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

Sub: Direction to CMPFO for issuing appropriate /correct Revised PPO followed by notification of SOP for the purpose of starting Widow/widower pension at Bank level under CMPS 1998

Hon'ble Sir,

Coal Mines Provident Fund Organization (CMPFO), under the aegis of Ministry of Coal, runs a pension scheme CMPS-1998 for retirees in coal sector of this country. It has a provision to allow pension to the widow/widower in case of his/her unfortunate demise.

Earlier, in the initial years, for starting/claiming pension, an employee used to submit application in SAHAJ form along with several required documents. This same form was also used by widow/widower for applying eligible pension to him/her. Naturally, it was a hurricane task for widow/widower to submit pension claim form.

Later, to ease the process of pension claim, by an order no. CPF/CP/111(26)/Pen/Nomination Form/HQ/406 dated 27th July, 2022, NEW SAHAJ Form was adopted whereby necessity of submitting several documents was eliminated. The entire process is described under Standard Operating Process (SOP) as available at https://cmpfo.gov.in/pdf/SoP_1.pdf and every stake holder is aware of the process.

In the third stage, CMPFO agreed to our long pending demand for Simplification of Widow/widower pension, and bifurcated Widow/Widower claim form from the above NEW SAHAJ form and notified a Revised format of Pension Payment Order (RPPO) to those pensioners retiring from October, 2022 onwards with provision to reissue RPPO to all pensioners who had retired prior to October, 2022. Curiously, even after a lapse of 2 years, CMPFO forgot to notify SOP for claiming Widow/Widower Pension using this RPPO. This omission is apparently deliberate in nature as CMPFO apparently thinks of notifying SOP only after A-Z pensioners have been issued RPPO.

The work of issuing Revised PPO to retirees who retired before Oct 2022 is going at very slow pace due to various reasons including shortage of manpower and corruption at CMPFO and lack of attitude to finish issuing of Revised PPO in a given time frame. All this fiasco has failed to enable notification of Revised SOP to enable starting of Widow/Widower at Bank Level on due intimation regarding the death of the beneficiary. This has resulted in unending miseries to the pensioners holding RPPO.

We have written several unresponsive letters to CMPFO vide AIACE/CENTRAL/010 dated 24.1.2024, AIACE/CENTRAL/2024/014 dated 3.2.2024, AIACE/CENTRAL / 040 dated 6.5.2024, AIACE/CENTRAL/2024 / 045 dated 24.5.2024, AIACE/CENTRAL/051 dated 19.6.2024, AIACE/CENTRAL / 056 dated 12.7.2024 etc for easing out the process for hassle free start of the pension to the spouses.

In view of the stated facts, we request you to kindly instruct/direct CMPFO for the needful which will prove to be beneficial to all pensioners as well as CMPFO, Ministry of Coal and coal companies.

With Regards,

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Principal General Secretary