

ANDHRA PRADESH AND TELANGANA INCOME TAX PENSIONERS ASSOCIATION

(Regd No. 1855/1984)

DOCUMENTS / INFORMATION / DETAILS FOR PRESENTATION AT NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING ON 16TH DECEMBER, 2017

1. COPY OF THE CERTIFICATE OF REGISTRATION OBTAINED FROM THE REGISTRAR OF SOCIETIES:

ENCLOSED

2. PRESENT MEMBERSHIP: 277

3. NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF THE PRESIDENT AND GENERAL SECRETARY;

PRESIDENT :

- (i) Shri B.N. Gnana Prakash, I.R.S.,
Additional Commissioner of Income Tax (Retd),
10-1-734, West Maredpally,
Secunderabad – 500 026.

GENERAL SECRETARY :

- (ii) Shri G.Surya Prasad, I.R.S.,
Joint Commissioner of Income Tax (Retd),
G-301, Casa Rouge Apartments, Kondapur,
Hyderabad – 500 084.

4. AADHAR CARD/PAN CARD PHOTO COPIES OF THE PRESIDENT AND GENERAL SECRETARIES:

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5. THE NUMBER OF MEMBERS WHO HAVE SUBSCRIBED TO THE JOURNAL. IF THERE IS ANY COMPLAINT OF THE JOURNAL, KINDLY GIVE THE SAME IN A SMALL WRITE UP.

75 members have subscribed to the Journal and subscription amounts received from members have been paid to the Federation through RTGS. Complaints have been received from the following pensioners that they are not in receipt of the journals.

- (i) Sri Pramod Avadhani, House No. 16-7-464/6, S.B.H. Colony, Azampura, Hyderabad-500024.

(ii) Sri C. Kesava Rao, 7-1-67/F-105, Sri Balaji Harmony Heights,
D. K. Road, Ameerpet, Hyderabad-500016.

(iii) Sri M. Mallesham, 1-24-420, Laxminagar Colony, Lothukunta,
Secunderabad-500015.

Please do the needful in the matter.

6. A BRIEF RESUME OF THE FUNCTIONING OF THE ANDHRA PRADESH INCOME TAX PENSIONERS' ASSOCIATION.

6.1 Introduction:

ANDHRA PRADESH INCOME TAX PENSIONERS' ASSOCIATION was registered as 'Society' in the year 1984. It has been actively functioning since then.

6.2 Convening of E.C meetings every month:

We have made it a policy to convene E.C meeting of Office bearers atleast once in a month and discuss the issues on hand. We are happy to inform that due to the efforts made by us, the Pr. CCIT, Hyderabad, has allotted a room in Income Tax Towers, Hyderabad, for utilisation of the same for activities of our Association.

6.3 Conducting of General Body meetings every quarter:

With an intention not only to keep our members active but also to make them participate in the fight to achieve our rights as pensioners, the Office bearers of the Association are conducting general body meetings every quarter. These meeting are followed by lunch.

6.4 Starting of Pensioners Website:

For the purpose of updating the members of the Association on the activities of the Association and the Federation and also to update them of the circulars and Instruction issued by the Government on matters relating to pension, CGHS etc., we have started a website called, www.aptitpa.com

6.5 Starting of Watsapp group of Pensioners:

A watsapp group by name, **Incometax retirees forum** has been started in which the pensioners are actively participating by uploading useful information and by discussing various issues relating to pensioners.

6.6 Conducting of Pension Adalat:

The Pr. CCIT, Hyderabad, communicated his intention to conduct Pension Adalat and called for grievances of Pensioners in Andhra Pradesh and Telangana States. Our Association circulated the same and obtained grievances from pensioners and forwarded them to the Pr. CCIT. Owing to our persuasion, some of the grievances have been redressed by the Administration even before conducting of the Adalat.

6.7 Collection of data in support of option 1 of revision of pension as per 7th CPC :

When the Government had set up a Committee to study the feasibility of implementation of Option-1 of revision of pension as per the recommendations of the 7th CPC, we visited Zonal Accounts Office, Hyderabad and the Pr. CCIT Office, Hyderabad and collected certain information and material such as copies of few records of pensioners out of the records of all pensioners available with the ZAOs etc. Our study has proved that option-1 can be implemented with the help of the information available with the ZAO and the Pr. CCIT. The information and the documents so collected have been handed over to our Secretary General, Com. KKN. Kutty, so as to strengthen our arguments before the above Committee that option-1 of revision of pension can be implemented.

6.8 Outstanding achievement of the Association in implementation of revision of pension :

We are all aware that the Government issued O.M. No. 38/37/2016-P&PW(A), dt. 12.05.2017 for implementation of revision of pension. With a view to implement the same, the Pr. CCIT, Hyderabad, had issued instructions to respective DDOs to collect certain information from the pensioners, compute revised pensions and submit to the ZAO. However, we observed that this work was moving in snail's speed. To expedite revision of pension, the office bearers of the Association met the Pr. CCIT, Hyderabad, and demanded for speedy implementation of the orders of the Government. I am happy to inform that due to our continued persuasion, the Pr. CCIT, Hyderabad, formed special teams and completed the work of revision of pension in the entire charge consisting of Andhra Pradesh and Telangana States, without calling for any information from the pensioners.

6.9 Services to the officials on the verge of retirement :

For the benefit of those officers and officials who will be retiring from service shortly, we have made arrangement of availability of a retired A.O in Pensioners Room, to help them in preparation of pension documents.

6.10 Conducting of Cultural Event :

Recently on 22nd October, 2017, we have conducted a big Cultural Event with an intention to encourage in-house talents of our Pensioners and their family members. Some of the pensioners and their children and grand children have given excellent performances on this occasion. The pensioners along with family members attended the Event in big numbers and made it a grand success.

6.11 Conducting of talk by eminent doctors and providing information on saving schemes :

We have conducted talk by Dr. Bhaktiar Choudary, Spine specialist and Sports Doctor. We also propose to conduct talks by senior doctors of different fields in future. Further, during General Body meetings, we have allowed the agents from LIC and Banks to install counters to explain insurance and saving plans, which are useful to the pensioners.

6.12 Participated in Dharna conducted by the CCGEW :

The office bearers of the Association participated in a dharna conducted by the Confederation of Central Government Employees and Workers, at Hyderabad on 10.01.2017 demanding implementation of recommendations of 7th CPC for revision of pension, scrapping of new pension scheme etc.

7. LIST OF ISSUES TO BE TAKEN UP WITH GOVERNMENT/CBDT :

7.1 Exemption of pension from income tax:

There has been a strong demand from the pensioners that receipt of pension has to be exempted from income tax. Many reasons have been mentioned by them for the above demand and some of which are as under.

- (a) Pension is a payment made in recognition of long service rendered by the pensioners to the Government of India.
- (b) Pension is like a subsistence allowance, to keep the pensioner alive.
- (c) Pension is not paid for any services being rendered and there is no employee employer relationship between the payer and the payee.
- (d) The Government of India exempted the pension being paid to MPs. Similar treatment to be given to the payment of pension to all pensioners of Central Government.
- (e) Pension cannot be equated with salary since pension does not carry any allowances. The DA given is only a relief.

The above demand of the pensioners appears to be genuine. Collection of income tax from payment of salaries/pensions constitutes negligible percentage of total income tax collected. Though there seems to be some move to consider exemption of Rs. 5 lakhs to the pensioners, it is very uncertain as to how far the Government is serious about it. It is our demand that entire pension payment has to be categorised as exempted income under section 10 of the Income Tax Act, 1961, as they have placed several categories of incomes under section 10 of the Act. This demand may be discussed with Pensioners Associations of other departments in order to make it a big movement for demanding the Government of India.

7.2 There is a demand from the Pensioners that House Rent Allowance has to be granted to all Pensioners / Family Pensioners. This issue has to be taken with the Government.

7.3 Issues relating to CGHS:

- (i) Many complaints have been received from pensioners saying that even after a pensioner undergoes inpatient treatment in a recognised hospital, the CGHS dispensaries (i.e. Wellness Centres) are not honouring the prescription of medicines given by the doctors who have treated them and are insisting them to be attested by a Government doctor, which is causing difficulty and agony to the pensioners.
- (ii) Strict instructions have to be issued to all CGHS dispensaries to maintain separate Q lines to the persons above 60 years of age, at all counters including doctor's consultation rooms.
- (iii) Some of the CGHS dispensaries are located upstairs and no lifts are available. This is causing difficulty to the Pensioners with ailments to climb the stairs. We have to demand that lifts are provided in all dispensaries.
- (iv) Complaints have been received that some of the medicines prescribed by the doctors are not available. The Government has to take steps to ensure that all types of medicines are available and in case of non availability of any medicines, the Patients have to be allowed to purchase them from market and claim reimbursement.
- (v) For the convenience of all patients, evening clinics have to be run in all CGHS Dispensaries.
- (vi) Number of treatments such as CRT-P (Pacemaker), Dialysis, Chemotherapy etc., are not listed in the CGHS Approved Rate List. This issue has to be taken up immediately to include all types of treatments in CGHS approved list.
- (vii) CGHS Wellness Centres are to be established in all places of Municipal Corporations. It is pertinent to mention that there is no single Wellness Centre in entire divided Andhra Pradesh.

7.4 Implementation of the scheme of 'Jeevan Pramaan' :

we are aware, the Central Government has introduced submission of digital life certificate which is based on biometric system and the scheme is called 'Jeevan Pramaan'. As per the scheme, the pensioners can approach any 'Jeevan Pramaan' Centre' spread over different parts of the country or they can visit any branch of scheduled Bank and submit digital life certificate. But, in practice, most of the Jeevan Pramaan centres are not operational. Further, when the pensioners approach the Banks, they are informed that either the required equipment has not been installed or the equipment supplied is not working. Therefore, this matter is required to be taken up with the Government and we should demand that this scheme which is beneficial to the Pensioners is implemented effectively.

7.5 Delay in payment of revised pension and arrears by the Banks:

In our charge consisting of Andhra Pradesh and Telangana states, Pensioners Association is successful in getting implementation of revised pension as per O.M. No. 12.07.2017, at the level of DDOs and ZAOs. It is understood that the CPAO is attending them briskly and forwarding revised pension orders to the Banks. However, the Banks are too slow in their action of payment of revised pension and arrears. It is learnt that the cases which were forwarded by the CPAO, in the month of September, 2017, are still pending with the Banks on the plea that they have a lot of cases to attend.

This shows lack of initiative and lethargy on the part of the Bankers. Therefore, we demand that the Government has to issue strict instructions in this direction and take action on the officials who neglect the instructions of the Government.

8. **NUMBER OF COMRADES WHO PARTICIPATED IN THE DHARNA AT DELHI :**

NIL

9. **QUOTA GIVEN AND THE PERCENTAGE OF PARTICIPATION :**

N.A.

10. **WHETHER ANY ORGANISATIONAL MEETINGS WERE HELD IN THE LAST SIX MONTHS AND IF SO THE DETAILS THEREOF :**

General Body meetings were convened on 1st June, 2017 and on 22nd October, 2017, in which the issues relating to Option-1 of revision of pension as per the recommendations of the 7th CPC, progress in implementation of revision of pension as per O.M. dt 1.05.2017, certain amendments to the bye-laws of our Association etc., were discussed.

11. **WHETHER PENSION REVISION HAS TAKEN PLACE AS PER THE LATEST ORDERS OF THE GOI AND IF NOT THE REASONS THEREON :**

As stated in para 6.8 above.

12. **LIST OF PENDING VIGILANCE/DISCIPLINARY CASES OF MEMBERS OF THE ASSOCIATION AND THE REASON FOR THE NON FINALIZATION OF THE SAME :**

There might be number of pending vigilance/disciplinary cases. However, the following is the case which has been brought to the notice of the Association, to take up with the Administration, for early and favourable disposal.

1. Mr. Sripathi Ramakrishna, O.S (Retd.) from Pr. CCIT, Hyderabad charge: The official retired as OS on 30.09.2003 on attaining the age of superannuation. He was sanctioned only provisional pension since departmental action was pending at the time of his retirement. The charge sheet filed by the CBI before the Hon. High Court had been QUASHED on 30.12.2012. Further, with regard to departmental proceedings, the Official was EXONERATED from all charges vide Pr. CC'sIT letter No. Pr.CIT-1/Hyd/F.No. Con.9/(49)/CIT/2003, dt. 08.03.2016. The official made a representation to the Pr. CCIT, for sanction of regular pension and gratuity. As there was no response from the Pr. CCIT, Hyderabad, the official made a grievance petition to the Department of Pension and Pensioners Welfare. The DOPPW vide its communication in DOPPW//2017/11329, dt. 28.09.2017, informed as under.

“The Disciplinary Authority Pr. CIT-1, Hyderabad reported dt. 12.09.2017 has opined that there is reasonable case for dropping proceedings initiated against the official and the Disciplinary Authority forwarded to the Additional Director General (Vigilance) (South), Chennai dated 21.09.2017 for onward transmission to the Hon. President of India for taking appropriate action”.

REQUEST OF THE OFFICIAL :

The official has attained the age of 76 years. The Federation is requested to take up the matter with the Government and request them to direct the Officers concerned to expedite the matter and sanction regular pension and gratuity to the official, without further delay.

**(G. SURYA PRASAD)
GENERAL SECRETARY
ANDHRA PRADESH INCOME TAX
PENSIONER'S ASSOCIATION.**