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Dated 7.9.2023

To The Asst General Manager, SBI, Lead Bank for CMPF Pension disbursement, CMPF Pension Cell.

Sub:- Documents collection for issuing Revised PPO in respect of CMPF pensioners who have retired prior to September, 2022

Dear Sir,

We appreciate your role as the Lead Bank for the purpose of disbursement of pension to pensioners retiring from companies under CIL, SCCL, TISCO Mines and some of the private colliery owners.

For pension disbursement, CMPFO has offloaded the job to different pension paying banks who are directly in touch with the pensioners who have settled all over India and are not at all in touch with their previous employers.

Recently, in order to facilitate easy starting of Widow pension at Bank level, CMPFO has undertaken the job of pensioners' document collection by way of involving different employers, with whom the present pensioners have lost any contact.

Keeping in view of this hard reality, our association had raised objections and had suggested alternate ways, which were apparently upheld by CIL and a letter was written D(P&IR) to Commissioner, CMPFO vide letter no. CIL/D(P&R):005:10:101 dated 4-9-2023 requesting CMPFO to reconsider their decision and collect the required documents at the time of submission of Annual Life Certificate submission in either of the ONLINE and OFF-LINE mode. (vide Annexure-I).

Yourself being the lead bank, you are requested to take up with CMPFO authorities for adopting the approach as suggested by D(P&IR), CIL, which will be beneficial for thousands of pensioners and they will not be subjected to any unwanted harassment due to factors like age, illiteracy, distance, and inability to travel and contact their erstwhile employers.

Thanking You,

With regards,

(P. K. SINGH RATHOR)

Principal General Secretary

CC:

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To

Shri V K Mishra

Commissioner

Coal Mines Provident Fund

Dhanbad

(Through Email: commissioner@cmpfo.gov.in)

Subject: Issue of revised PPO to the existing pensioners for hassle free payment to their spouse in

the event of death - Reg.

Reference: F.No. CPF/CP/111(26)/Pen/Misc/HQ/Vol.III/520 Letter dated 25.08.2023

Dear Sir.

This has reference to the Letter No CPF/CP/111(26)/Pen/Misc/HQ/Vol.III/520 dated 25.08.2023 on the said subject.

It was a pleasure to learn that CMPFO has initiated a process for issuance of revised PPO so that the spouse may get hassle free pension in the event of death of pensioner.

However, on perusal of the information sought from coal companies, it has been observed that there are some genuine difficulties to fetch them. The issues envisaged are listed below:

- 1. It is not clear since when and in respect of whom the desired information is to be furnished i.e. the period for which information is to be provided.
- 2. Coal companies are neither having list of pensioners nor having contact details of pensioners with
- 3. Even if the management tries to reach the pensioners through vide publicity i.e. through paper publication, social media, etc., it will create a havoc and result in hue and cry amongst the aged pensioners. It will also create unnecessary anxiety and stress amongst the retired pensioners.
- 4. The pensioner after retirement settles far away from the work place and avails pension from the bank nearest to his residence. As such, it is not feasible or practicable to advise the pensioner/family pensioner, to come to the place of his last posting for submission of the desired document.
- 5. Even if the coal companies starts the job of collecting such information, it will be a never ending process and no timeline can be fixed to achieve the goal. Whereas, all the data is readily available in the records of CMPFO.
- 6. Mobile number, email id and Aadhaar may not be available for all pensioners and spouse, as most of the ex-employees are illiterate.

In view of above constraints, you will appreciate that the proposed process will not help us to achieve the desired result. Therefore, it is proposed that following alternative may be accepted to achieve the desired goal:

- Pensioners are required to submit Life Certificate in November every year. Therefore, the format of Life
 Certificate may be modified this year to include the desired revised details/ information through the
 bank itself or separately through a portal designed for the purpose, with a facility for uploading the
 document.
- Thereafter, if the CMPF authorities require manpower help to record such information in their system, coal companies are ready to provide manpower for a fixed time so that the task could be completed at the earliest.

As such, it is requested to review the process for issuance of revised PPO so that spouse may get hassle free pension in the event of death of pensioners.

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