



ALL INDIA ASSOCIATION OF COAL EXECUTIVES (AIACE)

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To

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

Sub: Submission of Life Certificate under CPRMSE & CPRMSNE

Dear sir,

All India Association of Coal Executives (AIACE) likes to bring to your attention towards difficulties being faced by retired executives/employees or their surviving dependents for claiming their post-retirement medical benefits under CPRMSE and CPRMSNE.

As per requirement of schemes, these beneficiaries are required to submit hard copies of Life Certificate every year as per mandated proforma. This proforma requires counter-certification by one of the officials declared competent under the rules and this involves multiple visits for obtaining signature.

It may be pointed out that all these beneficiaries are invariably the pension beneficiaries of CMPFO under the pension scheme CMPS-1998. Here also, every year there is a requirement of submission of Life certificate. Earlier CMPFO, too, required submission of hard copies of Life certificate in their own proforma, but now have digitized the process making the submission hassle free. To introduce this digital mode of Life certificate submission, CMPFO has gone on board of Jeevan Pramaan which is the most authentic life certificate that is issued after biometric Aadhar verification.

We suggest, in line with the above practice, our company should also amend rules to accept the hard copies of Jeevan Pramaan as valid Life certificate. For this type of certification, CMPFO had gone on board of Jeevan Pramaan, but our company need not go on board of Jeevan Pramaan and they can simply accept the same hard copies of digital Jeevan Pramaan for medical benefits under CPRMSE/CPRMSNE.

Thus, the above difficulties for availing 2 types of Life Certificates can be halved, if our company also starts accepting the same copy of Jeevan Pramaan which is being submitted every year for continuation of pension from CMPF. This will relieve the aged beneficiary of the pains in making multiple visits to various places for preparing 2 separate set of Life certificates.

We at AIACE believe that, under welfare scheme, trouble for retired employees can be further reduced if Coal India Ltd and SCCL provide biometric devices at the Pension Cells of all the Subsidiaries and Area HQs so that retirees residing nearby can submit Jeevan Pramaan. This will be in tune with the concept of Digital India and save the retired employees a lot of trouble. The cost involved in this method is negligible considering the size of operation of the coal companies, but the benefits are immeasurable. Since the certificate will be generated at the offices of CIL and SCCL it should be readily acceptable.

Our Association, AIACE is striving hard to improve relations between the management and its employees and also to improve ease of operations. On its part, AIACE is making arrangements to get issued Jeevan Pramaan to its members residing in major cities. Last year, AIACE, Bengaluru Branch arranged a Jeevan Pramaan camp in November 2019 and got issued life certificates to nearly 40 members, none of whom has faced any problem till date in continuation of their pension under CMPS-98.

We have, with our limited resources, decided to organise similar camps this year through our Branches at Kolkata, Durgapur, Asansol, Dhanbad, Patna, Ranchi, Varanasi, Delhi, Mumbai, Nagpur, Bangalore, Hydeabad, Visakhapatnam, Bhubneswar, Guahati, Kerala, Bilaspur, Korba and at other places where our members are settled. This is our small contribution towards digitisation and paperless working.

It is requested to consider our proposal and issue necessary instructions for implementation of our proposal by providing biometric devices at CIL HQ, it's subsidiary company HQs, and Area HQs, for retired employees settled there.

With Regards,



P. K. Singh Rathor
Principal General Secretary, AIACE

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CMD,SCCL Kothagudem - with a request to provide similar biometric devices at SCCL HQ, Kothagudem and other areas and Hyderabad for retired employees settled there.