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General Secretary's Report

Dear Member

It gives me great pleasure in presenting the General Secretary's report in this 11th Annual General Meeting of SROWA, today the 28th October 2018.

At the outset I assure the members that SROWA is committed to do all it can to resolve long pending issues like revision of pension under CMPS 1998, Performance Related Pay (PRP) & Superannuation Benefits (For those of us retired after 01.01.2007) and streamlining Post-retirement medical benefits Scheme (CPRMSE) etc.

Further, since assumption of office on 06.09.2015, the office bearers of SROWA have put relentless efforts in the last 3 years by way of gathering information like 30th Standing Committee report on Coal & Steel which exclusively reviewed the performance of CMPFO, CAG report no 4 of 2005 on the performance audit of CMPFO (1999-2000 to 2003-04), CAG's Report no.12 of 2017 available in public domain and obtained minutes of BOT meetings through RTI. These efforts provided valuable inputs to our various representations and for the W.P (C) 3118/2015 pending in Delhi High Court. Through our website: www.srowa.in and WhatsApp and Face Book groups the members are given regular updates.

Since the last AGM held on 8th October 2017, SROWA has taken several steps for resolving above mentioned issues. The efforts put in are briefly narrated below:

I. Representations by SROWA

1. Vide ref: PMOPG/E/2017/0591431 Dt. 12 Nov 2017 and PRIW3/P/2018/00031 Dt. 27 Feb 2018 representations were submitted to the Centralized Public Grievance Redress and Monitoring System (CPGRMS) online portal on pension issue under CMPS 1998. Reply received as on 19.03.2018 was:

"Under paragraph 22 of CMPS, 1998 there is a provision for enhancement and revision of the amount of family pension admissible under the Coal Mines Family Pension Scheme, 1971. There is further provision that if the pension fund so permits the Board on the recommendation of an Actuary may recommend to the Central

Government and with its approval may amend the rates of contribution payable under the scheme or the scale of any benefits admissible or the or the period for which such benefit may be allowed.

Actuarial Valuation of the pension fund has been made and as per report of the Actuary, the pension fund shows a deficit of Rs. 40,976.64 crores against the available corpus of Rs. 13,413.52 crores only.

The matter has been under constant review since 2001 by the Board of Trustee (BOT) CMPF, CIL and JBCCI and also by the Ministry of Coal. The recent report of Actuary was placed in the 168th BOT (CMPF) meeting held on 28th February, 2017 at New Delhi. The matter was discussed in detail in consultation with the Actuary representative.

The Chairman advised actuary to come up with three detailed proposals over sustainability of pension scheme.

Further action on pension revision may be taken only as per the decision/recommendation in the meeting of BOT. “

2. A representation Dt.19.03.2018 was sent to the Hon'ble Prime Minister on pension issue requesting as follows:

“Keeping in view the hazardous nature of the coal mining occupation, which is comparable to that of the uniformed forces guarding the national borders, a suitable scheme on the lines of ‘One rank One pension’ sanctioned by the government for the uniformed forces, shall be framed and implemented for the 5.0 lakh pensioners under CMPS 1998 with effect from 01.04.1998. Or In the alternative to revise the pension scheme so that no old retiree of the Coal Industry would get less than 50% of the pension which a new retiree gets after his retirement from the same Post/Grade.

3. Representations dated 27.02.2018, 24.03.2018, 25.06.2018 and 18.09.2018 were sent to Hon;ble CM on pension issue.
4. Representations dt.23.04.2018, 03.09.2018 were submitted to CMD, SCCL on pension and PRP issue.

II. Meeting Coal Minister, Chief Minister and peoples representatives

1. S/sri.KRC Reddy, VV Satyalingam, J.Ramakrishna, M.Babu Rao of CMPA and JV Dattatreyyulu met the Hon'ble Minister for Coal Shri.Piyush Goyal at Parliament House, New Delhi on 06.02.2018 and submitted a representation Dt.06.02.2018 on pension issue.
2. S/Sri.KRC Reddy, PVV Satyanarayana Reddy, JV Dattatreyyulu and M.Babu Rao of CMPA met the Hon'ble Chief Minister Sri.K.Chandrasekhar Rao on 27.02.2018 at Srirampur and submitted a representation Dt.27.02.2018 on pension issue, seeking adhoc relief to those pensioners getting a meagre pension.
3. S/sri.KRC Reddy, VV Satyalingam, PVV Satyanarayana Reddy, JV Dattatreyyulu and M Babu Rao met Smt.Kavitha Hon'ble MP on 25.06.2018 at Telangana Bhavan and submitted a representation on pension issue.

4. S/sri.KRC Reddy, JV Dattatreylu, PVV Satyanarayana Reddy and Sairam Goud met Dr.K.Keshava Rao, MP, Rajya Sabha and Chairman TRS party election manifesto committee on 11.09.2018 at his residence and submitted a representation to include the pension issue of 60,000+ retired employees of SCCL in the manifesto.
5. S/sri.KRC Reddy, PVVS Reddy, JV Dattatreylu and VV Satyalingam met Dr.Palla Rajeswar Reddy, MLC and member TRS party manifesto committee on 08.10.2018 at his residence and submitted a representation addressed to Hon'ble CM to include pension issue in the manifesto.

III. Meeting officials of government and SCCL

1. Met Sri.Narsing Rao garu on 03.04.2018 and submitted a representation requesting to use his good offices with Hon'ble CM in taking over the management of provident fund and pension fund delinking from CMPFO. This was followed up with a mail dt.23.04.2018 and a mail dated 18.09.2018.
2. Met Director (PA&W) on 01.11.2017 and 09.03.2018 and submitted representations on pension and CPRMSE issues.
3. Met CMO on 16.11.2017 and 16.10.2018 and discussed the issues of CPRMSE.

IV. Interaction with CMOAI-SCCL branch

SROWA is in regular contact with president and General Secretary of CMOAI-SCCL branch on payment of PRP arrears from 2007-08 and Superannuation Benefits for the retired executives who were on roll as on 01.01.2007 and retired subsequently. CMOAI-SCCL branch on our request has provided financial help to the tune of Rs.200000/- (Two lakhs rupees only) for meeting the legal expenses towards Writ Petition 3118/2015 pending in Delhi High Court on the pension issue. We are planning a detailed presentation to CMOAI-SCCL branch on pension issue.

V. Status of W,P (C) 3118/2015 pending Delhi High Court

As you are all aware as an affiliate to the Federation of Coal Industry Retired Employees Association, SROWA is actively pursuing the matter. S/sri.K.R.C.Reddy, V.V.Satyalingam and me attended the Delhi High Court proceedings on 28.08.2018 and also attended the briefing to our Advocate in Delhi. SROWA has contributed Rs.2.5 Lakhs so far towards legal expenses. Further with help of CMOAI-SCCL branch we are likely to incur some more expenditure on this count. The case is posted to 14.12.2018.

VI. Membership:

With constant follow up through our website: www.srowa.in and also through individual letters SROWA membership has reached around 630. There are about

1400 retired executives of SCCL as on date and regular follow up is being made to enrol as members of SROWA.

VII. Way Forward:

- Regular follow up with State government and SCCL on pension, PRP and Superannuation Benefits issues.
- Regular follow up of W.P (C) 3118/2015 in Delhi High Court with moral and financial support of CMOAI-SCCL branch.
- Regular follow up with C&MD, Director (PA&W) and CMO of SCCL on CPRMSE issues.
- Regular follow up with CMOAI-SCCL branch till the issues of PRP, Superannuation Benefits, pension issues are resolved.

A copy of The Annual Accounts for 2017-18 together with Audit report is attached.

Wishing you all a very Happy Diwali



J.V.Dattatreya

General Secretary