

Status as on 19 Dec 2015

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Registration Number : PMOPG/E/2015/0154803

Name Of Complainant : dattatreya jammalamadaka

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Received by : Prime Ministers Office

Forwarded to : Coal Mines Provident Fund Organisation

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Grievance Description : Respected Modiji Sub: CMPS-98, pension scheme under Coal Mines Provident Fund Organisation, Ministry of Coal, GOI. All employees of Coal India, Singareni Collieries Company Limited are covered under the provident fund scheme under CMPF and their pension under CMPS-98, under CMPFO of Ministry of Coal. Section 22 (12) of CMPS-1998 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 it is so unfortunate that the provisions enacted under the scheme for the benefit of the pensioners have not been implemented at all since last 15 years, resulting in untold suffering and agony to the coal sector pensioners, who had given their blood, sweat, toil and tears for the sake of the nation's development and to meet the energy requirements, working under the most hazardous conditions in coal mines. It is also reliably learnt that the corpus is eroding at the rate of about Rs.400 Crores every year as contributions by the serving employees of CIL and SCCL has come down drastically due to pruning the employment. From about 8 lakhs employees (CIL and SCCL together) about two decades ago, the present employees are numbering about 4 lakhs. Majority of the activities are outsourced and the contract employees contribution to CMPF is not strictly enforced. It may be due to inefficient fund management also. The net result is the pathetic living conditions of many pensioners retired prior to 2007 who are getting a meagre pension of few hundred rupees. Government under your leadership has made Rs.1000 as the minimum pension for the pensioners under EPF scheme. Due to inaction of the Board of trustees of CMPFO under Ministry of Coal, the pension is not reviewed as per the provisions of the CMPS-98 scheme, denying even the minimum pension of Rs.1000 to many of its members. Pensioners like me are very much afraid that in 2 to 3 years down the line, the CMPFO may not be in a position to pay us the monthly pension on which we are solely dependent in our last lap of our journey on this planet earth. The possible remedies in my (and other pensioners) humble view: 1. Enhancing the contribution of serving employees of CIL, SCCL and contract employees working in mines with matching contribution from the employers apart from efficient fund management by a professional agency. 2. CIL and SCCL infusing funds to sustain the pension pay-outs. 3. Collecting a cess like Swachha Bharat cess on every tonne of coal produced in the country. I humbly request you to order the concerned department to act expeditiously before there is a financial collapse of CMPFO which in turn seriously affects the pensioners and their families.

Current Status : **CASE CLOSED**

Date of Action : 15 Dec 2015

Details : CMPFO, Hqrs. Office, Dhanbad, vide Office Note, dated 24/04/2015, has informed that as per Director (P), CIL, letter dated 16/19.03.2015, it was inter alia resolved in the Standardization Committee of JBCCI meeting that CMPS,1998 is a Contributory Pension Scheme, but it was notified by the Govt. in the Gazette and hence it is a liability to compensate or contribute any amount by the Govt.