

ANDHRA PRADESH & TELANGANA INCOME TAX PENSIONERS ASSOCIATION

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NEWS LETTER
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Dear Comrades,

You are aware that Annual General Body Meeting of our Association was held on 1st June, 2017, in which the annual accounts for the financial years 2015-16 and 2016-17 were submitted and the activities of our Association for the year 2016-17 were discussed in detail. On behalf of the Executive Committee, I once again express my happiness and appreciation to all the members who have attended the meeting and participated actively in the discussion. Today, I take this opportunity to give details of the activities after the meeting and till to date.

Revision of pension as per 7th Central Pay Commission:

Even after vigorous pursuation of our Federation and other Central Units of Pensioners Associations for implementation of option 1 of revision of pension as recommended by the 7th CPC, the Committed headed by the Secretary, Pension, New Delhi, has given report to the Central Government that this option is not feasible for implementation. Instead, the Committee has recommended another formula for revision of pension which has been accepted by the Government by issue of O.M. No. 38/37/216-P&PW(A), dated 12.05.2017.

The above new formula involves notional fixation of pay under each intervening Pay Commission based on the formula for revision of pay. The Government issued tables to make the calculation easy. They have also directed the Heads of all Departments and ZAOs to complete the revision of pension accordingly in a time bound manner. In the process of implementation of the same, the Pr. Chief Commissioner of Income Tax, A.P and Telangana, issued orders to all DDOs to obtain PAN, Aadhar Number and compute revision of pension based on the service registers of the pensioners. However, we had noticed that nothing was moving forward in this direction. In such circumstances, the Office Bearers of our Association met the Pr. CIT (Admn), Hyderabad and the Pr. CCIT, AP & Telangana, Hyderabad and represented that there were about 2300 Pensioners and family pensioners and that it was very difficult to obtain information from all the pensioners who were spread over in different parts of the country. Further, it was submitted that the service registers of all the pensioners might not be readily available and that in the above circumstances revision of pension could not be completed within the time limits prescribed by the Central Government. Under the circumstances, we had requested the Administration to centralise this work, by forming special teams in Pr. CC's Office, Hyderabad, obtain the records of pensioners available in ZAO office, compute revised pension based on those records and submit them to the ZAO. I am happy to say that the Pr.CCIT and the Pr. CIT (Admn) have readily accepted the proposal. Accordingly, certain special teams were formed under the supervision of Mr. Krishnan, A.O who had completed computation of revision of pension in 2110 cases and submitted to the ZAO. It is ascertained that the ZAO has been forwarding the proposals to the CPAO online as and when received. The CPAO has to approve them and issue orders to the Banks. The Banks will make revised pension payments along with arrears. I am proud to say that our Office bearers did an excellent job in appraising the administration of the problems in revision of pension by respective DDOs and in convincing them to form special teams for this purpose. My special thanks to the Administration, including the Pr.CCIT and Pr.CIT (Admn) for accepting our proposal and forming special teams for this purpose and also to Mr. Krishnan, A.O (Admn) and the staff involved in this work for computing revision of pension and forwarding to the ZAO on war footing. I understand that other departments of Central Government are lagging behind in doing this job. Some of the pensioners of IT department have already started getting revised pension and arrears. Some Pensioners have informed the Association that there is a delay with the Banks even after the receipt of orders from the CPAO. However, as ascertained by our President Shri B.N.Gnana Prakash, the Banks are regularly attending the work of computation of arrears and making the payments. One has to keep in mind that Banks have to deal with the orders being received in respect of a number of Central Government departments. Further, the merger of SBH, SBM etc., with the SBI is also causing some delay. Therefore, actual payment of revised pension and arrears to all pensioners may take some more time. The Pensioners may please note that they can verify the status of their pension from the website, www.cpao.gov.in. The Pensioners are free to contact the undersigned for further clarification, if required, in this matter.

"GOOD NEWS"

As you are all aware, the Government is likely to increase fitment factor from 2.57 to 3.0 times, with effect from 01.01.2018, which will further benefit all pensioners.

I wish to inform all the Pensioners that, inspite of the above, revision of pension as per option 1 which has been recommended by the Pay Commission is more beneficial to some of the Pensioners. Keeping this in view, the NCCPA New Delhi is pursuing the matter with the Government. They have planned a mass Dharna of the Pensioners before Parliament in New Delhi, on 25th October, 2017 to demand implementation of option 1.

The Pensioners may please note that updates on various matters relating to Pensioners are being posted in our website, www.aptitpa.com as well as in the watsapp group of 'Income Tax Retirees Forum'. I request all the

pensioners to keep visiting our website frequently. Further, with regard to our watsapp group, if any one of you has not yet joined the same, it is requested to down load 'watsapp' in his/her mobile and to inform the undersigned immediately, for adding in the group.

- 2. <u>Monthly Bulletin</u>: During the course of last General Body meeting, some of the members have complained that they are not receiving monthly bulletins published by the Federation. The same has been brought to the notice of our Secretary General, Shri KKN Kutty, through mail as well on phone. Those who have not contributed for the same, may please pay Rs. 60/- to our Treasurer, Shri P. Rambabu, towards annual contribution for the bulletin.
- 3. <u>Cultural Activity</u>: In the Executive Committee meeting held recently, it has been decided to conduct a special Cultural Event, followed by the General Body meeting. The intention of conducting this Event is to encourage the artistic talents of the pensioners as well the family members of the pensioners. The programme of today's Cultural Event is enclosed. I request all of you to watch and enjoy the Event and make it a grand success.
- 4. <u>Annual contribution</u>: The Association has been collecting Rs. 1000/-from pensioners at the time of his/her joining as member of the Association, towards membership fee for life. You are aware that in the last General Body meeting held on 1st June, 2017, it was proposed to collect contribution of Rs. 500/- per annum from each member, in addition to the membership fee keeping in view the increase in expenditure due to expansion of our activities and the same has been approved by the General Body. Therefore, all the existing members are requested to pay Rs. 500/- to our Treasurer, Shri P.Rambabu, towards annual contribution for the year 2017-18.
- 5. <u>Enrolment of new members</u>: The pensioners who have not yet become members, are requested to fill up membership form and hand over the same to the Treasurer, Sri P.Rambabu, along with a payment of Rs. 1000/- towards membership fee for life.

(G.SURYA PRASAD)

GENERAL SECRETARY

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CULTURAL PROGRAMME

Date & Time Venue

: 22nd October, 2017 (Sunday)

: AMARAVATHI COMMUNITY CENTER, MEHDI MANZIL, ROAD.NO.12, BAJARA

HILLS, HYDERABAD.

SL.NO. TIMINGS

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EVENT

NAME(S) OF ARTISTS

4.00 PM to 4.10 PM Devotional songs.

Chi. Jyothsna and Hasini.

(Grand daughters of Sri.Bandi Srinivasulu,ITO Retd)

4.15 PM to 4.45 PM TAX FREE Hindi Play

Mr. Shafi, ITO (Retd)

and his team.

Sri.Kesava Rao, ITO (Retd))

4.50 PM to 5.05 PM Music & Dance

Chi. S.Sahasra Sathvika

(Grand daughter of

5.10 PM to 5.25 PM Telugu & Hindi 4.

Mr. H. Praveen.

Songs.

(S/o Sri H.Vasudeva Rao, ITO, Retd)

5.30 PM to 5.45 PM Hindi Shayari Mr.Pradeep

(S/o Sri H.Vasudeva Rao, ITO Retd)

5.45 PM to 6.15 PM HIGH TEA 6.

7. 6.15 pm to 7.05 PM

RAMANJANEYA

Sri K. Gopala Krishna, DC (Retd)

YUDHAM(War Scene)

(Pouranika padya

Natakam)

Sri B. Nageswara Rao, JC IT (Retd)

7.05 PM

VOTE OF THANKS

7.15 PM ONWARDS

DINNER.

Note: Programme Comparer: Sri.B.Shanthi Kumar, Vice President, APTITPA.