



MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF AIACE/AICPA, MUMBAI-PUNE BRANCH HELD ON 11.6.2022 AT HOTEL TAMANNA, HINJEWADI, PUNE

A meeting of All India Association of Coal Executives (AIACE), Mumbai-Pune Branch was held on 11.6.2022 at India Hotel Tamanna, Hinjewadi, Pune. Sri P K Singh Rathor, Principal General Secretary of AIACE graced the occasion as Chief Guest.



Apart from Pune, members from different parts of the country like Nagpur, Bilaspur, Sangli and others attended the meeting. Those could not attend the meeting physically, had joined over telephone with Mr Rathor and others. Sri O P Singh, General Secretary, Mumbai-Pune branch presently in USA attended the meeting over phone.

The members proceeded further for the following discussions and corresponding decisions taken in the meeting:

1. Handing over Memorandum to the Hon'ble MPs regarding enhancement of CMPS pension:

Sri Rathor said that, Pension of about 5.6 lakh coal industry retired employees (executives and non-executives) under Coal Mines Pension Scheme 1998 (CMPS-1998) has never been revised since its inception, 24 years ago. It had a provision of review and revision every three years which was never done by CMPFO. CAG report has observed that, so far, actuarial valuation of Pension Fund has been conducted 4 times only in 2001, 2005, 2012 and 2013 but the recommendations were never implemented.

Members felt that, CMPS-1998 is basically a contributory pension scheme in which contribution over the years has decreased due to gradual reduction of manpower due to introduction of cost-effective mine mechanization. Coal production is increasing every year whereas manpower is decreasing giving way to highly productive mining machineries.

It emerged that as per decision taken to hand over the Memorandum on CMPS-1998 pension to various MPs, so far 77 such memorandums have been handed over to different MPs. The retired employees of Indian coal mining industry demand SAME GRADE SAME PENSION similar to OROP and linking it with dearness allowance and for making it an integral part of pay revision. These pensioners deserve a life with dignity and honour in our sunset years.



Sri P K Singh Rathor congratulated and felicitated Sri Rakesh Kumar Jain and Sri R L Singh for their exemplary performance in meeting MPs, handing over representation and obtaining recommendation for revision of pension.

2. Preparation for relay hunger strike at Jantar-Mantar for pension revision:

Modalities for preparing and arranging relay hunger strike in July at Jantar-Mantar, New Delhi were discussed. Members agreed to participate in this and to work for its success.

3. AIACE benevolent fund and its provisions

It was informed that AIACE Benevolent Fund has been launched on the occasion of foundation day i.e. on 16th May, 2022 in the function held in Bengaluru. In case of death of any member, from this fund, Rs 10000/ will be given to bereaved family and local body will arrange this payment by visiting the residence of the member. This will serve two purposes viz immediate financial help as well as consolation and sympathy to family members. The members will take all steps to start widow pension, restoration of medical facility and others.



4. Interest on NPS corpus:

Sri Rathor informed that calculation part on NPS interest is over and CIL will soon credit the amount to LIC for onward payment to annuity providers. This will increase the NPS pension of the beneficiary.



5. CPRMSE and empanelment of hospital:

The issue of pending bills under CPRMSE was discussed and members were informed that AIACE is taking action for clearing these pending bills soon. Issue of smart card was also discussed and it was explained that the process is going on in phases. Once it is implemented fully, operation of cashless treatment in empanelled hospitals will smoothen. Sri Manjrekar, Sri Makhijani, Sri Arun Kumar, Sri R L Singh, Sri R K Jain, Sri Shelke, Sri P A Nigam, Sri A K Srivastava, Sri P A Chaugule, Sri R D Ray, Sri Janardan Prasad and others actively participated in the discussion and raised various issues regarding payment under CPRMSE.

6. Membership Drive:

All efforts will be made to enrol more contacts. All members were advised to contact other working and retired executives to become members.

7. Formation of CIEWA Mumbai-Pune Branch



The occasion was utilised to form local wing of Coal India Executives' Wives Association (CIEWA), Mumbai-Pune Branch. As the name suggests, this wing is intended to be formed for better co-ordination of ladies activities within the association.

Mrs Sandhya Singh assured all members of AIACE to make CIEWA, Mumbai-Pune branch as the most active branch. Sri Manjrekar appealed all to return to the society and do social work work through NGO.

The meeting ended with vote of thanks to chair.





