CHAPTER-III

AIACE IN ACTION

Submission of Memorandum to Hon'ble Sri D V Sadanand Gowda, MP, Bengaluru North,

by AIACE / AICPA Bengaluru Branch on 14th January, 2022



All India Association of Coal Executives (AIACE) and All India Coal Pensioners Association (AICPA) have intensified activities for achieving demand of increase in pension of coal Pensioners. It is a fact that since start of pension under CMPS1998, in spite of provision of its review, no increase has been done in the past and many coal employees are getting pension as low as Rs 500/- per month.

On this issue, Bengaluru team members of AIACE/AICPA Branch, consisting of delegates Mr M Mohandas, Mrs Gunavathi Mohandas, Mr M Q Ansari, Mr M N Abbas, Mr Gopal Sah, Mr Ravi Rajan and Mr Muslim Ansari met Sri D V Sadanand Gowda jee on 14/1/2022 and handed over representation on meagre pension of coal pensioners. The team apprised him about the plight of coal pensioners and requested to take up the matter with the central govt for enhancement of pension. He was informed that It is to be known that a large number of people from our parliamentary constituency are employed in coal mines under Coal India Ltd and Singareni Collieries Company Ltd. and after superannuation a large chunk of these retirees reside in our parliamentary constituency. A large group/supporter section of these coal workers is affected and agrieved by this problem.

Hon'ble Sri Gowdaji gave a patient hearing and understood the entire issue how the pension has remained stagnant for the last 23 years. He promised his full support and agreed to interact at various platforms for getting this ailing issue solved amicably. He promised of more such interactions in future till the matter gets resolved.

Sri Rathor further informed that delegations from local branches of AIACE/AICPA from coal field areas of coal bearing states will be meeting local Members of Parliament (MP) to apprise them about the hardship of about 5 lakh coal pensioners and more than 50 lakh of their family members.

Submission of Memorandum to Hon'ble Sri Ajay Kumar Mandal, MP, Bhagalpur (Bihar)

by AIACE / AICPA Patna-Bhagalpur Branch on 12th January, 2022



AIACE/AICPA members of Bhagalpur, Bihar branch met Sri Ajay Kr Mandal, MP, Bhagalpur. Sri A K Kinwar led the team accompanied by Sri O P Jha and Sri Gopal Poddar and handed over the representation to the MP on 12/1/2022. The team apprised him about the plight of coal pensioners and requested to take up the matter with the central govt for enhancement of pension.

Hon'ble Sri Mandal gave a patient hearing and understood the entire issue how the pension has remained stagnant for the last 23 years. He promised his full support and agreed to interact at various platforms for getting this ailing issue solved amicably. He promised of more such interactions in future till the matter gets resolved.

Submission of Memorandum to Hon'ble Sri Mahesh Sahu, MP, Dhenkanal (Odisha)

by AIACE / AICPA Bhubaneswar Branch on 9th January, 2022



A delegation of AIACE and AICPA from Bhubaneswar Branch led by Sri Sukadeva Das met with Sri Mahesh Sahu Jee, Honourable MP from Dhenkanal, Odisha. on 9th January, 2022 and apprised him of the coal pensioners' woes that how the pension has remained stagnant for the last 23 years. He was apprised about pension amount leas than Rs 1000/ to many pensioners. The delegation comprised of members Sri Surendranath Parida, SriS B Rai, Sri K R Choudhury, Sri Sarbaswar Sahoo, Sri Jogeswar Bhutia, Sri Ramesh Chandra Behera, Sri Benudhar Debta and Sri Prasanna Mishra. Hon'ble Sri Sahu Jee gave a patient hearing and understood the entire issue. He assured to take up the matter with coal minister and other authorities.

Submission of Memorandum to Hon'ble Sri Arun Sao, MP, Bilaspur (CG)

by AIACE / AICPA Bilaspur Branch on 6th January, 2022.



On 6th January, 2022 a delegation of AIACE / AICPA Bilaspur Branch consisting of members S/Sri P K Singh Rathor, N N Roy, V K Mahaldar, B R Patel, Sudhindra Kundu, M G Sharma, R K Das, Amal Paatra, N K Sharma, D K Verma and Umesh Sharma met with Shri Arun Sao ji, honorable MP Bilaspurpur (CG) at his office. After exchange of pleasantries, honourable MP was apprised of the coal pensioners' woes that how the pension has remained stagnant for the last 23 years and many pensioners are getting pension as low as Rs 1000/per month.

Submission of Memorandum to Hon'ble Sri Rakesh Kumar Singh, MP, Jabalpur by AIACE / AICPA Bhopal-Indore Branch held 28th December, 2021.

It is a pleasure to inform that a delegation of AIACE / AICPA Jabalpur Branch, had called on Shri Rakesh Singh ji, honorable MP, Jabalpur on dated 28th December, 2021.

The delegation was led by Shri DC Mishra and consisted of members Shri KC Nema, Shri RK Kushwaha, Shri Arun Khare, and Shri S K Bose. The delegation greeted him with a beautiful bouquet of flowers and exchanged pleasantries.



The hon'ble MP received the delegation with warmth and patiently listened to members' concerns and promised all necessary support. The members discussed with him the various problems faced by over 5 lakhs coal mine pensioners as mentioned in the representation submitted to him. He listened carefully and promised to take up with concerned ministry and authorities. He also promised to keep AIACE informed of further actions.

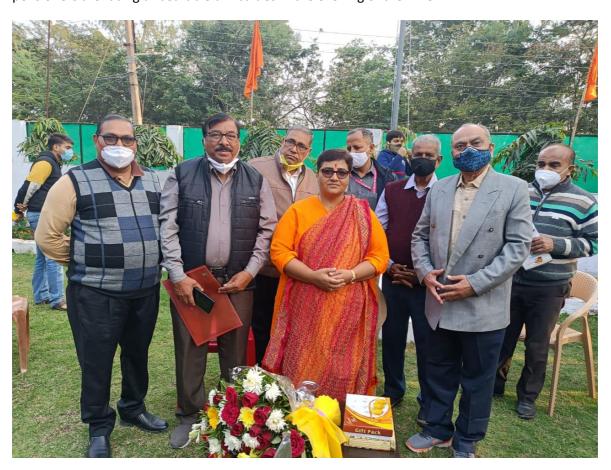
The meeting concluded by thanking the hon'ble MP for his precious time and his support for the cause.

Submission of Memorandum to Hon'ble Sadhvi Pragya Singh Thakur, MP, Bhopal (Madhyapradesh)

by AIACE / AICPA Ranchi Branch held 26th December, 2021.

A delegation of Bhopal branch of the organizations, under the leadership of President Shri RB Prasad along with its members S/Sri RS Pal, Anjani Kumar, JP Chauhan and RS Upadhyay met Honorable MP Sadhvi Pragya Singh Thakur of Bhopal parliamentary constituency on date 26th December 2021, at her residential office in Bhopal.

Hon'ble MP was apprised of the fact that since the introduction of pension under CMPS-1998 in the year 1998, despite the provision of its review, there has been no increase in the past 23 years. Many coal workers and their dependents are getting less than Rs 500 as monthly pension. As a result, these pensioners are facing unbearable difficulties in the evening of their life.



Submission of Memorandum to Hon'ble Sri Sanjay Seth, MP, Ranchi (Jharkhand)

by AIACE / AICPA Ranchi Branch on 26th December, 2021.

A delegation of AIACE and AICPA led by he himself and comprising of members Sri P K Singh Rathor, Sri S S Ray, Sri Ratnesh Kumar, Sri H K Sinha and Sri Bharat Singh met Sri Sanjay Seth, Honourable MP from Ranchi (Jharkhand) at his Ranchi Residential office on 26th December, 2021 and apprised him of the coal pensioners' woes that how the pension has remained stagnant for the last 23 years. He was apprised about pension amount leas than Rs 1000/ to many pensioners. Honourable parliamentarian Sri Seth gave a patient hearing and understood the entire issue. He assured to take up the matter with coal minister and other authorities.



Submission of Memorandum to Hon'ble Sri Virendra Singh Mast, MP, Ballia (Uttarpradesh) by AIACE / AICPA Delhi-NCR Branch on 21th December, 2021.



A delegation of AIACE and AICPA led by Sri Abdul Kalam and comprising of members Dr B K Shrivastav and Dr V S Tiwari on 21th December, 2021 met Sri Virendra Singh Mast, Honourable MP from Ballia (UP) at his New Delhi Residential office and apprised him of the coal pensioners' woes that how the pension has remained stagnant for the last 23 years. Sri Singh gave a patient hearing and understood the entire issue. He promised his full support and agreed to interact at various platforms for getting this ailing issue solved amicably. He also immediately wrote a letter to Coal minister pursuing our representation and promised personal interaction.

Submission of Memorandum to Hon'ble Smt. Himadri Singh, MP, Shahdol and AIACE / AICPA Delhi-NCR Branch on 19th December, 2021.

A delegation of AIACE and AICPA led by Dr B K Shrivastav and comprising of members Dr V S Tiwari, Sri O P Dubey, Sri K P Yadav & Sri Avinash Sharma, on 19th December, 2021 met Smt. Himadri Singh, Honourable MP from Shahdol (MP) at her New Delhi Residential office and apprised her of the coal pensioners' woes that how the pension has remained stagnant for the last 23 years. Smt. Singh gave a patient hearing and understood the entire issue. She promised her full support and agreed to interact at various platforms for getting this ailing issue solved amicably. She did not rule out the possibility of more such interactions in future till the matter gets resolved.





Minutes of Meeting of All India Association of Coal Executives (AIACE), NORTH EAST BRANCH, GUWAHATI and All India Coal Pensioners' Association (AICPA), NORTH EAST BRANCH, GUWAHATI

All India Association of Coal Executives (AIACE), NORTH EAST BRANCH, GUWAHATI and All India Coal Pensioners' Association (AICPA), NORTH EAST BRANCH, GUWAHATI organised on 21/12/2021 at Chanaka Riverine Camp, Morigaon District, Assam

Mr. A D Nath, President of the branch, presided over the meeting which was attended by the following members :

- 1. Mr. M C Bora, Coordinator
- 2. Mr. A D Nath, President
- 3. Mr. A K Bharali, General Secretary
- 4. Dr. R Saikia, Jt. Secretary (Medical)
- 5. Mr. S N Changmai, Member

The following discussions were held and decisions taken in the meeting:

- 1. Empanelment of hospitals at Guwahati: As per decision, we discussed the matter with some of the proposed hospitals on this issue. They all opined that in stead of approaching by the beneficiaries, it would be better if CIL management writes to them directly expressing its willingness for empanelment. This issue was also discussed by our President of NE branch in the last zoom meeting of AIACE central committee on last 17th December in details. Hence it was decided that AIACE central committee be requested to write to CIL for empanelment of the following hospitals at Guwahati in addition to the existing ones:
- a) Healthcity Hospital
- b) Nemcare Hospital
- c) GNRC Hospital
- d) Appollo Hospital
- e) Downtown Hospital

The letter should be for empanelment either with Cashless Treatment or without Cashless Treatment whichever suits the Hospital Authorities.

- 2. Membership drive: It was discussed and decided that our next meeting would be held in the 3rd week of January, 2022 at Margherita for speedy membership drive.
- 3. Holding a Seminar on new environment-friendly mining technology for NEC mines: It was decided that the matter would be discussed in details at Margherita during our next meeting, proposed to be held at Margherita.
- 4. Year-ending branch get-together: The family get-together was held successfully on 21st December at Chanaka Riverine Camp, Morigaon District though the number of participants was less than the expectation.
- 5. Proposed Hunger Strike at New Delhi: It was discussed and decided that there would be physical participation from N E Branch in the proposed Hunger Strike at New Delhi in the month of April, 2022.

The meeting ended with vote of thanks to the chair.



Minutes of Meeting of All India Association of Coal Executives (AIACE), RANCHI-JAMSHEDPUR Branch, & All India Coal Pensioners' Association (AICPA),), RANCHI-JAMSHEDPUR Branch, held on 25th

December, 2022 at Eklavya Banquet, Kathal Morh Ranchi



All India Association of Coal Executives (AIACE) organised its meeting on 25/12/2021 at Eklavya Banquet, Kathal Morh Ranchi which was presided over Md. Iqbal Alam.

Members from Ranchi, Jamshedpur, Dhanbad, Asasnol, Ramgarh attended the meeting. After brief introduction, agenda-wise discussion took place. Sri S S Ray, Dr Anand Singh, Sri A K Singh, Sri Ratnesh Kumar, Sri Lakhyar, B B Rai, Sri Bharat Singh, Sri S C Joshi, Sri H K Sinha, Sri P K Sinha and others actively participated in the meeting.

On this occasion, Sri P K Singh Rathor, Convenor, All India Association of Coal Executives (AIACE) and All India Coal Pensioners Association (AICPA) was the chief guest. After brief introduction of Members, Sri Rathor was invited to deliberate on the agenda.



Sri P K Singh Rathor welcomed all members and hoped that with their dedicated efforts, AIACE will be able to fulfill the aspirations of members. He deliberated on the transfer policy and it's implementation by Coal India Ltd. He informed the house that AIACE is going to implement benevolent fund scheme for its members from May 2022 in which, in case of death of any member, the association will pay Rs 10000/ to the spouse of the deceased executives. He told that this is unique approach by the association in which local members will reach the bereaved family for consolation and, at the same time, will hand over the said amount.

Sri Rathor further told that on the issue of Pension revision, AIACE members under banner of All India Coal Pensioners Association will sit on indefinite dharna in Jantar Mantar in the month of April 2022 and for mobilising members to reach Delhi, he will be touring all the Coalfields and other places. He further informed that AIACE will resort to legal action for realization of interest on NPS fund, if it is not resolved by CIL and SCCL latest by March 2022.

Sri Rathor clarified many doubts regarding CPRMSE and medical facility by Coal India. Queries by members were fully clarified by Sri Rathor. He also informed the house that Ranchi team of AIACE and AICPA is going to meet Ranchi MP Sri Sanjay Seth tomorrow and it will hand over memorandum regarding enhancement of pension under CMPS-1998. He told that many of coal pensioners and their spouses are getting less than Rs 1000/ as monthly pension.

On the membership drive front, all the members committed to increase membership. The meeting ended with the vote of thanks to the chair by Sri Alam.



ALL INDIA ASSOCIATION OF COAL EXECUTIVES (AIACE)

Minutes of The General Body Meeting held on 17th December 2021

A **ZOOM** meeting of All India Association of Coal Executives (AIACE) was held on 17th December 2021 which was attended by about 65 members. Sri.R.B.Mathur, President, AIACE presided over the meeting. He appreciated the work being done by AIACE for the welfare of its members and advised that AIACE should present a united front to CIL and other authorities, putting aside any internal differences. A weekly or fortnightly newsletter about the activities of AIACE would be welcome. He said that there is no coal shortage in the country as being reported and AIACE should highlight this fact and assure that it will work towards ensuring sufficient coal supplies. He was of the opinion that issue of granting Expert Allowance to specialised officers in CMPDIL should be taken up for better efficiency. He expressed surprise over the advertisement calling for applications for the post of CMD, MCL for which even candidates with no exposure to coal industry are being considered. He said only deserving officers from within Coal India should be selected to the posts of Directors.

Dr. B.K.Srivastav, Vice-President, AIACE, welcomed all the members and read out the agenda for the meeting and requested Sri. P.K.Singh Rathor, Convenor, AIACE, to speak on these issues.

1. Continual yearly training & development programs for young executives

This will enhance the efficiency of executives and help them in their career growth. CIL is in talks with Indian Institute of Management for this purpose.

2. Upgradation of accommodation & other facilities in coalfield areas

With the reduction in the number of officers, many quarters are vacant. It was suggested that old dilapidated quarters should be demolished as their maintenance cost is very high to be substituted by integrated colonies with multi-storeyed buildings and sports and recreation centres. Sri. A.Chatterjee said that there was such a proposal in CCL and it needs to be revived.

3. House Building Advance & Vehicle Advance at subsidised interest rates

CIL should provide enhanced amount of HBA & Vehicle loan to executives considering the present market conditions and interest should be at a subsidised rates as interest charged by Banks is not attractive. It would be beneficial to the officers even if the subsidy portion is taxable.

4. Transfer Policy of CIL

CIL has partially implemented its transfer policy in 2018. Many executives who had worked exclusively in UG mines were transferred to OC Mines and vice versa leading to hardship and loss of efficiency. Officers above the age of 55 years were transferred from one subsidiary to another without due consideration of their personal situation.

A uniform transfer policy should be adopted by CIL after considering the following suggestions.

- a) Transfer from one Mine/Department to another only after 5 years.
- b) Transfer from one Area to another after 10 years.
- c) Inter-Company transfer after 15 years' service in one Company.
- d) Officers aged 55 years and above not to be transferred to another company without giving them an option.
- e) Officers under the age of 45 years may be transferred to obtain more exposure and experience.

5. Payment of PRP to executives of SCCL for the period 2007 to 2013

Sri. Dattatreyulu informed that CMD, SCCL has shown his helplessness in deciding the matter as the Chief Minister, Telangana is directly dealing with the matter. He requested that AIACE should take up the matter with CMD, SCCL and Chief Minister. Convenor assured that AIACE will pursue the issue and will soon hold a meeting at Hyderabad for this purpose.

6. Implementation of AIACE Benevolent Fund w.e.f 16-05-2022

A self-sustaining Benevolent Fund for the members will be implemented from 16th May 2022 under which an ex-gratia amount of Rs.10000.00 will be paid to the spouse of an executive who has been a member continuously for 3 years upon the death of the executive. This amount will be disbursed by the concerned local branch of AIACE without much formality and will be reimbursed by the Central Body out of interest earned on the accumulated

funds of AIACE. Some members were of the opinion that it requires a lot of work and suggested to create a separate fund that can be handled by an agency like LIC. Convenor clarified that much thought has been given to the scheme and LIC will not look after the interest of our members. Depending upon the increase in membership numbers and availability of funds, the quantum of ex-gratia may be enhanced in future.

7. Indefinite Dharna at Jantar Mantar, Delhi in February 2022 on the issue of Pension revision

After the successful Dharna in December 2019 at Jantar Mantar, Delhi it is again proposed to have an indefinite Dharna in April 2022 instead of February 2022 jointly with All India Coal Pensioners' Association to press our long pending demand for revision of pension under CMPS. Representatives from all Branches are requested to attend this relay dharna to make it a success. Arrangements for Accommodation and food will be provided by AIACE at Delhi. It is also proposed to hold Dharna on All India basis to draw attention to the plight of the pensioners.

Sri. Kamal Narayan Prasad congratulated AIACE for successfully organising a dharna at CMPF Office, Dhanbad in support of Sri. H.K.Choudhury. He said that after this event the officials at CMPFO have become more co-operative and sensitive to issues related to CMPF cases.

8. Adoption of legal action on the issue of non-payment of interest on NPS Fund

The issue of payment of interest on NPS for the delay in implementation of the Scheme was referred by CIL to Coal Ministry although there is a provision in the Trust Deed for paying interest. This has led to further delays and the issue is not being resolved. The matter was discussed at length and some of the members felt that the only recourse left now is to go to Court as CIL Board is unwilling to decide the matter while others were not in favour of legal action that may delay the matter indefinitely.

Sri. A. Chatterjee informed that interest on NPS has already been paid by RITES and some of the other PSUs and unless we obtain a court order CIL is not going to decide the matter. Many executives have expired since 2007 and if we do not act now, we may not get the dues in our lifetime.

Convenor informed that going to court will result in a lot of expenditure and members may be required to contribute in proportion to their corpus amount. Finally it was decided that AIACE will approach the Courts to resolve the matter.

9. CPRMSE issues and empanelment of hospitals

There are a number of issues related to CPRMSE and members were not at all satisfied about the working of the Scheme. Convenor informed that Director (Personnel), CIL has assured to call AIACE for a meeting shortly to discuss these issues.

These issues have been taken up with CIL management on several occasions. We have brought to the notice of CIL that members are denied treatment by the hospitals because of non-clearance of their dues and inordinate delay in payment. CIL has assured that it will look into the matter and improve the situation.

Hospitals have to apply CIL for empanelment in the prescribed form and AIACE will facilitate the approval of their application provided they meet the specified criteria.

We have asked CIL to allow treatment & reimbursement at hospitals that are established under Clinical Establishments (Registration and Regulation) Act, 2010 as medical insurance companies also recognise such hospitals. This will benefit retired employees staying in places that do not have empanelled hospitals. Bills for pathological & radiological tests done at NABL accredited laboratories should also be reimbursed as it is not possible to go to empanelled hospitals frequently.

It was also suggested that as CGHS rates have not been revised for ages, CIL should fix reasonable rates for medical consultations and treatment so that doctors do not turn back patients.

Sri. A.D.Nath and Sri. O.P.Singh said that there are no empanelled hospitals at Guwahati and Pune. Dr. B.K.Srivastav clarified that there is a provision in CPRMSE for reimbursement at CGHS rates for treatment availed at such places. He also suggested that we can quote the Notice no. CIL/C-5b/med/2017-18/018/481(a) dated 23-06-2017 issued by CMO/HOD Medical, CIL for recommending names of private hospitals for empanelment.

10. Membership Drive

AIACE has not been able to get recognition from the Management since we do not have the requisite percentage of working executives as our members. However CIL and other authorities like CMPFO, Coal Ministry are aware of the excellent work being done by AIACE and always react positively to the issues and suggestions raised by us.

The meeting ended with a Vote of Thanks by Dr. B.K.Srivastav



A meeting-cum-family get-together of All India Association of Coal Executives (AIACE), Asansol Branch was held on 06/12/2021 in the Community Hall of CMPDIL, RI-1, Asansol. Mr. Irshad Ahmed, Regional Director, RI-1, CMPDIL, Asansol; Mr. Paramjit Singh, HOD(Civil), CMPDIL, RI-1 and Dr. Satyendra Kumar, HOD(Vig), ECL, HQ were the Chief Guest in this meeting. About 90 heads (including spouses) attended the family get-together and meeting.



Detailed discussions and deliberations were made on the following Agenda by the respective Office Bearers/ Executive Members present in the meeting on the following issues:

- 1) Enhancement of pension
- 2) Easy digital system for widows' pension from the pension bank (Former or Survivor)
- 3) Cashless medical treatments
- 4) Interest on NPS
- 5) Dharna in Delhi for pension revision(enhancement)
- 6) Membership drive(specially working members)
- 7) Achievements of Asansol Branch (Welfare) Activities





All India Association of Coal Executives (AIACE), NORTH EAST BRANCH, GUWAHATI.

Minutes of Meeting of All India Association of Coal Executives (AIACE), NORTH EAST BRANCH, GUWAHATI organised on 16/11/2021 at 02.00pm at Guwahati

Mr. S N Changmai presided over the meeting which was attended by members. The following decisions were taken in the meeting :

- 1. Constitution of the Branch Executive Committee : The Branch Executive Committee was constituted as under :
- a) Mr. A D Nath President
- b) Mr. A K Bharali General Secretary
- c) Mr. Rajen Kumar Datta, Vice President
- d) Dr. Robin Saikia, Joint General Secretary (Medical)
- e) Mr. M C Bora, Patron
- 2. Empanelment of hospitals at Guwahati: It was proposed that the following hospitals at Guwahati be approached for empanelment with CIL in addition to the existing ones:
- a) Healthcity Hospital
- b) Nemcare Hospital
- c) GNRC Hospital
- d) Appollo Hospital
- e) Downtown Hospital
- 3. Holding a Seminar on new environment-friendly mining technology for NEC mines: It was decided that the proposed seminar would be organised soon for which the venue will be decided by General Secretary after detailed discussion with NEC management and other concerned agencies.

- 4. Membership drive: While every member would try for making new members, specific responsibilities were entrusted to the following members for the drive -
- a) Shri Thakur Das Paul
- b) Shri Naba Kumar Baruah
- c) Shri Dhirendra Nath Choudhury
- 5. Year-ending branch get-together: A family get-together would be organised on coming 20th December. Shri Bharali and Dr. Saikia would organise the same.
- 6. Sitting accommodation of retired executives of CIL at Black Diamond Towers, NEC, Guwahati: it was decided that the retired executives of CIL, based in NER, would apply to CIL through NEC to allot a sitting place to retired executives of CIL at Black Diamond Towers, NEC. Action would be taken by Shri A K Bharali soon.

The meeting ended with vote of thanks to the chair.



Minutes of Meeting of All India Association of Coal Executives (AIACE), NORTH EAST BRANCH, GUWAHATI

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All India Coal Pensioners' Association (AICPA), NORTH EAST BRANCH, GUWAHATI

All India Association of Coal Executives (AIACE), NORTH EAST BRANCH, GUWAHATI and All India Coal Pensioners' Association (AICPA), NORTH EAST BRANCH, GUWAHATI organised its meeting on 18/10/2021 at 10.00am at Hotel Gateway Grandeur, Guwahati.

At the very outset, Shri P K Singh Rathor, Principal General Secretary cum Convenor of central body of AIACE/AICPA was given warm welcome traditionally with a 'Phulam Gamocha' by Mr. A K Bharali on behalf of North East Branch. Mr. M C Bora, the oldest member of the North East Branch was also traditionally honoured with a 'Phulam Gamocha' by Mr. S N Changmai on behalf of the branch.



The meeting presided over by Sri M C Bora

Everyone present in meeting gave individual introduction.

The purpose of the meeting was explained by Mr. A D Nath. He told that our association is the unique body with a moto of serving executives while in service, after retirement as well as the widows of the executives of the coal industries of the nation. The purpose of the meeting is formation of its North East Branch wherein the members are expected to serve selflessly for the welfare of the body.



The formation of the Executive Committee: 10 persons attended the meeting. Mr. Rathor informed the house that the existing strength of Guwahati - Margherita branch is 23 who have automatically become the members of the NE branch. Hence it was decided that only an 'Ad-hoc committee' would be formed within a few days for which Mr. M C Bora, Mr. A D Nath and Dr R Saikia would take all necessary actions.

Action for enhancement of CMPS pension: AIACE has already suggested CMPF Organisation how to strengthen the corpus of Pension Fund. The suggestion has been forwarded to CIL, SCCL and other CMPF trustees. Our association is waiting for the action by Government in this regard. Meanwhile, AIACE is also planning to organise relay hunger strike in Delhi in the month of Feb-22 till realisation of enhancement of pension. In this regard. Sri P K Singh Rathor is travelling all across the country to mobilise coal pensioners to reach Delhi as per schedule to be decided later on. The strike will be organised under the banner of All India Coal Pensioners' Association (AICPA), All India Association of Coal Executives (AIACE) and other pensioners organisations of the country.

Interest on NPS: It was pointed out that a huge amount is due to executives under NPS head and AIACE is working for distribution of the interest amount to members. In case, CIL /SCCL fail to give interest component, AIACE will search option for going to court for direction to the Management for crediting the interest portion to the beneficiaries.

CPRMSE: It was informed by the Principal General Secretary that the digital medical cards are being issued by CIL.AIACE has demanded similar card be issued to all retirees through

its subsidiaries. EPR(Enterprise Resource Planning) would be implemented centrally at CIL HQ level. It would be possible for all the CPRMSE beneficiaries to to get medical facilities at all CIL empanelled hospitals hassle-free.

Empanelment of hospitals at Guwahati: There are 3 empanelled hospitals of CIL at Guwahati, NE cancer hospital for cancer patients, Narayan hospital (which is quite away from the city) and Arya hospital within the city. It was decided that all actions would be taken to increase the number of hospitals within the city in the list of empanelment of CIL. A committee comprising of Dr. R Saikia, Mr. A D Nath and Mr. A K Bharali was constituted to take all necessary steps in this regard.

Membership drive: It was agreed by all in the house that everyone would enroll himself/herself as member of AIACE as well as AICPA. They would also ensure new membership from their known ones as many as possible.

Holding a Seminar on new mining technology: The suspension of mining activities of existing NEC mines was discussed in details. It was decided that a national seminar on implementation of a new technology with preservation of environment and ecology for these mines be organised under the banner of our association at the earliest.

In the presidential speech, Mr. M C Bora ensured that he would give continuous guidance to the association for its all round success.



The meeting ended with vote of thanks by Mr. S N Changmai to Mr. M C Bora for successfully conducting the meeting, Mr. P K Singh Rathor for his sincere guidance, Mr. A D Nath for organising the meeting and others for attending the meeting and giving their valuable suggestions.



Picnic of North East Branch of AIACE/AICPA on 21.12.2021 at Chanaka Riverine Camp, Morigaon District, Assam

DLC camp being organised at Korba ,CG on 1/11/2021 in collaboration with All India Association of Coal Executives (AIACE),All India Coal Pensioners Association (AICPA) and India Post Payment Bank



DLC generation camp was organised at Korba ,CG on 1/11/2021 in collaboration with All India Association of Coal Executives (AIACE),All India Coal Pensioners Association (AICPA) and India Post Payment Bank.

Total 84 persons generated digital life certificate on 1/11/2021. It was led by Sri Subodh Srivastava, Sri K L Kurrey and S P Patnail and others.



DLC camp being organised at Bilaspur,CG on 15/11/2021

The DLC camp was organized for executive and non-executive employees of Coal India in collaboration with All India Association of Coal Executives (AIACE), All India Coal Pensioners Association (AICPA) and India Post Payment Bank Digital life certificate generation camp for coal pension and contributory post retirement medical benefit for executive and non-executive employees of Coal India was organised today on 16/11/2021 at Bllaspur by All India Association of Coal Executives (AIACE) and All India Coal Pensioners Association (AICPA) in collaboration with India Post Payment Bank(Deptt of Post), Govt of India. In this camp retirees from other organisations also got their life certificate generated. Sri N N Roy, Vice -President, AIACE Bilaspur led the team assisted by Sri M I Hasaan, Sri S K Mathur.

कोल इंडिया के कार्यकारी और गैर-कार्यकारी कर्मचारियों के लिए कोयला पेंशन और अंशदायी पोस्ट सेवानिवृत्ति चिकित्सा लाभ के लिए डिजिटल लाइफ सर्टिफिकेट जनरेशन कैंप का आयोजन आज 16/11/2021 को बिलासपुर में ऑल इंडिया एसोसिएशन ऑफ कोल एक्जीक्यूटिव्स (एआईएसीई) और ऑल इंडिया कोल पेंशनर्स एसोसिएशन और इंडिया पोस्ट पेमेंट बैंक (डाक विभाग), भारत सरकार के सहयोग से किया गया इस शिविर में अन्य संगठनों के सेवानिवृत्त लोगों ने भी अपना जीवन प्रमाण पत्र बनवाया। श्री एन एन रॉय, उपाध्यक्ष, एआईएसीई बिलासपुर ने श्री एम आई हसन, श्री एस के माथ्र सहायता से टीम का नेतृत्व किया।



ALL INDIA ASSOCIATION OF COAL EXECUTIVES (AIACE) BENGALURU BRANCH MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 11TH DECEMBER 2021

A *ZOOM* meeting of the Bengaluru Branch of All India Association of Coal Executives (AIACE) was held on 11th December 2021. About 15 persons attended the meeting. The following issues were discussed.



1. QUARTERLY FAMILY GET-TOGETHER

Seeing the overwhelming response to the family get-together held on 21st November 2021, members expressed their desire that meetings should be held every quarter. It was decided to hold such meetings on the last Sunday of every quarter starting with 27th March 2021.

2. PICNIC IN JANUARY 2021

As per the convenience of the members it was decided to arrange a picnic at Mekedatu on **Sunday**, **16**th **January 2021.** Considerable groundwork, such as gathering details for arrangement of transport and catering, has been done in anticipation of good response from members. All members are requested to confirm their participation at the earliest and send their contribution as advance payment has to be made for transport and food. Also pick-up points can be fixed only after knowing the details of participating members. Approximate cost per head is Rs.900 and the amount may be remitted to:

R.A.MANJUNATH PRASAD Account No: 67175381034 SBIN0021872

Google Pay: 9481240217

Please indicate name, number of persons and location of residence while confirming.

3. EMPANELMENT OF MORE HOSPITALS

Members expressed their difficulty in getting medical treatment at CGHS rates even from empanelled hospitals. The number of empanelled hospitals and their distribution across the city are not satisfactory.

More than 100 retired executives of Coal India are residing at Bengaluru and many more are coming here from other places for medical treatment. As the city is spread over a very large area there is a need to empanel more hospitals as some of the areas like Whitefield and East Bengaluru do not have any empanelled hospital. It was decided to form zone-wise committees to identify and approach suitable hospitals, on behalf of AIACE, to apply to Coal India. AIACE will facilitate their empanelment. The detailed criteria for eligibility of hospitals will be provided to the teams by Jt. Secretary, Bengaluru Branch.

The following zone-wise committees are formed for this purpose.

A. BANNERGHATTA ROAD/ELECTRONIC CITY:

i) Sri. Muslim Ansari (Co-ordinator) ii) Sri. H R Ramapriyan iii) Sri. Ravi Rajan iv) Sri. S. Suresh Rao

B. WHITEFIELD/EAST BENGALURU:

i) Sri. Ajit Srivastwa (Co-ordinator) ii) Smt. Geeta Sahay iii) Sri. Rajendra Sharma iv) Sri. Md. Qasim Ansari

C. SOUTH BENGALURU:

i) Sri. A Chatterjee (Co-ordinator) ii) Sri. R.A.M.Prasad iii) Sri. H.Mohan iv) Sri. Ravi Shankar

D. CENTRAL BENGALURU:

i) Sri. A.K.Garg (Co-ordinator) ii) Sri. M. Mohan Das iii) Sri. S.Sundar iv) Sri. M N Abbas

E. NORTH BENGALURU:

i) Sri. Keshava Gupta (Co-ordinator) ii) Sri. Yogya Arun Rao iii) Sri Debnil Paul iv) Sri. K.N.Ramachandran

The Zonal Co-ordinators are free to co-opt any other member/resource person to help the committee. Sri. R.K.Chowrasia will be overall in-charge of this assignment but since Sri. Chowrasia is presently not available due to personal reasons, Sri. R.A.M.Prasad will do overall co-ordination in his absence. The committee members are requested to devote their valuable time and energy to achieve tangible results. A progress report may please be sent to President, AIACE, Bengaluru latest by 31st December 2021.

4. PAYMENT OF MEMBERSHIP FEES FOR 2022

All the members were requested to deposit the annual fees for 2022 if they have not already done so and to post the transaction slip in their respective Bona fide groups.





Minutes of the meeting of AIACE, Bilaspur held on 3/10/2021

A physical meeting of Bilaspur branch of AIACE was held on 03.10.2021 at Country Club, Koni, Bilaspur in which 21 members attended the meeting.

Sri PK Singh Rathore National convener of AIACE attended the meeting.

The meeting was presided over by Dr A M Mohan, president of Bilaspur branch who enumerated the five years of journey of the association and insisted on strengthening the association by adding more members.



Sri N N Roy, Vice president, informed the members that Aar bee hospital, Bilaspur, has been added to CIL empanelled hospitals.

Sri Rathore informed the members about various activities and proposals of AIACE.

>Waiver of annual fee for members more than 75 years of age on 1st January of every year.

So far, members above 80 years of age are exempted from paying renewal fee for membership. It was decided to waive annual membership fee from members who become more than 75 years of age in 1st January of every year.

>Enhancement of registration fee to Rs 5000/ for new members who join AIACE after 31/12/2021.

It was explained that it has been observed that people are avoiding to join AIACE during their service period and opting to join it only after retirement in a selfish way to gain advantage over their problems. In order to discourage

this mentality, it was decided to increase the registration fee of AIACE from Rs. 2000.00 to Rs. 5000.00 WEF 1/1/2022 so that people volunteer for membership during their service life. Those who join before 31/12/21 will continue to pay RS. 2000.00 only as registration fee. The annual renewal fee will continue to be Rs 500/ only.

>Holding of Jeevanpramaan Camp for submitting life certificate in association with India PostPayment Bank (Govt of India) in the month of Oct-November 2021 at Bilaspur.

It was proposed to organize a Jeevanpramaan camp at Bilaspur in association with India Post Payment Bank for the benefit of coal Pensioners staying at Bilaspur.

>Membership drive

It was decided to increase the membership drive and all members were requested to contact known other executives to become member of AIACE.

>Other issues

It is proposed to claim the interest earned on NPS by Coal India, for distribution to members. A case may be filed in Supreme Court in February 2022 for settlement of this issue.

Also it is proposed to organize a Dharna by members of AIACE at Delhi to highlight the long standing issues like Pension enhancement, widow pension, issues related to CMPFO etc.

Regarding issues related to CPRMSE such as OPD treatment, Critical cases, reimbursement of medical bills, empanelled hospitals were explained to the members by Dr A M Mohan, Dr S Dantre and PK Singh Rathore.

The meeting was concluded with vote of thanks proposed by Sri D K Saha Secretary, Bilaspur branch.