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CENTRAL WORKING COMMITTEE

No. ASTO/CWC/Medical-Dependency/2018-22

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To,
CMD
ONGC
New Delhi - 110001

Sub: Enhancing the limits for medical dependency of Parents

Respected Madam,

As per OO No. ONGC/ER/CP/MED/010 dated 26.09.2007, the monthly income ceiling for determining the medical dependency of parents is Rs. 6000. The ceiling amount has not been revised since last 15 years. As of now, this amount has not kept pace with the overall increase in general income levels. This issue has been raised at many forums and the ceiling amount fixed earlier for many other things has been revised in last 15 years except for medical dependency.

In the aforesaid order, it is given that the pension drawn by the wholly dependent parents will not be considered for computing the total income. But, the fact of the matter is that even money lying idle in savings account of a senior citizen accrues an interest and over a certain period of time, a corpus gets accumulated as income from interest which in turn disqualifies them of medical dependency.

Ministry of Health and Family Welfare vide OM dated 08.11.2016 have also revised the income limit to Rs. 9000/- plus amount of dearness relief on the basic pension of Rs. 9000/, for dependency for the purpose of providing CGHS coverage. Similarly, many PSUs have also revised the ceiling amount. Considering an average inflation rate of 5.0% of 15 years, the last determined income ceiling of Rs. 6000/- should be revised to Rs. 12500/- [Rs. 6000 X {1.05} ^15= Rs. 12473.4/- or say 12500/-].

Madam, in view of above, we request to kindly revise the 15 years old income ceiling for medical dependency at the earliest. This will greatly benefit employees whose parents are genuinely eligible for medical dependency but are rejected only because of non-revision of income ceiling for dependency of parents.

With highest regards.


Sanjay Varshney
General Secretary - CWC

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