



Dear Readers,

I am glad to hand over the Year – 7, Volume-II, of AIACE Today in the hand of readers.

We have constantly improved the quality and content of the magazine over the past years. Our Association is vigorously working for resolution of pay conflict of executives with that of age board employee, by compensating the executives with personal pay so that salary of executives should not be less than that of wage board employees.

The major issues before retired coal executives and employees are revision of pension and hassle-free medical treatment. CIL has empaneled more than 500 hospitals including some of Apollo hospitals all across the country for treatment to serving and retired employees. This move of CIL is highly appreciated.

For pension revision, AIACE and AICPA have been working hard and regularly following up CIL/SCCL and coal ministry. The members of these associations organized a massive dharna before CIL office, Kolkata on 15th Septemeber,25 which was covered well by print and electronic media. The ministry of coal realised the urgency of pension revision and has proposed to bring bill for amendment of CMPF and MP, 1948. After passing of the bill, the new Act will come into force which will take care of provident fund pension issue. After this, Govt will bring amendment in CMPS,1998 for strengthening fund position for addressing the issue of meagre pension to old retirees.

CIL and SCCL have already increased the levy @ Rs 20/te on non-coking coal and Rs 10/te on coking coal. Our association is demanding 1 % of coal price /te for pension fund. This will ensure perpetuity of the pension fund and no shortage as being flashed by CMPFO.

We are committed for pension enhancement and adding Dearness Relief (DR) along with fixed pension.

Lastly, our association is working over an innovative idea for creating a joint family system of Coal Indians and members of AIACE in cities like Bengaluru, Kolkata, Hyderabad, Delhi- NCR, Pune and other locations named AIACE FAMILY. The groups have been formed in which members and their sons/daughters are being included. This group will be very useful in the days to come.

With these words, I am handing over the magazine to our readers.

Regards,

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