

Extract of discussions in SCOVA 23rd SCOVA meeting on 23/09/2013

20.09.2013: MOS Sh V. Narayanasamy took the chair at 4.00 PM. Joint Secy. DOP &PW Welcomed the Minister, officers from different Departments / Ministries & the SCOVA members. After JS welcome address introduction of members & officers started. Shri S.C. Maheshwari Genl. Secy. BPS while introducing himself pointed out to the Minister that while BPS was thankful to the minister for increasing frequency of SCOVA meetings, organization will be grateful if instead of few hours at least one full day is earmarked for these meetings and that a system need to be put in place to lay down as to what type & numbers of items will be accepted for inclusion in SCOVA Agenda. After introduction the MOS addressed the meeting highlighting the work of the DOPPW & the important circulars issued in the recent past. He assured that pensioners' issues will be dealt on priority by his Ministry.

Final ATR on 22nd SCOVA meeting was then taken up for review. Lively discussion followed each item members expressed their concern over the delay in issuing revised PPOs representatives of every Ministry/Department tried to blame pensioners for the delay stating that they were not getting details from pensioners & sought assistance of Pensioners' Associations. MOS however directed all departments/ministries to suo-motto issue PPOS to all pensioners within the target dates.

Commenting on item No2 of ATR i.e. revision of exgratia to CPF/SRPF retirees, Secy. Genl. BPS pointed out that the amount of ex-gratia of Rs 645/- per month was too little for the survival of a person. The Secretary DOPPW retorted that these retirees were not pensioners. Secretary General BPS pointed out that these retirees too have a right to survive but no positive reaction could be evoked from official side or the honorable Minister. Position of items 3to 9 remained the same as given in the ATR .However, While discussing item 9 of ATR it was pointed out that the M/O Railways was still not uploading on their website all the orders & circulars issued by Railway Board.

Regarding item 10 & 11 of the ATR regarding anomaly in fixation of pension to DOT employees & merger of 78% IDA with basic pension benefit to the absorbed BSNL Pensioners, after discussion it was decided that the department of Telecommunication will put up positive proposals by 30.09.2013.

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