Proceedings of the 2nd Monthly meeting with Pensioners/Family Pensioners organized by Pension Authorization Unit, ICAR-NAARM, Hyderabad for Pensioners/Family Pensioners of ICAR institutes located at Hyderabad

In pursuance of ICAR Letter No.FIN/10/09/2018-Pension, dated 4th September, 2018, the 2nd Monthly Meeting with Pensioners/Family Pensioners to resolve their grievances related to pension, was organized on 12.11.2018 at 11.00 a.m. in Pension Authorization Unit (PAU), ICAR-NAARM under the Chairmanship of Director, ICAR-NAARM, Hyderabad. The list of participants is annexed.

At the outset, Sri. S.George, CF&AO & PAO of PAU at Hyderabad welcomed all the Pensioners and other officers who attended the meeting. He informed the house that the very purpose of the meeting was to resolve the grievances which could not be resolved at their respective institutes. He also apprised the house that revised PPOs have been issued for about 80% of pre-2016 pensioners/family pensioners other than scientific category. Still proposals are to be received from ICAR-IIRR & CRIDA, Hyderabad for verification and issuing revised PPOs.

Dr.Ch.Srinivasa Rao, Director, ICAR-NAARM and Chairman of the meeting expressed his happiness over the presence of pensioners in large number. He emphasized that senior officers from all institutes henceforth should attend the meeting to resolve the issues of their respective pensioners. Chairman informed the house that Dr.A.Debnath, Ex-CMO had been reappointed as Consultant Medical Officer who would be joining shortly. He also acknowledged the role of Dr.E.A.Siddique, Ex-DDG Crop Sciences Division for his support in getting early approval from ICAR for appointment of consultant Medical Officer at ICAR-NAARM Health Centre.

Chairman further informed that based on the request from Pensioners, a male Physiotherapist has been engaged to serve the male pensioners and advised them to make use of his services for better health. He also informed that one more Part-time
Authorized Medical Attendant on contract basis will be appointed shortly at Health Centre for the benefit of Pensioners.

During the discussion/interaction, the following action points emerged:

Item No.2018/11/1: Review of organizing monthly meeting with Pensioners at respective Institute level

Director, ICAR-NAARM and Chairman has reiterated that ICAR institutes covered under the PAU, should organize monthly meetings regularly with their Pensioners and resolve the issues at their level as all pertinent records and other documents are available with the Institutes. This will enable to address only critical and complicated issues in the meeting at PAU level.

1. **ICAR-CRIDA, Hyderabad**

   SFAO informed that meeting has not been conducted so far and pension issue relating to Sri Bandari Sattah, Ex-SSS, has become *subjudice*, as he approached CAT.

   The Chairman emphasized that CAO, ICAR-CRIDA should attend the meeting in future.

2. **ICAR-IIRR, Hyderabad**

   FAO informed that they conducted the meeting with their pensioners on 9.11.18 and resolved all the issues raised by them.

3. **ICAR-IIOR, Hyderabad**

   FAO informed that meeting has not yet been conducted.

4. **ICAR-PDP, Hyderabad**

   AFAO informed that they did not receive any grievances from their pensioners and hence no meeting has been held.

5. **ICAR-NRCM, Hyderabad**

   AFAO informed that they called for a meeting on 8.11.18, but neither any pensioner turned up nor was any grievance reported.
6. ICAR-ATARI, Hyderabad

AAO informed that they did not conduct the meeting since no grievance was reported by their pensioners.

7. ICAR-IIMR, Hyderabad

FAO informed that they sought for grievances from their pensioners by 22.10.2018 but no grievances were received and hence, no meeting was held.

All Ex-Directors and senior Pensioners advised that all institutes have to conduct meetings with Pensioners regularly and ensure their participation.

Action: All Institutes

Item No.2018/11/2: Authorization of Retirement Benefits and Revision of Pension as per VII CPC

Dr YVR Reddy, Ex-Principal Scientist pointed out that at ICAR-CRIDA, Service Books of some of the Pensioners are not traceable to revise the pension and submit the proposals to PAU for authorization. He stated that ICAR-NAARM being the superior authority among all ICAR institutes located in Hyderabad and Chairman of the meeting, all Directors and Administrative & Finance authorities of all institutes under purview should take the instructions positively to send all the Pension proposals along with Service Books to PAU for authorization well in advance. He expressed regret for the communication made earlier with PAU, ICAR-NAARM. He emphasized that Institutes should address the grievances of their pensioners on priority.

Pensioners from ICAR-CRIDA mentioned that they were not getting their pension regularly despite letters addressed to Director. Dr.B.Venkateswarlu, Ex-Director, ICAR-CRIDA expressed anguish over the delay in settling the issues related to pension. Dr.D.Gangadhar Rao, Ex-Principal Scientist shared his views about ICAR Pensioners who are in a much better position in getting their retirement benefits on time. He requested PAU that a reminder may be sent to ICAR-CRIDA for expediting the proposals for revision of pension. Dr.D.Rama Rao, Ex-Director, ICAR-NAARM appreciated the functioning of PAU at ICAR-NAARM.
PAO assured that all cases of revision of pension will be completed by the end of December, provided institutes submit their proposals on or before 15.12.2018. He requested all the institutes to speed up the revision of pension for pre-2016 Pensioners, for early authorization by PAO.

Action: All Institutes

Item No.2018/11/3: Issue of Health Cards to Pensioners

Director informed that ICAR-NAARM is about to issue health cards to all the Pensioners who have registered with its Dispensary. He advised all institutes to take necessary steps immediately to revise the pension of their respective Pensioners and submit the revised PPOs to ICAR-NAARM for arranging health cards.

Action: All Institutes

Item No.2018/11/4: Credit Facility for In-patient treatment

For providing cash-less in-patient medical treatment at various CGHS recognized hospitals, it was suggested to all the institutes that this issue is to be dealt at respective institute level, keeping in view the difficulties being faced by the Pensioners.

Action: All Institutes

Item No.2018/11/5: 15 days advance notice for conducting monthly meetings at ICAR-NAARM

PAU at ICAR-NAARM shall inform all ICAR institutes 15 days in advance about the meeting with Pensioners, so that respective institutes may inform their pensioners accordingly. Meeting notice will be kept on website of ICAR-NAARM and other Institutes' and also on the notice board of AMA of every institute.

Action: ICAR-NAARM & PAU, Hyderabad / All Institutes

Item No.2018/11/6: Issues relating to Income Tax on Pension
Some of the Pensioners raised the issue of Income Tax deductions at source by SBI. Mr. Chandra Kumar, Dy. Manager SBI, CPPC, Koti responded that information about any investment or exemption to be availed by the pensioners, may be intimated well in time to their paying branch i.e. the branch from which they are drawing their monthly pension, for necessary action by the bank. It was also pointed out by the Pensioners that there is delay in remittance of TDS, especially during IV quarter deductions and the same is not reflected in TRACES, resulting in payment of penal interest by Pensioners, which needs to be looked into by SBI authorities. Mr. Chandra Kumar, Dy. Manager SBI replied that they would address the issues on priority.

It was also stressed that in the process of authorization of Pension or Revision of Pre-2016 pension by PAU at ICAR-NAARM, if any information is sought by PAU from the institutes, must be sent immediately, so that pension/revised pension can be authorized without any delay.

Chairman further informed that a meeting would be conducted with Administrative and Finance Officers of all the institutes, before conducting the next meeting with Pensioners in January, 2019.

The meeting came to an end by vote of thanks by Shri Ashish Roy, JD(A) & Registrar to the Chair and all the participants.

[N. VIJAYA LAKSHMI]
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[S. GEORGE]
CFAO & PAO

CHAIRMAN & DIRECTOR
ICAR-NAARM
List of participants in the 2nd Monthly Meeting with Pensioners /Family Pensioners’

1. Dr.D.Rama Rao, Ex-Director, ICAR-NAARM, Hyderabad
2. Dr.B.Venkateswarlu, Ex-Director, ICAR-CRIDA, Hyderabad
3. Dr.B.C.Viraktamath, Ex-Director, ICAR-IIRR, Hyderabad
4. Dr.P.Ananda Kumar, Ex-Director, ICAR-IIRR, Hyderabad
5. Dr.N.Kondaliah, Ex-Director, ICAR-NRCM, Hyderabad
6. Dr.T.Balaguru, Ex-Principal Scientist, ICAR-NAARM, Hyderabad
7. Dr.VE Sabarathnam, Ex-Principal Scientist, ICAR-NAARM, Hyderabad
8. Dr.Y.V.R.Reddy, Ex-Principal Scientist, ICAR-CRIDA, Hyderabad
9. Dr.D.Gangadhar Rao, Ex-Principal Scientist, ICAR-CRIDA, Hyderabad
10. Dr.P.C.Reddy, Ex-Principal Scientist, ICAR-IIRR, Hyderabad
11. Dr.C.Kesava Reddy, Ex-Principal Scientist, ICAR-IIRR Pensioner
12. Dr.K.Krishnaiah, Ex-Principal Scientist, ICAR-IIRR, Hyderabad
13. Dr.K.Muralidharan, Ex-Principal Scientist, ICAR-IIRR, Hyderabad
14. Dr.Vijay Singh, Ex-Principal Scientist, ICAR-IIOR, Hyderabad
15. Dr.M.Ilyas Ahmed, Ex-Principal Scientist, ICAR-IIOR, Hyderabad
16. Dr.J.S.Bentur, Pensioner, ICAR-IIRR, Hyderabad
17. Dr.M.Nagaraju, Pensioner, ICAR-IIIRR, Hyderabad
18. Dr.D.Venkateswarlu, Ex-Tech. Officer, ICAR-IIIRR, Hyderabad
20. Sri B.Veeraling, Ex-Tech. Officer, ICAR-NAARM, Hyderabad
22. Sri Y.Kondala Rao, Pensioner, ICAR-IIIRR, Hyderabad
23. Sri M.Ramulu, Pensioner, ICAR-IIOR, Hyderabad
24. Sri Pramod Kumar, Pensioner, ICAR-IIMR, Hyderabad
25. Sri T.Ashok, Ex-Admn. Officer, ICAR-NIANP, Bangalore

State Bank of India, Hyderabad

27. Sri K.Anjalah, Manager (Accounts), SBI, PJTSAU, Rajendranagar, Hyderabad
ICAR-NAARM, Hyderabad
28. Dr.Ch.Srinivasa Rao, Director
29. Sri Ashish Roy, Joint Director (A) & Registrar
30. Sri S.George, CF&AO, PAO and Nodal Officer
31. Sri P.G.Kohad, AAO
32. Sri G.Raj Reddy, Assistant
33. Smt. N.Vijaya Lakshmi, JAO
34. Sri T.Srinivas, Assistant
35. Sri P.Srinivasu, Assistant

ICAR-CRIDA, Hyderabad
36. Sri A.Srinivasa Murthy, SF&AO
37. Sri G.Jaganmohan Rao, AF&AO
38. Sri Meena, AO
39. Sri K.Gowtham Reddy, Assistant

ICAR-IIOR, Hyderabad
40. Sri K.Srinivasa Rao, F&AO
41. Sri A.Premkumar, JAO
42. Sri EVRKN Prasad, Assistant

ICAR-IIRR, Hyderabad
43. Sri A.K.Maheswari, F&AO
44. Sri S.Rama Murthy, PA

ICAR-IIMR, Hyderabad
45. Sri Charles Ekka, SAO
46. Sri A.Narasimha Murthy, F&AO
47. Sri D.Rambabu, AAO

ICAR-NRCM, Hyderabad
48. Sri M.N.V.Rao, AF&AO
49. Sri Jitender Singh, AAO

ICAR-DPR, Hyderabad
50. Sri C.Bagaiah, AF&AO

ICAR-ATARI, Hyderabad
51. Sri V.V.Ramana, AAO