

CHAPTER-VII

AIACE-AICPA PENSION MEMORANDUMS



Today, on 22nd June, 2024, in Narsapuram, Andhra Pradesh, Sri RCV Raju, Retd Dy General Manager (Personnel), Singareni Collieries Co Ltd and member of All India Coal Pensioners Association (AICPA) called on Sri Perala Mohan Garu, PA to Smt Nirmala Sitharaman, Hon'ble Minister for Finance, Govt of India. He handed over a representation signed by Sri PK Singh Rathor, Convenor AIACE/AICPA and requested him to kindly place this representation for her kind perusal for revision of pension to coal employees. The letter to Smt Nirmala Sitharaman is given below:-



2024_AICPA_CENTRAL_007

Dated 22 / 6 / 2024

To
Hon'ble Smt. Nirmala Seetharaman ji,
Honourable Minister of Finance,
Government of India,
New Delhi

Sub: Request for taking up coal pensioners' issue with the coal minister for enhancement of pension to them

Hon'ble Madam,

We, on behalf of All India Coal Pensioners Association (AICPA) extend you our best wishes on assuming charge of Minister of Finance & Corporate Affairs.

We are an association of serving and retired coal executives and employees of Coal India Ltd and Singareni Collieries Co Ltd. We have also a sister association namely All India Association of Coal Executives (AIACE), in which executive employees of CIL and SCCL are included as members. Last, but not the least, we also have under our umbrella, the dependent spouse(s) of our deceased colleagues who are honoured in our body as Associates.

It is brought to your kind notice that many pensioners are getting less than Rs 1000/- per month in spite of working in dirty environment for long years for meeting the energy requirement of the country. Even the highest Board level and below board level executives who retired before 2007 are getting a meagre pension, insufficient to lead comfortable life.

The coal pensioners are covered under Coal Mines Pension Scheme called CMPS-1998. This scheme was notified on 31st March 1998, and presently approximately 6 lakhs pensioners are receiving pension under the scheme. For providing pension, fund is generated out of earnings from a corpus which is created out of contribution of working employees.

It is projected that gross mismanagement of Fund has led to erosion of initial corpus. In 2017, Parliamentary Accounts Committee (PAC) report had pointed out several irregularities and mismanagement of corpus fund and asked government for remedial measures and restructuring which was agreed by Government in 2019. However, it is a pity that authorities are yet to arrive at a solution and arrange for missing corpus that could have enhanced pension amount and linked it with rising inflation. This is to reiterate that, pension once fixed, has remained constant over the years in spite of provision for review of scheme every three years and for enhancement of pension.

It is apprehended that, officials at coal ministry, though convinced for pension revision are unable for an early resolution in absence of proper direction from various wings of government.

We shall be highly obliged to you for extending support to our cause and use your good office for resolving this critical issue by taking up with the coal minister as poor pensioners are on the verge of starvation with the present pension amount.

With Regards,

P K SINGH RATHOR
Convenor, AIACE/AICPA



On 22nd June, 2024, in Bhimavaram, Andhra Pradesh, Sri RCV Raju, Retd Dy General Manager (Personnel), Singareni Collieries Co Ltd and member of All India Coal Pensioners Association (AICPA) called on Sri Bhupathiraju Srivasa Varma Garu, Union Minister of State for Ministry of Heavy Industries, Govt of India, and handed over a representation from AIACE/AICPA requesting him to forward the representation to Sri G Kishan Reddy Garu Union Minister Ministry of Coal for revision of CMPS 1998. Copy of the letter to Sri Varma is given below:-

दि. 22 जून 2024 को, भीमावरम, आंध्र प्रदेश में, श्री आरसीवी राजू, सेवानिवृत्त उप महाप्रबंधक (कार्मिक), सिंगरेनी कोलियरीज कंपनी लिमिटेड और ऑल इंडिया कोल पेंशनर्स एसोसिएशन (एआईसीपीए) के सदस्य ने श्री भूपतिराजू श्रीवास वर्मा गारू, केंद्रीय राज्य मंत्री, भारी उद्योग मंत्रालय, भारत सरकार, से मुलाकात की और एआईसीपीए/एआईसीपीए की ओर से एक प्रतिनिधित्व सौंपा, जिसमें सीएमपीएस 1998 में संशोधन के लिए श्री जी किशन रेड्डी गारू, केंद्रीय कोयला मंत्री, को प्रतिनिधित्व अग्रेषित करने का अनुरोध किया गया। श्री वर्मा को लिखे पत्र की प्रति नीचे दी गई है:-



2024_AICPA_CENTRAL_006

Dated 22 /6 /2024

To
Hon'ble Shri Bhupathi Raju Srinivasa Varma ji,
Honourable Minister of State for Heavy Industries,
Government of India,
Camp : Bhimavaram
(Andhra Pradesh)

Sub: Request for taking up coal pensioners' issue with the coal minister for enhancement of pension to them

Sir,

We, on behalf of All India Coal Pensioners Association (AICPA) extend you our best wishes on assuming charge of Minister of State for Heavy Industries.

We are an association of serving and retired coal executives and employees of Coal India Ltd and Singareni Collieries Co Ltd. We have also a sister association namely All India Association of Coal Executives (AIACE), in which executive employees of CIL and SCCL are included as members. Last, but not the least, we also have under our umbrella, the dependent spouse(s) of our deceased colleagues who are honoured in our body as Associates.

It is brought to your kind notice that many pensioners are getting less than Rs 1000/- per month in spite of working in dirty environment for long years for meeting the energy requirement of the country. Even the highest

Board level and below board level executives who retired before 2007 are getting a meagre pension, insufficient to lead comfortable life.

The coal pensioners are covered under Coal Mines Pension Scheme called CMPS-1998. This scheme was notified on 31st March 1998, and presently approximately 6 lakhs pensioners are receiving pension under the scheme. For providing pension, fund is generated out of earnings from a corpus which is created out of contribution of working employees.

It is projected that gross mismanagement of Fund has led to erosion of initial corpus. In 2017, Parliamentary Accounts Committee (PAC) report had pointed out several irregularities and mismanagement of corpus fund and asked government for remedial measures and restructuring which was agreed by Government in 2019. However, it is a pity that authorities are yet to arrive at a solution and arrange for missing corpus that could have enhanced pension amount and linked it with rising inflation. This is to reiterate that, pension once fixed, has remained constant over the years in spite of provision for review of scheme every three years and for enhancement of pension.

It is apprehended that, officials at coal ministry, though convinced for pension revision are unable for an early resolution in absence of proper direction from various wings of government.

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With Regards,

P K SINGH RATHOR
Convener, AIACE/AICPA




Today on 22-06-2024 Sri D Ramchander Rao, a member of AICPA, Hyderabad Branch and President, Singareni Retired Employees Welfare Association, handed over a petition for enhancing the pension of coal employees of Coal India and Singareni Collieries was handed over to Shri Eatala Rajender, Member of Parliament, Medchal Malkajigiri, Telangana., during his visit to Manasarovar Old Bowenpally. Shri Rajender, stated that he was fully aware of the matter and promised to do his best to increase the pension. Copy of the letter to Shri Eatala Rajender is given below:-

आज 22-06-2024 को एआईसीपीए हैदराबाद शाखा के सदस्य और सिंगरेनी रिटायर्ड एम्प्लाइज वेलफेयर एसोसिएशन के अध्यक्ष श्री डी रामचंद्र राव ने कोल इंडिया और सिंगरेनी कोलियरीज के कोयला कर्मचारियों की पेंशन वृद्धि के लिए एक याचिका श्री ईटाला राजेंद्र, सांसद, मेडचल मलकाजीगिरी, तेलंगाना को उनके मानसरोवर ओल्ड बोवेनपल्ली दौरे के दौरान सौंपी। श्री राजेंद्र ने कहा कि उन्हें मामले की पूरी जानकारी है और उन्होंने पेंशन बढ़ाने के लिए हरसंभव प्रयास करने का वादा किया। श्री ईटाला राजेंद्र को लिखे गए पत्र की प्रति नीचे दी गई है:-



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<p>President DANDAMRAJ RAMCHANDER RAO 9849592958</p> <p>Secretary BHU PULLA RAO NALLA 9391578262</p> <p>Treasurer N. V. LAKSHYA BABU 9989805913</p> <p>Advisor L. L. MAHAR 9849371043</p> <p>Vice-Presidents K. SATYANARAYANA 9849041958</p> <p>A. VENU MADHAV 9896051752</p> <p>Joint Secretaries: S. NARASINGA RAO SK. MEERA</p> <p>Organizing Secretaries: V. PARDHASARADHI K. RAMAKRISHNA RAO</p> <p>EXECUTIVE BODY Ch. Raghurama Rao S.p. Rabhakar T. Gopala Krishna V. Samba Siva Rao Ch. Seshu Sai K. Beeraiah D. Lokanadham N. Rama Chander M. Giridher Rao T. Komurath K. Sudheer B.R.C. Reddy P. Kumara Swamy Annamma Arthur S.S.V. Prasad M. Bhadrach Bujanga Sena G. Janardhan Reddy S. Laxminarayana Jasanth Kumar</p>	<p>Hyderabad Dated: 11-06-2024.</p> <p>To Shri Gangapuram Kishan Reddy ji Honourable Minister for Coal and Mines Government of India New Delhi-110001.</p> <p>Respected Sir,</p> <p>Sub : Appeal for Review and Revision / Enhancement of Coal Mines Pension Scheme 1998-Reg.</p> <p>I take the pleasure in extending my heartfelt congratulations on your assuming office as Minister of Coal.</p> <p>For and on behalf of the Retired Employees / Pensioners of the Coal Industry, the undersigned have the Honour before your Good Office and craving Liberty to invoke your kind attention and Justice on the following within the Socio-economic perspective and Ambit of Coal Mining Industry and having attachment with Sweating Coal Employees. 55% of our country's energy needs are fulfilled by coal sector. India's industrial heritage was built upon indigenous coal. 75% of electricity produced in the country is from Thermal Power plants and these plants use COAL as input for generating electricity. Such is the importance of coal sector in lighting up the lives of the people. But the lives of the employees who worked for extraction of coal are still hanging in darkness. Particularly the lives of retired coal employees are vulnerable. They remain aloof from the concept of social security, which forms the core of the welfare state. Retired coal employees are eligible for pension the rate of which is to be revised for every 3 years as per CMPS 1998. This revision is expected to offset the impact of inflation. But since inception of CMPS 1998, the pension was not revised once. Some of the retired employees under the pension scheme are receiving as less as ₹1000 per month. The Medical and insurance facilities provided to the retired employees do not meet the current needs of the employees. Central Government has promoted the idea of "Atmanirbhar Bharat" which means self reliance in all aspects of Governance. Now the retired coal employees are demanding periodic revision of pension to achieve that Atmanirbharta. Even the employees are demanding periodic revision of pension to achieve that Atmanirbharta. Even the retired employees staged dharna on multiple occasions to demonstrate the injustice met to them. It is highly essential that the authorities look into the sufferings of the retired coal employees and formulate policies for the welfare of the employees. We hope that Government of India stands with retired coal employees (Sabka saath) and fulfill our demands (Sabka Vikas) and instill confidence in it's citizens (Sabka Vishwas).</p> <p>Thanking you sir,</p> <p>With regards,  DANDAMRAJ RAMCHANDER RAO PRESIDENT Email: lalliram.sindhu@gmail.com Copy submitted to: Shri Eatala Rajender ji, Honourable Member of Parliament, Medchal Malkajigiri Constituency, Hyderabad - for his kind intervention.</p>
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Ref No. AIACE/CENTRAL / 054

Dated 6th July, 2024

To
 Hon'ble Shri Tokhan Sahu Ji,
 Hon'ble Minister of State for Housing And Urban Affairs,
 Government of India,
 New Delhi

Sub: Request for taking up coal pensioners' issue with the coal minister for enhancement of pension to them

Hon'ble Sir-

We, on behalf of All India Association of Coal Executives (AIACE) extend you our best wishes, on assuming charge of Minister Of State for Housing And Urban Affairs.

We are an association of serving and retired coal executives and employees of Coal India Ltd and Singreth Collieries Co Ltd. in which executive employees of CIL and SCEI are included as members. Last, but not the least, we also have under our umbrella, the dependent spouse(s) of our deceased colleagues who are honoured in our body as Associates.

It is brought to your kind notice that many pensioners are getting less than Rs 1000/- per month in spite of working in dirty environment for long years for meeting the energy requirement of the country. Even the highest Board level and below board level executives who retired before 2007 are getting a meagre pension, insufficient to lead comfortable life.

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We shall be highly obliged to you for extending support to our cause and use your good offices for resolving this critical issue by taking up with the coal minister as poor pensioners are on the verge of starvation with the present pension amount.

With Regards,

P K SINGH RATHOR
 Provincial General Secretary

A Delegation of AIACE led by Sri P K Singh Rathor, Convenor, AIACE/AICPA met Sri Tokhan Sahu, Hon'ble Minister of State, Urban Development (Standing at centre on above 2 photographs), and handed him a memorandum for taking up with Hon'ble Union Minister for Coal, the vexing issue of Pension to retirees from coal sector. (Letter reproduced below)

The members in the delegation comprised of (from Left to Right) Dr A. M. MOHAN, President, Bilaspur Branch, Sri P K Singh Rathor, Convenor AIACE/AICPA, Sri Sri S C Sinha, Jt. General Secretary, Bilaspur Branch, Sri P K Sharan, Executive Committee member, Bilaspur Branch



**ALL INDIA ASSOCIATION OF COAL PENSIONERS (AICPA)
ALL INDIA ASSOCIATION OF COAL EXECUTIVES (AIACE)**



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Representation Submitted to Sri Etala Rajender ji, Honourable Member of Parliament, Medchal Malkajiri Constituency.



Representation submitted to Sri Shri Konda Vishwashwar Reddy ji, Honourable Member of Parliament (Lokasabha), Chevella Constituency

On 16-07-2024, a representation signed by Sri PK Singh Rathor Convenor AICPA/AIACE was submitted to Sri Etala Rajender ji, Honourable Member of Parliament, Medchal-Malkajiri constituency (Telengana state), by Shri D Ramchander Rao, and Shri Meduri Vijaya Babu.

On the same day, 16-07-2024, the duo Shri D Ramchander Rao, and Shri Meduri Vijaya Babu presented a similar representation to Sri Konda Vishwashwar Reddy ji, Honourable Member of Parliament (Lokasabha), Chevella Constituency, (Telengana state).

The petition expounded the sufferings of coal pensioners who are surviving on insubstantial pension and requested immediate intervention of the Ministry of Coal & Mines to sort out the issues plaguing coal pensioners of CIL and SCCL and about their pitiable condition who have retired long back.

Sri P. K Singh Rathor, Convenor, AICPA told that the poor pensioners are on the verge of starvation with the present pension amount and the Coal Ministry officials should immediately intervene for enhancing the pension.

Submission of our representation on pension enhancement issue by a team of AIACE/AICPA Hyderabad Branch members, to Shri Bandi Sanjay Kumar ji, Honourable Union Minister of State for Home Affairs, Karimnagar Loksabha Constituency, (Telengana State) at his own residence in Karimnagar on 14-8-2024.



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Dated: 13th August, 2024

To
Shri Bandi Sanjay Kumar ji,
Honourable Union Minister of State for Home Affairs,
Karimnagar Loksabha Constituency,
(Telengana State)

Sub: Request for taking up coal pensioners' issue with the coal minister for enhancement of pension to them

Dear Sir,

We represent All India Coal Pensioners Association (AICPA), - an association of serving and retired coal executives and employees of Coal India Ltd and Singareni Collieries Co Ltd. We work hand to hand with our sister association namely All India Association of Coal Executives (AIACE), in which working and retired executives and their widow spouses, all belonging to CIL and SCCL are included as members.

These employees from coal sector are covered under a pension scheme called CMPS-1998, and the fund management is done by CMPFO under ministry of coal. This CMPS-1998 scheme has been subject to criticism and scrutiny as evident from 12th report of Public Accounts Committee (PAC) No. 2193 report presented to Parliament on 18th March, 2020.
https://eparlib.nic.in/bitstream/123456789/809294/1/17_Public_Accounts_36.pdf

CMPS-1998 was notified on 31st March 1998, and drawback of this scheme is, pension once fixed, remains stagnant over the years in spite of provision for review of scheme every three years and for enhancement of pension.

It is brought to your kind notice that many pensioners are getting less than Rs 1000/- per month in spite of working in dirty environment for long years for meeting the energy requirement of the country. Even the highest Board level and below board level executives who retired before 2007 are getting a meagre pension, insufficient to lead comfortable life. For Singareni Collieries Co Ltd, the situation is worse as pensioners living outside the coalfield area are deprived of any post-retirement medical benefits too.

The present growth of coal industry is largely due to conservation of coal reserves meticulously carried out by the same employees who are present day pensioners. CIL and SCCL are unable to assist these retired employees, now pensioners, as they do not have authority to handle and distribute pension.

It is a bitter truth that, past decisions and present indecisions, have made enhancement of pension a nightmare and distant dream for pensioners leading to demise of many elderly pensioners every year. In view of these stated facts, we request your intervention in this matter so that the revision and enhancement of pension of these pensioners can be hastened without any further delay by the concerned authorities.

We request to apprise the Union Minister for Coal for initiating an amicable solution to this vexing issue.

With Regards,

P K SINGH RATHOR
Convener, AIACE/AICPA



On 28th August, 2024, a representation from AICPA addressed to Sri G. K. Reddy, Hon'ble Union Minister for Coal, signed by Sri PK Singh Rathor, Convenor AICPA, for enhancement of pension under CMPS-1998, was handed over to Sri Ch Vidyasagar Rao Garu, Former Governor of Maharashtra, by Sri PB Rayanna, Retd. AGM (E&M), SCCL in Hyderabad with a request to forward this in person to Hon'ble Coal Minister. Content of the letter is as reproduced here:


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2024_AICPA_CENTRAL_022

Dated: 28th August, 2024

To
 Hon'ble Sri G. Kishan Reddy ji,
 Union Minister for Coal,
 Government of India,
 New Delhi

Sub: Request for resolving issues in CMPS-1998 in the light of UPS and to enhance pension to coal sector retirees

Dear Sir,

We represent All India Coal Pensioners Association (AICPA), - an association of serving and retired coal executives and employees of Coal India Ltd and Singareni Collieries Co Ltd. We work hand to hand with our sister association namely All India Association of Coal Executives (AIACE), in which working and retired executives and their widow spouses, all belonging to CIL and SCCL are included as members.

We welcome the recent decision of Union Government for announcing UPS for 23 lakhs union government employees. (vide PIB Release ID: 2048607 dated 24-8-2024).

Though, we are not beneficiaries under UPS, we feel proud that the government has largely borrowed the idea from CMPS-1998 Pension scheme, being implemented by the coal ministry This Coal Mines Pension Scheme (CMPS) 1998 was brought by NDA government under leadership of Late Atal Bihari Vajpayee j (Notified by Publication vide G.S.R. 123(E), dated 5.3.1998, published in the Gazette of India, Ext. Pt., I, Section 3(i), dated 5.3.1998). This scheme is effective wef 1/4/1994 ie for those who retires after April 1993 and had opted this scheme.

We wish to bring to your kind notice that the two pension schemes namely CMPS and UPS differ to some extent in a manner that UPS has provision of Inflation Indexation to provide dearness relief, whereas the pensioners under CMPS-1998 are deprived of it. Due to this drawback of our scheme, pension once fixed, remains stagnant over the years in spite of provision for review of scheme every three years and for enhancement of pension.

It is learnt that this CMPS-1998 is on way of recast. We shall be thankful to you for instructing the concerned authorities to examine and incorporate this feature of Inflation Indexation along with enhancement of payable minimum pension to Rs 10000/-

With Regards,



P K SINGH RATHOR
 Convenor, AIACE/AICPA



Sri P K Singh Rathor, Convenor, All India Coal Pensioners' Association (AICPE), has written a letter to Dr Kadiyam Kavya ji, Honourable Member of Parliament Warangal Lok Sabha constituency requesting her intervention into the problems being faced by retired coal miners. He has requested the Honourable MP to take up this issue with the Union Coal Minister.

On advise of AICPA Hyderabad branch convenor Dandamraj Ramchander Rao, the Singareni pensioners residing at Warangal. Yerram Damodar, Ch Madhava Rao Nampally P Sambaiah, Ch Satyanarayana, N Damodar, P Laxma Reddy, G Venkateswarlu and Gollapally Komuraiah submitted the petition to Dr Kadiyam Kavya ji, Honourable Member of Parliament Warangal constituency at her own residency Hanmakonda. She has assured to take up with Hon'ble Coal Minister Sri G Kishan Reddy immediately.

Content of the letter is as reproduced here:



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Dated: 18th August, 2024

To
 Dr. Kadiyam Kavya garu
 Honourable Member Of Parliament
 Warangal Loksabha Constituency
 Telanga

Respected Madam ji

Sub: Request for taking up cpensioners' issue with the coal minister for enhancement of pension to them.

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These employees from coal sector are covered under a pension scheme called CMPS-1998, and the fund management is done by CMPFO under ministry of coal. This CMPS-1998 scheme has been subject to criticism and scrutiny as evident from 12th report of Public Accounts Committee (PAC) No. 2193 report presented to Parliament on 18th March, 2020. https://eparlib.nic.in/bitstream/123456789/809294/1/17_Public_Accounts_36.pdf

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The present growth of coal industry is largely due to conservation of coal reserves meticulously carried out by the same employees who are present day pensioners. CIL and SCCL are unable to assist these retired employees, now pensioners, as they do not have authority to handle and distribute pension.

It is a bitter truth that, past decisions and present indecisions, have made enhancement of pension a nightmare and distant dream for pensioners leading to demise of many elderly pensioners every year. In view of these stated facts, we request your intervention in this matter so that the revision and enhancement of pension of these pensioners can be hastened without any further delay by the concerned authorities.

We request to apprise the Union Minister for Coal for initiating an amicable solution to this vexing issue.

With Regards,



P K SINGH RATHOR

Convenor, AIACE/AICPA

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Dated :26 -09-2024

Lr.No,MP WGL(TELANGANA)/61/2024

To,
Sri G. Kishan Reddy Garu,
Hon'ble Union Minister of Coal and Mines,
Govt. of India.

Respected sir,

I am submitting herewith the representation of Sri. P K Singh Rathor, Convenor, All India Coal Pensioners' Association (AICPE), requesting for revision and enhancement of pension benefits.

These employees from coal sector are covered under a pension scheme called CMPS-1998, and the fund management is done by CMPFO under ministry of coal. This CMPS-1998 scheme has been subject to criticism and scrutiny as evident from 12th report of Public Accounts Committee (PAC) No. 2193 report presented to Parliament on 18th March, 2020.

Needless to say, that the present growth of coal industry is largely due to conservation of coal reserves meticulously carried out by the same employees who are present day pensioners. Coal India Limited (CIL) and Singareni Collieries Company limited (SCCL) are unable to assist these retired employees, now pensioners, as they do not have authority to handle and distribute pension.

It is a bitter truth that, past decisions and present indecisions, have made enhancement of pension a nightmare and distant dream for pensioners leading to demise of many elderly pensioners every year.

Hence, I request your intervention in this matter so that the revision and enhancement of pension of these pensioners can be hastened without any further delay by the concerned authorities.

With kind regards,

Yours faithfully,


(Dr. KADIYAM KAVYA).



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एआईसीपीए हैदराबाद शाखा के संयोजक दंडमराज रामचंद्र राव की सलाह पर, वारंगल में रहने वाले सिंगरेनी पेंशनर्स येरम दामोदर ने आज 17-9-2024 को हनुमानकोंडा के होटल हरिता काकतीय में श्री बलराम नाइक जी को याचिका प्रस्तुत की है। माननीय सांसद ने इस मुद्दे को तुरंत केंद्रीय कोयला मंत्री श्री जी किशन रेड्डी के समक्ष उठाने और संसद के आगामी शीतकालीन सत्र में इस मुद्दे को उठाने का आश्वासन दिया।

पत्र की सामग्री यहाँ प्रस्तुत है:

Sri P K Singh Rathor, Convenor, All India Coal Pensioners' Association (AICPA), has written a letter to Shri Balram Naik ji, Honourable Member of Parliament of Mahabubabad Lok Sabha constituency, requesting her intervention into the problems being faced by retired coal miners. He has requested the Honourable MP to take up this issue with the Union Coal Minister.

On advise of AICPA Hyderabad branch convenor Dandamraj Ramchander Rao, the Singareni pensioners residing at Warangal. Yerram Damodar has submitted the petition today on 17-9-2024 to Shri Balram Naik ji at Hotel Haritha Kakatiya at Hanumakonda. Hon'ble MP assured to immediately take up the issue with the Union Coal Minister Shri G Kishan Reddy and raise the issue in ensuing winter session of the Parliament.

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Dated 17-9-2024

To
Shri Porika Balram Naik garu,
Honourable Member of Parliament
Mahboobabad Loksabha Constituency,
(Telengana State)

Sub: Request for taking up coal pensioners' issue with the coal minister for enhancement of pension to them

Dear Sir,

We represent All India Coal Pensioners Association (AICPA), an association of serving and retired coal executives and employees of Coal India Ltd and Singareni Collieries Co Ltd. We work hand to hand with our sister association namely All India Association of Coal Executives (AIACE), in which working and retired executives and their widow spouses, all belonging to CIL and SCCL are included as members.

These employees from coal sector are covered under a pension scheme called CMPS-1998, and the fund management is done by CMPFO under ministry of coal. This CMPS-1998 scheme has been subject to criticism and scrutiny as evident from 12th report of Public Accounts Committee (PAC) No. 2193 report presented to Parliament on 18th March, 2020.

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CMPS-1998 was notified on 31st March 1998, and drawback of this scheme is, pension once fixed, remains stagnant over the years in spite of provision for review of scheme every three years and for enhancement of pension.

It is brought to your kind notice that many pensioners are getting less than Rs 1000/- per month in spite of working in dirty environment for long years for meeting the energy requirement of the country. Even the highest Board level and below board level executives who retired before 2007 are getting a meagre pension, insufficient to lead comfortable life. For Singareni Collieries Co Ltd, the situation is worse as pensioners living outside the coalfield area are deprived of any post-retirement medical benefits too.

The present growth of coal industry is largely due to conservation of coal reserves meticulously carried out by the same employees who are present day pensioners. CIL and SCCL are unable to assist these retired employees, now pensioners, as they do not have authority to handle and distribute pension.

It is a bitter truth that, past decisions and present indecisions, have made enhancement of pension a nightmare and distant dream for pensioners leading to demise of many elderly pensioners every year. In view of these stated facts, we request your intervention in this matter so that the revision and enhancement of pension of these pensioners can be hastened without any further delay by the concerned authorities.

We request to apprise the Union Minister for Coal for initiating an amicable solution to this vexing issue.

With Regards,

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Sri P K Singh Rathor, Convenor, All India Coal Pensioners' Association (AICPA), has written a letter to Shri Gaddam Vamsi Krishna ji, Honourable Member of Parliament of Peddapally Lokasabha Constituency, requesting his intervention into the problems being faced by retired coal miners. He has requested the Honourable MP to take up this issue of enhancement of pension for coal employees and for providing free unlimited medical facilities to Singareni retired employees, with the Union Coal Minister.

AICPA Hyderabad Branch Convener Dandamraj Ramchander Rao has submitted the petition today on 20-9-2024 to Shri Gaddam Vamsi Krishna ji, Hon'ble MP at his Begumpet office, Hyderabad. Hon'ble MP immediately responded and said pension matters have been apprised to Coal & Mines Minister Shri G Kishan Reddy ji and assured that he will draw the attention of the government onto this issue in the upcoming winter session of the Parliament.

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Dated 18-7-2024
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It is a pity that authorities are yet to arrive at a solution and arrange for missing corpus that could have enhanced pension amount and linked it with rising inflation.

The present growth of coal industry is largely due to conservation of coal reserves meticulously carried out by the same employees who are present day pensioners. CIL and SCCL are unable to assist these retired employees, now pensioners, as they do not have authority to handle and distribute pension.

We request to apprise the Union Minister for Coal for initiating an amicable solution to this vexing issue.

For this act of your kindness for extending support to our struggle for enhanced pension, we shall remain highly obliged to you.

With Regards,

P K SINGH RATHOR
 Convenor, AIACE/AICPA