

centre, transfer of the same CGHS card to other cities when the pensioner shifts residence, special provisions for CGHS beneficiaries above 80 years of age and validity of CGHS card at any wellness centre in India for availing CGHS facilities irrespective of the city where it was registered. But a lot needs to be done to facilitate hassle-less medical service to the pensioners. BSNL absorbed pensioners who have switched over to

CGHS may write to CHQ about the genuine difficulties encountered by them while availing CGHS services, with specific and supportive details. AIBSNLREA will continue to take up the matter with the appropriate authorities for remedial action, so that those who have opted for CGHS do not come to the conclusion that they have jumped out of the frying pan into the fire. ■



Important Development of the Month

DoP&PW has circulated the new agenda items for discussion in the 32nd meeting of SCOVA to be held on 12.04.2022, which includes periodical Health Checkup for pensioners, Payment of DA/DR arrears frozen for 18 months from 1.1.2020 to 30.6.2021, Enhancement of quantum of pension and Enhancement of Fixed Medical Allowance.



Issues taken up

19.04.2022: AIBSNLREA WRITES TO SECRETARY, DoT, ON CCA KARNATAKA SEEKING 'CLEAR'/'FINAL' VIGILANCE CLEARANCE:

Referring to the case of Shri S V Rojed and Shri G P Biradar, AIBSNLREA writes to Secretary, DoT pointing out that "CCA Karnataka Circle has been delaying settlement of their regular pension and other retirement benefits, on the plea that the Vigilance Clearance has been granted with a note about pending of appeal and therefore is conditional. He is seeking 'Clear'/'final' vigilance clearance in these cases, ignoring the fact that Vigilance clearance is either 'GRANTED' or 'NOT GRANTED' and there is no clear or final vigilance clearance. Mere mentioning of pending appeal does not in any way alter the status of vigilance clearance" and requesting him to advise CCA Karnataka Circle to take appropriate measures for immediate release of final pension and other retirement benefits to Shri S V Rojed, Retd SDE Quality Assurance Circle and Shri G P Biradar, Retd AGM BGTD. [View the letter](#)



GOVERNMENT/BSNL ORDERS & LETTERS

20.04.2022: DPE ISSUES ORDERS ON REVISED IDA RATES DUE FROM 01.04.2022:

DPE has issued orders revising IDA rate to 381.7% w.e.f 01.04.2022 in respect of CPSEs where last pay revision was implemented w.e.f. 01.01.1997. [View the DPE OM](#)

13.04.2022: PROCEDURE FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF CHANGE OF OPTION BY A PENSIONER/FAMILY PENSIONER FROM FMA TO CGHS (OPD) AND VICE-VERSA:

DoP&PW has issued a O.M. detailing the procedure for implementation of option by a pensioner/family pensioner from FMA to CGHS (OPC) and vice-versa, (i) when a pensioner residing in non-CGHS area shifts his residence to a CGHS covered area, (ii) if a pensioner residing in non-CGHS area and availing FMA in lieu of OPD facility, intends to avail CGHS facility for both OPD and IPD and (iii) if a pensioner availing CGHS for both IPD and OPD, intends to avail FMA while residing in non-CGHS area or on shifting residence from a CGHS area to a non-CGHS area. [View the DoP&PW OM](#)

10.04.2022: DPE ISSUES ORDERS ON REVISED IDA RATES DUE FROM 01.04.2022:

DPE has issued orders revising IDA rate to 185.3% w.e.f 01.04.2022 in respect of CPSEs where last pay revision was implemented w.e.f. 01.01.2007. [View the DPE OM](#)

09.04.2022: NEW AGENDA ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION IN 32ND STANDING COMMITTEE OF VOLUNTARY AGENCIES (SCOVA) MEETING TO BE HELD ON 12.04.2022:

DoP&PW has circulated the new agenda items for discussion in the 32nd meeting of SCOVA to be held on 12.04.2022, which includes periodical Health Checkup for pensioners, Payment of DA/DR arrears freeed for 18 months from 1.1.2020 to 30.6.2021, Enhancement of quantum of pension and Enhancement of Fixed Medical Allowance. [View the DoP&PW letter](#)

03.04.2022: NOMINATION BY PENSIONERS UNDER THE PAYMENT OF ARREARS OF PENSION (NOMINATION) RULES, 1983 FOR PAYMENT OF LIFETIME ARREARS:

Taking in to account instances being reported about non-availability of nomination due to improper handling of the nominations by the Banks, Banks not keeping a proper record of the nominations, problems that arise if the nomination submitted at the time of retirement becomes invalid on account of the nominee predeceasing the pensioner or for some other reason and the pensioner fails to submit a fresh nomination to the Bank in Form A or the staff in Bank branches do not accept the nomination due to ignorance,, DoP&PW has reiterated the procedures to be followed and actions required to be taken by Ministries/Departments, Accdounts Offices/CPAO and Pension Disbursing Authorities/Banks, for strict compliance. [View the DoP&PW letter](#)

02.04.2022: REVISION OF ANNUAL CEILING LIMIT FOR REIMBURSEMENT OF OUTDOOR TREATMENT FOR RETIRED BSNL EMPLOYEE:

BSNL has again revised the annual ceiling limit for reimbursement of outdoor treatment for retired BSNL employees, bringing it down from 15 days to 12 days' pay (Basic pay at the time of retirement plus DA as on 01.04.2020), with vouchers. [View the BSNL order](#)



**RESPONSE/ACTION TAKEN ON
AIBSNLREA'S REPRESENTATIONS**

17.04.2022: NON-SETTLEMENT OF FINAL SUPERANNUATION PENSION, RELEASE OF DCRG AND GRANT OF CVP IN RESPECT OF SHRI G P BIRADAR, RETD DE BGTD - CGM KARNATAKA CIRCLE REPLIES TO CCA KARNTAKA CIRCLE:

We had earlier reported that "Referring to our representation dated 9th February 2022 registered in CPENGRAMS, in respect of non-settlement of final superannuation pension, release of CDRG and grant of CVP in respect of Shri G P Biradar, Retd DE, BGTD, the CCA Karnataka Circle has written to GM (HR), O/o CGMT Karnataka Circle, requesting to ensure a clear VC in respect of Shri G P Biradar, as in other similar cases." CGMT Karnataka Circle has replied to CCA Karnataka Circle, attaching the letter received from CVO BSNL stating that "Same pattern is followed by this office for issuing the VC for similar type of cases." [View the CGMT Karnataka letter](#)

15.04.2022: SETTLEMENT OF PENSION CASES OF THOSE WHO RETIRED UNDER BSNL VRS 2019 DURING CURRENCY OF PENALTY - ON OUR APPEAL DOT NOW CONCEDES THAT NECESSARY ACTION TO BE TAKEN BY DOT HQ:

We had earlier reported that "Despite our specific mention that the issue is to be resolved by DoT Headquarters by issuing the clarification sought for by PCCA Tamilnadu Circle, our letter dated 2nd March has been forwarded to PCCA Tamilnadu circle by DoT. PCCA Tamilnadu has repeated its earlier statement that the clarification sought for is still awaited. AIBSNLREA has submitted an appeal against closure of the grievance." DDG (PG) DoT has now disposed our appeal with the remarks "As per text of the appeal and enclosures from CCA Tamilnadu, necessary action to be taken up by DoT HQ". [View the disposal remarks](#)

08.04.2022: QA & INSPECTION CIRCLE PROVIDES ADDITIONAL INFORMATION SUBSEQUENT TO ITS LETTER DATED 11TH FEBRUARY 2022:

We had reported earlier that AIBSNLREA had taken up the issue of non-settlement of final superannuation pension, release of DCRG and grant of Commuted Value of Pension even after issue of final retirement order to Shri S V Rojed, Retd SDE, Quality Assurance Circle, with the Secretary (Pension), DoP&PW vide its letter dated 9th February 2022 and registered the grievance with CPENGRAMS on 10th February 2022 and that AO (Pay & HR), O/o the CGM QA & Inspection Circle has informed us that the pension papers along with Service Book of Shri S V Rojed Retd SDE QA Circle has already been forwarded to CCA Karnataka on 11th February 2022. Now QA & Inspection circle has provided information about a later development that CCA Karnataka Circle requires final vigilance clearance certificate to settle the case. [View the QA & Inspn. circle letter](#)

05.04.2022: PCCA TAMILNADU COMES UP WITH THE SAME REPLY IN RESPONSE TO AIBSNLREA LETTER ADDRESSED TO SECRETARY DOT ON SETTLEMENT OF PENSION CASES OF THOSE WHO RETIRED UNDER BSNL VRS 2019 DURING CURRENCY OF PENALTY:

Despite our specific mention that the issue is to be resolved by DoT Headquarters by issuing the clarification sought for by PCCA Tamilnadu Circle, our letter dated 2nd March has been forwarded to PCCA Tamilnadu circle by DoT. PCCA Tamilnadu has repeated its earlier statement that the clarification sought for is still awaited. AIBSNLREA has submitted an appeal against closure of the grievance. [View the PCCA Tamilnadu Circle letter](#)

01.04.2022: QA & INSPECTION CIRCLE RESPONDS TO OUR LETTER DATED 9TH FEBRUARY 2022 ADDRESSED TO SECRETARY DO&PW:

AIBSNLREA had taken up the issue of non-settlement of final superannuation pension, release of DCRG and grant of Commuted Value of Pension even after issue of final retirement order to Shri S V Rojed, Retd SDE, Quality Assurance Circle, with the Secretary (Pension), DoP&PW vide its letter dated 9th February 2022 and registered the grievance with CPENGRAMS on 10th February 2022. AO (Pay & HR), O/o the CGM QA & Inspection Circle has now informed us that the pension papers along with Service Book of Shri S V Rojed Retd SDE QA Circle has already been forwarded to CCA Karnataka on 11th February 2022. [View the QA & Inspn. circle letter](#)



BRANCHES IN ACTION

14.04.2022: GENERAL BODY MEETING OF AIBSNLREA AMBALA BRANCH HELD:

A general body meeting of Ambala Branch of AIBSNLREA was held on 12.04.2022 at Dilli Durbar Restaurant under the Presidentship of Sh, R K. Sharma. The meeting was attended by 33 members. One new member also joined our Association as a life member who was welcomed by all the members. First of all the President welcomed all the members. The members then condoled the death of the wife of Sh. H C Madan, our senior member and husband of Smt Kavita working DGM Finance in Mobile wing of Haryana Circle. A two minutes silence was also observed. Then with permission the Chair, Shri S K Aggarwal Branch Secretary gave a detailed briefing on the following issues concerning the members. 1) Shifting of CGHS wellness Centre Ambala 2) Revision of Pension for BSNL Pensioners as per 3rd PRC in sync with Association HQ View 3) Payment of pending Medical bills of BSNL pensioners. 4) All other issues raised by members like increase in quantum of pension after every 5 years as per Parliamentary Panel Recommendations etc. The meeting was followed by motion of thanks and a sumptuous lunch.



STATEMENT OF AMOUNT RECEIVED DURING APRIL 2022

Kurukshetra Branch (Haryana Circle) deposited Rupees one thousand (Rs.1000/-) only in S/B Account of CHQ with Canara Bank on 17.04.2022 as CHQ Quota for 5 new Life Members.

Ambala Branch (Haryana Circle) deposited Rupees two hundred (Rs.200/-) only in S/B Account of CHQ with Canara Bank on 20.04.2022 as CHQ Quota for 1 new Life Member.

Palakkad Branch (Kerala State) deposited Rupees four hundred (Rs.400/-) only in S/B Account of CHQ with Canara Bank on 30.04.2022 as CHQ Quota for 2 new Life Members.

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