility for retired employees of BSNL in accordance with policy vide BSNL No 2-7/2007-PHA dated 20-07-2007 and difficulties being faced by BSNL pensioners to have attestation duly signed by GO/Bank officer were also discussed.

The meeting was attended by 111 members. Four BSNL retired executives joined the association and enrolled as life members of AIBSNLREA. The total membership of the Branch thus has reached to 323 from 319. House congratulated all the newly enrolled life members. S/Shri U B Nikose VP and Dr Palandurkar VP were on the dais. S/Shri Arun Deshpande, AS N R Rachkondawar, B M Majumdar, FS, NK Garge , MR Shaikh took special efforts for the grand success of the meeting. The meeting ended with vote of thanks and new year's greetings to all by Shri U B Nikose, Vice President of the branch.

**QUARTERLY GENERAL BODY MEETING OF MUMBAI BRANCH OF AIBSNLREA HELD:** Quarterly General Body Meeting of Mumbai Branch of AIBSNLREA was held on 25th January 2016 at 14 00 hrs in the Conference Hall, Fountain Telecom Building, Fort Mumbai. Shri S N Verma presided over the meeting and welcomed all the members and wished them a very happy new year 2016 . He specially welcomed Shri A B Ansari Retd A D, Maharashtra Telecom Circle, Mumbai for enrolling himself as a life member. Branch Secretary Shri S P Varma informed the house about the sad demise of S/Shri N A Daware, Retd D E Fault Control, Mumbai and Kannan Iyer Retd S D E Legal, WTR Mumbai. He requested the house to observe 2 minutes silence in memory of the departed souls. He then read out the minutes of last meeting and informed the house about the latest development on various issues including revision of Pension by merger of 78.2 % IDA and the efforts being made by the Association to get it resolved. The members appreciated the efforts by Shri S N Verma for arranging the annual trip from 9th to 17th January 2016 successfully and also in a very economic and comfortable manner. Branch Secretary requested the members to mobilize more membership. The meeting concluded at 16.30 hours after presentation of vote of thanks by Shri V R Monkikar.

**BI-MONTHLY EC MEETING OF PUNE BRANCH OF AIBSNLREA:** Pune Branch (Maharashtra State) of AIBSNLREA held its bi-monthly EC meeting on 09.01.2016 at Telephone Bhawan, Bajirao Road, Pune. The meeting was presided over by Shri S N Mupid, Branch President. The main point of discussion was about the Write Up "Is our Pension secure?" by Shri S. Ratnasubramanian, Joint Secretary (South), CHQ regarding pension security. The write up was read out by Branch Secretary Shri B B Controllu who explained in detail regarding the pension security and asked all not to get panic.

## STATEMENT OF PAYMENTS RECEIVED DURING FEBRUARY 2016

**Sangrur Branch (Punjab)** has deposited Rupees one thousand four hundred (Rs 1400.00) only in CHQ's Account with Syndicate Bank on 29.02.2016 towards CHQ quota for seven (7) new life members.

**Chandigarh Branch** has deposited Rupees one thousand four hundred (Rs 1400.00) only in CHQ's Account with Karur Vyshya Bank on 24.02.2016 towards CHQ quota for seven (7) new life members.

**East Godavari Branch** (Andhra Pradesh) has deposited Rupees one thousand two hundred fifty (Rs 1250.00) only in CHQ's Account with Karur Vyshya Bank on 23.02.2016 towards CHQ quota/admission fee for five (5) new life members.

**East Vidarbha (Nagpur) Branch** (Maharashtra State) has deposited Rupees eight hundred (Rs 800.00) only in CHQ's S/B Account with Syndicate Bank on 23.02.2016 towards CHQ quota for four (4) new life members.

**Shri M L Shahabadi**, Retired AD, NCES, Delhi, now residing in New Delhi has paid Rupees Five hundred fifty (Rs 550.00) only through a cheque dated 18.02.2016 drawn on SBI to get enrolled as the Life Member of **Delhi South West Branch**.

An amount of Rupees Two thousand six hundred (Rs 2600.00) only has been deposited in CHQ's S/B Account with Syndicate Bank on 15.02.2016.

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