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Sub: Minutes of the meeting held under the Chairmanship of
Secretary (ESW) on 26.02.13 - circulation thereof

The minutes of the meeting held on 26.02.13 to review progress
of implantation of CSC, 2012 recommendations are enclosed for
further necessary action.

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Jt. CGDA

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Record of the Meeting held on 26th February 2013 under the Chairmanship of Secretary (ESW) to review progress of implementation of CSC, 2012 recommendations.

List of participants is attached.

2. A meeting was held to discuss action taken to release revised pension in terms of the Government Letters issued in January, 2013. While briefing the background of revision of pension, Secretary (ESW) enquired whether revised PPOs are to be issued. Jt.CGDA replied that the Armed Forces Pensioners Associations have been demanding that Corr. PPOs be issued. There has been a recommendation of SCOVA also to issue all Corr. PPOs by 30/9/2013.

3. Jt.CGDA further mentioned that in the meeting of 5th December 2012, Hon'ble RM had also mandated that it should be ensured that all pensioners get revised pension by 31st March 2013.

4. Banks pointed out that in revising civil pensions there are no complications involved, whereas Defence pensions are more complex. Therefore, Corr. PPOs are to be issued to know the exact details of revision of pension in each individual case.

5. Jt.CGDA briefed that the 8 Govt. orders were issued on 17th Jan. 2013 and simultaneously PCDA(P) issued implementation instructions also on 17th and 18th January, 2013, which have also been hosted on their websites. Parallely, the Suvigya software, to know pension entitlement by individual pensioners has also been updated. Even the pension disbursement software (Ashraya) has been updated. Wherever Banks have any doubt on disbursements, they can contact CGDA/PCDA(P), who will help them.

(Action: DFS/Banks/PCDA/CGDA)

6. Jt.CGDA also explained that revision of pension has two aspects, i.e. revision (i) for post-2006 pensioners, and (ii) for pre-2006 pensioners. Post-2006 pensioners' revision would have to be done by PSA which process has already been started. In pre-2006 cases, to be done by DPDOs (about 3.2 lakh cases) 85% cases have been targeted

for completion by 28th February 2013, 13% cases by 31/3/2013. The remaining 2% cases, where some details are incomplete, payment could only be made after issue of Corr. PPOs which are targeted to be completed maximum by 30th June 2013.

(Action: PSAs/DFS/Banks/DPDOs)

7. In respect of pre-2006 cases, banks can start making payment directly as they are table-based. Family Pension could be an issue for which CGDA has organized training for officers/staff of banks from CPPCs. The second round of training is scheduled to start on 4th March 2013 which could be utilized by the banks. Further round of trainings could be organized, if required. Instructions have also been sent from CGDA to all CMDs of banks and they have also been conveyed RM's directive for payment of pension by 31st March 2013.

(Action: DFS/Banks/CGDA)

8. JS(FS) pointed out that since 31st March 2013 happens to be bank closing, it would be better if the deadline is shifted to sometime in April, 2013 which could also help in managing TDS deductions by the pensioners. JS(FS) also added that pensioners from rural or remote areas are of more concern and therefore, 30/4/2013 could be more realistic. The rep. of SBI stated that PPOs are definitely required as it is not possible by the banks to identify the category of pensioners from the software.

9. JS (ESW) then suggested that pension payment could be made in two parts i.e. 98% by 31st March 2013 by DPDOs (of their 3.2 lakh pensioners) and banks by 30th April 2013 - 100% disbursement of new pension and arrears.

10. Jt. CGDA explained that Suwigya software can only be used for knowing entitlement of pension by individual and not for disbursement purposes as it requires updation every time there is revision in pension.

11. Secretary (ESW) enquired whether payment by treasuries are digitized or manual, to which Jt.CGDA said that they are still doing manually. He desired that a DO may be issued to all Chief Secretaries for ensuring disbursement of revised pension by treasuries. Thereafter, he summed up that (i) post-2006 pensioners to be

completed by 30/6/2013, (ii) pre-2006 3.2 lakh DPDO pensioners by 31/3/2013, and (iii) banks by 30/4/2013 pension and arrears.

(Action: DESW/DPDOs/DFS/Banks)

12. Secretary (ESW) desired that the next review meeting may be held in the first week of April (5th or so). JS (FS) replied that RBI would review the status with the banks by 20th March 2013 which shall be followed by 5th April meeting in DESW. Secretary (ESW) desired that feedback may be given to this department immediately after the review done by RBI.

(Action: DFS)

13. The meeting ended with a Vote of Thanks to the Chair.

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List of Participants:

Sl. No.	Name of the officer	Designation	Office/Bank
1.	Shri Rajeev Gupta	Secretary(ESW)	Ministry of Defence
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3.	Dr.Achintan Bhattacharya	Jt.Secretary(FS)	Ministry of Finance
4.	Smt.Devika Raghuvanshi	Jt.CGDA	CGDA, Min. of Defence
5.	Shri Harbans Singh	OSD(Pension)	Min. of Defence
6.	Shri D.G.Kale	Chief GM	Reserve Bank of India
7.	Shri V.K.Aggarwal	Deputy GM	State Bank of India
8.	Shri R.P.Singh	Asstt. GM	-do-
9.	Shri B.P.Sahoo	Asstt. GM	-do-
10.	Shri T.S.Ganapathy	Dy.GM	Punjab Natl. Bank
11.	Shri M.R.Sharma	Deputy Secretary (Pension)	Ministry of Defence
12.	Smt. Malathi Narayanan	Under Secretary (Pension/Policy)	Ministry of Defence
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