



ATOMIC ENERGY PENSIONERS' WELFARE FORUM

Registered Charity Comm. Reg. No. G.B.B.S.D. 1302/15 (Mumbai)

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Minutes of AEPWF 8th Annual General Body Meeting (held on 18.11.2023)

The eighth annual general body meeting of the Atomic Energy Pensioners Welfare Forum (AEPWF) was held in AERB Auditorium, Anushakti Nagar on 18th November 2023

The meeting commenced at 10.30 am, as per schedule and adjourned due to lack of quorum and convened again at 11.00 am. 51 members attended the meeting and their names are in AGM MOM register.

Managing Committee members S/Shri M. C. N. Reddy (Vice President), J. Arunan, Ramprakash Jaiswal, Paresh Gupta, P.N. Prasad and Sri Abrar Hussain could not attend the meeting.

Shri Premachandran, Joint Secretary, welcomed all the participants and invited Managing Committee members S/s Ashokkumar, P. Gururaj, N.C. Gupta, M. Vijayan, and Shri O.P. Madhvi to the dais. He also requested Shri Madhvi to conduct the proceedings.

At the outset, Shri O.P. Madhvi welcomed the members. In his opening remarks, Shri Madhvi explained the improvements he has made in Forum web site and requested members to visit the same more frequently. He also informed that a radio button option has been provided in the Profile page of the members, where the signatory members of 2-increment case should update status, as and when their revised SSA is received by them from CPAO. This information will be utilized by us, to confirm compliance of the contempt case to court, before accepting the closure of the case.

Following agenda points were discussed and decisions taken as indicated:

Item No. 1: Presentation of Forum Activities:

Shri P. Ashok Kumar, President presented the annual report of the Forum.

A brief talk on various activities undertaken by the Forum was given. Forum had confirmed information on the demise of 7 of our members, after the last AGM. Many of them lost their life due to one or the other old age-related issues. All members of Forum paid silent tributes to all departed souls.

In order to meet the constitutional requirement, Shri Ashok Kumar presented the 8th annual report of the Forum. The managing committee had held 3 meetings, after the last AGM and deliberated on various issues. Some of the activities carried out are elaborated below:

1. On the 2-increment contempt petition, he informed the members that we have achieved some amount of success. On court orders DAE was forced to issue their revised OM on 20th April 2023 and they started revising the PPOs. Court ordered DAE

to submit a compliance report. We are happy to note that quite a good number of our members have received the revised pension orders and many are in various stages of processing. DAE is yet to submit their compliance report even after postponement of the case for 26 times. We have asked our lawyer not to withdraw our case till all PPOs are revised and compliance report given to us. Next hearing is scheduled for 5th December 2023.

There was an issue of arrears of pension from 1-1-1998 to 31-12-2005 noticed in the revised PPO by CPAO. Some of the members brought this to our notice and we immediately acted upon it. Our committee member Sri Paresh Gupta visited CPAO office in Delhi and apprised the CPAO authorities and sorted out the matter. Subsequently corrected PPOs were issued.

2. On the negative side, Sri Ashokkumar admitted that our efforts for getting recognition as well as office space have not yielded any result. He assured the members that the efforts will continue.
3. On the issue of NPCIL pension, members were told that in the absence of any official or unofficial information, we are unable to make any statement on the latest status. He assured the members that Forum is keeping a close watch on the further development on this issue.
4. Forum continued to offer all the help to pensioners/family pensioners as and required to resolve their issues.
5. Circulars/OMs being issued by DOP&PW and various government agencies are regularly distributed brought to the notice of our members through our Google group mail.

Item No. 2: To read and approve the Audited accounts of the Forum for FY-2022-23

Secretary Shri. P. Gururaj thanked the members present for their participation. He briefly covered the status of various issues like two increments, Recognition of the Forum, revision of PPOs and CHSS improvements and then presented the audited Income and Expenditure accounts of the Forum. AGM was informed that in this financial year, the Forum had spent an amount of Rs.27148.42/-, major expense being the amount of Rs. 20977/- as web site expenses. He informed the members that a detailed explanation of the audit report and queries on the same will be given by the Treasurer Sri N.C. Gupta. It was also informed that our forum is required to pay income tax at the rate around 43% on the bank interest and contributions received by Forum, after deducting expenses.

On NPCIL pension scheme, members were told that a letter has been sent to CMD, NPCIL requesting to consider implementation of pension on similar lines of Government of India rules with minimum service periods of 10 years. Pension for retirees with less than 10 years of service should also be considered on a pro-rata basis.

Shri Gururaj said that AEPWF, in co-ordination with AERWA is taking up various issues with DAE, especially on improvement in CHSS.

Our Treasurer Shri N.C. Gupta informed the members that audit report for the FY 2022-23 was delayed due to some health issues, faced by our auditor. He explained the expenditure under various heads in the balance sheet. During this period 15 new members joined the Forum by paying Rs.500/- as membership fees. The yearly income of the Forum is Rs. 324872/- and we have paid an income tax of Rs. 1,01,109/-. He also informed that our attempts to get tax exemption has not succeeded yet and we are forced to pay over 40%

tax on our interest income.

Forum has about Rs.62 lakhs as fixed deposits in SBI and our account has been shifted to SBI, Kharghar from V.S. Bhavan, Anushakti Nagar, due to some logistical issues.

The audit report statement presented in the AGM was unanimously approved by the AGM. Motion to approve the account statement was:

Proposed by: Shri Santhosh Kumar Jain

Seconded by: Shri. P.C. Chaturvedi.

Item No.3: Ratification of Previous MOMs and Resolutions, if any

The AGM was informed that, during the financial year 2022-23, the managing committee had proposed to give additional fees of Rs.1 lakh to our lawyer who is representing us in the 2AI case and this resolution need to be ratified.

Proposed by: Shri Shetty

Seconded by: Shri Sri Sehra

To read and adopt the MOM of 7th AGM, held on 30th September 2022

The MOM of the seventh AGM of the Forum, conducted through virtual mode has already been circulated and was presented by Secretary, Shri P. Gururaj.

The motion to adopt the circulated and read out MoM was:

Proposed by: Shri. S.K. Fotedar

Seconded by: Shri Venkatraman

The proposal was unanimously approved by the AGM

Item No.4: To Appoint Auditor(s) for FY 2023-24 and to Fix his / their Remuneration

The AGM was informed that so far, our Auditor have done auditing for last 8 years and filed 4 numbers of IT returns.

AGM approved unanimously the proposal to retain M/s B. Shankar &Co as the auditor for FY 2023-24 and the remuneration can be decided by the Managing Committee, as appropriate. The motion of appointing auditor(s) and fix auditor's remuneration was:

Proposed by: Shri Inderjit

Seconded by: Shri A.S. Raveendran

The proposal was unanimously approved by the AGM.

Item No.5: Briefing on Pension Related Issues

Sri M. Vijayan, Joint Treasurer and DGM (HR, Retd.) briefed the members on the revision of PPOs for 2 additional increment inclusion. He explained the procedure followed for the calculation of revised basic pension.

As per the prevailing rules/orders from 1/1/1996, the two additional increments granted to SO/D to SO/G is considered for the purpose of retirement benefits and allowances.

Accordingly, the pension is calculated as under: -

- Last pay drawn (Average pay) plus two increments/2 x no. of qualifying services/33 = pension. From the date of retirement i. e. 1/1/98 to 31/12/2005, all pensioners will get their arrears as applicable.
- From 1/1/2006 the said pension shall be revised as under (Ref. DP&PW OM dtd. 6-4-2016):
(A) Basic Pension plus (B)50% Dearness pension plus (C) 24% Dearness Relief plus 40% of pension = Revised Pension. From 1/1/2006, according to the new rule, those pensioners who have 10 years qualifying service are eligible for 50% the minimum of the pay band and grade pay of the post held by them at the time of retirement. Since the pension worked out @50% of the minimum of pay band pay plus grade pay is more than the consolidated pension worked out based on the pension granted based on the qualifying service, pensioners are not eligible for arrears from 1/1/2006 to 31/12/2015. From 1/1/2016, some stages are bunched particularly in SO/F and SO/G grade and hence for some pensioners, benefits of two increments will not be there.

Members were informed that Forum will take up the issue of additional gratuity and leave encashment arrears related to 2 AI with NPCIL.

Shri M. Vijayan, Joint Treasurer requested members to educate all the pensioners on the need for making their pension account as joint account with their spouse. He also informed that Forum will continue to help all pensioner/family pensioner as and when required.

Members were told that about 50 cases are pending with NPCIL/DAE for the revision of their PPO due to certain issues. Forum is following up with NPCIL to resolve their cases.

Item No.6: Future Activities of the Forum

Shri. T. Premachandran, Joint Secretary of the Forum gave a brief on the future activities planned by the Forum.

He informed the members that Forum has already written to NPCIL on the new NPCIL pension scheme which is not yet finalized. He assured the members that the interest of all categories of pensioners is foremost importance to the Forum and if justice is not done to our members, forum will take appropriate action.

Regarding picnic, Forum is looking for a place to visit and suggestions are invited from members.

Item No.7: Authorizing Managing Committee to take all necessary Possible Steps/Actions.

The General Body unanimously authorized the Managing Committee to take suitable decisions and take actions in future, as and when required, without violating the bylaws of the forum, in the best interest of the Forum. Decisions of Managing Committee will have to be ratified by the AGM, if required, as per the bylaws.

Proposed by: Shri N.P. Sethuraman

Seconded by: Shri. A.S. Raveendra

AGM unanimously accepted the proposal

Item No.8. To Authorize Budget Provision for FY 2022-2023

Shri N.C. Gupta, Treasurer proposed that the budgetary requirement for FY 2023-24 is about Rs.2 lakh which would include the final payment, expected to be paid to the lawyer for the two Increments contempt case.

Proposed by: Shri S.K. Fotedar
Seconded by: Shri Venkatraman

AGM unanimously accepted the proposal.

Item No.9: Other Items with the Permission of Chair

- a) Shri. Mishra, President of AERWA briefed the members on their efforts to improve the CHSS facilities. He informed the members that an Associate Director in Medical Group. For beneficiaries in and around Mumbai, under Head, Medical Division a Local Grievance Committee has been formed, and pensioners can send their grievance through email grievancemd@barc.gov.in.
- b) Shri C.B. Jain informed the members that he had met the Head, MD and given suggestions on areas where improvement is required. Delay in reimbursement of claims and non-availability of medicines was also brought to the notice of Head, MD. He also promised that Forum will take up the issue of recent downgrading of the eligibility of single room facility to double room.
- c) Shri C.B. Jain requested members for considering opening of an account in a scheduled bank where we can get more interest on our FDs. Many members expressed their concern about the safety of our FDs and Managing Committee was authorized to check the taxation aspect and take appropriate action.

Item No.10 Vote of Thanks

Shri. C.B. Jain, Committee member offered vote of thanks. He thanked all the esteemed members, who actively participated in the meeting. He also expressed his thanks' to AERB authorities, auditorium staff and canteen contractor for extending their facilities. The AGM concluded at 13.00 hrs. after the vote of thanks.

Minutes Prepared by:

(T. PREMACHANDRAN)
Joint Secretary, AEPWF