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Dated 25.7.2023

To

The Secretary
Department of Public Enterprises,
160, Udyog Bhavan,
New Delhi-110011.
Email: secy-dpe@nic.in

Sub: <u>Violation of DPE guideline resulting into Pay-Conflict between executives and that of staffs and workers after Wage Revision under NCWA XI in coal sector (CIL/SCCL) and request for direction to Coal ministry, Coal India and SCCL to resolve the issue</u>

Dear Sir,

Anticipating apprehension of pay conflict between that of executives and employees of Coal India and Singreni Collieries after implementation of negotiated wage as agreed by management and trade unions, AIACE has been highlighting the issue from time to time to management, Minstry of Coal and DPE vide our letter nos. AIACE/CENTRAL/2023/ 012 dt 3-3-2023, AIACE/CENTRAL/2023/ 032 dt 21-6-2023 and AIACE/CENTRAL/2023/ 036 dt 27-6-2023.

The salary of executives working in CIL and SCCL was revised as per recommendations of 3rd PRC and approved by the central govt. It was done for a period of 10 years wef 1/1/2017. But the wages of staffs and workers are fixed by JBCCI as per agreement between mgt and trade union which is called NCWA for 5 years.

For the coal sector, NCWA-XI has been implemented for 5 years w.e.f. 1/7/21 to 30/6/26. Vide letter No. 55011/3/2015-PRIW-I/Vol.IV dt. 22-6-2023, Ministry of Coal has confirmed about successfully concluding MoA for NCWA-XI and implementing wef June 23 for workmen in Coal India Ltd, SCCL and some private players (Copy enclosed in Annexure-I).

This implementation has created a huge pay conflict between that if executives and workers.

There exist DPE guidelines issued by DPE circular no. W-02/0015/2016-DPE (WC)-GL-XXIV/17 dt. 24-11-2017 which says that "To avoid conflict of pay scales of executives/non-unionised supervisors with that of workmen, CPSEs may consider adoption of graded DA neutralisation and/or graded fitment during the wage negotiations." (Copy enclosed in Annexure-II).

However, it is regretted that this wage negotiation has created a Pay-conflict with the pay scales of executives which can be addressed by providing PP (Personal Pay) component as suggested by DPE. (vide Annexure – III).

Some of the glaring examples of pay difference are given in Annexure-IV, in which 2 case studies are presented as below:

- i) first case is Comparison Of Salary And Wage Of Subordinate Enginner & Foreman I/C,
- ii) and second case is Comparison Of Salary And Wage Of Cost Accountant And Sr Officer (Finance)

From the above, it is clear that a non-executive staff is getting more wage than and executive. There are many other cases where daily rated workers are also getting more wage than executives. This has created an alarming situation and executives are very much demotivated and demoralized.

It is submitted that PF, leave encashment and other benefits are based on basic salary/wage and in case of more basic wage, these will also be affected.

So, firstly the salary of E1 grade executive be so upgraded that it becomes more than that of highest wage of non-executive staff/worker. When the salary of E1 level executive is increased, it will cross the salary of E2 level executive and so on.

So, the pay conflict needs to be resolved from E1 to E9 level starting from E1 grade.

In view of these facts, DPE is requested to intervene in the matter and issue necessary guidelines to coal companies for introducing pay protection of executives by way of allowing a PP (Personal Pay) component to executives.

We at AIACE hope that, our above request will be duly considered by DPE and it will issue appropriate direction to Coal Ministry, Coal India and Singareni Collieries Company to ensure that basic salary of Executives is made higher than the negotiated wages for non-executives.

Regards,

P. K. Singh Rathor

Principal General Secretary, AIACE

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- 1. Coal Secretary, Ministry of Coal, Govt of India, New Delhi.
- 2. Secretary, DOPT, Govt of India, New Delhi.
- 3. Secretary, Ministry of Finance, Govt of India, New Delhi.
- 4. Director General, SCOPE, New Delhi.
- 5. Chairman, CIL, Kolkata.
- 6. CMD, Singreni collieries Company Ltd, Kothagudem.
- 7. DT/DP/DF/DM, CIL, Kolkata.

No.55011/3/2015-PRIW-I/Vol.IV Government of India Ministry of Coal

Shastri Bhavan, New Delhi, the 22nd June, 2023

To

The Chairman, Coal India Limited, Newtown, Rajarhat, Kolkata – 700 156.

Sub: Memorandum of Agreement for National Coal Wage Agreement (NCWA-XI) by Joint Bipartite Committee for Coal Industry (JBCCI) - reg.

Sir,

In continuation of Ministry of Coal communication of even number, dated 20th June, 2023, the undersigned is directed to refer to your letter No. CIL/CH:3883, dated 26th May, 2023 to the Coal Secretary, with a Memorandum of Agreement (MoA) for NCWA-XI, signed by parties concerned, enclosed to it.

- Reference is also invited to the Ministry of Coal letter of even number, dated 6th May, 2021 conveying to CIL to constitute JBCCI-XI for finalisation of NCWA-XI and furnishing a copy of the wage settlement to MoC for confirmation before implementing.
- The MoA for NCWA-XI as signed by Coal India Limited, Singareni Collieries Company Limited and Trade Union representatives, has been confirmed by Ministry of Coal.
- 4. It is further advised that the guidelines of DPE, in this regard, issued from time to time, may be followed.
- 5. This is for further necessary action.

Yours faithfully,

(Darshan Kumar Solanki) Deputy Secretary to the Government of India Email: dk.solanki@nic.in

Copy for information to:

- Department of Public Enterprises, [kind attention: Director (WC)], Room No. 308, Block No. 14, CGO Complex, Lodi Road, New Delhi - 110003
- CMD, Singareni Collieries Company Limited, Kothagudem -507101

W-02/0015/2016-DPE (WC)-GL-XXIV/17 Government of India Ministry of Heavy Industries & Public Enterprises Department of Public Enterprises

Public Enterprises Bhawan, Block No.14, CGO Complex, Lodhi Road, New Delhi-110003. Dated, the 24th November, 2017

Office Memorandum

Subject: Wage Policy for the 8th round of wage negotiations for workmen in Central Public Sector Enterprises (CPSEs).

The undersigned is directed to convey the decision of the Government that the next round of wage negotiations (which falls due on a general basis from 01.01.2017) with the workers of Central Public Sector Enterprises (CPSEs) may be undertaken by the Managements of the Enterprises with the Trade Unions/Associations.

- 2. The wage negotiations and finalization will be subject to the following conditions:
- i) Management of the CPSEs would be free to negotiate wage revision for workmen where the periodicity of wage settlement of five years or ten years has expired generally on 31.12.2016 keeping in view the affordability and financial sustainability of such wage revision for the CPSEs concerned.
- ii) No budgetary support for any wage increase shall be provided by the Government. The entire financial implication would be borne by the respective CPSEs from their internal resources.
- iii) In those CPSEs for which the Government has approved a restructuring/revival plan, the wage revision will be done as per the provisions of the approved restructuring / revival plan only.
- iv) The management of the concerned CPSEs have to ensure that negotiated scales of pay do not exceed the existing scales of pay of executives/officers and non-unionized supervisors of respective CPSEs.
- v) The Management of CPSEs where the five year periodicity is followed have to ensure that negotiated scales of pay for two successive wages negotiations do not exceed the existing scales of pay of executives /officers and non-unionized supervisors of respective CPSEs for whom ten years periodicity is being followed.
- vi) To avoid conflict of pay scales of executives/non-unionised supervisors with that of their workmen, CPSEs may consider adoption of graded DA neutralization and/or graded fitment during the wage negotiations.
- vii) CPSEs must ensure that any increase in wages after negotiations does not result in increase in administered prices of their goods and services.
- viii) The wage revision shall be subject to the condition that there shall be no increase in labour cost per physical unit of output. In exceptional cases where CPSEs are already working at optimum capacity, the administrative Ministry / Department may consult DPE considering industry norms.

- ix) The validity period of wage settlement would be for a minimum period of five years for those who opted for a five year periodicity and for a maximum period of ten years for those who have opted for a ten year periodicity of wage negotiation w.e.f. 01.01.2017.
- x) The CPSEs would implement negotiated wages after confirming with their Administrative Ministry/Department that the wage settlement is in conformity with approved parameters.
- 3. All the administrative Ministries/Departments are requested to issue suitable instructions to the public sector enterprises under their administrative control in the light of the above decision of the Government under intimation to this Department.

(Samsul Haque) Under Secretary

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To

All the administrative Ministries/Departments of the Govt. of India

Copy to-

- 1. Chief Executives of Central Public Sector Enterprises (CPSEs).
- 2. Financial Advisers in the Administrative Ministry/Department.
- 3. The Comptroller and Auditor General of India, 10, Bahadur Shah Zafar Marg, New Delhi.
- 4. Prime Minister's Office (Shri Tarun Bajaj, Addl. Secretary)
- 5. Cabinet Secretariat (Shri S.A.M. Rizvi, Joint Secretary)
- 6. PS to Minister (HI&PE)
- 7. PS to MoS (HI&PE)
- 8. PS to Secretary, PE
- 9. AS &FA (PE)
- 10. NIC Cell, DPE with a request to upload the OM on the DPE website.

(Samsul Haque) Under Secretary

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<u>Annexure – III</u>

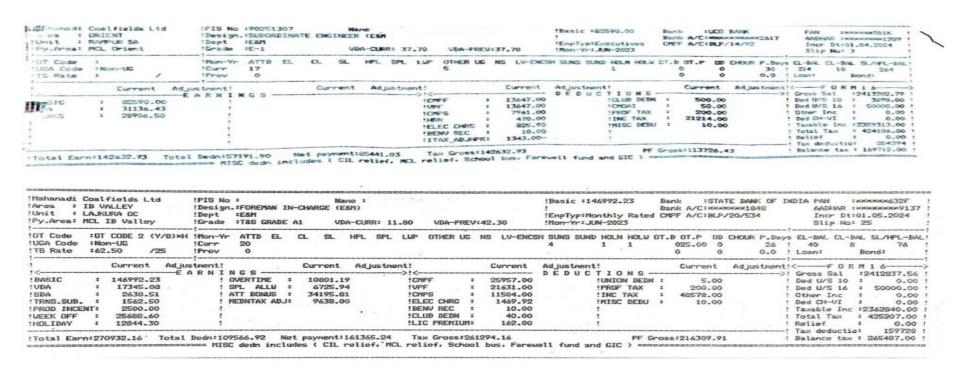
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CASE- 1 COMPARISON OF SALARY AND WAGE OF SUBORDINATE ENGINNER & FOREMAN I/C

After implementation of NCWA-XI, as per pay slips of June, 2023 reproduced below this table,

SN	GRADE	DESIGNATION	BASIC WAGE/SALARY(RS)	GROSS PAY(RS)
1	A1(NON- EXECUTIVE)	FOREMAN I/C	146992/	270932/
2	E1(EXECUTIVE)	SUBORDINATE ENGINEER	82590/	142632/

Comparision between Non Excutive of Grade A-1 & Excutive of E1 at MCL OF MONTH JUNE 2023



Both joined on date 1990 as grade B & 1992 as grade A, And 2000 As grade A1, Date of joining As E1 IN Jan 2011.

CASE- 2 COMPARISON OF SALARY AND WAGE OF COST ACCOUNTANT AND SR OFFICER (FINANCE) After implementation of NCWA-XI, as per pay slips of June, 2023 reproduced below this table,

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An interesting situation emerges from above as follows.

Employee one (X) joined in 2012 as accountant Grade -A then he was promoted to E1 in the year 2016, now he is an officer in E2 grade and he is getting gross of Rs. 1.04 Lakhs.

And another employee (Y) who joined in 2013 in Accountant Grade -A, now he is Accountant Grade - A1, still Y is getting gross of Rs. 1.25 Lakhs.

And both are working in the same office. The situation in the future can be very much imagined.

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