



## Editorial

### THE VICIOUS CYCLE OF DELAYED JUSTICE

**A**ny individual or an organisation will think of legal remedy only as the last option, despite facing grave injustice and witnessing the authorities' reluctance to adhere to established rules, as pursuit of justice from courts often becomes an arduous journey with lengthy and costly legal proceedings. This hesitation is particularly pronounced among senior citizens, who are at the twilight of their lives. The fear of exhausting their limited resources and the emotional toll of prolonged litigation often outweighs their desire for justice, leaving many injustices unchallenged and unresolved. A few individuals avoid litigation for the fear of antagonising the authorities or retaliation from them.

**M**ost of the cases filed by individuals arise out of apathy and indifference shown by concerned authorities handling grievances, resulting in lack of timely and effective resolution. These authorities refuse to follow established rules citing flimsy grounds which undermines the trust and accountability in the system.

**T**he procedures followed by the courts, frequent adjournments, backlog of cases, lack of sufficient infrastructure, understaffed judiciary, inefficiency in case

management and complex legal formalities, contribute to unending delays in the disposal of cases. We witness situations where more than 100 cases are listed before a court on any day, wherein only a handful of cases reach hearing, and all the others are adjourned. The same situation repeats in the subsequent dates on which the adjourned cases are listed. It is hard to understand how some cases get priority over others filed earlier. When arguments are over, written submissions are made and when a judgment is expected, there is an abrupt change in the Bench and the entire process must start over again. There is no priority hearing in such cases too. It is sad to mention that our Writ Petition in Delhi High Court on implementing pay revision w.e.f. 1.1.2007 with 78.2% fitment benefit on actual basis, filed in 2019, has seen change in the Bench four times.

**A**nd then the fate of the cases depends on so many factors, like the counsel we engage, their ability to present our case appropriately and properly, the perception of the court on the facts presented before it and the apparent natural tendency of lenience by the courts towards government actions, although the courts have now and then ruled against the government in significant

cases. Securing a favourable verdict from a court does not mean the woes of the applicant are over.

**G**one are the days when the government departments and organisations respectfully implemented the decisions of courts, right from the lower courts up to the Supreme Court. But today, appeal against anything and everything has become the new normal. Authorities now seek to delay and deny benefits granted by court verdicts by readily filing appeals in higher courts, including the Supreme Court through Special Leave Petitions. This tactic has become a convenient method for them to obstruct justice and avoid implementing judgments favourable to individuals or groups. Though the Supreme Court has ruled in several cases that a benefit allowed by the courts needs to be extended to all the similarly placed persons, this never happens. Even on issues which have attained finality by an order by Supreme Court, the similarly placed individuals are forced to file a case and pursue the legal course, facing appeals and SLP in Supreme Court, for the benefit to be extended to them too.

**I**t is not that appeals and SLP are filed by the authorities against lower court orders which are 'not in consonance with the Government policy' or where the court orders cover a large section of employees/pensioners leading to huge financial implications. Appeal in High Court and later an SLP in Supreme Court were filed against a CAT order quashing the chargesheet issued to a VRS 2019 retiree a day before the date of

retirement. The chargesheet had been quashed by the court on the ground that initiation or proceedings just a day before his retirement suffered from an unexplained delay of nine years. The alleged offence was not that much grave requiring a decision by the Supreme Court.

**T**he latest instance is the Government passing a validation legislation as a part of Finance Bill, in order to avoid implementation of orders of Supreme Court in Union of India vs S-30 Pensioners Association.

**T**hough the authorities always advance the plea of safeguarding the interests of the Government and its policies, recently DoP&PW heartily issued orders taking away the protection to DoT employees absorbed in BSNL, in case of dismissal, enshrined in Rule 37 sub-rule (29) (c) [Previously sub Rule 24 C of Rule 37A of CCS (Pension) Rules 1972], citing a Supreme Court judgment. It did not even think of defending the existing rules by seeking a review by the Supreme Court of India.

**D**espite the arduous legal battle to secure a favourable judgment, its true intent is often undermined. Departmental experts meticulously misinterpret, distort, and dilute the judgment to deny the intended benefits. Even after the final orders of Supreme Court on the matter of notional increment for those who retired a day prior to their date of increment, the DoP&T ensures that affected pensioners receive only the extra increment, leaving out other

pensionary benefits, disregarding the Supreme Court's broader mandate. The DoT unjustifiably limits the benefits to post-1.1.2006 retirees, while BSNL is keen to exclude VRS 2019 retirees. This will inevitably lead to further litigation, prolonging the cycle of legal struggles.

**T**o alleviate the prolonged suffering of petitioners, especially employees and pensioners, it is imperative that the Government urgently undertakes judicial reforms aimed at expediting the

resolution of cases. And, until those in the government, both the political and executive establishment, decide to follow the fundamental tenet of interpreting rules in a way that benefits the individuals and NOT to adopt a narrow interpretation that would deprive the individuals of the intended benefits, the vicious cycle will go on forever. ⊖



## **Important Developments of the Month**

The monthly virtual meeting of AIBSNLREA CHQ office bearers was held on 01.05.2025 under the Presidentship of Shri V.Chinnappiah, CHQ President. While welcoming the participants, President congratulated all the CHQ office bearers for their best efforts in making the email campaign, that was decided in the last month virtual meeting, a grand success. General Secretary in his introductory speech attributed the success to the collective efforts of the CHQ office bearers who effectively co-ordinated with the Branch and State Secretaries for the purpose. He explained how the programme was appreciated by other Central Government Pensioner associations as most appropriate and how a BSNL pensioner association was compelled to copy it. He said our apprehension has been proved to be correct with the Government asserting in Delhi High Court that it is not obliged to implement its judgment. He then expressed satisfaction over resolution of grievance of Shri Madhusudan Mukherjee who was unjustly penalised by IT department for no fault of his. He mentioned the reply from DoT to our letter on the grievance of Organised Accounts cadre in DoT/BSNL, reply from DoP&T to our letter requesting issue of final orders on notional increment. He thanked Varanasi Branch for contributing Rs.15000 as donation to CHQ and mentioned that a few months back Coimbatore Branch had contributed Rs.10000 as donation to CHQ, both the Branches doing so without asking and without any reason. CHQ office bearers then elaborated on how they co-ordinated with the Branches for the success of Email Campaign. Some office bearers shared their personal experience at wellness centres after migration of CGHS website, like non-supply of medicines, non-acceptance of online appointment, non-access to certain pages in the website, non-acceptance of application for migration to CGHS and non-opening of payment gateway for depositing the CGHS contribution. The meeting decided to wait for more input from Branches and for the teething issues to subside. On the organisational front, it was decided to continue the efforts to open more Branches and to complete reconciliation of membership of Branches with data available with CHQ. President concluded the

meeting saying AIBSNLREA has made an impact by delivering what it promises, without 'over-promising and under-delivering'.

A virtual meeting was held by DoP&PW, chaired by Secretary (Pension) on 30.05.2025. It was a brief meeting where Secretary (Pension) announced that Family Pension Campaign will be conducted from 1st July to 31st July 2025. In DLC Campaign held last year 1.68 crores pensioners submitted their DLC with 60 lakhs using Face Authentication software. The campaign was held in all District Headquarters. This year DoP&PW is planning to hold the DLC campaign in 2000 towns aimed at generating 2 crores DLC. He requested all the registered pensioner associations to actively participate both in the Family Pension campaign as well as DLC Campaign planned later. Secretary (Pension) called some pensioner associations representing Central Government, Railway and Defence pensioners for their views and the meeting was closed 30 minutes after start.



## Issues taken up

**29.05.2025: AIBSNLREA WRITES TO THE DIRECTOR (HR) BSNL REQUESTING PAYMENT OF INTEREST ON LATE PAYMENT OF GRATUITY AND OTHER PENSIONARY BENEFITS IN RESPECT OF SHRI B.M.NYAMATI, RETD CAO, BANGALORE TD:**

AIBSNRLEA has sought the intervention of Director (HR) BSNL and has requested him to advice to BSNL Karnataka Circle to issue sanction for interest on late payment of gratuity, commutation, ex-gratia and other pensionary benefits, strictly adhering to the instructions contained in Rule 65 (5)(c) of CCS (Pension) Rules, 2021 and thus render justice to Shri B.M.Nyamati, Retd. CAO, as the chargesheet filed on the penultimate day of his retirement, has been quashed by Hon'ble CAT Bangalore and the appeal filed by BSNL in the Hon'ble High Court of Karnataka and the SLP in the Hon'ble Supreme Court have been dismissed. [View the letter](#)

**26.05.2025: AIBSNLREA WRITES TO THE MINISTER OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE REQUESTING TO ADDRESS PERSISTING PROBLEMS AFFECTING CGHS BENEFICIARIES POST-MIGRATION TO CDAC PLATFORM:**

Drawing attention of the Hon'ble Minister of Health & Family Welfare to the serious difficulties being faced by CGHS beneficiaries, particularly pensioners, following the migration of CGHS software from NIC to the CDAC platform, which was implemented without prior notice and specific plan, a month ago, AIBSNLREA has sought his immediate intervention to get the issues rectified and to ensure that CGHS beneficiaries receive uninterrupted healthcare services. [View the letter](#)

**23.05.2025: AIBSNLREA WRITES TO SECRETARY (P) DOP&T REQUESTING ISSUE OF CLARIFICATIONS ON ITS MODIFIED ORDERS DATED 20.05.2025 ON GRANT OF NOTIONAL INCREMENT TO INCLUDE THOSE WHO RETIRED UNDER VR SCHEME OFFERED BY THE DEPARTMENT/ORGANISATION :**

Drawing attention of Secretary (P), DoP&T to our earlier letter dated 24.03.2025 requesting to categorically state that "one annual increment be granted to the pensioners which they earned on the last day of their service for rendering their services preceding one year from the date of retirement with good behaviour and efficiently," reflecting the exact direction under Para 7 of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India judgment in CA 2471 of 2023 and expressing disappointment over DoP&T repeating the same language as it used in its OM dated 14.10.2024, giving room for ambiguity and misinterpretation, AIBSNLREA has requested issue of a clarification that those taking voluntary retirement under a specific scheme offered by the department/organisation, shall also be covered by the DoP&T OM dated 20.05.2025, in order to avoid further litigations, which was the objective of the Hon'ble Supreme Court, while issuing its interim orders. [View the letter](#)

**21.05.2025: AIBSNLREA WRITES TO DIRECTOR (HR) BSNL REGARDING NON-PAYMENT OF MEDICAL CLAIMS FOR THE YEAR 2018-19 & 2019-20 IN RESPECT OF SHRI RAVI KUMAR TANDON, RETD AGM LUCKNOW:**

Drawing the attention of Director (HR) BSNL to the unending suffering of Shri Ravi Kumar Tandon, a 78-year-old retired AGM from Lucknow, who has been subjected to years of administrative indifference and distress, despite wandering from one office to another, pleading with officials, writing countless emails, and resorting to RTI applications—just to get all his medical claims during the period paid, AIBSNLREA has requested him to cause detailed investigation into the whole matter and to resolve this prolonged injustice, ensuring that Shri Ravi Kumar Tandon receives the balance amount which is rightfully due to him without further delay. [View the letter](#)

**19.05.2025: AIBSNLREA WRITES TO CGCA, DOT REGARDING NON-PAYMENT OF ADDITIONAL QUANTUM OF PENSION ON ATTAINING THE AGE OF 80 YEARS IN RESPECT OF SHRI ABDUL RASHIK KHAN, RETD JTO WTR:**

Pointing out that "This additional 20% of pension should have been paid to him from 1st of September 2024 as he attained the age of 80 years on 15.09.2024, as the logic to calculate additional quantum of pension has been incorporated in SAMPANN and there is no need to wait for a request from the pensioner", AIBSNLREA has requested CGCA DOT to bestow his kind attention to ensure that Shri Abdul Rashik Khan gets his additional pension, along with arrears paid without further delay. [View the letter](#)

**15.05.2025: AIBSNLREA WRITES TO DIRECTOR (HR) BSNL AGAIN REGARDING NON-PAYMENT OF MEDICAL CLAIMS OF SHRI S.K.BHARDWAJ SINCE 2021-22:**

Since Shri S.K.Bhardwaj Retd EE (Civil) Bhopal had submitted copies of all the medical claim bills which were said to be not traceable by BSNL administration in February 2025, AIBSNLREA has again written to Director (HR) BSNL to empathize with his difficulties and to cause payment of all his pending medical claims without any more delay. [View the letter](#)

**13.05.2025: AIBSNLREA WRITES TO DIRECTOR (HR) BSNL YET AGAIN REGARDING NON-PAYMENT OF MEDICAL CLAIMS OF SHRI R.N.BHUNIA SINCE 2018-19:**

Expressing dismay over the mental harassment met out to Shri Rabindra Nath Bhunia, Retd EE (E), Kharagpur due to non-payment of medical claims for the year 2018-19 and claims without voucher for 2019-20, 2020-21 and 2021-22, although Corporate Office had released the required funds in the year 2023 for clearing all pending bills upto 31.03.2022 and despite assurances in writing twice by Kharagpur administration, AIBSNLREA has again requested personal and urgent attention to the issue and to ensure that the pending medical claims of Shri Rabindra Nath Bhunia, Retd EE (E), Kharagpur are paid without further delay and without further assurances on paper. [View the letter](#)

**06.05.2025: AIBSNLREA WRITES TO THE DG CGHS REGARDING THE CONTINUING DIFFICULTIES FACED BY THE CGHS BENEFICIARIES FOR MORE THAN A WEEK AFTER IMPLEMENTATION OF HMIS DEVELOPED BY CDAC FOR CGHS:**

Drawing the attention of the DG CGHS to the significant suffering for the CGHS beneficiaries, starting from inability to login into the new website, inability to book appointments, appointments booked after great struggle not showing in the Wellness Centre requiring to book again at the counter, the doctors not able to see the patients due to non-opening/slowness of the system, inability to prescribe and supply medicines and making referrals, following implementation of HMIS, AIBSNLREA has requested her personal and urgent attention to the matter and to cause immediate resolution of the above-mentioned issues, in order that all the efforts put in for switchover to the new system do not become futile, drawing flak from all the stake holders viz. the CGHS beneficiaries, the doctors and the pharmacists, not to speak of the HCOs. [View the letter](#)



## **GOVERNMENT/BSNL ORDERS & LETTERS**

**30.05.2025: BSNL FINALLY WAKES UP ON THE MATTER OF PENSION CONTRIBUTION ON EXISTING BASIC PAY:**

AIBSNLREA is the only association which has been raising the issue consistently with DoT, seeking intervention by the Prime Minister too, with the hope that justice will finally prevail. We had also pointed out that this excess payment of pension contribution is one of the factors standing in the way of pay revision. At one point of time, DoE had wanted some clarifications on allowing BSNL to pay pension contribution on existing pay. DoT vide its letter No.40-32/2011-Pen(T) dated 2nd January 2019 addressed to CMD BSNL [Annexure-F] had listed five points on which DoE required clarification on the matter and had requested BSNL to get them examined and furnish clarifications to DoT for further deliberation in DoT and onward submission to DoE. While we believed that BSNL had submitted the clarifications and the matter was only pending with DoE, we were shocked to learn through a reply dated 11.11.2022 from DoT under RTI [Annexure-G], that "reply from BSNL is still awaited." We had threadbare

discussions with the then Member (S) DoT on 26.09.2023 and at least twice later, following up our effort in writing. [View our letter](#)

Finally, BSNL has woke up and has asked the Circles to verify the data extracted from HRMS and ERP-SAP for reconciliation of pension contribution paid to DoT and claims recoverable on account of excess payment of pension contributions, as DoT has desired to submit the Financial Impact of Change of Methodology of Payment of Pension Contribution in respect of employees of DoT Absorbed/Unabsorbed in BSNL. [View the BSNL letter](#)

#### 27.05.2025: CBDT EXTENDS DATE OF FILING OF INCOME TAX RETURNS DUE FOR FILING BY 31ST JULY 2025 TO 15TH SEPTEMBER 2025:

In view of the extensive changes introduced in the notified Income Tax Returns (ITRs) and considering the time required for system readiness and rollout of ITR utilities for Assessment Year (AY) 2025-26, the Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT) has decided to extend the due date for filing returns. Accordingly, to facilitate a smooth and convenient filing experience for taxpayers, it has been decided that the due date for filing of ITRs, originally due on 31 July, 2025, is extended to 15 September, 2025. [View the PIB Press Release](#)

#### 27.05.2025: DOT ISSUES ORDERS ON GRANT OF NOTIONAL INCREMENT TO ABSORBED EMPLOYEES OF BSNL/MTNL FOR THE PURPOSE OF CALCULATING THE PENSION ADMISSIBLE:

Referring to DoP&T OM dated 20.05.2025 communicating the final orders of Supreme Court of India dated 20.02.2025, DoT has communicated its decision that the "Notional increment, as it was due in any month of the year should be drawn in favour of all the eligible retired employees/third parties who had retired/are retiring from BSNL/MTNL service w.e.f 01.01.2006 as decided for DoT employees also". "The applicability of notional increment guidelines w.r.t the absorbed employees of BSNL/MTNL who retired under VRS Scheme-2019, is being examined. Instructions in this regard will be issued separately". [View the DoT OM](#)

#### 26.05.2025: GOVERNMENT AMENDS CCS (PENSION) RULES 2021, TAKING AWAY THE PROTECTION PROVIDED UNDER RULE 37 SUB RULE (29) (C) IN THE EVENT OF DISMISSAL OF AN EMPLOYEE ABSORBED IN A PUBLIC SECTOR UNDERTAKING UPON CONVERSION FROM A GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENT:

Government issues notification amending CCS (Pension) Rules 2021, calling it CCS (Pension) Amendment Rules 2025, substituting Rule 37 Sub-rule (29), clause (c) [Previously sub Rule 24 C of Rule 37A of CCS (Pension) Rules 1972] which provided that "the dismissal or removal from service of the public sector undertaking of any employee after his absorption in such undertaking for any subsequent misconduct shall **NOT** amount to forfeiture of the retirement benefits for the service rendered under the Government and in the event of his dismissal or removal or retrenchment the decisions of the undertaking shall be subject to review by the Ministry administratively concerned with the undertaking" with "the dismissal or removal from service of the public sector undertaking of any employee after his absorption in such undertaking for any

subsequent misconduct shall lead to forfeiture of the retirement benefits for the service rendered under the Government also and in the event of his dismissal or removal or retrenchment the decision of the undertaking shall be subject to review by the Ministry administratively concerned with the undertaking". By removing a single word 'not', the protection available for the service rendered under the Government in the event of dismissal of erstwhile DoT employees absorbed in BSNL, has been taken away. [View the Gazette Notification](#)

#### 20.05.2025: DOP&T ISSUES ORDERS ADVISING ACTION TO BE TAKEN ON NOTIONAL INCREMENT IN PURSUANCE OF SUPREME COURT ORDER DATED 20.02.2025:

Quoting the final directions of Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in MA No.2400/2024, DoP&T has advised that action may be taken to allow the increment the Central Government employees who retired a day before it became due and have rendered the requisite qualifying service as on the date of their superannuation with satisfactory work and good conduct for calculating the pension admissible to them. It reiterates that the notional increment shall be reckoned only for the purpose of calculating the pension admissible and not for the purpose of calculation of other pensionary benefits. [View the DoP&T OM](#)

#### 09.05.2025: CGHS ALLOWS REIMBURSEMENT OF OPD (INDENT ONLY) MEDICINES AS A SPECIAL SANCTION IN VIEW OF MIGRATION OF HMIS FROM NIC TO CDAC:

In order to alleviate the difficulties being faced by CGHS beneficiaries in availing 'Indent' medicines from the Wellness Centres, CGHS permitted to procure medicines for a period of one month only from the open market based on a valid prescription, irrespective of issuance of a Non-availability Certificate and for the quantity specified in the prescription, as a one-time measure and subject to conditions. [View the CGHS OM](#)

### RESPONSE/ACTION TAKEN ON



### AIBSNLREA'S REPRESENTATIONS

30.05.2025: BSNL RESPONDS TO AIBSNLREA LETTER DATED 15.05.2025 ADDRESSED TO DIRECTOR (HR) BSNL REGARDING NON-PAYMENT OF MEDICAL CLAIMS FOR FY 2021-22, 2022-23, 2023-24 AND THE CURRENT YEAR IN RESPECT OF SHRI S.K.BHARDWAJ, RETD EE (CIVIL), BHOPAL:

In response to AIBSNLREA letter dated 15.05.2025 on the subject, PGM BA, Jabalpur has furnished status of all the claims, with most of the claims now approved and pending for payment and a few claims rejected for different reasons. [View the PGM BA Jabalpur letter](#)

08.05.2025: FOLLOWING AIBSNLREA APPEAL NOT TO CLOSE THE CASE TILL TRANSFER OF PENSION IN RESPECT OF SHRI B.S.RAJPUT IS COMPLETE, CCA MAHARASHTRA & GOA ISSUES ORDERS ON TRANSFER OF PENSION:

A few days back we had reported that CCA MH & Goa has stated that "transfer case could not be processed due to technical issue in SAMPANN. The matter has been taken up with SAMPANN Helpdesk. It will be resolved in due course. Hence the case is disposed of" and that AIBSNLREA has registered an appeal stating that "According to the DoP&PW orders, grievance in CPENGRAMS cannot be closed without resolving the grievance. The docket may please be kept open till it is resolved." We have received a response from DoT that "As per the reply furnished by O/o CCA Maharashtra, the transfer case has been processed", attaching a copy of the order dated 06.05.2025 for transfer of pension. [View the DoT reply](#)

**07.05.2025: BSNL RESPONDS TO AIBSNLREA LETTER DATED 21.04.2025 REGARDING NON-PAYMENT OF MEDICAL CLAIM FOR INDOOR TREATMENT TAKEN IN THE YEAR 2017 IN RESPECT OF SHRI PRAKASH DUBEY RETD SDE, VARANASI:**

AIBSNLREA had addressed a letter to the Director (HR) BSNL drawing his attention to the fact that after stating for so many years that the medical claim of Shri Prakash Dubey will be paid after funds are released, BSNL Varanasi had recently informed him that his claim papers are not traceable. AIBSNLREA had requested his intervention. Responding to our letter, a copy of AO (Claims) Varanasi TD communication dated 03.05.2025 has been furnished to us wherein it has been stated that "After great efforts the missing file of Shri Prakash Dubey SDE regarding indoor medical treatment has been traced. Medical claim amount exceeds the limit of BA Head and therefore this case is being sent to circle office for approval." [View the AO \(Claims\) Varanasi letter](#)

**05.05.2025: DOT RESPONDS TO AIBSNLREA LETTER DATED 17.02.2025 ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY (PENSION) DOP&PW REGARDING NON-COMPLIANCE BY DOT, OF DOP&PW INSTRUCTIONS ON NON-PAYMENT/DELAY IN PAYMENT OF RETIREMENT BENEFITS ON ACCOUNT OF DELAY IN VERIFICATION OF CASTE CERTIFICATE IN RESPECT OF RETIRING EMPLOYEES:**

Referring to a specific case of Shri Prakash Khade, a VRS retiree who has been denied his retirement benefits on the plea of pendency of caste verification and citing DoP&PW instructions vide its OM No. 38/09020.00-P&PW (A) (6721) dated 30.11.2021, that "Unless departmental or judicial proceedings are pending against a retiring employee, the pensionary/ retirement benefits of the retiring employee should not be withheld or delayed on the ground of pendency of verification of caste certificate", AIBSNLREA has been pursuing release of the retiral benefits. Contrary to the instructions of DoP&PW, DoT vide its letter dated 30.01.2025 had instructed BSNL to continue to sanction only provisional pension and withhold Gratuity and Commutation till the completion of caste verification. AIBSNLREA took up the matter with Secretary (Pension) DoP&PW. DoT has now replied that "As per the reply furnished by O/o CCA Maharashtra, the provisional pension is being paid, as per the latest provisional sanctions received from BSNL. The regular pension and pensionary benefits will be released after receipt of latest vigilance clearance from BSNL competent authorities". [View the DoT response](#)



## BRANCHES IN ACTION

### **31.05.2025: AIBSNLREA PATIALA BRANCH (PUNJAB STATE) HOLDS ITS GENERAL BODY MEETING:**

A general body meeting of Patiala Branch was held on 24.05.2025 under the presidentship of Shri Mewa Singh at Gopal Sweets, Urban Estate, Patiala. 17 members attended the meeting. Shri Balbir Singh briefed about the working of CHQ and latest status of our current main issues like Pension revision in BSNL and notional increment. He also requested all the members to see CHQ website regularly. There was no problem pointed out by any of the members. Most of the members have switched over to CGHS by obtaining CGHS family health card and since now, Patiala has been approved for CGHS wellness centre, more members interested can switch over. Shri Mewa Singh President shared his views that we the retired persons should have regular meetings and get together to enjoy our life. The meeting ended with vote of thanks by Shri Balbir Singh Branch Secretary Patiala. Snacks were served after the meeting.

### **28.05.2025: AIBSNLREA KOLHAPUR BRANCH (MAHARASHTRA STATE) HOLDS ITS GENERAL BODY MEETING:**

AIBSNLREA, Kolhapur, Branch held its General Body Meeting on 25.05.2025 in the Conference Hall of Telephone Bhavan, Kolhapur, under the Presidentship of Shri. P S Kulkarni. 52 members attended the meeting. After welcome address by the President, two minutes silence was observed to pay homage to departed souls at the cruel Hands of Militants in Kashmir. S/Shri, DV Powar, V P Kulkarni and AB Joshi, were felicitated on completion of 75 years. One new member, Smt Suma Nair, was welcomed and felicitated. Secretary Shri LM Godi, Org.Secretary(CHQ) Shri Rajan Rajopadhye and senior leader Shri D.K.Joshi spoke in detail on the issues pertaining to the pensioners. Shri L.M.Godi requested to relieve him in view of his long periods of absence from Kolhapur and his personal health. The meeting decided that Shri. C S Walke, the present Finance Secretary, will function as Secretary and Shri JG Kulkarni, will function as Finance Secretary for the remaining period. Shri Sanjay Chouhan, TT was handed over Rs.22000/- collected from the members, towards medical treatment of himself and his entire family following a road accident. President appreciated Shri HG Joshi and Shri M K Walvekar, who attended the meeting at the age of 87 years and thanked the lady members who sponsored the lunch after the meeting.

### **27.05.2025: MONTHLY GENERAL BODY MEETING OF AIBSNLREA BHOPAL BRANCH (MADHYA PRADESH STATE) HELD:**

AIBSNLREA Bhopal branch held its monthly gb meeting on 18.05.2025 under the Presidentship of Shri R.P.Shrivastava, at Indian Coffee House, New Market Bhopal. Shri B S Rajput, Organising Secretary, CHQ and Shri OP Sharma, Vice President shared the dais. 50 members attended the meeting. Two minutes silence was observed in memory of late Shri VG Deshkar and Shri Sunder Das Tulsyani. On completion of 75 years Shri T R Jain, Finance Secretary was felicitated. Shri P N Dohare and Shri MS Thakur were also felicitated in view of their birthday falling in this month. Shri Ramu Shahu, a new Life

member who joined our association was welcomed. General discussions were held on all the current pensioners issues. Meeting concluded with Vote of thanks by Shri AK Balpande, Asstt. Secretary.

**24.05.2025: GENERAL BODY MEETING OF AIBSNLREA FARIDABAD BRANCH (HARYANA STATE) HELD :**

The General Body meeting of AIBSNLREA Faridabad Branch was held on 10.05.2025 under the Presidentship of Shri Naresh Bindal. All current issues of the pensioners including the difficulties faced with switching over to new software by CGHS, pension revision, status of our court case on 78.2% fitment were discussed. Members felt that association should file separate case for the pensioner part only. Secretary Shri V.K.Kataria replied to queries from members. The meeting concluded with Vote of Thanks.

**22.05.2025: AIBSNLREA PRAYAGRAJ BRANCH (UTTAR PRADESH STATE) HOLDS IT GENERAL BODY MEETING:**

The Genral Body meeting of AIBSNLREA Prayagraj Branch was held on 19-5-2025 under the Presidentship of Shri L.N.Ojha. Branch Secretary Shri S.M.Tiwari spoke regarding migration to SAMPANN, Issue of Identity Cards, medical payment without voucher, status of our court case, activities of the association at Circle and CHQ level and usefulness of our WhatsApp network. Shri R.R. Shukla, State Vice President made a brief speech on State association activities and provided useful yoga tips. Meeting ended with the President thanking the members for successful conduct of the meeting.

**20.05.2025: AIBSNLREA SANGRUR BRANCH (PUNJAB STATE) HOLDS ITS GENERAL BODY MEETING:**

The General Body meeting of AIBSNLREA Sangrur Branch was held on 17.05.2025 under the Presidentship of Shri P K Jindal in Shree Naina Devi Mandir AC Hall courtesy Shri V K Mittal Director of Dharmshala Committee. Shri R S Sandhu Joint Secretary (CHQ) from Patiala along with his team also participated in the meeting. Two new Life members joined, raising the strength to 44. Shri Shiv Narain Branch Secretary welcomed all and spoke on a few issues pursued at CHQ level. Shri R S Sandhu clarified on doubts raised by the members. The recovery on commutation which was stopped as per CAT interim orders has again commenced wef April, 2025. This case needs to be pursued by CHQ and taken up with appropriate authorities. Shri P K Jindal President spoke about the issues being taken up at CHQ level like notional increment to those who retire in any month one day prior to their increment date, validation of pension rules, CGHS beneficiary facing difficulties due to new software, court case on pay/pension arrears and conveyed satisfaction with CHQ working. Members desired for regular holding of Branch meetings. President Shri P K Jindal announced formation of a new Branch at Sunam with S/Shri Mohinder Singh, Tarlochan Singh and Mange Ram as President, Secretary and Finance Secretary respectively. A hot lunch was enjoyed by the members. Shri Surinder Paul gave vote of thanks, especially to Shri R S Sandhu Joint Secretary CHQ who donated one three seater steel armed chair to Shree Naina Devi Mandir AC Hall. [View the Photos](#)

**09.05.2025: AIBSNLREA SHIMLA BRANCH (HIMACHAL PRADESH STATE) HOLDS ITS GENERAL BODY MEETING:**

The monthly General Body meeting of AIBSNLREA Shimla Branch was held on 7th May 2025 under the Presidentship of Shri C.R.Chauhan. Two minutes silence was observed on the untimely demise of three family members of our Branch members. Issues discussed in last meeting were reviewed. Restoration of commutation, increase in fixed medical allowance, implementation of SC order on Notional increment, validation legislation in Finance Bill 2025 were discussed. Members were informed that a committee visited the Circle office and discussed with concerned authority early resolution of notional increment requests and were assured settlement of these cases on priority. On the validation legislation, members assured to participate in any kind of action as per CHQ's direction. Members requested to take up the case regarding implementation of Supreme court order dated 17/12/2017 effective from 1/1/2018 regarding seniority at par with juniors. Meeting ended with vote of thanks by Shri Munish Chauhan.



**STATEMENT OF AMOUNT RECEIVED DURING  
MAY 2025**

- 01. East Godavari Branch (Andhra Pradesh State)** deposited Rupees Nine Hundred (Rs. 900/-) only on **19.05.2025** towards CHQ quota for Three new Life members.
- 02. Shri B.M.Nyamati** deposited Rupees Three Thousand (Rs.3000/-) only on **19.05.2025** towards donation to AIBSNLREA CHQ.
- 03. Lucknow Branch (UP State)** deposited Rupees Three Hundred (Rs.300/-) only on **21.05.2025** towards CHQ quota for one new Life member.
- 04. East Vidarbha (Nagpur) Branch (Maharashtra State)** deposited Rupees Six Hundred (Rs.600/-) only on **21.05.2025** towards CHQ quota for Two new Life members.
- 05. Chennai Branch (Tamilnadu State)** deposited Rupees Two Thousand and Seven Hundred (Rs.2700/-) only on **23.05.2025** towards CHQ quota for Nine new Life members.
- 06. Kolhapur Branch (Maharashtra State)** deposited Rupees One Thousand Two Hundred (Rs.1200/-) only on **27.05.2025** towards CHQ quota for Three new Life members [Excess paid Rs.300 will be adjusted in future].

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