

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MEETING OF THE JOINT CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE (JCC) FOR THE PENSIONERS HELD ON 31st August, 2022 at 11.30 AM IN THE CONFERENCE HALL, ARMSDALE BUILDING, H.P. SECRETARIAT, SHIMLA-171002.

The meeting of Joint Consultative Committee (J.C.C.) for pensioners, was scheduled to be on 31st August, 2022 at 11.00 AM under the Chairmanship of the Chief Secretary, Himachal Pradesh, in the Conference Hall, 6th Floor Armsdale Building, Secretariat Shimla-1071002. However, the Hon'ble Chief Minister was pleased to grace the meeting of the Joint Consultative Committee (JCC) with his presence. The list of the Official Members and all the non-official members, who participated in the meeting, is annexed as **Annexure "A"**. Sh. Ghanshyam Sharma, Vice Chairman, H.P. Employees/ Other Welfare Board participated as a Special Invitee.

At the outset the Addl. Chief Secretary (Finance) welcomed the Hon'ble Chief Minister and the Chief Secretary. The Secretary (Finance) to the Govt. of Himachal Pradesh gave a brief presentation on the pay/pension revision etc. and various financial benefits extended by the Government to its employees/pensioners by way of revision of pay scales, pension & other retirement benefits w.e.f. 01.01.2016.

Thereafter, Sh. Ghanshyam Sharma, Vice Chairman H.P. Employees/ other Workers Welfare Board thanked the Hon'ble Chief Minister for sparing his valuable time for the JCC meeting of pensioners. He said that this meeting is very special as the Hon'ble Chief Minister is personally present in the JCC meeting of pensioners to listen their grievances/ demands.

The Hon'ble Chief Minister addressed the JCC meeting. He emphasized in the meeting that the State Government has revised the pay scales, pension & other retirement benefits of Govt. employees w.e.f. 01-01-2016. The minimum pension and family pension is enhanced from Rs.3500/- per month to Rs.9000/- per month w.e.f. 01.01.2016. The Gratuity limit has also been enhanced from Rs. 10.00 Lakh to Rs. 20.00 Lakh w.e.f. 01.01.2016. The Government employees/pensioners have been granted revised Dearness Allowance/ Dearness Relief at revised rates from 01.01.2016. The Dearness Relief was raised from 17% to 31% w.e.f. 01.07.2021. The Hon'ble Chief Minister informed that for current FY: 2022-2023 the Government has made a budget provision of Rs. 100 Crore for Medical

Reimbursement. He said that in five years term of previous Govt., the HRTC was granted financial support/ GIA amounting to Rs. 1450/- Crore, whereas, the present Government, has released Rs. 2800/- Crore till date to sustain the Corporation. In regard to the arrears, the Hon'ble Chief Minister said that some State Governments including Punjab have granted arrears in instalments. The Punjab Government, in its Budget Speech for the year 2021-2022, had announced to grant arrears in two instalments in the month of October, 2021 and January, 2022, but has not released any pay/ pension arrears till date.

While concluding the Hon'ble Chief Minister announced to grant the following benefits to the pensioners/family pensioners:-

- (i) Arrears of pension and family pension will be paid as per the announcement made by him on 15th August 2022.
- (ii) Pension/family pension of pre-2016 pensioners will be revised @ 50% and 30% of notionally revised pay in the levels of the Pay Matrix w.e.f. 01.01.2016
- (iii) Pension allowance @ 5%,10% and 15% to Govt. pensioners/family pensioners on attaining the age of 65 years, 70 years and 75 years will be released on revised basic pension/basic family pension.
- (iv) Pensioners will be issued Identity cards.
- (v) Rs. 25/- Crore shall be immediately released by the Finance Department for medical reimbursement of the pensioners and family pensioners.

Thereafter, the meeting of JCC started under the Chairmanship of the Chief Secretary and agenda items were discussed as under: -

1. Arrears of 6th Pay Commission should be released:-

In view of the announcement made by the Hon'ble Chief Minister to release 1st instalment of arrears of pay/pension etc. on 15th August, 2022, it was unanimously decided to drop the agenda item.

2. Revision of Pension/family pension of pre-2016 pensioners/ family pension @ 50% and 30% of the notionally revised pay in levels of the Pay Matrix, w.e.f. 1.1.2016:-

Before start of the JCC meeting, the Hon'ble Chief Minister has announced that pension/ family pension of pre-2016 pensioners/ family pensioners will be

revised @ 50% and 30% of the notionally revised pay in the levels of the Pay Matrix w.e.f. 1.1.2016. Therefore, it was decided in the meeting to drop this agenda item also.

3. Financial enhancement after attaining the age of 65, 70 and 75 years be merged in the basic pension:-

As the Hon'ble Chief Minister has announced in the JCC meeting that Pension Allowance@ 5%,10% and 15% on attaining the age of 65 years 70 years and 75 years will be released to the pensioners on their revised basic pension/ family pension. Hence, this agenda item was dropped.

4. Employees, who have retired after 01-01-2016, have not been given any benefit of the revised pay scale so far. Get solved this problem of employees:-

It was pointed out by some of the Non-Official Members that pay fixation cases are pending in some of the departments resulting in delay in payment of pay/pension arrears etc. The Chief Secretary directed that necessary instructions be issued by the Finance(Pay Revision) to all the ADs/ HODs to expedite and settle the pay fixation cases by the respective departments/ offices within one month positively.

5. To provide cashless medical facility for pensioners of the State Government and clearance of medical bills on time:

On this agenda item, detailed discussions and deliberations were held. Some of the Non-Official Members were in the favour of the cashless medical facility and some were against it. The Chief Secretary elaborated the modalities and benefits of cashless medical facility and apprised that pensioners can be provided with cashless medical facility in line with Mukhya Mantri HIMCARE Scheme of the Health department. In the meeting it was decided to constitute a Committee of the Officers of Health Department under the Chairmanship of Special Secretary (Health &FW)-cum-CEO, RSBY. The M.D., National Health Mission and three members shall be amongst the pensioners. The Committee will examine and find out the possibility of providing cashless medical facility to the pensioners in the State in line with the package and health institutions empaneled under HIMCARE and Ayushman Bharat. The Committee will submit its report within 10 days. positively.

6. Issuance of Identity Card for the Pensioners of the State Government:

Since, the Hon'ble Chief Minister had already announced in the JCC meeting that the pensioners will be issued identity cards by their concerned departments/offices from which they had retired, hence, it was decided in the meeting to drop the agenda item.

7. Delegate the power of attestation of Life Certificate to the Gram Panchayat Pradhan/ Panchayat Secretary/ any Government official working in that particular area:-

The Department of Treasuries, Accounts & Lotteries, H.P. has intimated that as per the Rule 243 of HPTR-2017, Officers of the RBI and Public Sector Banks/ Gazetted officers of State Government and Revenue Authorities are authorized to verify the Life Certificate of the Pensioners. Further, the proposal to delegate the power of attestation of life certificate to Gram Panchayat Pradhan/ Panchayat Secretary/ any Government Official is not be acceptable as it will dilute the process of issuing life certificate. However, the Chief Secretary directed that the Treasuries Wing of the Finance Department, in collaboration with the NIC/ IT Department shall develop an App/ Software within one month to confirm/ issue life certificate at local level.

8. Proper and permanent provision should be made for pension of HRTC employees:-

One of the Non-Official Members representing the HRTC pensioners said that the pensioners of the HRTC are thankful to the Hon'ble Chief Minister for generously releasing the funds particularly during the Covid-19 pandemic. However, the HRTC pensioners are not getting their pension in time. In some cases, newly retired pensioners are not getting pension even after lapse of months due to shortage of funds in HRTC. The Addl. Chief Secretary (Finance) informed that the HRTC is being provided funds generously. The Covid-19 pandemic has jeopardized the finances of the State Government as well as the HRTC. Despite that during the Covid-19 Pandemic, particularly in the year 2020-2021, an amount of Rs. 591/- Crore against Rs. 407/- Crore of 2019-2020 was released to HRTC. Besides, Rs. 662/-Crore was given in 2021-2022 to offset Covid-19 losses. At the end of discussion, the Chief Secretary said that

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Finance Department will provide due and admissible GIA in the first week of every month to ensure that pensioners of HRTC get pension in first week.

9. To release the pension/arrears of the employees of Boards & Corporation and issue directions to concerned Head of Departments to settle the issues of pensioners in time:-

It was decided that the concerned Head of the Organization/ Institution will hold meetings to discuss the grievances of the employees/ pensioners within one month and thereafter refer the genuine grievances to the BOD for redressal and appropriate decision.

10. Construct recreation centre for senior citizens in a phased manner at district headquarters:-

It was decided that the demand of pensioners for construction of recreation center by way of addition/ alteration of existing NGO Bhawans in each district will be taken up by pensioners associations with the concerned Deputy Commissioners, who will see the feasibility and possibility of extension and addition of the existing NGO buildings to accommodate the pensioners.

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to and from the Chair.



**Special Secretary (Finance) to the
Government of Himachal Pradesh**

LIST OF OFFICIAL MEMBERS/ OFFICERS AND NON-OFFICIAL MEMBERS WHO PARTICIPATED IN THE MEETING OF JOINT CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE (JCC) HELD ON 31.08.202 IN THE CONFERENCE HALL, ARMSDALE BUILDING, H.P. SECRETARIAT, SHIMLA-171002.

Non-Official Members

1. Sh. Satpal Thakur, Ward No. 4, Nagar Panchayat Chowari, Distt. Kangra
2. Sh. Brahma Nand, VPO. Hatwas, Nagrota Bagwan, Distt. Kangra.
3. Sh. Subhash Dogra, Vill. Jadoli P.O. Minta, Teh. Fatehpur, Distt. Kangra
4. Sh. Devendra Gaud, Gaytri Kuteer, Vill. Parganoo, PO. Bhunter, Distt. Kullu
5. Sh. Lekh Ram Kaundal, Teh. Jhandutta, Distt. Bilaspur-H.P
6. Sh. Ram Lal Vashisht, Vill. Banalag, PO. Kuthar, Distt. Solan
7. Sh. Dila Ram Sharma, VPO. Dhavas
8. Sh. Shiva Nand Sharma, Vill. Pavkapota, PO. Shila, Teh. Kamru, Distt. Sirmour
9. Sh. Jyoti Malhotra, Vill. Barsi, PO. Devdhar, Teh. Chachyot, Distt. Mandi.
10. Sh. Gagan Vaidya, House No. 338, Housing Board Colony, Bhiuli, PO. Purani Mandi (Near plumkabagicha) - 175001
11. Sh. Suhag Mal Rupta, Ward No. 1 Nagar Parishad Rohru, Distt. Shimla
12. Sh. Jagat Nath Nirala, Shashikunj, Near Kali Mata Temple, Ward No. 13, Solan-173212.
13. Sh. Jainand Sharma, VPO. Bhoomti, Teh. Arki, Distt. Solan-173221,
14. Sh. Suresh Thakur, VPO. Dadhamb, Teh. Shahpur, Distt. Kangra
15. Sh. Himmat Ram Sharma, State President, Himachal Pensioners Federation.
16. Sh. T.D. Thakur, House No. 70 Thakur Lodge, Sultanpur, Kullu -175101
17. Sh. O.P. Bhardwaj, VPO. Taal, Distt. Hamirpur
18. Sh. Prem Singh, VPO. Parol, Teh. Bhoranj, Distt. Hamirpur
19. Sh. Suresh Verma, 129/9 Old College Road Mandi, Distt. Mandi
20. Sh. Roop Lal Thakur, VPO. Sari, Teh. Sarkaghat, Distt. Mandi
21. Sh. Jagdish Naryal, VPO. Sarkaghat, Distt. Mandi
22. Sh. O.P. Sharma, VPO. Pueed, Teh. & Distt. Kullu
23. Sh. Daleep Thakur, VPO. Basantpur, Teh. Sarkaghat, Distt. Mandi
24. Sh. Prabhu Ram Verma, Vill. Chamardi, PO. Dehar, Distt. Mandi

25. Sh.Lakshman Singh Vill. Savyahan, PO. Churad, Teh. Sunder Nagar, Distt. Mandi
26. Sh.Hem Singh Thakur, Vill. Kilohad, Teh. Sunder Nagar, Distt.Mandi
27. Sh.S.R.Sharma, VPO.Dalod, Teh.Jhandutta, Distt. Bilaspur
28. Sh. Baldev Sharma, Vill. Goshala, PO. Chanaun, Teh. Banjar, Distt. Kullu
29. Sh.D.D.Sharma, Vill.Sari,PO. Jabari, Teh. Arki, Distt. Solan
30. Sh. Atma Ram, Himachal Pensioners Welfare Association, Sun-Shine Villa, Ragyan Near Bharari, Shimla-171003
31. Sh. M.L. Sharma, 90 Basant Vihar, Rakkad Colony. Distt. Una
32. Sh. Hukum Singh, Vill. Hirapur, PO. Ohar, Distt. Bilaspur-174024
33. Sh. Rajendra Kaushal, Vill. Hara, PO. Fatehpur, Distt. Kangra-176053
34. Sh. Rattan Kaundal, VPO. Nangal Chowk, Teh. Dadasiba Distt. Kangra
35. Sh. Jai Dev Sharma, Niwas, Hospital Road, Distt. Solan-173212
36. Sh. Sunder Singh Thakur, Thakur Niwas, Ward No.7, Adarsh Nagar, Solan
37. Sh.Dhani Ran Tanwar, Vill. Kothi, PO. Kunihar, Teh. Arki, Distt. Solan
38. Sh. R.S. Chauhan, House No. 286/3 Mall Road Nahan Distt. Sirmour-173001
39. Sh. Ravindra Pal Thakur, House No.2/63, Rani ka Bag, PO. Nahan-173001, Distt. Sirmour
40. Sh. R.K.Sharma, House No. 338, Sector-08, Panchkula-134809
41. Sh. Balram Puri, State President, Himachal Parivhan Retired Employees, Kalyan Manch, Ward No.2 PO. NagrotaBagwan, Teh .NagrotaBagwan, Distt. Kangra 176047
42. Sh. Brij Lal Thakur, Vill. Panjal, PO. Jainagar, Teh. Arki, Distt. Solan
43. Sh. Roop Chand Sharma, Vill.woordan, PO. Kanaid, Teh Sunder Nagar, Distt. Mandi
44. Sh. Ashok Prashar, Vill.upparBhiuli, House No. 40, Teh. Sadar Mandi, Distt. Mandi
45. Sh. BeliRam , House No. 443, Ward No.4 uppar Sultanpur, Distt Kullu -175101
46. Sh. Chaman Pundeer, Vill. Band, PO. DahagDehriya, Teh. Jawalamukhi, Distt. Kangra.
47. Sh. Rajneesh Sharma, Asha Kuteer, PO. Chadi, Teh. Shahpur, Distt. Kangra-

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48. Sh. Ajmer Thakur, VPO. Kot, Teh Tauni Devi, Distt. Hamirpur
49. Sh. Ramesh Sharma, VPO. Mawakhola, Teh. Ghanari, Distt. Una
50. Sh. Babu Ram, VPO & Teh. Ramshahar, Distt. Solan
51. Sh. Hoshiyar Singh, Vill. Kana Subhan, PO. Thural, Distt. Kangra-176107
52. Sh. Kuldeep Sharma, Panchrukhi, Vill. Ladoh, PO. Panchrukhi Teh. Palampur, Distt. Kangra
53. Sh. Ram Gopal Sharma, Hari Ashram, Chakkar, Distt. Shimla
54. Sh. Dev Raj Thakur, Vill. Kot, PO. Seri, Teh. Kandaghat, Distt. Solan
55. Sh. Tara Chand Sharma, Vill. Khudla, Teh. Baldwada, Distt. Mandi-175033
56. Sh. Satpal Bhardwaj, Vill. Balawak, PO. Janedghat, Teh. Junga, Distt. Shimla-173217
57. Sh. Om Prakash Verma, Vill. Dumehar Bani, Teh. Kandaghat, Distt. Solan
58. Sh. Gulab Dhiman, Vill. Cheelgawan, PO. Anandpur, Teh. & Distt. Shimla
59. Sh. Ashok Purohit, Vill. Henja, PO. Bhawarna, Teh. Bhawarna, Distt. Kangra
60. Sh. S.S. Malhotra, Vill. Sugar, PO. Bandla, Teh. Palampur, Distt. Kangra
61. Sh. Dev Raj Sharma, Vill. Lag, PO. Lag-Manvi Teh. Bhoranj, Distt. Hamirpur
62. Sh. Hoshiyar Singh, Vill. Banoha, PO. Ladda, Teh. Ghumarwin, Distt. Bilaspur
63. Sh. Nisar Mirza, House No.201, Diyara Sector, ward No.10, Distt. Bilaspur-174001
64. Sh. Ajeet Kumar, Vill. Chhatar Kurad, PO. Ludra Mahadev, Teh. Bhoranj, Distt. Hamirpur-176045
65. Sh. Satya Prakash, Vill. Malgi, PO. Pandoa, Teh. Sunni, Shimla-171019
66. Sh. Balbeer Singh Chaudhary, Vill. Sahevar, PO. Kunihar, Distt. Solan
67. Sh. Subhash Pathania, Ward No 4, VPO Nagrota Bagwan, Teh. Nagrota, Bagwan, Distt. Kangra
68. Sh. Sarv Chand Dhiman, Ward No. 13, Lower Barol, PO. Dari, Teh. Dharamshala, Distt. Kangra-176057.
69. Sh. Sada Ram Sharma, VPO Dalod, Teh. Jandutha, Distt. Bilaspur
70. Sh. Subhash Verma, Verma Cottage, Kanlog, Distt. Shimla-171001.
71. Sh. N.K. Bali, Bali Niwas, by pass road, Dev Nagar Kusumpati, Distt. Shimla

72. Sh.Sushil Shastri, VPO. Saliana, Teh. Panchrukhi, Distt. Kangra
73. Sh. Kamlesh Shandil, Vill. Gusan, PO. Mehali Teh & Distt. Shimla
74. Sh. Hoshiyar Singh Jambal, VPO. Mohal, Distt. Kullu.
75. Sh. Inder Pal Sharma, VPO Kunihaar, Distt. Shimla.
76. Sh. Dhanvir Thakur, 129/8 Ranital Garden, Nahan, Distt. Sirmour.
77. Sh. M.S. Chandel, 23 Chanderlok colony, Ward No.4, Distt. Una.
78. Sh. Ajay Prasher, 24 Govind Enclave, Housing Board Phase-3, Rakkar Colony, Una.
79. Sh. Devi Lal Thakur, Gomati Niwas, Chakkar, Distt. Shimla.
80. Sh. Shanti Swaroop, Rose Villa, Dhochi, Beolia, Distt. Shimla.
81. Sh. Jagdish, Vill. Rahiyan, PO Auhar, Distt. Bilaspur.
82. Sh. Chet Ram Verma, VPO BinaulaSadar, Bilaspur.
83. Sh. Jagat Singh Negi, VPO Bhawanagar, Nichar, Distt. Kinnaur.
84. Sh. S.R. Shandil, Vill. Nair, PO Baychari, Tutu Distt. Shimla.
85. Sh. Yog Raj Sharma, Vill. Jujhyani, PO Dhanvi, Teh. Bhoranj Distt. Hamirpur.
86. Sh. Hanram Singh Thakur, Vill. Haun, PO Chhatri, Teh. Thunag, Distt. Mandi
87. Sh. Ramesh Bhardwaj, VPO Badsala, Teh & Distt. Mandi, H.P.
88. Sh. Harish Sharma, VPO Bhangrotu, Teh. Balh, District Mandi
89. Sh. J.S. Chandel, VPO Tilli (Kehnwal), Teh. Sadar, District Mandi
90. Sh. Y.P. Saroch, R/o H.No. 236/7, National Street, Mandi Town, District Mandi

Official Member/ Officers

1. Sh. Subhasish Panda Principal Secretary to Chief Minister & Health
2. Sh. Onkar Sharma Principal Secretary (Revenue & Forest)
3. Sh. Bharat Khera Principal Secretary (PWD, Home & GAD)
4. Sh. R.D. Nazeem Principal Secretary (Transport)
5. Sh. Dr. Rajneesh Principal Secretary (Rural Development &IT)
6. Sh. Devesh Kumar Principal Secretary (Tourism & CA , Education)
7. Sh. Akshay Sood Secretary (Finance)
8. Sh. Amitabh Avasthi Secretary (Jal Shakti Vibhag)
9. Sh. Sunil Verma Joint Secretary (Revenue)
10. Sh. Parveen Kumar Joint Secretary (Forest)
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11. Sh. Pawnesh Kumar Pr. Chief Conservator (Forests)
12. Sh. Deepak Bhardwaj Addl. Director (Treasuries)
13. Sh. K.R. Negi F.A & CAO (HRTC)
14. Sh.M.R.Bains J.C. (F&A) DEE Shimla