



Editorial

WORLD FIGHTS AGAINST AN INVISIBLE ENEMY – BSNL PENSIONERS FIGHT AGAINST A MOST INSENSITIVE SYSTEM IN ADDITION

No one could have ever imagined that a deadly virus which had its origin in China could one day threaten the very existence of the entire mankind. Even the countries, considered to be super-powers in the world, with their best available Medicare-facilities, are now found to be helpless against this virus. Every day, news is appearing on the increasing number of deaths across the globe. Named as COVID-19, this deadly disease caused by the novel virus SARS-CoV-2, affects only the human beings and spares the other forms of living beings. No effective and proven preventive vaccine or medicine to treat the affected persons, so far, could be prescribed. Social distancing and proper hand-hygiene is now being advised as the best way to remain safe. Accordingly, many countries have declared lock-down and people are being forced to remain indoor. India is also not an exception. Entire country is now in the lock-down mode and no one can predict when actually we may be allowed to step out of our homes. This virus infects all human beings irrespective of age, but the elderly and immuno-compromised people face serious complications. Thus, we not only need to take care of ourselves, but also of our other family members. We, therefore, need to continue scrupulously follow the advisories issued by the Government and wait for the dawn of the day to bring the sound of bugle to declare the victory of mankind over this deadly virus.

While the world is fighting against an invisible enemy in which we are also playing our role, unfortunately we are also to additionally fight for our survival against the most callous and insensitive system at present. As senior citizens and more so as pensioners, our problems have become compounded following huge cut in repo-rate by Reserve Bank of India and drastic reduction in rate of interest of all forms of Saving Schemes in Post Offices including Senior Citizen Savings Scheme w.e.f. 01.04.2020. The Banks have also reduced rates of interest on their domestic term deposits. We are also unable to move out to submit our Form 15-H to the Banks so that TDS is not deducted. But in this case, the CBDT has extended the validity of Form 15-H already submitted for the Financial Year 2019-20, up to 30th June, 2020 for the Financial Year 2020-21 also. We are also not able to submit our Option and other documents to the office we retired from, to avail benefit under BSNLMRS. But given the prevailing circumstances, we can certainly expect to complete these formalities when normalcy returns. Otherwise also, BSNL Offices are now virtually deserted. Unfortunately, as BSNL IDA pensioners, we are not only under threat from the Corona virus, but also by the most inefficient, insensitive and callous BSNL Management which has not reimbursed even a single claim for our medical reimbursement and not made payment for without voucher optees,

during the whole financial year of 2019-20. This shameless Management has even falsely claimed to the Government of having made some reimbursement/payment to us and has deposited some TDS amount to the Income Tax Department on this count. It all along maintained stoic silence on the issue even after receiving numerous representations from us. It will not be out

of context to mention here that even the serving BSNL employees are similarly affected on this matter. But for the reasons best known to the leadership of the Unions and Associations, the issue never found a place in their priority list for settlement. Anyhow, once the present state of uncertainty is over, we will have to more vigorously pursue the issue for an immediate solution.

A FEW IMPORTANT DEVELOPMENTS

- BSNL VRS-retirees, who retired on 31.01.2020 without receiving their salary for the month of December 2019 and January 2020, have finally received the salary for the month of January 2020 in March 2020.
- Branches of AIBSNLREA had issued Savingram to the CMD, BSNL for immediate release of payments for medical claims submitted during 2019-20 under BSNLMRS pointing out that in the 26-as Page pertaining to the concerned pensioners as appearing in the Income tax department's website, BSNL has wrongly made a claim to have made some payments which are far from truth. There is no response on this from BSNL as yet.
- First instalment of ex-Gratia and also leave-encashment payable to the VRS-retirees have been deposited in their respective Salary Accounts.
- Rates of interest in all Saving Schemes in Post Offices and Domestic Term Deposits in Banks has been drastically reduced after announcement of cut in repo-rate by RBI. Interest rate for Senior Citizen Savings Scheme is now down from 8.6% to 7.4%.

INCREASE IN IDA W.E.F. 1.4.2020

According to calculations based on All India Consumer Price Index for Industrial Workers, IDA is to increase w.e.f. 1.4.2020 by 3.4% for CPSEs where last pay revision was implemented w.e.f. 1.1.2007 and by 5.9% where last pay revision was implemented w.e.f. 1.1.1997.

ISSUES TAKEN UP

AIBSNLREA REQUESTS CMD, BSNL TO REVIEW ITS ORDER ON TAXATION ON AMOUNTS RECEIVED/RECEIVEABLE ON OR AFTER 01.04.2009 BY THE VRS OPTTEES: Drawing attention of CMD, BSNL to Para (iii) of the Order dated 11.02.2020 issued by Taxation Section of BSNL Corporate Office, wherein it has been stated that "The VRS optee(s) can claim either exemption u/s 10(10C) or relief u/s 89, but not on both, on such amounts received or

receivable on or after 01.04.2009”, AIBSNLREA has requested to review this Order. The Association has pointed out that the said instruction/clarification issued by BSNL Corporate Office contradicts the Orders passed by different Courts on the same issue. Madras High Court in the case between Commissioner of Income Tax Vs G V Venugopal, judgment of which was delivered on 06.12.2004 regarding availability of benefits both u/s 10(10C) and u/s 89(1) to the VRS retirees, had ruled that "There is no prohibition to the twin benefits in respect of the amount received under the Voluntary Retirement Scheme". Similarly, in another case between State Bank of India Vs Central Board of Direct Taxes, Kerala High Court in its judgment delivered on 08.12.2005 had clearly ruled that relief under Section 89 (1) is available over and above the exemption under Section 10 (10C). The Association has finally requested that “In view of the Orders passed in the above two judgments involving even CBDT, there is every reason to say that the clarification/ instruction issued by BSNL Corporate Office on the same issue is contrary to the Rules/Laws on the subject. In view of the above, for the sake of justice and avoiding unnecessary hardships to the VRS retirees, it is requested that BSNL Corporate Office review its above referred Office Order dated 11.02.2020, if need be, in consultation with Central Board of Direct Taxes. BSNL needs to issue a clarification to allow tax exemption both u/s 10(10 C) and relief u/s 89 (1) to the concerned VRS-retirees”. [\[View posting dated 20.03.2020 in this website to read the letter\].](#)

AIBSNLREA WRITES TO DIRECTOR (HR) ON THE ISSUE OF INCORRECT STATEMENT OF DUES/LOANS SENT TO THE DDOs FOR RECOVERY FROM THE VRS-RETIREE MEMBERS BY GOVERNMENT TELECOM EMPLOYEES CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETY, CHENNAI – SEEKS NOT TO ACT ON THESE STATEMENTS TILL CORRECT STATEMENTS ARE SENT: AIBSNLREA has drawn the attention of Director (HR), BSNL and others on the matter of issue of faulty statements for recovery of dues/loans from its VRS-retiree members from their leave-encashment and ex-gratia by Government Telecom Employees Co-operative Society, Chennai without taking into account of the assets with the Society which include Share Capital, Thrift Deposit, Family Welfare Deposit and any credit on suspense account, which normally runs into lakhs of rupees which now need to be refunded to them. The Association has requested to instruct all DDOs not to recover the amount claimed by the Society in its defective statements and also advise the said Society to furnish fresh statements, after adjusting the assets available with the Society in respect of the members-retirees and not to impose any interest against the instalments for past few months which have duly been recovered by BSNL from the salary but stated to be not deposited with the Society. [\[View posting dated 19.03.2020 in this website to read the letter\].](#)

AIBSNLREA WRITES TO PRIME MINISTER OF INDIA AGAINST DOP&T’S DIVERSIONARY TACTICS TO SHELVE ITS REQUEST ON ALLOWING NOTIONAL INCREMENT FOR THE PURPOSE OF GRANT OF PENSIONARY BENEFITS TO THE EMPLOYEES RETIRED/RETIRING AFTER COMPLETION OF ONE FULL YEAR’S SERVICE: Following DOP&T’s action in forwarding the earlier representation of AIBSNLREA addressed to the Prime Minister of India on the issue of granting notional increment for the purpose of allowing pensionary benefits to all retired/retiring employees whose date of next increment falls on the following day of their retirement, to the Secretary, Department of Telecommunications, the Association has again represented to the Prime Minister pointing out that DOP&T, which is the nodal Department

to examine and decide the issue, has unjustifiably asked DOT to refer it a proposal in case clarification/interpretation of any rule position is required. The Association has urged that DOP&T be advised to examine the contents of our said representation and resolve the grievance. Let it not try to shelve the grievance by forwarding the representation to DOT which is not at all connected with the matter. [\[View posting dated 16.03.2020 in this website to read the letter\].](#)

NON-SETTLEMENT OF DISCREPANCY IN THE FINAL PAYMENT OF GPF- AIBSNLREA TAKES UP CASE OF SHRI CHINNAPPA M. UROLOGIN, RETD JTO OF KOLHAPUR SSA WITH CONTROLLER GENERAL OF COMMUNICATION ACCOUNTS: AIBSNLREA has addressed a letter to the Controller General of Communication Accounts, New Delhi in the matter of non-payment of GPF amount deducted from the monthly salary of Shri Chinnappa M. Urologin, Retd JTO, Kolhapur for a particular period when he was working in Western Telecom Project before his transfer to Maharashtra Telecom Circle. The Association has sought his intervention and requested to advise Controller of Communication Accounts, Maharashtra & Goa Circle to make payment of the balance of the GPF amount along with interest to the concerned pensioner Shri Channappa M. Urologin, Retd JTO without further delay. [\[View posting dated 13.03.2020 in this website to read the letter\].](#)

NON-RELEASE OF GPF PAYMENT– AIBSNLREA TAKES UP CASES OF SMT S GETHSI JEBASELVI, RETD SDE AND SHRI P DURAISAMY, RETD DE OF ERODE SSA WITH CONTROLLER GENERAL OF COMMUNICATION ACCOUNTS: AIBSNLREA has since taken up the cases of Smt. Gethsi Jebaselvi, Retd SDE and Shri P Duraisamy, Retd DE of Erode SSA of Tamilnadu Circle who retired from service on 30.11.2019 and 31.12.2019 respectively with Controller General of Communication Accounts, New Delhi for releasing their GPF payment. The Association has requested to advise Principal Controller of Communication Accounts, Tamilnadu Circle, Chennai to immediately release the GPF payment with interest for delayed payment to the above-named pensioners. [\[View posting dated 12.03.2020 in this website to read the letter\].](#)

RELAXATION OF ELIGIBILITY CONDITION FOR INVESTMENT IN SENIOR CITIZEN SAVINGS SCHEME IN RESPECT OF THE EMPLOYEES RETIRED UNDER VRS BEFORE REACHING THE AGE OF 55 YEARS - AIBSNLREA TAKES UP THE ISSUE WITH PRIME MINISTER: AIBSNLREA has since addressed a letter to Prime Minister of India on the above issue and has requested to “kindly advise Ministry of Finance (Department of Economic Affairs), which promulgated the Order on Senior Citizen Savings Scheme, to allow the VRS retirees who retired before reaching the age of 55 years also to invest in SCSS. This relaxation of existing eligibility condition in SCSS will give a huge relief to the VRS retirees of this age group of above 50 years but below 55 years from BSNL and MTNL”. [\[View posting dated 05.03.2020 in this website to read the letter\].](#)

AIBSNLREA TAKES UP WITH DIRECTOR (HR), BSNL THE ISSUE OF REIMBURSEMENT OF TELEPHONE BILLS OF THE RETIRED BSNL EMPLOYEES HAVING CONCESSIONAL TELEPHONE FACILITY WHO ARE RESIDING IN THE AREAS SERVED BY MTNL: In a letter addressed to Director (HR), BSNL Board, AIBSNLREA has drawn his attention on the problem being faced by the retired BSNL employees, who are residing in the areas served by MTNL and having concessional telephone facility, in the matter of payment of bills and their subsequent reimbursement. The Association has suggested that “arrangements be made with MTNL so

that the bills which are within the prescribed free-call limit as decided by BSNL and the user-BSNL retirees are not finally liable to pay for the number of calls made, MTNL should send such bills only to the concerned BSNL Units for book transfer or otherwise. This will give relief at least to those BSNL retirees who do not make calls in excess of the permissible free-call limit as allowed by BSNL". The Association has further suggested that once MTNL is merged with BSNL as decided by Union Cabinet, the BSNL retirees residing in the areas served by MTNL be also extended the same arrangement as available to the BSNL retirees residing in the areas served by BSNL for the purpose of settlement of their bills. [\[View posting dated 04.03.2020 in this website to read the letter\].](#)

NON-AVAILABILITY OF CGHS-EMPANELLED HOSPITAL IN VISHAKHAPATNAM- AIBSNLREA TAKES UP THE ISSUE WITH MINISTER OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE: AIBSNLREA has addressed a letter to Dr Harsh Vardhan, Minister of Health & Family Welfare pointing out the serious difficulties being faced by the CGHS beneficiaries -especially the pensioners in Vishakhapatnam and adjacent areas due to non-availability of CGHS-empanelled Hospital in Vishakhapatnam. The Association has further mentioned that the empanelled Hospitals are available only in Hyderabad and as such the CGHS beneficiaries are required to travel a long distance to get treatment. The Association has finally requested for the intervention of the Minister 'so that adequate number of hospitals are empanelled under CGHS in Vishakhapatnam to give real relief to the CGHS beneficiaries in general and the pensioners in particular'. [\[View posting dated 03.03.2020 in this website to read the letter\].](#)

RESPONSE TO AIBSNLREA'S REPRESENTATIONS

PAYMENT OF INTEREST ON DELAYED PAYMENT OF GRATUITY TO SHRI KAILASH CHANDRA KHATUA, RETD DE, ODISHA– PENSION SECTION OF DOT ASKS CCA, ODISHA TO EXPEDITE SUPPLY OF INFORMATION AS PER ITS PREVIOUS COMMUNICATIONS: Forwarding a copy of the letter No. AIBSNLREA/CHQ/2020/12 dated 25.02.2020 from AIBSNLREA on the above issue of payment of interest on delayed payment of gratuity to Shri Kailash Chandra Khatua, Retd DE, Dhenkanal, the Pension Section of DOT in a communication, vide its File No. 40-07/2019-Pen(T) dated 17.03.2020, has now asked CCA, Odisha Circle to expedite supply of certain information as were wanted in its letters dated 06.05.2019 and 03.12.2019 for further necessary action on the issue at its end. [\[View posting dated 23.03.2020 in this website to read the DOT letter\].](#)

PMO FORWARDS AIBSNLREA'S REPRESENTATION ON REFUSAL BY DOT TO CONSIDER GRANT OF ONE EXTRA-INCREMENT TO THE BSNL EXECUTIVES WHO RETIRED BETWEEN JULY 2017 AND APRIL 2018 TERMING THIS AS A POLICY ISSUE: AIBSNLREA had earlier represented to Prime Minister of India against DOT's stand not to consider its earlier representation to remove the discrimination meted out to a section of the BSNL Executive-pensioners who retired between July 2017 and April 2018, by granting them also the extra-increment on their post based promotion, terming this as a 'policy issue' [\[View posting dated 29.02.2020 in this website to read the letter\].](#) Now the PMO has forwarded the said representation to Secretary, Department of Telecommunications for action as appropriate and also reply the Association. [\[View posting dated 22.03.2020 in this website to read the PMO letter\].](#)

AIBSNLREA'S REPRESENTATION REGARDING ABNORMAL DELAY IN PAYMENT OF INTEREST ON DELAYED PAYMENT OF RETIREMENT GRATUITY TO SHRI KAILASH CHANDRA KHATUA, RETD DE, ODISHA– TA-I BRANCH OF DOT FORWARDS THE REPRESENTATION TO THE ESTABLISHMENT BRANCH: AIBSNLREA had taken up the case of abnormal delay in payment of interest on delayed payment of retirement Gratuity to Shri Kailash Chandra Khatua, Retd DE, Dhenkanal, Odisha with Secretary (Pension) and others [View posting dated 27.02.2020 in this website to read the letter]. Now Director (Accounts-I) of TA-I Branch of DOT has forwarded the said representation to Director (Estt-II), since the pension section of DOT (HQ) is the nodal section for processing such type of cases. [\[View posting dated 21.03.2020 in this website to read the DOT letter\].](#)

DOP&T FORWARDS TO DOT AIBSNLREA'S REPRESENTATION TO THE PRIME MINISTER OF INDIA ON ALLOWING NOTIONAL INCREMENT FOR THE PURPOSE OF GRANT OF PENSIONARY BENEFITS TO THE EMPLOYEES RETIRING AFTER COMPLETION OF ONE FULL YEAR'S SERVICE – SUGGESTS TO REFER PROPOSAL FOR CLARIFICATION/INTERPRETATION OF ANY RULE POSITION IF REQUIRED: AIBSNLREA had sent a representation to the Prime Minister of India in which it was submitted that since all court judgments are delivered in favour of the applicant-pensioners which cannot be reversed, DOP&T issue an Order granting notional increment for the purpose of allowing pensionary benefits to the all retired/retiring employees whose date of next increment falls on the following day of their retirement [View posting dated 17.02.2020 in this website to read the letter]. Now DOP&T has forwarded the said representation to Secretary, Department of Telecommunications suggesting to refer it a proposal in case clarification/interpretation of any rule position is required. [\[View posting dated 14.03.2020 in this website to read the DOP&T letter\].](#)

GOVERNMENT/BSNL ORDERS

BSNL ISSUES DETAILED INSTRUCTIONS TO THE CGMS REGARDING PAYMENT OF FIRST INSTALMENT OF EX-GRATIA, LEAVE ENCASHMENT IN FULL TO THE BSNL EMPLOYEES RETIRED UNDER BSNL VRS SCHEME-2019: BSNL Corporate Office, vide its File No. 500-163/2019-20/CA-III/BSNL dated 23.03.2020 on the matter of payment of dues to the VRS-optees, has instructed the CGMs regarding the various actions to be taken by 24.03.2020, which includes loading of amount of ex-gratia and Leave Encashment in Pay roll, posting of recoveries and tax treatment, in connection with releasing first instalment of ex-gratia and leave encashment in full in the month of March, 2020 to the BSNL Employees retired under BSNL VRS Scheme-2019. [\[View posting dated 25.03.2020 in this website to read the BSNL Order\].](#)

BSNL ISSUES INSTRUCTION TO CGMS REGARDING PAYMENT OF GRATUITY AS PER BSNL EMPLOYEES TRUST RULES TO THE BSNL RECRUITED EMPLOYEES WHO HAVE RETIRED UNDER BSNL VRS SCHEME-2019: BSNL Corporate Office, vide File No. 500-50/2015-16/BSNL/Gratuity dated 20.03.2020, has issued instructions to the CGMs regarding action to be taken for releasing payment of Gratuity in the month of March, 2020 to the BSNL recruited Employees who have taken retirement under BSNL VRS Scheme-2019 and are eligible to receive Gratuity as per BSNL Employees Gratuity Trust Rules. [\[View posting dated 25.03.2020 in this website to read the BSNL Order\].](#)

BSNL ISSUES CERTAIN CLARIFICATION ON ITS POLICY FOR PROVISION OF GSM IN LIEU OF RESIDENTIAL SERVICE TELEPHONE CONNECTIONS/CONCESSIONAL TELEPHONE FACILITIES TO THE SERVING/RETIRED EMPLOYEES OF BSNL RESIDING IN AREAS DECLARED AS TNF: BSNL Corporate Office has since issued certain clarification on its earlier Order circulating the policy to provide GSM in lieu of residential service telephone connection/concessional Telephone facilities to the serving/retired employees residing in TNF areas. The clarification also says that no rental to be charged for the GSM facility and in TNF area where FTTH is working, GSM post-paid plan will be sanctioned in lieu of FTTH. [\[View posting dated 24.03.2020 in this website to read the BSNL Order\].](#)

BSNL ISSUES ANOTHER ORDER ON TDS GUIDELINES ON PAYMENTS MADE TO VRS, 2019 OPTTEES: BSNL, vide its No.100-09/2019-20/Taxation/BSNL VRS 2019/3762 dated 20.03.2020, has issued another order on Tax Deduction at Source (TDS) guidelines on payments made to VRS, 2019 opttees wherein it has been stated that Ex-gratia may be considered as a part of salary and TDS may be deducted on the first instalment of ex-gratia to be paid on 31.03.2020. TDS on second instalment of ex-gratia to be paid in subsequent financial year shall be deducted and deposited in that financial year. TDS will also be required to be deducted at the time of payment of leave encashment. [\[View posting dated 22.03.2020 in this website to read the BSNL Order\].](#)

DOT ASKS BSNL TO SEND DOCUMENTS TO THE CONCERNED CCA OFFICES BY 12.03.2020 AS PER SOP FOR PAYMENT OF FIRST INSTALMENT OF EX-GRATIA TO THE BSNL VRS-RETIREES ON 31.03.2020: Alarmed by non-receipt of any document from BSNL as per SOP for payment of Ex-gratia to the BSNL VRS-retirees by the CCA Offices, DOT vide its letter No. 1/VRS/BSNL/2019/TA-I/841-873 dated 06.03.2020 addressed to CMD, BSNL has asked for taking action for ensuring that the documents as per SOP are sent to concerned CCA Offices by 12.03.2020 for the purpose of payment of First instalment of Ex-gratia to the BSNL VRS-retirees on 31.03.2020. [\[View posting dated 07.03.2020 in this website to read the DOT letter\].](#)

BRANCHES IN ACTION

INDORE BRANCH OF AIBSNLREA HOLD A SPECIAL GB MEETING: A Special G.B meeting of Indore Branch of AIBSNLREA was held on 15.03.2020 at Bagarwal Parisar, Aerodrum Road, Indore. The meeting was presided over by Shri S.K.Jain, Branch President. 76 members along with their spouses participated in the gathering. This Special meeting was organized mainly to felicitate S/Shri I.K.Vyas, P.Wagde, S.P.Baghela, B.S. Bais, B.D. Chawada, A.L.Verma, N.H.Johar, Altaf Hussain, K.G Garg, Hakimuddin, J.C.Gupta, K.O.Kansal, Narendra Gite on completion of their 75 years of age. All of them were honoured with garland, Shreefal (Coconut) and shawl. Folk songs were sung by Smt. Vyas, Smt. Kansal, and Smt. Saxena. Other cultural activities were also arranged. S/Shri R.C Maheshwari, R.C.Garg, S.C.Tiwari and S.C.Jain took keen interest for the success the function which was conducted in an atmosphere of deep bond of friendship and affection. The Vote of Thanks was presented by Branch Secretary Shri N.C Yadav. Lunch was also served to all the participants after the meeting.

CHANDIGARH BRANCH OF AIBSNLREA HELD ITS BI-MONTHLY GB MEETING: The bi-monthly GB meeting of Chandigarh Branch of AIBSNLREA was held in the GPO Building, Sector-17, Chandigarh on 14.03.2020 under the presidentship of Shri M.D. Bhasin. The President briefed the house on some important issues like status of Court case on pay & pension arrears, reimbursement of medical claims including CGHS, implementation of 3rd PRC. He also informed the house that e-PPOs are being released

by DOT office at Chandigarh, though process of releasing provisional pension has started to give immediate relief to the VRS-retirees. He further reported that CHQ has been taking various actions to mitigate the difficulties being faced by the VRS-retirees. The members were also briefed on the progress made for effective implementation of BSNL's revival plan which includes introduction of 4-G services, monetization of BSNL's assets and merger of BSNL and MTNL. Meeting ended after presentation of vote of thanks and serving of refreshment.

BAREILLY BRANCH OF AIBSNLREA HELD GB MEETING: A General Body Meeting was held by Bareilly Branch of AIBSNLREA on 13.02.2020. The members discussed various issues including non-reimbursement of claims for outdoor and indoor treatment under BSNLMRS and non-payment of claims for reimbursement of one-time subscription paid to CGHS and non-implementation of 3rd PRC Report on revision of pay scales etc. UP State Secretary Shri R S Arora attended the meeting.

GENERAL BODY MEETING OF AIBSNLREA, JALLANDHAR BRANCH: A General Body meeting of AIBSNLREA, Jalandhar Branch (Punjab State) was held on 06.03.2020. Shri H L Bhagat, Branch President presided over the meeting. The meeting was attended by S/Shri D S Sandhu, Organizing Secretary (North), CHQ and Jogi Ram, State Secretary, AIBSNLREA, Haryana. Shri Sandhu, Org Secretary (N) briefed the members about the deliberations in last AIC held at Madurai. He spoke on various important issues including pay and pension revision, non-reimbursement of claims under BSNLMRS, option to switch over to CGHS, Court case on pay and pension arrears with merger of 78.2% IDA etc. He also explained an issue raised by some associations for delinking of pension revision from pay revision and presented them with the correct picture how for the first time in the history, revision of pension started only after pay scale revision as per recommendation of 5th CPC recommendations following a SC judgment in D S Nakara case. He also briefed the members about various resolutions adopted in the AIC. Eight members, who were present in the meeting, submitted their duly filled in membership forms. The members also elected Shri Mohan Lal Sandi, Retd CAO as the Assistant Branch Secretary. The house also honoured Shri Parkash, a veteran leader and an associate member of the Association with presentation of bouquet and a shawl on his attaining 80 years of age. It was also decided to hold the next GM meeting of the Branch at the earliest.

STATEMENT OF AMOUNT RECEIVED DURING MARCH 2020

Bareilly Branch (UP State) has deposited Rupees one thousand (Rs.1000/-) only in S/B Account of CHQ with Syndicate Bank on 16.03.2020 as CHQ quota for five new Life Members.

Varanasi Branch (UP State) has deposited Rupees two thousand (Rs.2000/-) only in S/B Account of CHQ with Syndicate Bank on 16.03.2020 as CHQ quota for ten new Life Members.

Jaunpur Branch (UP State) has deposited Rupees one thousand two hundred (Rs.1200/-) only in S/B Account of CHQ with Syndicate Bank on 16.03.2020 as CHQ quota for six new Life Members.

Amravati Branch (Maharashtra State) has deposited Rupees two hundred (Rs.200/-) only in S/B Account of CHQ with Syndicate Bank on 12.03.2020 as CHQ quota for one new Life Member.

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Amravati Branch (Maharashtra State) has deposited Rupees two thousand eight hundred (Rs.2800/-) only in S/B Account of CHQ with Syndicate Bank on 09.03.2020 as CHQ quota for 9 new Life Members and donation (Rs. 1000/-) collected @ Rs. 500/- each from two members.

Chandigarh Branch has deposited Rupees one thousand two hundred (Rs.1200/-) only in S/B Account of CHQ with Syndicate Bank on 09.03.2020 as CHQ quota for 6 new Life Members.

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