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To

Honourable Narendra Modi ji,

Prime Minister of India,

New Delhi

Sub: Request for an Appointment to highlight Pension trauma in Coal Sector

Respected Sir,

I, on behalf of retired employees of Coal Industry, may be permitted to highlight the issue of meagre pension being paid to the employees in Coal sector in order to seek suitable measures for review and upward revision of their pension which has never been revised since implementation of scheme some 20 years ago. Presently this scheme covers around 4.5 lakh coal industry retired employees including Coal India Ltd, Singareni Collieries Company Ltd and other petty contractual workers.

After passing of relevant Coal Mines Provident Fund & Miscellaneous Provisions Act 1948, it took 50 years to formulate and implement a Coal Mines Pension Scheme 1998 (CMPS 1998). Continuing with the step-motherly treatment, there was no revision of pension since inception of the scheme 20 years ago, though there is a provision in the scheme for review every 3 years and increasing pension benefits based on actuarial valuation.

It is a fact that, there are a large number of pensioners getting a meagre pension of Rs.350/- per month or even less, depending on their pensionable service while fixing the pension, thus seriously impeding their fundamental right of living with dignity and honour, guaranteed by our Constitution, in their sunset years.

We shall be highly obliged to you for granting us an audience to apprise you with facts and figures and the possible suggested measures for betterment of society of erstwhile coal employees.

Regards,

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