

**Most Immediate
SCOVA Meeting**

F. No. 42/39/2014-P&PW(G)
Government of India
Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances & Pensions
Department of Pension & Pensioners' Welfare

3rd Floor, Lok Nayak Bhavan,
Khan Market, New Delhi- 110003
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OFFICE MEMORANDUM

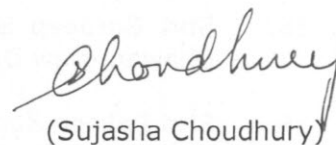
Subject : 26th meeting of the Standing Committee of Voluntary Agencies (SCOVA) under the Chairmanship of Hon'ble MOS (PP) to be held on 03rd February, 2015 at 11.00 AM in Committee Room-A, Vigyan Bhawan Annexe, New Delhi - Reg

- **Date, Time & Venue of 26th SCOVA meeting.**
- **Comments on Fresh Agenda Items**
- **Confirmation of participation**

The undersigned is directed to say that the 26th meeting of the Standing Committee of Voluntary Agencies(SCOVA) under the Chairmanship of Hon'ble MOS (PP) will be held on **Tuesday, 03rd February, 2015 in Committee Room-A, Vigyan Bhawan Annexe, New Delhi. at 11 am.**

2. Four agenda items for discussion in the 26th Meeting of SCOVA is enclosed herewith. The concerned Ministries/Departments are, therefore, requested to **kindly furnish comments on the enclosed agenda items for 26th SCOVA meeting latest by 22nd January, 2015** to the undersigned through Fax /Email (Fax No. / E-mail Address given below) and also in hard copy.
3. It is also requested that the name and telephone number of the official, not below the rank of Joint secretary/Director, nominated to attend the above meeting may kindly be sent to this Department at the earliest for further interaction relating to 26th SCOVA meeting.

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20. Shri Vivek Ashish(US), Department of Expenditure, Ministry of Finance, North Block, New Delhi.
21. Shri Ravi Kant, Under Secretary CGHS(P), 434-C Ministry of Health and FW, Nirman Bhawan

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**FRESH AGENDA ITEMS FOR 26TH MEETING OF STANDING COMMITTEE OF
VOLUNTARY AGENCIES (SCOVA) UNDER THE CHAIRMANSHIP OF HON'BLE MOS(PP)**

S.No	Fresh Agenda Items - 26 th SCOVA Meeting
(26.1)	<u>Simultaneous issue of orders for the release of Dearness Allowances:</u> Based on the rise in Consumer Price Index, Dearness Allowance and Dearness Relief are granted to serving employees and pensioners respectively with effect from 1st January and 1st July each year. The orders sanctioning DA are issued by the Finance Ministry and the orders sanctioning DR are issued by the Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions after the same. While serving employees get the increase in cash after a couple of days from the date of issue of Office Memorandum, the pensioners get it after some days since the issue of O.M, for DR needs to be further approved by Department of Expenditure and CAG. As the payment of DA and DR is being made from the Consolidated Fund of India, the issuance of separate orders for the grant of DA and DR could be unnecessary. (Action : Department of Expenditure and DoPPW)
(26.2)	<u>Co-authorisation of Family Pension of permanently disabled children/dependent parents and permanently disabled siblings.</u> As a policy initiative of DoPPW, the CPAO vide its O.M no. CPAO/Tech/Simplification/2013-14/252 dated 06.02.2014 allowed co-authorisation of family pension of permanently disabled children/dependent parents and permanently disabled siblings. A similar benefit may be considered by Department of Defence and Ministry of Railways to its pensioners. (Action: Ministry of Railways and Department of Ex-servicemen Welfare)
(26.3)	<u>Non-adherence of extant rules with regard to submission of life certificate;</u> Despite clear instructions from the Ministry of Finance, vide CPAO/Tech/Grievances/2010-11/531 dated 30.06.2011, it has been reported that some banks branches are insisting on personal appearance of pensioners for submission of life certificates along with PPOs. The extant rules now exempt personal appearance and the prescribed form is to be signed by any of the persons specified therein. The pensioners thus got put to untoward hardship in addition to stress and strain which could have been avoided. As such, Department of Financial Services is requested to take necessary steps to get the instructions complied with strictly without fail. (Action:- Department of Financial Services)

(26.4) Provision of CGHS facility for life time to dependent disabled/mentally retarded children of Central Government Employees/Pensioners

a) In the "Definition of Family" under CGHS, furnished in Ministry of Health & FW O.M. No. 3T-1/2009-C&P/CGHS (P) dated 23-2-2011, daughter as indicated at Sl No.5(ii) can avail the benefits till she starts earning or gets married irrespective of the age-limit, where as son indicated at Sl. No. 5(iii) of the list, suffering from any permanent Physical/Mental disability is entitled to avail the facility "irrespective of age- limit", and son's marital status may not result in denial of CGHS facility to him ,in as much as there is no mention of marital status in the definition, unlike the definition at Sl.5 (i) On the other hand, daughter suffering from any permanent disability (physical disability or mental retardation) loses the facility if she gets married as per the definition at Sl. (5)(ii). Hence, the case of a physically disabled/mentally retarded daughter needs to be considered for extension of CGHS facility "irrespective of age-limit, even after her marriage" .

b) Further under CCS (Pension) Rules, 1972, by an amendment to explanations 1 and 3 after Sub-rule 6 of Rule 54, as communicated vide Department of Pension & PW O.M. No. 1/33/2012-P&PW(E) dated 16-1-2013, mentally /physically disabled children have been allowed to continue to draw family pension even after their marriage thereby removing the condition of marital status for continued drawal of family pension.

c) Thus on the analogy of pension rules, mentally/physically disabled children (both son and daughter) of Central Government Employees/Pensioners may be allowed to continue to avail CGHS facilities even after their marriage by removing the condition of marital status now existing in respect of daughters only. The "definition of family" under CGHS would need to modified suitably.

(Action: Ministry of Health and Family Welfare)