



Editorial

HAVING A LOT TO DO

BSNL pensioners, especially the absorbed pensioners, are generally happy people, drawing a handsome amount of pension which is more than enough to lead a peaceful retired life without the need for support from anyone, thanks to the foresight of Com.O.P.Gupta, the glorious leader of Indian Telecom TU Movement. This financial independence leads to self-confidence and the potential to explore and enjoy the second innings of their lives.

But occasionally each of them face one difficulty or other, like those related to drawal of pension, submission of life certificate for pension & telephone connection, deficiency in service delivery of the banks/post office through which they draw their pension, keeping a tab on income tax, planning for tax savings, filing ITR, acting on income tax notices, non-payment of medical reimbursement claims by BSNL, treatment taken in non-empanelled hospitals in emergency, annual validation of Medical card, change of option from with voucher to without voucher & vice versa, the long process of switching over to CGHS, getting FMA approved and paid, non-availability of sufficient number of wellness centres and empanelled hospitals, the tedious procedure of referrals necessitating multiple visits to the wellness centres, sudden stoppage of pension/family pension, defective entries in personal data under SAMPANN, discrepancies in

pension received, recoveries citing excess payment of pension and so on. This list is not exhaustive, and the pensioners encounter many other peculiar issues one could have never thought of.

And there are pensioners who live with prolonged mental pain, getting only provisional pension for years, some for more than a decade, due to some departmental or judicial proceedings which were initiated while they were in service and continue to haunt them even after they were acquitted by the trial court, in the name of pendency of appeal in higher court. There are pensioners who did not get their due promotion while in service and continue to fight for it. Another group of pensioners suffer due to huge recovery from their ex-gratia following wrong interpretation of rules. Cases of improper accounting of GPF recovered from salary leading to huge loss to the pensioner have also been reported. Most of them might not have had proper guidance and support while they were in service to properly present their case. There are still a lot of issues which have not come to light as the concerned pensioners get adjusted to the situation and opt to grieve in silence.

Some problems are faced by a section of BSNL pensioners like denial of benefit of extra increment, which still remains unresolved, refusal by DoT/BSNL to grant consequential benefits as per revised TES

Group B seniority list based on Supreme Court judgement, recovery of lakhs of rupees as over payment in respect of some VRS retirees and delay in approving one notional increment for pensionary benefits in respect of those pensioners whose increment became due on the next day of their date of retirement.

All the BSNL pensioners are affected by some common issues, like failure by DoT to extend the benefit of 78.2% fitment w.e.f. from 1.1.2007 instead of 10.06.2013, rejection of the recommendation of Parliamentary Standing Committee for additional quantum of pension after attaining the age of 65, 70 and 75 years and delay in approving enhanced Fixed Medical Allowance as recommended by the Parliamentary Standing Committee.

There are various Grievance Redressal Mechanisms in place today which are meant to acknowledge, assess and resolve grievances from the citizens of India, including its senior citizens viz. the CPGRAMS, CPENGRAMS exclusively for pensioners, PMOPG for lodging grievance with the Prime Minister's Office and Banking Ombudsman of Reserve Bank of India for reporting Deficiencies in service of banks. SAMPANN portal too provides a mechanism for lodging grievances by the pensioners.

These mechanisms are still out of reach of most of the pensioners who are not computer-savvy and those who are of

advanced age. Some manage to take the help of their children or grandchildren. Others knock the doors of various authorities to get their grievances resolved. Unfortunately, most of those who are entrusted with the job of resolving the grievances, fail to visualise the agony behind each grievance and are interested in closing the grievance rather than studying and resolving the issue. We have been helping all these aggrieved pensioners by taking up their cases with appropriate authorities after analysing and arguing the issue supported by valid rulings and orders. Our Branch Secretaries play a very vital role in getting the issues resolved at their level wherever feasible and entrusting the work to CHQ where they could not find a solution. Our functionaries dig out relevant rules for convincing the concerned authorities. They do their job with all humbleness and sincerity without claiming to be saviours or heroes. All they wish is to see the smile back on the faces of the aggrieved pensioners.

AIBSNLREA is here, with a strong team of compassionate leaders at every level, looking to lend a helping hand in resolving real issues of the BSNL pensioners. They are not distracted by shadow fighting on make-believe issues going around, which ultimately will leave the pensioners dejected and depressed, as they are already encountering hope and despair alternately. ♥

PCAT NEW DELHI JUDGEMENT – WHAT IS IN STORE?

There have been instantaneous celebrations after the Principal Bench of CAT, New Delhi allowed three OAs filed by different pensioners' associations of BSNL and MTNL, last week. BSNL absorbed pensioners have expressed excitement, doubts, anxiety varying according to their allegiance and understanding of the issue. Initial excitement caused by calculated propaganda even before the contents of the PCAT order were known, has started dying

down as is natural, after the publication of the order, leaving doubts and anxiety lingering in different sections of the pensioners. The leaders who had claimed historical victory have now started talking of 'have to go a long way,' and 'orders cannot be issued immediately.'

It is true that the pensioners associations which were advocating pension revision without pay revision of BSNL employees and pension revision in VII CPC scales, have secured a favourable verdict, by barraging the court with numerous rules and orders, many irrelevant to the case and as claimed by one of these associations, by engaging a senior counsel at humongous cost. It is true that the judgment has provided them an opportunity to restore the sagging spirit and lost hope of their member pensioners. Such has been the noise generated as if this is a victory greater than the achievement in ensuring payment of pension by Government through Rule 37A for BSNL absorbed retirees.

We do not want to go into the nitty-gritty of the judgement and its implementability. It is for the respondents to study the order, get it examined by their legal experts and decide further action. But unfortunately, the court order has not suggested any solution to remove the anomaly which will arise out of its order in respect of those BSNL employees who retired on or after 1.1.2017, who will draw lesser pension than the pre-1.1.2017 pensioners.

We have been time and again explaining that concept of pension revision consequent to pay revision of the employees of the same organization was incorporated only to remove the anomaly in pension between the past and future retirees.

This fact has been admitted by one of the pensioners associations which had filed the OA in PCAT New Delhi in its affidavit stating that *"the pension for those who retired prior to 01.01.2007 was not revised along with pay revision. The employees who retired after 01.01.2007 from BSNL got more pension based on their revised pay. However, the employees who retired prior to 01.01.2007 including even one day prior got less pension. In order to correct this anomalous situation DOT prepared a Cabinet Note for pension revision for pre-2007 retirees, which was approved by the Cabinet on 20.01.2011, based on which DOT issued an O.M. on 15.03.2011 for pension revision from 01.01.2007 for those who retired prior to 01.01.2007"* and thus acknowledging the link between pay revision and pension revision. But they did not bother to even think of those who will retire after 1.1.2017.

Any attempt to delink pension revision from the pay revision of the employees of the same organization will lead to an anomaly wherein the past pensioners will draw more pension than the future pensioners. Although many experts have burnt midnight oil to devise a methodology to revise pension without revision of pay and without leading to any anomaly, no one has succeeded in the attempt till now.

Neither the applicant associations, nor has the court taken care of the post-1.1.2017 pensioners, totally ignoring the impact of delinking. The applicant associations failed to include this in their affidavits and therefore their promise now that this will be taken care of after implementation of the judgement does not cut ice with this category of pensioners.

And it is to be seen how the respondents will act on the judgement of PCAT New Delhi, as there are already three judgements by three different tribunals, at Ernakulam, Bangalore and Hyderabad, all the three rejecting similar prayers. Notably, the applicant in the Ernakulam CAT was the same association represented by its then CHQ President, which is now one of the applicants in PCAT New Delhi represented by the same person. For reasons known to them only, they have not even shared this information with their members either in the past or even today and also did not feel it fit to file an appeal against rejection of their application citing sub Rule (4), (7) and (8) of Rule 37 A of CCS (Pension) Rules, 1972 by the CAT Ernakulam. It is astonishing that they did not even file a rejoinder in the case.

Since there is no hierarchy among the tribunals, the respondents will be in a fix, with three tribunals dismissing the OAs and one allowing the OAs, all on the same matter.

It is quite but natural that human beings tend to believe in what they want to believe and speaking out the truth will not be acceptable to them and even may attract adverse reaction from some of them. But sustained efforts to explain the facts is the need of the hour and we will honestly do it over and over, unequivocally, as we believe that Truth has always prevailed, despite all the obstacles it faced. [29.09.2023]



Important Developments of the Month

- The virtual meeting of AIBSNLREA CHQ office bearers was held on 3rd September 2023 under the Presidentship of Shri V.Chinnappiah, CHQ President. A few office bearers could not attend the meeting due to pre-occupation with personal work involving tour/travel and being out of station. President welcomed the participants and gave a brief speech on the need to find out more effective ways for sharing information upto the common member, although CHQ has been sharing information through website and WhatsApp groups. General Secretary, then listed out the activities during August 2023. He highlighted important developments, wherein officers from different departments were reaching out to our Association on the basis of our representations. He mentioned about a call from an Under Secretary, DoT, requesting a clarification on our letter on an individual grievance. He narrated about the visit of an Under Secretary from DoP&PW to his residence from where the CHQ is presently functioning, in connection with our application for registration under Pensioners' Portal and how the Under Secretary was impressed with our activities, paperless functioning, transparency, availability of information in our website since 2008, our letters to different authorities, our language and the style of presentation of issues. He is said to have submitted his report, which we hope will be considered favourably. GS then wanted suggestions from the other office bearers on improving the communication and sharing of information as still there is some lacking in free flow of information to every member. All the CHQ office bearers gave valuable inputs on this. It was felt that presence of CHQ office bearers in State/Branch conferences will facilitate effective sharing of information and

clarifying issues and that States/Branches should avail their services by inviting them. Issues regarding SAMPANN, Rule 206, FMA and empaneling of more hospitals under CGHS figured in the discussions. Some of the participants were concerned about lack of sufficient funds with CHQ and suggested raising of funds through donations from members. Vice President even suggested that West Bengal could come to help by contributing from its funds. It was decided that a decision on raising funds through donations can be taken at the appropriate time, since apart from legal expenses, all other expenses have been kept to the utmost minimum since several years in the past. After summing up of the discussions by the General Secretary, the two and a half hours meeting ended with the President thanking all the participants.

- According to calculations based on All India Consumer Price Index for Industrial Workers for the months June, July and August 2023, the revised IDA rate due w.e.f. 01.10.2023 is 215.6%% [increase by 10%] for CPSEs where the last pay revision was implemented w.e.f. 1.1.2007 and 432.9%% [increase by 16.9%] for CPSEs where the last pay revision was implemented w.e.f. 1.1.1997.
- **MEETING OF CHQ OFFICE BEARERS WITH SENIOR OFFICERS IN DOT AND CONCERNED AUTHORITIES IN BSNL:**
CHQ President and General Secretary had been in New Delhi on a private visit on 25th and 26th September 2023. After attending to the purpose of their private visit, they were able to meet a few officers in BSNL and DoT, of course after taking prior appointment. AGS Shri Rakesh Sethi and CHQ Finance Secretary Shri Awadhesh Sharma were present during the meetings. Shri Rakesh Sethi, AGS had ensured getting the appointments.
- **MEETING WITH CGCA:**
CHQ President, GS, AGS and CHQ FS had a meeting with CGCA in the afternoon of 25th September 2023. It turned out to be a purposeful meeting which went on for nearly two hours. CGCA was empathetic and listened to the grievances related to SAMPANN particularly those arising out of migration of pre-January 2019 pensioners showing genuine interest and willingness to understand and find a solution for each of them. We submitted a letter listing all sorts of difficulties arising out of migration and consequent change in date of submission of Life Certificate, absence of certain data and incorrect data in SAMPANN, primarily data related to mobile number which has resulted in the migration going unreported to the pensioner, inability to login in to SAMPANN portal and even stoppage of pension. CGCA rightly prioritised the issue stating that avoiding stoppage of pension and restoring stopped pension will be of foremost importance. We pointed out that paying arrears of pension after restoring the stopped pension is delayed. We suggested that the acknowledgement of the grievance submitted through any mode - by post, by email, through SAMPANN portal or in person - will go a long way in removing the agony and anxiety of the pensioner even if the grievance is resolved at a later date. CGCA has assured us that the mobile number issue will be resolved within one and a half months and

the remaining omissions and errors in data will be set right in another month. Priority will be given to grievances related to stoppage of pension. Efforts to launch SAMPANN 2.0 by the year end are on, which is expected to do away with all the issues related to SAMPANN. Some methodology will be worked out to furnish acknowledgement through email or SMS. We submitted copies of email written by some of our Branch Secretaries to the respective CCAs and requested their resolution. [View the letter](#)

- **MEETING WITH MEMBER (SERVICES), DOT:**

CHQ President, GS, AGS and CHQ FS had a meeting with Member (S), DoT in the afternoon of 26th September 2023 as per a previously fixed appointment. Member (S) was kind enough to meet us amid his busy daily schedules and in between two official meetings. Even then he listened with intent to our submissions for half an hour on the need to allow BSNL to pay pension contribution on actual pay instead of maximum of pay scales as allowed to others w.e.f. 1.1.2006, as payment of pension contribution at the maximum of the pay scales is draining the BSNL resources hugely and also stands as an impediment to any proposal for pay revision of BSNL employees w.e.f. 1.1.2017. He was interested to know some more details about the issue which we will provide in the coming days along with history of the issue and necessary documentary support. We have requested him to pay special attention to this issue so that the issue gets resolved during his tenure. We also requested him to give clearance as is being expected by BSNL authorities for initiating the process of holding review DPCs in respect of those who were promoted as DE during DoT period prior to formation of BSNL based on the revised seniority lists of TES Group B in accordance with Rule 206 and payment of consequential benefits as per Supreme Court judgement. He agreed to consider this, taking into account the availability of necessary documents which would be more than several decades old.

- Meeting with CMD BSNL and Director (HR) BSNL did not happen as both of them were pre-occupied with other important assignments. We met the concerned authorities in the the case of Shr B M Nyamati, submitting a copy of the dismissal order by Karnataka High court of an appeal against quashing of chargesheet in his case by CAT Bangalore. We have requested early processing of release of his VC and his retiral benefits which includes ex-gratia payment and other related benefits. AGS Shri Rakesh Sethi will follow up the other pending individual grievances. On the issue of holding of review DPCs in respect of those who were promoted as DE during DoT period based on revised seniority lists as per Rule 206 and the Supreme Court Judgement, we were informed that though the files could be with BSNL, DoT will have to initiate the action.

GS and AGS met DDG (Rectt), DoT requesting to process the case of Shri H S Sutaria, taking into consideration the DoT letters for issue of PO for absorption in BSNL in two other similar cases. He said the matter was with CVO, DoT and he

is helpless. We have resubmitted our letter on this matter along with the copies of POs issued in similar cases, to CVO DoT office.



Issues taken up

21.09.2023: AIBSNLREA NOW WRITES TO THE DIRECTOR (HR) BSNL REQUESTING EARLY ISSUE OF FINAL RETIREMENT ORDERS IN VIEW OF DISMISSAL OF APPEAL BY HON'BLE HIGH COURT OF KARNATAKA FILED BY BSNL AGAINST QUASHING OF CHARGESHEET BY HON'BLE CAT BANGALORE - CASE OF SHRI B M NYAMATI, RETD CAO, BANGALORE TELECOM DISTRICT:

AIBSNLREA has been taking up the matter of issue of final retirement order in respect of Shri B M Nyamati, Retd CAO Bangalore TD, who was issued with a Charge sheet just a day prior to his retirement under VRS 2019. Though the chargesheet was subsequently quashed by CAT Bangalore, BSNL CO refused to release his retiral benefits on the plea of pending appeal by CGMT Karnataka against the CAT orders. In spite of our repeatedly drawing attention to the DoT letter on releasing final retirement benefits while appeal is pending, Personnel Section was unconvinced. Finally, relief has come through High Court of Karnataka dismissing the appeal by BSNL. AIBSNLREA has therefore requested early issue of his final retirement orders so as to enable release of withheld ex-gratia, Gratuity, other retiral benefits and grant of Time Bound Upgradation from E4 to E5 and from E5 to E6 scales. [View the letter](#)

19.09.2023: AIBSNLREA NOW TAKES UP WITH SECRETARY (PENSION), DOP&PW, REQUESTING HIS INTERVENTION AND APPROPRIATE ACTION TO END THE UNABATED HARASSMENT OF A PENSIONER, DENYING INTEREST ON LATE PAYMENT OF GRATUITY - CASE OF SHRI S B MOHARE, RETD AO KARNATAKA CIRCLE:

Disappointed with the reply by CCA Karnataka that "The Vigilance Clearance of Shri S B Mohare was received on 19.10.2020 and gratuity was paid on 22.10.2020. As such no delay has occurred from O/o CCA Karnataka Circle, Bangalore", AIBSNLREA has now written to the Secretary (Pension), DoP&PW pointing out that DoT and its units cannot escape responsibility for paying interest, since Rule 65 (5)(c) of CCS (Pension) Rules, 2021 categorically accounts for the delay "from the date following the date of expiry of a period of three months from the date of retirement up to the date of payment of arrears of pension and gratuity" and does not give any leeway for counting only a specific period in between. Also, the pensioner, in no way, is responsible for the delay in issue of vigilance clearance by BSNL. AIBSNLREA has sought the intervention and advice to DoT for immediate payment of interest on late payment of gratuity, to Shri S B Mohare, Retd AO, Karnataka Circle of BSNL without resorting to blame game, as DoT is the authority to pay gratuity. [View the letter](#)

12.09.2023: AIBSNLREA AGAIN WRITES TO DG CGHS REQUESTING EARLY RE-OPENING OF THE SECOND CGHS WELLNESS CENTRE IN VARANASI, UTTAR PRADESH:

AIBSNLREA has again taken up the issue with DG CGHS, requesting early re-opening of the second CGHS Wellness Centre in Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh, which was closed in September 2021 and was said to be temporary closure. AIBSNLREA has enclosed the response from CGHS four months back that "we are still in search of suitable building for reopening of 2nd Wellness Center at Varanasi. As soon as, the accommodation is finalized, the functioning of the Wellness center will be started." [View the letter](#)

11.09.2023: AIBSNLREA WRITES TO CGCA NEW DELHI REGARDING NON-DRAWAL OF PENSION SUBSEQUENT TO TRANSFER FROM CCA MAHARASHTRA & GOA TO CCA, MADHYA PRADESH – CASE OF SHRI DIWAKAR KOTWAL, RETD SDE WTR BHOPAL:

AIBSNLREA has drawn the attention of CGCA New Delhi regarding Non-drawal of pension subsequent to transfer from CCA Maharashtra & Goa to CCA, Madhya Pradesh – case of Shri Diwakar Kotwal, Retd SDE WTR Bhopal and requesting appropriate direction to CCA Madhya Pradesh for immediate release of his pension for August 2023. [View the letter](#)



GOVERNMENT/BSNL ORDERS & LETTERS

29.09.2023: FACILITATION OF DIGITAL LIFE CERTIFICATE THROUGH FACE AUTHENTICATION FOR SUPER SENIOR PENSIONERS AGED 80 YEARS AND ABOVE FROM 1ST OCTOBER EVERY YEAR:

DoP&PW vide its O.M No.1(2)/2023-P&PW(H)-8869 dated 25th September 2023 has suggested that all Bankds may utilise the various platforms for creating awareness of the convenience of obtaining a Life Certificate by using the Face Authentication Technology and has provided the steps to be taken by the Banks in this regard and arrangements to be made for submission of LC by super senior pensioners and family pensioners aged 80 years and above from 1st October of every year. [View the DoP&PW O.M](#)

14.09.2023: CGHS DIRECTORATE ISSUES GUIDELINES REGARDING PURCHASE OF MEDICINES BY POST-ORGAN TRANSPLANT SURGERY PATIENTS UNDER CGHS:

CGHS Directorate in its O.M vide F.No.Z15025/27/2023/DIR/CGHS dated 12th September 2023 has issued guidelines regarding purchase of medicines by Post-organ Transplant Surgery Patients under CGHS. According to the O.M., CGHS beneficiaries, who are recovering from Organ Transplant surgery shall be permitted to purchase OPD medicines, based on the advice of the treating Specialist for up to a period of six months if they are not in a position to visit CGHS wellness centre or sent an authorised representative and the reimbursement of such medicines would be considered subject to certain conditions. [View the CGHS Directorate O.M](#)

13.09.2023: NATIONWIDE DLC CAMPAIGN 2.0 - NOVEMBER 2023, POWERPOINT PRESENTATION:

AIBSNLREA had published DoP&PW O.M. No.1(2)/2023-P&PW(H) dated 9th August 2023, issuing comprehensive guidelines for Nation-wide DLC campaign-2.0 from November 1st to 30th of this year, with particular emphasis on Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) regarding the technique of issuing DLC through Face Authentication. DoP&PW had proposed to obtain the support of Pensioners' Associations for conduct of the campaign. A Gist of the said O.M. has been circulated as powerpoint slides by DoP&PW. SOP regarding Face Authentication has also been circulated. The cities where the campaign will be held is available in the powerpoint. Branch Secretaries in those cities and State Secretaries should plan to take part in the campaign, in order to help our members willing to use the campaign for getting their DLC. Home/hospital visits for pensioners who are unable to move to campaign locations can also be arranged. [View the slides of DLC campaign](#)
[View the slides of SOP for face authentication](#)

RESPONSE/ACTION TAKEN ON AIBSNLREA'S REPRESENTATIONS



20.09.2023: CCA TAMILNADU RESPONDS TO AIBSNLREA LETTER DATED 16TH AUGUST 2023 ADDRESSED TO THE CGCA NEW DELHI REGARDING DIFFICULTIES FACED BY PENSIONERS MIGRATED TO SAMPANN DUE TO WRONG ENTRY OF PERSONAL DATA, PARTICULARLY MOBILE NUMBER:

AIBSNLREA had drawn the attention of CGCA New Delhi again vide its letter dated 16th August 2023 to the fact that ever since migration of pre- January 2019 pensioners to SAMPANN commenced last year, there have been quite a lot of complaints from the pensioners that their personal data entered in SAMPANN are wrong, with incorrect date of birth, mis-spelt names, blanks in spouse's name, mobile number, incorrect bank account number, PAN, IFSC and so on. Requests for corrections still remain unattended, except in a very few cases. This is causing delayed payment of pension, non-payment of pension due to wrong bank details, delay in ordering family pension and restoration of commutation of pension after 15 years. AIBSNLREA had requested that "As the sufferings of the pensioners are adding up every day, it is high time that a report is called from all the CCAs regarding number of complaints received on incorrect data, complaints resolved and complaints pending. Specific time limit may also be prescribed for resolving the complaints and the progress be monitored." Now, CCA Tamilnadu has sent a reply stating that "grievances submitted by the migrated pensioners through various modes viz physical mode/e-mail/SAMPANN portal and PG Portal are being settled within 10 working days on the basis of receipt of grievances in this office along with documentary proof(s) subject to technical feasibility." [View the response](#)

18.09.2023: CCA KARNATAKA RESPONDS TO AIBSNLREA LETTER DATED 25TH AUGUST 2023 ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY, DOT REQUESTING INTERVENTION AND APPROPRIATE ACTION TO END THE UNABATED HARASSMENT OF A PENSIONER, DENYING INTEREST ON LATE PAYMENT OF GRATUITY - CASE OF SHRI S B MOHARE, RETD AO KARNATAKA CIRCLE:

AIBSNLREA had drawn the attention of Secretary DoT to Rule 65 (5)(c) of CCS (Pension) Rules, 2021 and requested early payment of interest on gratuity. CCA Karnataka has now replied that "The Vigilance Clearance of Shri S B Mohare was received on 19.10.2020 and gratuity was paid on 22.10.2020. As such no delay has occurred from O/o CCA Karnataka Circle, Bangalore". [View the response](#)

01.09.2023: CGHS RESPONDS TO AIBSNLREA LETTER DATED 27.07.2023 REGARDING NON-AVAILABILITY OF EVEN A SINGLE EMPANELLED PRIVATE HOSPITAL UNDER CGHS IN INDORE TO AVAIL CASHLESS TREATMENT:

In response to our letter dated 27.07.2023 addressed to DG CGHS seeking his attention to the distressing situation the CGHS beneficiaries of Indore are in today, due to non-availability of even a single empanelled private hospital which is providing cashless treatment at Indore, CGHS has given a detailed reply that "Total Number of HCOs empanelled under CGHS Indore as on date are 17 (General and Multispecialty Hospital – 04, Eye hospital – 10, Dental clinic – 02, Path Lab – 01) and it is to inform that the pendency of bill at DDO CGHS Bhopal level always become nil in one to two days of receiving of bill from NHA (there is continuous flow of payment to the empanelled HCOs and the office have been made the payment of about

Rupees Nine crores till date in this financial year). There was a period when some empanelled HCOs were not providing cash less facility but as on date, after explaining them that there is continuous flow of payment, they have resumed the cashless facility. Recently, one new hospital (VOne hospital) has been empanelled under CGHS Indore and it is submitted that this office is making all the possible efforts by approaching personally and providing all the details for empanelment as well as by taking the help of LAC/ZAC/Pensioners Associations to approach willing HCOs come forward for getting empanelled under CGHS." [View the CGHS response](#)



BRANCHES IN ACTION

30.09.2023: AIBSNLREA AMBALA BRANCH (HARYANA STATE) HOLDS ITS GENERAL BODY MEETING:

A general body meeting of Ambala Branch of AIBSNLREA was held on 30th September 2023 at Clove 99 Restaurant. The meeting was held under the chairmanship of Shri R K. Sharma and was attended by 41 members. Branch Secretary Shri S K Bindal welcomed all the members. At first two minutes silence was observed in the memory of one of our departed member Shri Ravinder Bhardwaj. Thereafter Organising Secretary North Shri S K Aggarwal briefed the members on various issues. He explained in details the recent judgment on Pension Revision given by Hon'ble PB CAT New Delhi in various OAs filed by other Associations. The judgement which is bound to create different anomalies, is also silent as to how this judgement is to be implemented for all BSNL pensioners irrespective of their date of retirement i.e pre 2017 and post 2017 without creating any anomalies. BSNL/DOT viewpoint is also not available yet. Our Association is of firm opinion that pension revision can be done only after pay revision of existing employees. Other issues such as migration to SAMPANN particularly regarding different dates of validity of life certificates were discussed. It was informed that the matter has already been taken up with CCA Haryana to make validity of life certificate universal in the month of November as is for all Central Govt employees. Members appreciated the working of CCA Haryana and their cooperation. Other issues relating to problems of members on CGHS were also discussed. The meeting ended with vote of thanks followed by Lunch.

30.09.2023: GENERAL BODY MEETING OF AIBSNLREA PRAYAGRAJ BRANCH (UP STATE) HELD:

The general body meeting of AIBSNLREA Prayagraj Branch was held on dated 25th September 2023 in CTO compound at 1400 hrs.under the Chairmanship of President Shri R.S Gupta who welcomed the participants. The Branch Secretary Shri S.M.Tiwari initiated the discussions on Branch Secretary's report in the STATE CONFERENCE given by Branch Secretary. The house welcomed the newly elected State office bearers. The status of issue of Identity Card was shared. There were discussions on medical bills also. The meeting ended with vote of thanks by President.

29.09.2023: GENERAL BODY MEETING OF AIBSNLREA GHAZIABAD BRANCH HELD:

A G.B.meeting of AIBSNLREA Ghaziabad was held on 17-09-2023 at ALTTC, Ghaziabad under the Chairmanship of Shri Naresh Chand. The meeting paid tribute to all our departed members. After discussing the various issues and addressing by Shri A.K.Sharma CHQ FS, election of new office bearers was held and the following have been elected unanimously. President: Shri Naresh Chand

Vice Presidents: Shri M.K.Seth, Shri B.B.Raina
Secretary: Shri Rakesh Chandra
Asst. Secretaries: Shri Rishi Pal Singh, Shri Madan Lal
Financial Secretary: Shri Janardan
Executive Members: Shri U.C. Gupta, Shri T.C.Verma, Shri R.C.Singh

28.09.2023: AIBSNLREA JUNAGADH BRANCH (GUJARAT STATE) HOLDS ITS GENERAL BODY MEETING:

General body cum get together meeting of Junagadh Branch was held at GARDEN cafe restaurant, Bhavnath Road, Junagadh at 6.00 PM on 21.09.2023 under the chairmanship of Branch President Shri Kanabar. 75 members attended with their family members. State office bearers, Shri P B Parmar President, Shri S.L Sharma Secretary, Shri B.M.Bhavsar working President and Shri M T parmar were present and were welcomed with bouquets. Three senior members namely Shri K B Daraniya, Shri K J Kareliya and Shri D M Tilwani, above 70 years were honored with Shawls and bouquets. Smt. Ramaben Herbha wife of late Shri H N Herbha was honoured with bouquet and she was awarded appreciation letter honouring late Shri H N Herbha. Shri P B PARMAR and Shri S L Sharma delivered speeches covering pension revision including court judgment, Payment of Medical bills, problems under BSNL MRS, cash allowance under CGHS, life certificate after migration in SAMPANN, WTR issues. Health related useful tips were given by Shri B.M.Bhavsar. Religious tips were given by Shri M T parmar. This Function got success due to tireless efforts of Branch members- Shri Vadukul, Shri Kanabar, Shri K P DOBARIA, Shri R K Tank, Shri M T Makwana, Shri Khanpara and others. The members who could not attend the meeting had conveyed messages for success of this meeting with financial and moral support. Meeting concluded with delicious dinner and vote of thanks to all.

20.09.2023: AIBSNLREA UTTAR PRADESH STATE CONFERENCE HELD:

The Second State Conference of AIBSNLREA U.P. State was held on 17-09-2023 in the Conference Hall of Indira Nagar Telephone Exchange building Lucknow. The conference started with hoisting of Association Flag by the State Secretary Shri R S Arora and then the house assembled. House paid deep tribute to departed souls - office bearers, members and their kith and kin by observing 1 minute silence. The State President delivered Presidential address. Secretary, Lucknow Branch welcomed all participants and garlanded State President. State Secretary welcomed and garlanded Sh R K Sinha Joint Secretary CHQ and welcomed all delegates by applying CHANDAN TEEKA, presenting Thought of the Day (Aaj ka Suvichar) Desk Calendar Ever green. In pride presence of Shri R K Sinha Jt.Secretary CHQ total 07 branches comprising 27 delegates including State office bearers participated in the conference. Branch secretaries or their representatives presented the branch report significantly mentioning branch strength, State/CHQ quota and the year when last election was held. The State financial report and State secretary report were considered and passed by the house. New office bearers were elected unanimously by the house. Shri R S Arora has handed over the mantle to a relatively younger activist. He had served as UP State Secretary from the date of its formation on 9th April 2009 to 16th September 2023. In his address in the Open Session, he thanked the members for their support and affection. Shri R K Sinha Jt.Secretary CHQ, the new State Secretary V P Singh delivered Special address. The meeting was closed by the President after photo session and snacks/tea was served to all. [View the list of office bearers](#) [View the Conference photos](#)

17.09.2023: AIBSNLREA VADODARA BRANCH (GUJARAT STATE) QUARTERLY GENERAL BODY MEETING HELD:

The Quarterly General Body Meeting of Vadodara Branch (Gujarat State) was held at 10.30 hrs. of 15-09-2023 at Hotel Utsav, Vadodara. 70 members attended the meeting. Shri K A Modi Branch President welcomed the members. Shri Shah R T, Branch Secretary spoke briefly on the issues raised by members and noted the points for further persuasion. The meeting concluded with delicious Lunch. [View the QGB photos](#)

16.09.2023: AIBSNLREA KURUKSHETRA BRANCH (HARYANA STATE) HOLDS ITS GENERAL BODY MEETING:

A General Body Meeting of AIBSNLREA Kurukshetra branch of Haryana was held on 13th September 2023 at 11 AM in Haryana tourism's Neelkanth Yatri Niwas. The meeting in which about 30 members were present was presided over by the Branch President Shri SK Verma. Branch secretary Shri Rajveer Choudhary welcomed the members present. Shri D S Sandhu a senior member and former CHQ OS (N) briefed the house about status of various issues such as notional increment, CGHS related issues, cases taken up with DoP&PWA, problems arising after migration to SAMPAN and digital life certificate etc. Regarding pension revision case he said that it was satisfying to note that stand of our Association has been vindicated when DOT had debunked the false claim of leaders of some other associations categorically stating that pension revision follows pay revision. He added that the representation of Shri Bhagwan Das regarding non-payment of medical bills for heart surgeries of himself and his wife are being forwarded to the General Secretary for taking up with appropriate authorities as the reimbursement is delayed for more than five years. Three members S/shri Inder Sain Sethi, O P Anand and Birender Singh who had completed 80 years of age were congratulated, honored and felicitated by offering 'angvasteram'(stole)and rose bouquets to them. Thanking the association for this honour all the three recipients donated Rs 1000 to Rs2000 each for promotion of the practice in future too. Thereafter the members were entertained with melodious songs by Shri Yogesh Sharma and Shri JN Verma. The meeting ended with Vote of Thanks, followed by sumptuous lunch.

STATEMENT OF AMOUNT RECEIVED DURING SEPTEMBER 2023



01. Shri S P Jain Life member of Alwar/Bharatpur Branch (Rajasthan State) deposited Rupees Two Thousand Five hundred (Rs. 2500/-) only in the S/B Account of CHQ with Canara Bank on 02.09.2023 as donation to CHQ.

02. Chennai Branch (Tamilnadu State) deposited Rupees Three Thousand Four hundred (Rs. 3400/-) only on 05.09.2023 as CHQ Quota for 2 new Life Members who joined before 31.03.2023 and 10 new members who joined after 01.04.2023.

03. Ballia Branch (UP State) deposited Rupees Three hundred (Rs. 300/-) only on 05.09.2023 as CHQ Quota for 1 new Life Member.

04. Shri V Sampathkumar Life member of Erode Branch (Tamilnadu State) deposited Rupees Five Thousand (Rs. 5000/-) only on 13.09.2023 as donation to CHQ.

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