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Editorial

RESTORATION OF COMMUTED PORTION OF PENSION

his is the hot topic today among Central Government Pensioners, with social media bustling with stories based on incomplete facts about interim orders some courts and exaggerated expectations over these orders. One positive outcome is that every pensioner has suddenly become aware of existence of this issue although we have been taking up this issue since long, starting with our Memorandum to VII CPC till our very recent letter to the Prime Minister.

efore delving into the court orders, we need to go back and look at the history of restoration of commutation. Till April 1985 the reduction in monthly pension on account of commutation was a lifetime commitment and a pensioner was entitled to draw only the reduced pension during his entire life. In pursuance of a Supreme Court judgment in December 1986, which had directed restoration of the commuted value of pension once the commutation amount along with the interest element thereon was recovered fully, orders were issued for restoration of commuted value of pension after 15 years. This order was made effective from April 1985. Fourth CPC had suggested that 'government may examine the feasibility of introducing a scheme for restoration after seven years or so.' But the Government chose to maintain status quo. Later the Fifth CPC recommended 'restoration of commuted portion of the pension after 12 years, based on a calculation that commutation value, in respect employees superannuating at the age of 60 years and commuting a portion of pension, would be equal to 9.81 years' purchase'. Adding a further period of two years for recovery of interest, it felt it reasonable to restore the commuted portion after 12 years. Regrettably, this recommendation was not accepted by the Government. The sixth CPC did not make any recommendation on the matter, though it had referred to the Supreme Court judgment of December 1986.

IBSNLREA submitted a Memorandum to the Seventh CPC in July 2014, in which one of the submissions was regarding restoration of commutation after 10 years, based on the calculation that the commuted amount with 8 % interest gets fully recovered in less than 12 years. But the Seventh CPC did not accept it and had resolved that there will be no change in the period after which the commuted pension is to be restored. Later we took up with the DoP&PW that "during the past six years, the interest rates on loans given by banks have come down drastically and the commutated amount of pension will have been recovered in full along with the interest element thereon, in less than 7 years and therefore restoration of commuted portion of pension is to be done after 7 years. This issue is part of the Resolutions passed in Kolkata AIC and we have been taking up the matter repeatedly, including with the Prime Minister of India.

n an earlier Standing Committee meeting of National Council (JCM) the demand for restoration of commuted portion of pension after 12 years was raised and the Official side stated that "The matter has been referred to Ministry of Finance, Department of Expenditure on 03.10.2022." In the meeting of the Standing Committee of JCM held in December 2023, the Official side expressed its "desire that the DOP&PW and the Department of Expenditure should hold a meeting with Staff Side and if the issue is not resolved then the same can be raised in the main meeting of the National Council - JCM". While the Kerala Government has been restoring the commuted portion in 12 years, Gujarat Government has issued orders for restoring in 13 years. Some other State Governments also are reported to have been restoring the commuted amount in less than 15 years.

In this background, Punjab and Haryana High Court on 09.02.2024, while issuing notice to the respondent - State **Government of Punjab and others in CWP** 2490 of 2024 passed an interim order staying further recovery (in respect of the petitioner) and the stay continues. The earlier petition of the same petitioner in CWP 18488 of 2023 had been disposed of with an order directing the Government of Punjab to take a decision on the legal notice issued by the petitioner. High Court of Kerala on 08.08.2024 and CAT Chandigarh on 29.08.2024 have also stayed further recovery in identical prayers, as an interim measure. In another application vide OA 413 of 2024 before CAT Jaipur on restoration of commutation, the court has disposed of the OA directing the respondents to decide the representations of the applicants and pass a speaking order.

Recently, on 09.09.2024, the Jammu & Kashmir High Court in WP (C) 2199/2044, while issuing notice to Union of India & Others, has passed an interim order directing the respondent banks not to recover commuted value of the pension of the petitioners/pensioner, if they have completed 10 years after retirement. There is yet another stay reported, wherein the High Court of Uttar Pradesh has on 26.09.2024 passed an interim order that "no further recovery shall be executed from the petitioners, who are doctors retired from various posts from the Department of Industry".

hus it may be seen that there are only Interim orders and as of now there is no final judgment by any court with directions to restore commutation after 12 years, as is being claimed in many WhatsApp messages. But, interestingly, the Government of Haryana issued an order on 16.07.2024 to "stop recovery of commuted value of pension till the vacation of Stay Orders from pensioners of the State Government who has completed 10 years of retirement or above." Subsequently the Government of Punjab issued an order on 29.08.2024 to all Pension Drawing Banks of the State of Punjab to stop the recovery of commuted value of pension till the vacation of stay not only from the petitioners but all pensioners of the State government of Punjab.

All these developments have in fact provided a fillip to the genuine demand of restoration of commutation earlier to 15 years. But in the absence of final orders by any court, the interim orders cannot be cited to put pressure on the Government to accede to the demand. This could also not be taken advantage of for filing similar cases, as in case the final orders are not in our favour,

there is the risk of huge recovery. Also, experience given our with the Government being reluctant implement even the orders of Supreme Court in respect of notional increment to those who retired a day prior to their date of increment, taking recourse to legal remedy does not appear to be a reasonable option. But the increasing pensioner awareness that they are being unfairly exploited by the Government, can be expected to bring pressure on the officials in the Finance Ministry. As we

know, <u>awareness</u> is the first step to change.

IBSNLREA had rightly listed four real issues confronting the Central Government pensioners and highlighted the need for their immediate settlement, in its recent letter to the Prime Minister. Early restoration of commuted value of pension is one of them. We will continue to utilize all available opportunities and forums in getting the issue resolved.



Important Developments of the Month

- → AGSs AIBSNLREA Shri V.P.Arya and Shri Rakesh Sethi visited BSNL Corporate office on 24.09.2024 and had discussions with concerned officers and the following is the outcome of their discussions:
 - 1. Issue of Presidential Orders for absorption in BSNL case of Shri H.S.Sutaria:On receiving the documents from Gujarat CGMT, Corporate office has sent them to DOT for vigilance clearance for issue of presidential orders on 09.09.2024.
 - 2. Grant of promotion as per court orders case of Shri M.N.Chavda: The documents received from Gujarat had added to the confusion and therefore BSNL CO had requested for a copy of first page of his service book. A reminder has been sent.
 - 3. Implementation of CAT Chennai orders on stepping up pay of seniors on par with juniors: The matter is still under process in Personnel Legal section.
 - 4. Sanction of penal interest on late payment of gratuity case of Shri B.M.Kolki: Establishment has called for requisite information from Maharashtra Circle. A reminder will be sent.
 - 5. Penalisation of Shri Madhusudhan Mukherjee by IT department due to non-remittance of TDS recovered by BSNL: After detailed discussions, it has been agreed by Taxation cell that CTD administration will be contacted over phone in order to find a way to resolve the issue.
- While hearing a batch of IAs, pending the review petition filed by the Union of India against the orders dated 11.04.2023 passed by it in CA 2471/2023 titled KPTCL vs C.P.Mundinamani & Others, Hon'ble Supreme Court of India has now passed interim prevent to further litigation and (a) The judgment dated 11.04.2023 will be given effect to in case of third parties from the date of judgment, that is, the pension by taking into account one increment will be payable on and after 01.05.2023. Enhanced pension for the period prior to 31.04.2023 will paid. not be (b) For persons who have filed writ petitions and succeeded, the directions given in

the said judgment will operate as res judicata, and accordingly, an enhanced pension would by taking one increment have to be paid. (c) The direction in (b) will not apply, where the judgment has not attained finality, and cases where an appeal has been preferred, or if filed, is entertained by the appellate court and (d) In case any retired employee has filed any application for intervention/impleadment in CA No.3933/2023 or any other writ petition and a beneficial order has been passed, the enhanced pension by including one increment will be payable from the month in which the application for intervention/impleadment is filed. This interim order will continue till further orders of this court. However, no person who has already received an enhanced pension including arrears, will be affected by the directions in (a), (b) and (d). View the Supreme Court Orders

The monthly virtual meeting of AIBSNLREA CHQ office bearers was held on 01.09.2024 under the Presidentship of Shri V.Chinnapappiah, CHQ President. The office bearers reported non-payment of pension till now for the month of August for pensioners under a few CCAs like Maharashtra & Goa, Delhi, Kolkata and Tamilnadu, citing technical reasons. This has happened for two consecutive months in respect of some CCAs. It was decided to take up the issue strongly. It was also decided to collect details of pending Family Pension cases from Branch/State Secretaries for taking up with the appropriate authority. Issues like early and excess recovery of TDS, banks refusing to issue Life Certificate and data facility in mobile SIM provided in lieu of surrendered RE BSNL landline connection came up for discussion and GS explained the facts about these issues. A thorough review of organisational activities and the role played by the office bearers during the past month was done and specific objectives for the next month were worked out, in the two hours-long meeting. Meeting ended with the President expressing satisfaction over the functioning of CHQ as a team.



Issues taken up

27.09.2024: AIBSNLREA WRITES TO THE DIRECTOR (HR) BSNL REGARDING NON-PAYMENT OF MEDICAL CLAIM, YEARS AFTER RECOVERY OF TDS ON THAT COUNT IN RESPECT OF SHRI MOHD.FAROOQUE RETD CAO (IFA), BRBRAITT, JABALPUR:

AIBSNLREA has taken up the issue of non-payment of medical claim, years after recovery of TDS on that count in respect of Shri Mohd. Farooque, Retd CAO (IFA), BRBRAITT, Jabalpur, with the Director (HR) BSNL, requesting him to issue suitable directions to ALTTC Ghaziabad so that the long pending claim is paid without further delay. <u>View the letter</u>

23.09.2024: AIBSNLREA WRITES TO THE CGCA, DOT REQUESTING TO REMOVE THE CONFUSION IN PPO NUMBER IN RESPECT OF SHRI A.H.PATEL, RETD JTO GUJARAT CIRCLE:

AIBSNLREA has written to the CGCA, DoT, drawing his attention to the confusion in PPO number in SAMPANN in respect of Shri A.H.Patel, Retd JTO, Gujarat Circle and to ensure that the confusion is resolved once for all by CCA Gujarat, in order to prevent any future difficulties. View the letter

18.09.2024: AIBSNLREA WRITES TO THE COOPERATIVE OMBUDSMAN DEBUNKING THE CLAIM OF CHENNAI SOCIETY THAT THE MATTER IS SUB-JUDICE:

AIBSNLREA has again written to the Co-operative Ombudsman, now drawing his attention to another letter from his office citing the Chennai Society's claim that the matter is sub-judice. AIBSNLREA in its letter has emphasized that "The parties, the issue and the relief sought for in the writ petitions referred to by the Chennai Society are entirely different and therefore seeking refund of the dues cannot be claimed to be sub-judice." View the letter

13.09.2024: AIBSNLREA WRITES TO THE CGCA, DOT, NEW DELHI REGARDING FOLLOWING OF DOT GUIDELINES REGARDING CCA PERFORMING THE ROLE OF HEAD OF OFFICE IN SPECIFIC CASES:

AIBSNLREA has drawn the attention of CGCA, DoT, New Delhi to the DoT letter conveying that the CCAs would perform the role of Head of Office in respect of conversion to Family Pension when the eligible claimant is other than the family pensioner mentioned in PPO and commutation revision (including BSNL VRS 2019), in order to avoid delay and to the information that Tamilnadu CCA is insisting of routing the forms through the BSNL Head of SSA/Unit and returning the forms received directly. AIBSNLREA has requested him advise the CCAs to strictly adhere to the DoT guidelines so that the settlement of the cases is not unnecessarily delayed, and the pensioners concerned are not put into avoidable inconvenience. View the letter

11.09.2024: AIBSNLREA WRITES TO THE GENERAL MANAGER, MTNL WEST, NEW DELHI REGARDING DELAY IN PROVISION OF FTTH CONNECTION IN LIEU OF DISCONNECTED RSTC - CASE OF SHRI M L MALHOTRA RETD JT.DDG BSNL CO:

AIBSNLREA has written to the GM MTNL West New Delhi requesting him to do the needful for early provision of FTTH to Shri M.L.Malhotra Retd Jt.DDG, BSNL CO, in lieu of his RSTC disconnected due to TNF/RSU closure. View the letter

06.09.2024: AIBSNLREA WRITES TO DIRECTOR (HR) BSNL ON NON-PAYMENT OF MEDICAL CLAIMS OF SHRI AMBIKA SINGH, RETD CAO LUCKNOW, AGAIN:

AIBSNLREA has again written to the Director (HR) BSNL requesting him to ensure release of payment towards medical claim of Shri Ambika Singh, Retd CAO, Lucknow, which is pending even after TDS has been recovered for the payment yet to be made. View the letter

04.09.2024: AIBSNLREA WRITES TO DIRECTOR (HR) BSNL ON NON-PAYMENT OF MEDICAL CLAIMS OF SHRI L N BHUNIA, AGAIN:

Despite the assurance given by BSNL authorities on 08.11.2023, in response to our earlier letter on the subject, that "Due to fund issue the medical bill is pending. Once fund is allotted, the payment will be made shortly", he is yet to get claims for the years 2018-2022. AIBSNLREA has therefore again written to the Director (HR) to render justice. View the letter

02.09.2024: AIBSNLREA WRITES TO THE CGCA AGAIN ON FAILURE TO ENSURE CREDIT OF PENSION ON DUE DATE FOR THE SECOND CONSECUTIVE MONTH:

Conveying the frustration and discontent among the pensioners wherein their pension for two consecutive months, July and August 2024, have remained unpaid till the last day of the respective months, AIBSNLREA has written to the CGCA DoT again requesting him to immediately call for reports from the concerned CCAs, make the banks rise to the occasion

and take corrective action wherever required, as the pensioners are fast losing faith in the SAMPANN system. View the letter



GOVERNMENT/BSNC ORDERS & LETTERS

24.09.2024: CPAO ISSUES INSTRUCTIONS TO CENTRALISED PENSION PROCESSING CENTRES TO ENSURE PENSION PAYMENT WITHIN PRESCRIBED TIMELINES EVERY MONTH:

CPAO has issued a O.M vide No. CPAO/Banking Coord/Pension Disbursement/2024-25/145-208 dated 20th September 2024, reiterating that CPPCs of Authorised Banks are to credit the monthly pension/family pension in the account of pensioner/family pensioner by the last working day of the month and that any delay will be viewed seriously and necessary action as deemed fit will be taken. View the CPAO O.M

10.09.2024: REVISION OF RATES FOR REIMBURSEMENT OF COST OF NEURO-IMPLANTS UNDER CGHS:

Department of Health & Family Welfare in an O.M. vide F.No.Z15025/44/2023/DIR/CGHS/EHS (Comp.No.82537110) I/3705508/2024 dated 09.09.2024 has revised the rates of Neuro-implants. View the DoH&FW O.M

04.09.2024: CGHS DIRECTORATE ISSUES FRESH GUIDELINES TO EMPANELLED HOSPITALS FOR HANDLING OF REFFERRALS:

CGHS has issued a O.M vide F.No.2011/103/NHA ISSUES/2023(Comp.No 8289407) dated 02.09.2024, outlining the guidelines required to be strictly adhered to by the HCOs (empanelled hospitals) on handling of referrals, action to be taken in emergency cases, validity of referral for special consultation, special provisions for above 70 years pensioners, planned unlisted investigations and procedures and follow-up of special cases. View the CGHS O.M

RESPONSE/ACTION TAKEN ON



AIBSNLREA'S REPRESENTATIONS

28.09.2024: BSNL RESPONDS TO AIBSNLREA LETTER DATED 06.09.2024 ADDRESSED TO THE DIRCTOR (HR) REGARDING NON-PAYMENT OF MEDICAL CLAIMS OF SHRI AMBIKA SINGH RETD CAO, LUCKNOW FOR THE YEAR 2018-19:

In response to AIBSNLREA letter dated 06.09.2024 addressed to the Director (HR) BSNL on the subject, BSNL has replied that "It has been already informed to Shri Ambika Singh that no representation from his side was received for outdoor limit extension in 2018-19 in Lucknow BA and due to this reason his case was rejected from circle." View the BSNL response

26.09.2024: BSNL RESPONDS TO AIBSNLREA LETTER DATED 04.09.2024 ADDRESSED TO THE DIRCTOR (HR) REGARDING NON-PAYMENT OF MEDICAL CLAIMS FOR THE YEAR 2018-19

AND CLAIMS WITHOUT VOUCHER FOR 2019-20, 2020-21 AND 2021-22 IN RESPECT OF SHRI RABINDRA NATH BHUNIA, RETD EE(E), KHARAGPUR:

In response to AIBSNLREA letter dated 04.09.2024 addressed to the Director (HR) BSNL on the subject, IFA, O/o the GMTD Kharagpur has replied that "Regarding claims without voucher for 2019-20, 2020-21 AND 2021-22, AO (Claims) is waiting for budget allotment from C.O. Medical allowances for these years will be posted after budget allotment. Regarding bills for the year 2018-19, the bills are not with AO (Claims), he will try to settle as soon as possible." View the BSNL response

20.09.2024: UIDAI RESPONDS TO AIBSNLREA LETTER DATED 12.08.2024 REQUESTING TO ENSURE UNIVERSAL AVAILABILITY OF FACEAUTHENTICATIONRD APP FOR DOWNLOAD IN ALL BRANDS AND MODELS OF MOBILE HANDSETS:

AIBSNLREA in its letter dated 12.08.2024 addressed to the UIDAI had requested to ensure Universal availability of FaceAuthenticationRD App for download in all brands and models of mobile handsets, following reports from our members that they were not able to download the App in some models of Samsung mobile phones. UIDAI has replied that "We regret any inconvenience you have experienced, below mentioned are the requirements for accessing Face RD application in any of the android devices. In case if you are facing error with particular mobile model, kindly contact with the technical team of that company. a)Android 8.0 or above b)Ram 4GB above c)Min 500MB Free storage d)Camera resolution 5MP greater e)Download Aadhaar Face RD service app from google play store (Operates at Background only, not seen in app." View the UIDAI response

16.09.2024: CGCA RESPONDS TO AIBSNLREA LETTER DATED 02.09.2024 REGARDING FAILURE TO ENSURE CREDIT OF MONTHLY PENSION ON THE DUE DATE FOR TWO CONSECUTIVE MONTHS:

AIBSNLREA in its letter dated 02.09.2024 addressed to the CGCA, DoT, had conveyed the frustration and discontent among the pensioners wherein their pension for two consecutive months, July and August 2024, have remained unpaid till the last day of the respective months and had requested to make the banks rise to the occasion and take corrective action wherever required. CGCA has replied that "The issue of delay in credit of pension was being faced since last 2 months due to some technical issue in PFMS and CMP (SBI Hyderabad). The issue has been taken up with PFMS and CMP (SBI Hyderabad) for resolution of the same. They have assured to take corrective action." View the CGCA response

10.09.2024: CO-OPERATIVE OMBUDSMAN RESPONDS TO AIBSNLREA LETTER DATED 21.08.2024 REQUESTING TO INTERVEN AND RESOVE THE YEARS OLD GRIEVNCE OF MEMBERS OF GOVERNMENT TELECOM EMPLOYEES' CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETY, CHENNAI, WITHOUT IMPOSING RESTRICTION ON DATE OF SUBMISSION:

AIBSNLREA had written to the Co-operative Ombudsman on 21.08.2024, conveying the disappointment of the members of the Govt. Telecom Employees' Co-operative Society, Chennai over the disposal of their representation to the Ombudsman as non-maintainable due to non-receipt of the representations within time and had requested consideration of the all the representations which were received on the subject by his office including those which have been returned, without imposing restriction on date of submission and cause suitable action to make the Society to pay their dues. We have received a email response stating "The complaint has been examined in terms of MSCS Act, 2002 and rules made thereunder. It is

requested to submit the complaint to this office in form VI prescribed under rule 30H(2) of MSCS Rules, 2002 fulfilling all the requirements/ procedures mentioned therein." View the email response

03.09.2024: DEPARTMENT OF PERSONNEL & TRAINING RESPONDS TO AIBSNLREA LETTER DATED 19.07.2024 REGARDING GRANT OF ONE NOTIONAL INCREMENT FOR PENSIONARY BENEFITS TO THOSE WHOSE INCREMENT FALLS DUE ON THE DAY FOLLOWING SUPERANNUATION:

Responding to AIBSNLREA letter dated 19.07.2024 on grant of one notional increment for pensionary benefits to those employees whose increment falls due on the day following superannuation citing Hon'ble Delhi High Court direction that the respondent shall pass necessary orders not only in respect of the petitioners but also in respect of all similarly situated persons, DoP&T has now stated that "It may please be appreciated that issue of general instructions regarding grant of notional increment on 1st July/1st January to the employees retired a day before it became due i.e. on 30th June / 31st December in pursuance of the above referred orders of the Supreme Court require concurrence of both D/o Expenditure and D/o Legal Affairs. The matter was accordingly referred to these Departments for consideration. D/o Expenditure did not find justification for issuing a general order on the subject matter. They advised DoPT to consult D/o Legal Affairs based on presentation of the full facts and basis for the present rule. This necessitated further examination of the matter which is underway. Further action, as may be required in this regard, can be taken only after completion of the consultation process." View the DoP&T reply



BRANCHES IN ACTION

30.09.2024: AIBSNLREA JALANDHAR BRANCH (PUNJAB STATE) HOLDS ITS GENERAL BODY MEETING:

A meeting of AIBSNLREA Jalandhar branch was held at Sagar Ratna Jalandhar held on 29.09.2024 under the Presidentship of Shri Mohan Lal Sandi. The issues of stopping recovey of commutation after 10 years, grant of notional increment to those who retired a day prior to the date of increment and additional pension after attaining the age of 65, 70 and 75 years were discussed and it was resolved to urge CHQ to further pursue these issues. Meeting conclude with vote of thanks by Shri Paramjit Singh, Secretary. View the Photo

29.09.2024: AIBSNLREA KOLHAPUR BRANCH (MAHARASHTRA STATE) HOLDS ITS GENERAL BODY MEETING:

AIBSNLREA, Kolhapur Branch held its Quarterly General Body Meeting on 22.09.2024 in the Conference Hall of Telephone Bhavan, Kolhapur, under the Presidentship of Shri. P S Kulkarni. 40 members attended from Kolhapur & Sangli. After Presidential address, the meeting mourned the demise of Shri L.M.Lokhande. Then Secretary Shri LM Godi explained the developments in Pay/Pension Revision of BSNL Employees/Pensioners and the status of court case on 78.2% fitment benefit. Shri Rajopadhya CHQ OS(W) in his address, spoke on the issues being pursued by CHQ and the PMJAY providing medical care to all citizens above 70 Years. Shri D.K.Joshi, veteran leader briefed the house about closure of landlines and option to avail FTTH or mobile SIM in lieu of Rent Free connection, developments in Pension revision and payment arrears after 78.2% IDA Merger etc. Shri AD Joshi and other members raised the

issue of delay in payment of Pension, problems in logging IN for SAMPANN and taking action for only one Life certificate for both Medical Allowance and Rent Free Connection. Shri. S G Kanade, senior Member from Sangli gave brief Lecture on Ramayan Episode, Then members of age above 80 years were felicitated. The meeting concluded with President thanking the participants and thanking Shri. A.G. Anagolkar for his gesture of arranging the Lunch after the meeting. View the Photos

21.09.2024: AIBSNLREA PATIALA BRANCH (PUNJAB STATE) HOLDS ITS GENERAL BODY MEETING:

A general body meeting of Patiala Branch was held on 07.09.2024 at Gopal Sweets, Urban Estate, Patiala. 15 members including two new members attended the meeting under the Presidentship of Shri Mewa Singh Retd DET. The meeting conveyed condolence over the sad demise of Shri Beant Singh's wife. Shri Balbir Singh briefed the working of CHQ and latest status of main issues like Pension revision, Enhancement of Pension at the age of 65,70,75 years on which no fruitful decision has been taken by the Central Government in spite of best efforts by the Pensioner's Associations. He requested all the members to see CHQ website regularly. Enhancement of Pension with 20% at the age of 80 years ie when he completes 79 years and enters to 80 was discussed. Most of the members have switched over to CGHS and since now Patiala has been approved for CGHS wellness centre, members interested can switch over. Shri Mewa Singh, President shared his view that we should have regular meetings and get togethers to enjoy our life. Snacks. The meeting ended with vote of thanks by Shri Balbir Singh Branch Secretary Patiala.

19.09.2024: GENERAL BODY MEETING OF AIBSNLREA INDORE BRANCH (MADHYAPRADESH STATE) HELD:

AIBSNLREA Indore branch held its monthly GB meeting on 14/9/24 at Shankuntal Hall Maghdut Park Telephone exchange. Shri I K Vyas presided over the meeting. 31 members attended the meeting. Branch Secretary Shri N C Yadav spoke on the activities of the association. He also informed the house about the issues taken up by the CHQ. He answered the queries raised by the members regarding restoration of commutation, grant notional increment, court case of pay and pension arrears, holding of revised DPC as per order of supreme court. 3 new members S/Shri DK Patel, Gagan Kumar Jethani and Vijay Borse joined the association. The meeting ended with vote of thanks by the President.

18.09.2024: AIBSNLREA KURUKSHETRA BRANCH (HARYANA STATE)HOLDS IT GENERAL BODY MEETING:

A General Body Meeting of AIBSNLREA Kurukshetra branch was held on 7th September 2024 at 11 AM in Haryana Tourism Yatri Niwas Kurukshetra. 32 members were present. Branch president Shri S K Verma presided over the meeting. Branch Secretary Shri Rajvir Singh Chaudhary welcomed the members who had come to the meeting despite rainy weather. Shri D S Sandhu briefed the house about various activities of the association at CHQ level viz notional increment, pension revision, 78.2% IDA arrear court case, CGHS and CPGRAM guidelines, commutation restoration etc. Shri Yogesh Sharma, Shri J N Verma, Shri Narender Singh and Shri D N Panchal entertained the members with bhajans, raagnies and skits. The meeting ended with vote of thanks followed by sumptuous lunch. View the Photos

17.09.2024: GENERAL BODY MEETING OF AIBSNLREA BHOPAL BRANCH (MADHYAPRADESH STATE) HELD:

Monthly GB meeting of AIBSNLREA Bhopal Branch was held on 15.09.2024 in Hotel Sudershan Palace under the Chairmanship of Shri R P Shrivastava. 50 members attended the meeting, Two new members Shri Shripad Mahadeo Gondhalekar and Shri A K Trivedi joined the association today. New members and members whose birthday fell is in this month, were honoured by flowers. The secretary Shri H.S.Saxena explained the formalities to be completed for filing the CAT case for stopping the recovery of commuted value of pension after 10 yeas and 8 months of retirement from service, on the basis of case filed in CAT Chandigarh. About 10 members present have given their consent for filing the case. Members who had travelled to Thailand, Malaysia and Singapur (S/Shri L D Sathe, V K Chopra & Shri H S Saxena) and Shri R S Jaiswal who had travelled to Vietnam shared their experience. Shri SP Joshi shared his views regarding his research work on Shri Ram Charitra Manas and was appreciated by all the participants. Melodious songs were rendered Shri Ubejai, Shri G N shrivastavi, Shri Vyasi. Shri D K Vermai and shri Balpandei. Kavita was presented by Shri Gondhele and jokes by Shri Aswani. The meeting was over after High Tea. View the Photos

12.09.2024: AIBSNLREA UJJAIN BRANCH (MADHYA PRADESH STATE) HOLDS ITS ANNUAL GENERAL BODY MEETING:

AIBSNLREA Ujjain Branch held its Annual General Body meeting on 10/09/2024 under the Presidentship of Branch President Shri B C Kulmi. He welcomed the members. Branch Secretary Shri S R Pharkaya read out the activities of the Branch. There were discussions about pension revision, Association activities and restoration of Commutation. Four new members joined the association. New office bearers were elected unanimously. President. - Shri B C Kulmi

V.President - Shri Deepak Kulkarni

Secretary - Shri P K Shukla

Finance Secretary - Shri L N Parekh

Organising Secretary - Shri Surendra Thakur View the Photo

09.09.2024: AIBSNLREA JUNAGADH BRANCH (GUJARAT STATE) HOLDS ITS GENERAL BODY MEETING:

The General Body meeting of AIBSNLREA, Junagadh Branch was held on 03-09-2024 at Garden Cafe restaurant at 06.00 PM under the Presidentship of Shri H. K. Vadukul Branch President. Shri K P Dobaria Branch Secretary, Shri P B Parmar State President, Shri N P Patel, State Secretary and shri M T Parmar, State Asst secretary were present on the dais. The meeting started with observing Two minutes silence in remembrance of departed members. All the office bearers were welcomed by garlanding and State office bearers were given memento. State Secretary Shri N P Patel and State President Shri P B Parmar spoke on status of pending cases of pensioners, pension revision, CGHS, Notional increment and replied to the queries raised by the members. The meeting ended with Vote of thanks by Shri A. M. Jagot and was followed by dinner. _View the Photos

07.09.2024: AIBSNLREA SHIMLA BRANCH (HIMACHAL PRADESH STATE) HOLDS ITS GENERAL BODY MEETING:

The monthly GB meeting of AIBSNLREA was held on 4th September 2024 at Shimla. The meeting was presided over by Shri DK Verma. 23 members were present in the meeting. After

review of discussions held in the last meeting, status of pension revision was conveyed. Members informed that CCA is asking for submission of Life Certificate in advance and requested to take up the case with office concerned. The same concern was also shown regarding Income tax deductions. Meeting ended with Vote of Thanks. View the Photos

05.09.2024: AIBSNLREA GORAKHPUR BRANCH (UP STATE) HOLDS ITS GENERAL BODY MEETING:

A general body meeting of AIBSNLREA Gorakhpur branch was held on 1st September 2024 at the residence of Shri Khajanchi Prasad Asst. Secretary under the Presidentship of Shri R.Z.A. Khan. Shri Khajanchi prasad, Shri Samiullah, Shri Surendra Singh, Shri Nisar Ahmad, Shri Shankar Prasad, Shri D.P. Upadhyay, Shri A.D. Dubey and other members were present in the meeting. Shri Nisar Ahmad was unanimously co- opted to the post of Branch Secretary due to inability to function conveyed by the Branch Secretary. Branch also discussed the various issues raised by the members viz. pension revision, medical facilities and local matters related to members. It was also decided to approach GMTD Gorakhpur to allow some suitable place in office premises for holding future meetings of our association. It was decided to hold meetings frequently. Tea and snacks were served in the meeting. The meeting concluded with vote of thanks.



STATEMENT OF AMOUNT RECEIVED DURING SEPTEMBER 2024

- **01. Prayagraj Branch (UP State)** deposited Rupees Six Hundred (Rs. 600/-) only on 09.09.2024 towards CHQ quota for Two new Life members.
- **02. Indore Branch (MP State)** deposited Rupees One Thousand Two Hundred (Rs. 1200/-) only on 26.09.2024 towards CHQ quota for Three new Life members (Paid Rs.300 in excess).

KIND ATTENTION BRANCH/STATE SECRETARIES

It is requested that immediately after depositing any amount into CHQ Account, it may please be ensured that details like Branch Name, Amount deposited, purpose of the deposit like Quota, Donation etc are sent to CHQ through CHQ email.

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