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General Secretary's Report

Dear Member,

It gives me great pleasure in presenting the General Secretary's report in the 13th Annual General Meeting of SROWA.

At the outset I wish to inform that due to the Covid 19 pandemic we could not hold the AGM before end of the year 2020. As per the decision take by MC on 10.01.2021 we are holding this 13th AGM through Zoom meeting, on 31.01.2021.

I am pleased to inform you that the membership of SROWA as on 31.12.2020 is 881 life members and 89 non-life members (Total: 970) thanks to the efforts of the office bearers, especially by Sri.IRK Rao our Joint Secretary. It was his idea to start WhatsApp groups. With the WhatsApp groups the reach has dramatically improved and also communication with members. Continuous follow up is being made to convert non-life members to life members.

Following is the gist of activities and some modest achievements of SROWA since the last AGM held on 03.11.2019:

1. Pension issue under CMPS 1998:

The next hearing of the W.P (C) 3118/2015 pending in high court of Delhi on the issue of revision of pension under Coal Mines Pension Scheme 1998 (CMPS 1998) is on 29.01.2021. In fact it was felt that with the hearing of 12.03.2020, the case has come to a critical stage and we were hoping that in the next hearing to be held on 17.04.2020 we would get some positive outcome. Keeping that in view we had appealed to all of you to contribute generously towards meeting legal expenses. I am extremely grateful that many of you have lent your support for the cause. Unfortunately COVID 19 pandemic which has disrupted our lives had affected our court case also.

Our Association is continuing its efforts of meeting People's Representatives and submitting representations on the pension issue.

2. CPRMSE:

I am extremely happy to inform you that due to efforts of our Association along with other coal industry retired officers' Associations, the outpatient/domiciliary treatment amount was enhanced to Rs.36000/- per annum with effect from 01.01.2020. By our constant follow up with management a onetime opportunity was given to some of us who were availing company Medicare to continue the same or opt for Rs.36000/- per annum. Our Association could ensure admission of needy executives and their spouses for cashless treatment of COVID 19 in empanelled

hospitals of company. We are glad to inform you that SCCL is going to introduce an online system for hassle-free cashless treatment in empanelled hospitals soon.

3. Executive Defined Contribution Pension Scheme 2007 (EDCPS 2007):

As all of you are aware SCCL Board has approved the EDCPS 2007 scheme in June 2019. EDCPS Trust was formed by SCCL and an application was made to Income Tax department in February 2020. Several representations have been sent by SROWA to the concerned Directors and C&MD, SCCL to expedite the matter. It is hoped that the issue will be resolved soon.

4. Arrears of PRP (from 2007-08 to 2013-14):

As the issue is concerned to the serving executives of SCCL also, our Association is in constant touch with the office bearers of CMOAI-SCCL branch in addition to making several representations to the C&MD, SCCL and Hon'ble CM, Telangana. On the advice from SROWA individual mails were sent to all the concerned in the state government on the PRP arrears issue. . It is hoped that the issue will be resolved soon.

5. Liaison with CMOAI-SCCL branch:

I am extremely happy to inform you that we are maintaining very good relationship with CMOAI-SCCL branch. On the appeal from our Association they are extending financial support to meet the legal expenses with regard to our court case on pension issue.

6. All India Coal Pensioners Association (AICPA):

SROWA along with Coal Mines Pensioners Association, Hyderabad participated in a Dharna organized by All India Coal Pensioners Association at Jantar Mantar New Delhi on 09.12.2019 on pension issue. Apart from working with Federation of coal industry retired employees Association as its affiliate, SROWA is associating itself with other retired employees associations of Indian coal mining industry who are championing coal pensioners' issues. Further this is to inform you that All India Association of Coal Executives (AIACE) has given a call on behalf of AICPA to hold a dharna on 15.02.2021 in front of CMPF office, Dhanbad on streamlining procedure for Widow Pension and enhancement of pension under CMPS 1998.

A copy of The Annual Accounts for 2019-20 together with Audit report and budget for the year 2020-21 and 2021-22 is made available on SROWA website: www.srowa.in .

Wishing you all a Healthy and Happy New Year 2021

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General Secretary