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APPEAL TO ALL RETIRED EXECUTIVES OF SCCL

Dear Singarenian,

As you are aware Singareni Retired Officers Welfare Association (SROWA), Hyderabad (Regd.No.182/2007) is making tireless efforts in taking up the issues of retired executives of SCCL like Revision of pension under the Coal Mines Pension Scheme-1998 (CMPS-1998), CPRMSE, Arrears of PRP due from 2007-08, 'SCCL Executives Defined Contribution Pension Scheme-2007' (EDCPS-2007) etc. with concerned authorities. We are very happy to inform you that the process of paying annuities under EDCPS-2007 has been initiated by SCCL.

Further you are aware SROWA is associated with the 'Federation of Coal Industry Retired Employees Association (Regd.No.Mah-91/14 (Nagpur)) which is spearheading the struggle of retired coal industry employees with regard to revision of pension under CMPS 1998 in various fora including filing a writ petition in the Supreme Court. Supreme Court has transferred the case to Delhi High Court in February 2015. Office bearers of SROWA are attending the court case in Delhi High Court ever since.

The Coal Mines Provident Fund Organisation which administers CMPS-1998 scheme is siting actuarial deficit of Rs.40,976 Crores in the pension fund as of 31.03.2015 as the reason for not considering the enhancement of pension. But going by the minutes of meetings of Board of Trustees (BoT) of CMPFO since inception of the pension scheme in 1998 and the audit reports of CAG, it is evident that the sheer negligence and indecisiveness of the BoT which is the main cause for the poor fund management.

CMPS-1998 though is a contributory pension scheme, being administered by coal ministry and framed under an Act of Parliament, the Central government is responsible for the fund's sustainability and periodic revision of pension.

It is evident from the recent affidavit of Union of India (Coal Ministry) in W.P (C).3118/2015 pending in Delhi High Court that the government is not favourably inclined to resolve the pension issue left to them unless a direction comes from the high court or Supreme Court.

On 12.03.2020 the two-judge bench in Delhi high court heard the matter. It was heartening to see the judges favourable towards us, the pensioners and passed strong comments on the lawyers representing the Union of India (coal ministry) and directed them to file their affidavit in 4 weeks and posted the next hearing on 17.04.2020.

The case has reached a crucial stage now and if everything goes as planned the issue will be clinched in the near future. To meet the legal expenses appeal is being made by Federation of Coal Industry Retired Employees Association and other retired employees Associations of coal industry to mobilise the funds.

In the light of the above it is appealed to you all retired executives of SCCL to contribute liberally, not less than Rs.500/- per head for meeting the legal expenses and transfer the amounts to SBI bank A/C: 62437513460 (IFSC code: SBIN0021461) of Singareni Retired Officers Welfare Association, Hyderabad. Further, those of you who wish to contribute in cash in our Association's office in Hyderabad, you can do so and obtain receipt from the treasurer Sri.Sridhar Rao.

It is appealed to those executives retired after 01.01.2007 to contribute higher amounts depending on their affordability. On behalf of SROWA we assure you that the funds collected would be spent for the just cause with utmost prudence. The details of Donors would be updated in our website: www.srowa.in periodically.

SROWA appeals to all retired executives of SCCL to wholeheartedly support our efforts towards enhancing the pension under Coal Mines Pension Scheme 1998.

Thanking you

yours sincerely

(J.V.Dattatreyulu)

General Secretary