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## AIACE/CENTRAL/2022 / 051

Dated 26.5.2022

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The Chairman,
Coal India Limited,
Coal Bhawan,
Premise No-04 MAR, Plot No-AF-III, Action Area-1A,
Newtown, Rajarhat, Kolkata-700156

Sub: <u>Insult to CIL as Apollo Hospitals</u>, <u>Bhubaneswar opts out of Empanelment agreement under CPRMSE for pending payments</u>

Dear Sir,

Your kind attention is drawn to the copy of the letter dated 16-5-2022, written by Apollo Hospitals, Bhubaneswar to CMS, Mahanadi Coalfields Ltd. Through which they have intimated unilateral termination of Empanelment agreement to provide treatment to MCL employees. The reasons cited by them is non-payment of their long pending bills amounting to Rs 3,57,03,383 (vide Annexure-I).

We are afraid that since the agreement is done centrally with CIL and terminating this will hamper services by this hospital to all employees of CIL & subsidiaries. The so-called irregularities of MCL has led to this situation and we had been repeatedly writing about this deficiency in the past. Even we had specifically written to CMD, MCL vide AIACE/CENTRAL/2021 / 068 dated 11.6.2021 about non-payment of bills under CPRMSE (vide Annexure-II).

Needless to emphasise the fact that, the Contributory Post Retirement Medicare Schemes implemented by Coal India Ltd. is a boon for retired executives and non-executives, but it ails from several irregularities. During our interaction at CIL, HQ in February, 2020 we were given to understand that things will improve soon, but delayed release of hospital dues could not be sorted out and hospitals are compelled to violate/quit MOU.

We demand that an in-depth enquiry be conducted by CIL to examine the issues and finding ways, including proper co-ordination with hospitals, to remove the hurdles in efficient running of the schemes.

Thanking You,

With Regards,

P. K. Singh Rathor

Principal General Secretary, AIACE

Encl: Annexure-I & II, as above

Cc:

- 1. Secretary, Ministry of Coal, Govt of India.
- 2. D(P)/D(F)/D(T)/D(M),CIL, Kolkata
- 3. ED, CMS, CIL, Kolkata
- 4. CMD/D(P)/D(F), All subsidiary companies of CIL





LETTER NO: APOLLO/BBSR/LEGAL/FY 2022/05-08 DATED: 16-05-2022

To, The CMS Mahanadi Coal Fields Limited Jagriti Vihar, Burla Sambalpur-768020

**Sub: Notice of Termination of Agreement** 

Dear Sir, Greetings from Apollo Hospitals, Bhubaneswar!

With reference to the subject matter mentioned above, this is to bring to your kind notice that we are terminating our agreement with your esteemed institution with immediate effect due to delay in the payment of the bills of Apollo Hospitals, Bhubaneswar amounting to Rs. 3,57,03,383/- (Rupees Three Crores Fifty Seven Lakh Three thousand Three Hundred and Eighty Three Only).

We would further like to inform you that we will be continuing to treat the patients who are already admitted in our hospital and are undergoing treatment and would raise the bill for the realization of the same, however, we won't be admitting any new patients for the time being.

This is for your kind information and record please.

Thanking You.

For Apollo Hospitals, Bhubaneswar

Amar Kumar Behera GM, Finance.

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Ref No. AIACE/CENTRAL/2021 / 068

Dated 11.6.2021

To

The Chairman-cum-Managing Director Mahanadi Coalfields Limited, Burla, Sambalpur

Sub:--Piling of CPRMSE Bills awaiting payment against reimbursement claims

The Contributory Post Retirement Medicare Scheme for Executives of CIL and its subsidiaries (CPRMSE) was notified by letter no. CIL/C-5A (PC) / CPRMSE/2005 dated 28.12.2012.

As per DPE Guidelines for Pay & Perks, the Executives have been granted superannuation benefits of 30% of (Basic+DA), out of which, 4% has been kept aside towards Contributory Post Retirement Medicare Scheme (CPRMSE). This created cumulative fund caters to Executives' Post-Retirement Medical treatment of self and spouse in CIL empanelled hospitals on cashless basis. Also, the retired Executives are eligible for treatment in empanelled hospitals of other CPSUs for which they submit bills for reimbursement.

The retired Executives taking CPRMSE benefits from MCL have been complaining since long that the reimbursement of claims in MCL is very much unsatisfactory and frustrating. Bills are piling-up in the concerned department(s). There are instances when Medical department of MCL asks for more documents and bills are not timely processed, even rejected many a times without mentioning the reasons for such rejection. We fail to understand why bills are being held-up for a good 18-24 months.

In case of a serious medical emergency, executive himself or any of his/her dependent gets admitted in the nearest hospital to save life and does not see whether it is empanelled by CIL or not. Specially during Covid-19 Pandemic period, most of the hospitals refused to admit patients and retired Executives got treatment in available nearby Hospitals and paid the charges from their pockets.

empanelled hospitals, in most of the cases, do not entertain the CPRMSE Card & charge according their applicable rates for general public, which are much more than CGHS rates. Due to this, the retired persons are suffering a lot and it is time to rectify the flaws in system and provide justice to them.

As such, immediate action is solicited to sort the inherent problems, if any, and find ways for improving the situation.

It is also requested to direct the medical and finance departments to clear the pending bills without further delay.

Looking forward to a positive response from your end,

Regards,

(P.K.SINGH RATHOR)

Principal General Secretary

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