



SINGARENI RETIRED OFFICERS WELFARE ASSOCIATION

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To

SriNarendraModiji

Honourable Prime Minister,

Government of India,

New Delhi

Dear Sir,

Sub: coal Mines Pension Scheme 1998 - payment of pension as per provisions of the scheme and revision / enhancement of pension - request - Reg.

"Singareni Retired Officers' Welfare Association (SROWA)", is a service oriented organisation dealing the issues of retired executives of Singareni Collieries Company, which is a coal producing public sector company, in South India, under able leadership of Govt of India and Govt of Telangana.

- 1) We highly appreciate the efforts of government of India in resolving the long pending demands of OROP of military services under your dynamic leadership.
- 2) We request, the issues of revision/ enhancement of pension under Coal Mines Provident Fund (CMPF) to the Coal mining employees who have worked in coal mines which is considered to be the most hazardous profession, may also be resolved on similar lines.
- 3) The following table illustrates the glaring inconsistencies in the pension scheme which was introduced in the year 1998.

Year	Retired non executives		Retired Executives	
	Min	Max	Min	Max
94-97	350/-	1672/-	1200/-	3000/-
97-2001	478/-	2250/-	2000/-	6200/-
After 2007	2400/-	7000/-	8500/-	36000/-

As there is no increase in pension fixed at the time of retirement linked to cost of living index as in central and state government services and many public sector companies, the pension amount has become less and less useful in coping with the day to day needs of retired coal miners.



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4) Coal Mines pension scheme (CMPS -1998) started for the coal industry with effect from 1998. Section 22 (1&2) of CMPS empowers the commissioner, Coal Mines provident fund organization, Dhanbad for review, valuation of the pension fund and revision / enhancement of pension once in 3 years. Section 22 (3) permits the board to recommend to the central government for amending the rates of contribution, payable under the scheme and to extend the benefits to the pensioners accordingly. But unfortunately the provisions enacted under the scheme for the benefit of the pensioners have not been implemented at all since last 15 years, resulting untold suffering and agonies to the coal sector pensioners.

5) In view of above, we request you to consider the following points favourably.

a) To implement enhancement / revision of pension as per clause 22 (1&2) of CMPS 1998 with retrospective effect

b) To amend the rates of contribution payable under the scheme and to extend the benefits of revision of pay scales as per CMPS 1998.

c) To ensure that the competent authority under CMPS 1998 (The commissioner CMPS) arranges for speedy recommendations by Actuary Committee within 3 months and to forward the same to the central government for necessary approval and implementation of the same with retrospective effect at the very earliest.

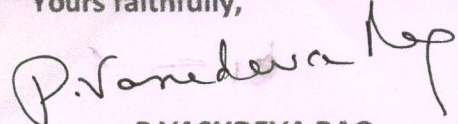
d) Alternatively the central government may be pleased to sanction pension to the employees and executives of coal sector on similar lines to that of OROP, with benefits of extending DA and revised pay scales of the employees / executives, from time to time on par with other similar organizations of central government undertakings

e) In case the pension fund is not sufficient, it is suggested that additional pension fund be created by levying a small percentage as cess on the sale proceeds of each ton of coal sold / dispatched.

The coal sector retired employees and executives will ever remain thankful for this kind consideration and favorable action.

With Kind regards,

Yours faithfully,


P VASUDEVA RAO

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Honorable Minister of Coal

Honorable Minister of Labour and employment. President

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