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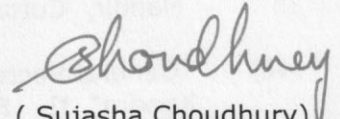
3rd Floor, Lok Nayak Bhavan,
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OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject: Action Taken Report (ATR) on the minutes of the 23rd meeting of Standing Committee of Voluntary Agencies (SCOVA).

Please find enclosed herewith a copy of Action Taken Report (ATR) on the decisions of the 23rd meeting of the Standing Committee of Voluntary Agencies (SCOVA) held on 20th September, 2013 in New Delhi under the Chairmanship of Hon'ble MOS(PP) for kind perusal.

Enclosure : As above.


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To,

1. Director, NIC, 3rd floor, Lok Nayak Bhawan, New Delhi for placing this Office Memorandum on this Department's website www.pensionersportal.gov.in → Circulars → SCOVA.

2. **Pensioners Associations under SCOVA :**

Standing Group (5 Associations)

- (i) Secretary, National Council (Staff Side) JCM, 13-C, Ferozshah Road, New Delhi - 110001.
- (ii) President, All India Retired Railwaymen's Federation, Block 303, Railway Colony High School, Chilkalguda, Secunderabad - 500025, Andhra Pradesh
- (iii) President, All India Federation of Pensioners Association, G-2, Soundarya, New No. 51, Old No. 22, Kavarai Street, Saidapet West, Chennai - 600015, Tamilnadu.
- (iv) Secretary General, Bharat Pensioners' Samaj, Post Box No. 3303, Jangpura P.O. New Delhi - 110 014.
- (v) Vice President & Honorary Secretary, Air Force Association, Air Force Station, Race Course Camp, New Delhi - 110 003.

Rotating Group (10 Associations)

- (i) President, Disabled War Veterans (India),
B6/6, DLF City, Phase I, Gurgaon, Haryana – 122002.
- (ii) President, Association of Retired Officers of IA&ID,
H. No. 2154, Sector 38-C, Chandigarh.
- (iii) Secretary General, All India Central Government Pensioners Association,
EP-233, Naya Bazar, Jalandhar City, Punjab.
- (iv) Secretary, Karnataka Posts and Telecommunications Pensioners Association (R),
1397, 23rd Main, Banashankari II Stage, Bengaluru.
- (v) President, Co-ordination Committee of Central Government Pensioners' Association,
68-B, K. G. Bhawan, Malanga Lane, Kolkata-12, West Bengal.
- (vi) General Secretary, All India Central Government Pensioners' Association, 355, Ganga
Mandir, Cuttack, Orissa.
- (vii) General Secretary, Central Government Pensioners' Association, Kerala, "Pension
Kendra", II Floor, Capital Towers, Patturaickal Jn., Thrissur – 680022, Kerala.
- (viii) General Secretary, Central Government Pensioners Welfare Association, Jammu Olympic
Association Building, Parade, Jammu (J&K).
- (ix) Secretary General, All India Organisation of Pensioners Kanpur,
120/469, Lajpat Nagar, Kanpur, Uttar Pradesh.
- (x) President, All India Central Government Pensioners' Association,
1785, Sadashivpeth, Phadkeshankul, Near Pune, Vidyarthi Griha, Pune – 411030
(Maharashtra)

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ACTION TAKEN REPORT ON THE DECISION OF THE 23rd MEETING OF STANDING COMMITTEE OF VOLUNTARY AGENCIES(SCOVA) HELD ON 20.09.2013.

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1.	Sl.No 1 of ATR of para 5: Status of issue of revised PPOs to pre-2006 pensioners.	a) CPAO informed that as on 08.08.2013, 71,334 cases (34,733 pre-1990 and 36,601 pre-2006), of Civil Ministries/Deptts, are pending for revision. Approximately, 82% work of Civil Ministries/Departments have been completed. Efforts are brinh made to approach the pensioners through advertisements, however, as pension has already been revised by the banks, response from pensioners was not encouraging. To strengthen the monitoring at the level of the Secretary of the administrative Min/Deptt, this item has been made a part of the monthly D.O to the Cabinet Secretary. Target date:- 31st Dec,2013. b) Ministry of Railways informed that they have completed the revision of 5,87,035 out of 10,93,772 cases.. Hon'ble MOS (PP) desired that the Ministry of Railways should give advertisements in	<u>D/oP&PW</u> MOS(PP) took up the issue with the Defence Minister & Railway Minister vide DO letters dated 14.10.2013. <u>CPAO</u> The target date for completion of the work was 31.12.2013. CPAO has given information on the basis of e-scroll received from banks. The number of cases has increased for revision. Since more and more case or pre-1990 has been added to CPAO data base. The major reason of non-revision of these cases in non-availability of records of pensioners in ministries/Departments, Banks and even with pensioners, Approximately, 83.55% work has been completed by the Civil Ministries/Departments. <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Minis/ Deptts</th><th>Pre 1990</th><th>Pre 2006</th><th>PPOs yet to be revised</th></tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Civil Min/ Deptts</td><td>43,457</td><td>27,935</td><td>71,392</td></tr> </tbody> </table> 1,50,373 cases have also been revised in terms of DoPPW order no 1/20/2011-P&PW(E) dated 28.01.2013 for enhancement of pension of Pre-2006 pensioner w.e.f 24.09.2012. <u>Ministry of Railways.</u> Target date was 31st Dec, 2013. Approximately 90% PPOs have been revised till 31.12.2013. Status of Corrigendum PPOs revised till 31st Dec,2013 is as under:	Minis/ Deptts	Pre 1990	Pre 2006	PPOs yet to be revised	Civil Min/ Deptts	43,457	27,935	71,392
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		concerned regional languages. MOS(PP) will take up the issue with the Railway Minister, demi-officially Target date :31st Dec,2013. c) Department of Posts informed that the after re-verification the number of pre-2006 pensioners have come down to 1,96,000 and now the DOP has completed 84.78% of the work. 29,855 cases are pending. The DOP are going through a transition from non digitisation to digitisation form, and the Department has already started ERP solution, by putting all the legacy data into ERP solution. Target date:-30th Nov, 2013. d) Department of Telecommunication informed that as on date 53,000 cases remain to be revised. The main problem was that DOT has to depend on BSNL for the records. The Secretary of DOT will address all heads of circles of BSNL to expedite the cases by constituting a Coordination Committee at each CCA.. 31st December, 2013 has been kept as a target date for BSNL to provide all the documents relating to it. Target date :-31st March, 2014.	<table><tr><th>Total PPOs</th><th>PPOs revised</th><th>PPOs yet to be revised</th></tr><tr><td>10.02 lakh</td><td>8.95 lakh</td><td>1.07 lakh</td></tr></table> The remaining 1.07 lakh cases are very old cases and due to want of records their revision could not completed before 31.12.2013. <u>Department of Posts</u> Target Date was 30th Nov, 2013. 94.83% revision of Pre-2006 has been accomplished. Status of Corrigendum PPOs revised till 31st Dec,2013 is as under. <table><tr><th>Total PPOs</th><th>PPOs revised</th><th>PPOs yet to be revised</th></tr><tr><td>1,73,858</td><td>1,64,872</td><td>8,986</td></tr></table> <u>D/o Telecommunications</u> Necessary instructions have been issued by Secretary (T) to BSNL and CCA Offices to expedite settlement of pending pension cases. A coordination committee has also constituted at each of the circles. Fortnightly monitoring of pendency of Pre-2006 cases is being done at DOT(HQ) level. 29985 cases are pending as per report for fortnight ending 15.01.2014.	Total PPOs	PPOs revised	PPOs yet to be revised	10.02 lakh	8.95 lakh	1.07 lakh	Total PPOs	PPOs revised	PPOs yet to be revised	1,73,858	1,64,872	8,986
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		e) 4.5 lakh cases (approx.) of Post-2006 pensioners have been computerised. Digital records of 5.88 lakh pensioners have also been created in respect of Pre-2006 cases under Project SANGAM. Digitisation of pension data will be completed by 31st March, 2014, the revision exercise for all cases is proposed to be completed by September, 2014. (Action: CPAO, M/o Railways, D/o Posts, D/o Telecom, M/o Defence & D/oP&PW)	<u>CGDA(M /o Defence)</u> Status of Corrigendum PPOs revised till 31st Dec,2013 <table><tr><th>Total PPOs</th><th>PPOs revised</th><th>PPOs yet to be revised</th></tr><tr><td>18 lakh</td><td>10.5 lakh</td><td>7.5 lakh</td></tr></table> Some banks have yet to furnish their database. Intervention of Ministry of Defence/Deptt. Financial Services have also been sought for Pr.CDA(Pensions) Allahabad have also made a advertisement vide their Circular No. 114 for eliciting information for left out Defence Civilian pensioner/family pensioners. All out efforts are being made for issue of revised PPOs to pre-2006 retiree pensioners/family pensioners within the time frame stipulated by the Ministry. <u>D/o Ex Servicemen Welfare</u> By 31st March, 2014, 17.5 lakh Corr.PPOs would be ready in respect of armed forces pensioners. To simplify the pension sanction and issue of PPOs, a D.O reply has been sent to MoS(PP) from Raksha Mantri on 03.11.2013. A Committee headed by Secretary (ESW) is looking into the matter for developing an Integrated Pension Management System for armed forces pensioners.	Total PPOs	PPOs revised	PPOs yet to be revised	18 lakh	10.5 lakh	7.5 lakh
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2.	iii) Sl. No. 3 of ATR: (13) The Orders of Ministry of Health reiterating that all the pensioners are at liberty to opt themselves with any of the nearest CGHS hospital/ dispensary may be widely circulated. Arbitrary orders dated 01/08/1996 and 01/09/1996 issued by Ministry of Health and Director of CGHS may	In respect of point 13 & 16(i) the representative of Ministry of Health & FW informed that the matter regarding withdrawal of OMs dated 01.08.1996 and 01.09.1996 (which provide that the P&T pensioners not participating in CGHS while in service may not be extended this facility) is sub-judice. (Action: M/o Health & FW)	<u>M/O Health & FW</u> As regards (13) and 16(i) : the matter is still sub-judice.						

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	<i>be withdrawn and the benefit of CGHS facilities be allowed to the pensioners of Department of Post and Department of Telecom.</i> 16(i) Medical facilities for existing P&T pensioners. <u>(iii) S.No 6 of ATR</u> Regarding additional dispensaries.	Ministry of Health & FW informed that due to the financial and logistic constraints it is not possible to open more dispensaries. Ministry is however mooting a proposal to open CGHS dispensaries at all State Capital not yet covered by CGHS. MOS(PP) said that for opening of dispensary at Panchkula, the matter from his level will be taken up again. M/o Health & FW informed that with the merger of 19 P&T dispensaries with CGHS, the problem of non-availability of hospitalisation facility has been mitigated to a large extent. Regarding empanelment of hospitals, the Ministry of Health & FW informed that in smaller cities, the empanelment of hospitals has been done only in those places where CGHS dispensaries are available. This is because the number of patients in such cities is sizeable. On the question of computerisation of CGHS	<u>D/oP&PW & M/O Health & FW</u> Hon'ble MOS(PP) addressed a D.O letter dated 10.10.2013 to Hon'ble M/o Health & FW for opening a dispensary at Panchkula. Hon'ble M/o Health & FW has informed vide DO letter dtd 30.11.2013 that it would not be possible to agree to open a dispensary at Panchkula. ➤ CGHS empanels pvt. Hospitals only in the cities where it is in operation, as a matter of policy. ➤ Regarding Jammu, The process is in advanced stage

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		dispensary at Jammu, the Ministry of Health & FW informed that the matter is under process. (Action: M/o Health & FW)	
3.	vi) of Para 5 Sl. No 7 of ATR <i>Nomination for facility reimbursement of expenses incurred under CGHS.</i>	In D/o P&PW letter dated 30.07.2013, Ministry of Health was informed that seeking Affidavits/NOC etc. on stamp paper from the legal heirs/family members may cause avoidable inconvenience to them. The feasibility of reimbursing the hospitalization expenses in respect of the deceased employee/pensioner to the nominee for the purpose of GPF, gratuity, CGEGIS, etc. could, therefore, be examined. M/o Health & FW was again requested to re-consider the matter. Ministry of Health & FW informed that in the light of the observations of D/oP&PW, the issue is being re-examined.	<u>D/o P&PW & M/o Health & FW</u> ➤ M/o of Health & FW have issued an OM no S-11011/12/2013-CGHS(P) dated 25.09.2013 providing the facility of Nomination for re-imbursment of medical expenses in the event of death of Principal CGHS card holder.
4.	ix) Sl. No 10 of ATR <i>Anomaly in fixation of pension to DoT employees absorbed in BSNL, who retired between 1.10.2000 and 31.7.2001.</i>	The representative of D/o Telecomm. informed that the matter has been re-examined by them and a fresh proposal will be sent to D/o P&PW for consideration before 30.09.2013. (Action : D/o Telecommunications & D/o P&PW)	<u>D/o P&PW & D/o Telecomm.</u> A proposal was received from Department of Telecom on 19.11.2013. DoP&PW has sought some more information/clarifications on the proposal on 19.11.2013. D/o Telecomm. has sent the requisite information which is under examination in D/oP&PW.

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5.	x) Sl. No 11 of ATR Merger of 78.2% IDA with basic pension benefit to the absorbed BSNL Pensioners:-	The representative of Department of Telecommunications informed that the matter has been re-examined by them and a fresh proposal will be sent to D/o P&PW for consideration before 30.09.2013. (Action: D/o Telecom & D/o P&PW)	<u>D/o P&PW & D/o Telecomm.</u> A proposal was sent by D/o Telecom on 20.12.2013. D/o P&PW has communicated its 'No Objection' to the proposal subject to the approval of Deptt. Of Expenditure. D/o Telecomm. has referred the proposal to D/o Expenditure on 08.01.2014. Approval of D/o Expenditure is awaited by D/o Telecomm.
6.	(23.2) Extension of benefit of upgraded Grade Pay to pre-2006 retirees of S-12 grade.	Ministry of Finance has informed that the grade pay of Rs. 4600 is not the corresponding grade pay in respect of the pre-revised pay scale of Rs 6500-10,500. This grade pay is the corresponding grade pay of the upgraded post in the pay scale of 7,450-11,500. The corresponding grade pay for pre-revised pay scale of 6,500-10,500 is Rs. 4200, since the benefit of upgraded pay scale is not to be given to the pre-2006 pensioners, the pension of pre-2006 pensioners who retired in the pay scale of 6500-10,500 cannot be fixed with reference to the minimum of fitment table with grade pay of Rs. 4600. Pensioners Associations informed that there are some CAT orders allowing benefit of grade pay of Rs. 4600 to the pre-2006 pensioners who retired in the pay scale of 6,500-10,500. It was decided that since the matter is sub-judice, the final decision would be taken subsequent to court decisions. (Action: Department of Expenditure, D/o P&PW)	<u>Action Awaited from D/o Expenditure</u>

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7.	(23.4) Broad Banding of Disability Element for Pre-1996 cases.	The matter was processed and referred to MoD(Fin) for concurrence. But MoD (Fin) returned the matter back for knowing the financial implications involved. CGDA, expressed its difficult in furnishing the requisite information. MoD(Fin) was persuaded to process the matter without the financial implications. The case has been referred to M/o Finance by MoD(Fin) in March,2013. The DESW has been in constant touch with the D/o Expenditure to get the case finalized. Secretary (Pension) requested the Ministry of Finance to expedite the disposal of cases . (Action: M/o Finance , D/o Expenditure & D/o Ex-Servicemen Welfare)	<u>Action Awaited from:-</u> 1) D/o Expenditure <u>D/o Ex Servicemen Welfare</u> The case is being pursued vigorously with Department of Expenditure. A D.O letter has also been sent to Secretary (Exp) from Secretary(ESW) in Dec,2013. However, concurrence is awaited
8.	(23.7) Extension of benefit of OM dt. 28.1.2013 w.e.f 1.1.2006 instead of 24.9.2012.	It was stated that a SLP filed by the D/o P&PW has been dismissed by the Hon'ble Supreme Court on 29.07.2013. The Department was considering further course of action in consultation with the Ministry of Finance and Ministry of Law. (Action:D/o P&PW)	<u>D/oP&PW</u> D/oP&PW issued OM dtd. 28.1.2013 as per the decision of the Cabinet while considering pensionary matters of Defence personnel as proposed by MoD. Review petition against the order dtd. 29.7.2013 of Hon'ble Supreme Court was dismissed. Hence, a Curative Petition is also being filed in the Hon'ble Supreme Court An SLP filed against order dtd 29.4.2013 in Delhi High Court has been tagged with Civil Appeal of 2011 file by MoD. Next date of hearing is 4th Feb,2014.