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To,
Shri Narendra Modi Ji
The Hon'ble Prime Minister,
Govt of India, New Delhi.

Subject-Revision of pension under Coal Mines Pension Scheme 1998.

Respected Sir,

At the very outset, we, on behalf of the serving and retired executives and employees of public sector coal mining industry numbering nearly 9 lakh convey our heart felt appreciation and gratitude for your concern to the society and bringing the nation to a new height of glory.

Sir, we the executives and employees of the coal mining industry, who have worked in a hazardous work situation are covered under a Coal Mines Pension Scheme 1998 operated under the Coal Mines Provident Fund and Miscellaneous provisions Act 1948. This function is being performed by the Coal Mines Provident Fund Organisation.

While the administration of the scheme required periodical review and revision of pension, but no such revision has been made during the last 20 years. This has resulted in a situation in which, as the employee grows older he becomes poorer because the pension does not account for the time dependent cost of living. The older employees who retired as Chairman and Managing Director of a Coal Company get a pension in the range of Rs 3000/- pm. The plight of the employees retiring as workmen, supervisor and junior executive can be well understood.

Under such a situation retired coal employees, in the old age have to depend either on their children (in case they are financially sound and care for their parents) or live with serious financial hardship. Sir, while you have taken several measures for the employees in the small private sectors and the unorganized sectors, this section of retired coal employees also deserve your attention.

We, shall be greatly obliged, if you may very kindly look into the matter and revise the pension scheme taking into account the increased cost of living with the passage of time. We also request you to grant us a time slot of a few minutes so that we can personally explain you the details in respect of the problems/hardship being faced by the employees of the coal mining industry.

With deep regards ,

P K SINGH RATHOR
Principal General Secretary

Copy to –

1. Hon'ble Peeyush Goyal Ji, Minister for Coal and Railways, Govt of India -- with a request to kindly look into the matter and to give us a time slot when we can personally explain the matter
2. The Secretary to the Govt of India, Ministry of Coal, Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi.
3. The Commissioner, Coal Mines Provident Fund Organisation, Dhanbad.
4. The Chairman, Coal India Limited, Kolkata.
5. The CMD, Singreni Collieries Company Ltd, Kothgudem.