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Sir,

Sub: WELFARE OF PENSIONERS OF AUTONOMOUS/STATUTORY BODIES OF
CENTRAL GOVERNMENT BY TAKEN CARE OF BY DOP&PW

Greetings from Bharat Pensioners Samaj.

Bharat Pensioners Samaj is the apex body representing all India Federation of Pensioners' Associations, having reach to over ten lakh civilian pensioners from all departments and disciplines of Government of India. We are also associate NGO of International Federation on Ageing, Toronto-Canada and one of the institutions identified as a nodal body by the Department of Pensioners and Pensioners Welfare, Government of India. Pensioners Association of Autonomous/Statutory Bodies of Central Government is one of our affiliates.

At the outset, on behalf of all our affiliates, we wish to appreciate the various welfare measures undertaken by the Department of Pension and Pensioners Welfare under your leadership and express our gratitude to your kind self and DoP&PW on several welfare measures undertaken, especially on the extension of the date for submission of life certificate, this year, up 28.02.2020, though we had requested for extension up to 31.3.2021 in view of the pandemic Covid-19 in the country. The other welfare measures like payment of provisional family pension on death of a government employee during service, provisional release of retirement benefits under the CCS(Pension) Rules, 1972 during the Covid 19 pandemic, exemption of BSR Code of Bank essentials from Pension Claim Forms, Relaxation of Rule 80A for payment of provisional family pension on death of a government employee during service, Dispensing with the condition of 7 years of service for sanction of enhanced family pension, Relaxation of the conditions for sanction of family pension to divorced daughters, dispensing submission of Form No. 14 by the Pensioners' Spouse in case he or she had Joint Account with the pensioner, submission of digital life certificate through Jeevan Pramaan Portal, etc., have brought great relief to pensioners and family pensioners. Conducting video conferences for the benefit of pensioners during Lockdown was another pensioner friendly initiative by the Department.

At the same time, though the Department of Pension and Pensioners Welfare has taken several welfare measures, as cited above, in respect of pensioners/family pensioners of Central Government, it is very unfortunate that there is a separate treatment for persons retiring from the Autonomous/Statutory Bodies of Central Government, which has been established by an Act of Parliament and which are functioning under the administrative control of various Ministries of Central Government. The retired employees of these organisations have to wait for separate orders by their respective Administrative Ministries for implementation of orders relating to revised pension, DR, etc, as and when issued by your Department. When the 7th CPC orders were issued, the retired employees of these organisations had to wait for nearly 2 years for implementation of those orders. In respect of some of these organisations, 7th CPC orders have been implemented only partly. Since for all practical purposes, these organisations also serve the Central Government for promoting its schemes and programmes, they should also be extended sanctions announced by the Government, simultaneously, along with

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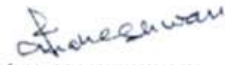
the Central Government pensioners, especially when they are getting pension and other benefits in terms of CCS (Pension) Rules, 1972, as amended from time, and when they are paid pension and others benefits from the grants sanctioned to their respective organisations under Consolidated Fund of India through their respective Administrative Ministries. It may also not be fair on the part of the Government to make these pensioners/family pensioners, who are all senior citizens, to run from pillar to post to get their legitimate rights such as pension and other benefits as and when revised and also to get their grievances resolved. In order to obviate the difficulties faced by the pensioners/family pensioners of these organisations, we suggest that-

- a) there should be a single window system in DoP&PW to address problems of pensioners/family pensioners, whether they are from Central Government or from Autonomous/Statutory Bodies of Central Government as long as they are getting pension and other benefits in terms of CCS (Pension) Rules, 1972,
- b) welfare of the pensioners of Autonomous/Statutory Bodies of Central Government may also be taken care of by the Department of Pension and Pensioners Welfare as has been done in the case of pensioners of Central Government, and
- c) pensioners/family pensioners of Autonomous/Statutory Bodies of Central Government are also covered in the orders issued by your Department in the matter of payment of pension, gratuity, commutation, dearness relief, etc. to CG pensioners so that these pensioners/family pensioners are also treated on similar footings.

We urge the Government, through your good self, to consider our above suggestions, favourably, and cause issue of necessary orders, accordingly, in the interest of all the pensioners/family pensioners, at the earliest, so that there will not be any hassles in getting the pension and other benefits by the pensioners of ABs/SBs of Central Government without inordinate delay.

Thanking you and regards.

Yours sincerely,



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