



## *From the Desk of Secretary General*

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**EDUCATION** is the transmission of civilization. Well educated and skilled people are key to creating and disseminating Knowledge effectively. It is as old as the history of mankind. The “**FORDE - INDIA**” will educate retired person who are suffering ill-health and the scarcity of money for the better treatment in hospital and also are suffering with many problems like abusing & misbehaviour of society. The Governments are failed to provide the medical facilities to the retired person who was given the service of the nation about 35 to 40 years of his valuable life in the development of the country.

Believe it are not , around one in five order persons experience abuse in India, which is home to close to 110 million persons who are more than 60 years old. Just as abuse takes many forms- psychological, financial exploitation, neglect and physical- so can abusers, who can be from the family, an acquaintance or a stranger . Strangers are unkind, with close to half of India’s elders facing abuse in public that is bad enough to make them avoid stepping out . Psychological abuse that undermines self worth by name calling or embarrassing in the most pervasive. Other abuse including refusal to meet basic needs such as food, housing, clothing and medical care, destroying property or preventing them from seeing friends and family.

Who care for elderly in India ? leave aside the elderly in unorganized sector (barring retired bureaucrats) who are the mercy of states and central Governments is equally miserable. At times bureaucrats in chair in the name of implementation of Government Scheme and facilities play joke with elderly. The following few examples are being mentioned to bring ground realities :-

For upto F.Y. 2004 -05 senior citizen were getting concession in income Tax payable ( under section 80cc) to the tune of Rs. 20,000/- as compare to other citizens with similar taxable Income. In 2005 -06 this was changed. Basic exemption for other citizen was raised to Rs. 1,00,000/- and that for Sr. citizens, it was made Rs. 1,85,000/- . This resulted in actual Tax relief of Rs. 12,000/- instead of Rs. 20,000/- there after it has been progressively reduce and today is stand at just Rs. 5,000/- i.e. 10% of Rs. 50,000/- which Sr. citizen get because of general exemption of Rs. 3 Lac instead of 2.5 Lac for persons below 60 years. In additional interest of 1% on Bank fix deposit of senior citizen stand reduced from 9% to 8% and below.

These above causes, FORUM OF RETIRED DIPLOM ENGINEERS - INDIA was established on 10th March 2011 when ALL INDIA FEDRATION OF DIPLOMA ENGINEERS formed the “**Pensioners Committee**” of 11 persons headed by Er. S.S.Dubey. Forum of Retired Diploma Engineers - India was registered on 4th Oct 2015. In this Forum , my journey was started when FORDE-INDIA nominated to me as Chairman of Building Committee. After the sudden demise of then Secretary General Er. S.C.Raje on 22/06/2015, i was nominated as Secretary General of FORDE-INDIA by the Executive Committee of this Forum. FORDE-INDIA and my aims was to construct the FORDE-BHAWAN so my full energy was diverted towards the construction of the building. Beside this, we took the part in meeting with Centre Govt. Ministers, Secretaries, B.P.S. and JCM Office bearers regarding pensioners grievances. Many letters also have been written to the Ministers and Secretary DOPT., Govt. of India to redress the grievances of retired person. Be achieved some demands from the Govt. but number of demands are still pending. The first council of FORDE-INDIA held on 22 May 2017 at Dutt Bhawan and council was given the responsibility of Secretary General in my shoulder to serve the retired persons.

Blessing brighten as they take their flight with this quote, I would like to record my gratitude to God and our stalwart leaders with blessing of whom we become able to serve the Forum work successfully. This Forum is the result of the interaction of numbers of minds that directly or indirectly contributed to achieve the goal. This website provide all the useful information to all the pensioners.