

Stand of SNPWA on Pension Revision in unambiguous and crystal clear terms

Dear Comrades

A malpropaganda is being spread that SNPWA is going to withdraw the Court case that it has filed in PB CAT ND pleading for Pension Revision on the basis of 7th CPC. This misleading, malicious and baseless propaganda is being spread to simply create confusion. Elements behind this propaganda are well identified and infamous for such malicious activities just because they have all along survived on that.

Comrades, let us make our stand crystal clear on the issue. This Association will fight tooth and nail legally the case for Pension Revision on the basis of 7th CPC that it has filed in PB CAT ND and is being pleaded by our beloved Senior Counsel Sh Rajshekar Rao and MS Gauri Puri who have been pleading our cases for decades in SNEA. But one must understand that the conclusion of this case will take not less than seven to eight years during which thousands and thousands of our Comrades will expire and the remaining will be simply languishing for seven to eight years more to know the final outcome, which cannot be predicted for obvious reasons.

After CAT ND, in all probability, it will go to Delhi High Court and thereafter to the Supreme Court. Thus you can understand how painful it will be for the retirees to withstand and spend this agonizing pretty long time of seven to eight years without pension Revision of any sort.

Keeping this crucial fact in view, SNPWA has decided to accept the fitment that is likely to be finalized by DOT for Pension Revision on the basis of 3rd PRC since DOT out rightly rejected processing the case for Pension Revision on the basis of 7th CPC and , instead, processed it on the basis of 3rd PRC on IDA scales. The fitment for Pension Revision depends on the final decision to be taken by M(F), Secy(T), in consultation with Hon MOC, even though in all meetings we have very vehemently and uncompromisingly pleaded for 15% fitment on very formidable, justifiable and rational grounds. Anyway, whatever fitment DOT finally decides, we have to accept so that Pensioners languishing for the last six years get some immediate relief on Pension Revision. Having said that, let there be no doubt that we will continue our legal battle to the last bit for Pension Revision on the basis of 7th CPC. Thus, we are working on a two-pronged strategy. We are confident that our Comrades will fully understand and acknowledge this strategy of this Association. That is why we did not oppose the move of the DOT to process Pension Revision on 3rd PRC since DOT is very firm at all levels that Pension Revision under 7th CPC is completely impossible. This is not to justify or endorse their stand but to apprise our Comrades that at this point of time it would be not prudent at all to oppose the stand of DOT on Pension Revision but give immediate relief to the pensioners at the moment while carrying on with our legal battle tooth and nail.

GS, SNPWA

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