

COAL INDIA LIMITED RETIRED EXECUTIVES' WELFARE ASSOCIATION

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Secretary's Report for the Period 2024-25

Good evening, dear members. A hearty welcome to you all to this 9th Annual General Meeting of CILREWA. It's a wonderful feeling to address this august gathering. Here's the report of activities and achievements for the last one year.

The crew of the ship changed mid-sea as the present Central Executive Committee took Over on 18th September, 2024. The voyage, however, continues with the same veracity and vision, dexterity and devotion because, CILREWA, a seven-year association, has grown big with its achievements even in such short span of time.

Some of such important and major achievements of CILREWA are:

- (i) Payment of NPS
- (ii) Payment of Interest on NPS
- (iii) Revision of Domiciliary Expense from Rs. 25000.00 to Rs. 36000.00
- (iv) Enhancement of limit of OPD consultation charges from Rs.150.00 initially to Rs. 350.00 and then to Rs.1200.00.
- (v) Revision of Pension Payment Order (PPO)
- (vi) Establishment of centralised PMRB cell, a dedicated service centre for retired employees, at CIL HQ.
- (vii) Organising fifty two Life Certificate Camps in November, 2023 and November, 2024.
- (viii) Reimbursement of medical expenses for treatment of Psychiatric disorders amongst others.
- (ix) Launching of CILREWA website.

The new committee, therefore, took up the following issues on priority basis:

- (i) Receipt of personal copies of Revised Pension Payment Orders (RPPO), complete and correct in all respect, by the members to facilitate the process of settlement of spouse pension.
- (ii) Formulation of Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) by CMPFO for hassle free commencement and continuation of widow pension.
- (iii) Enhancement of Rs. 25.0 lakhs on account of OPD treatment and hospitalisation expenses.
- (iv) Enhancement of Rs. 36000.00 on account of Domiciliary expenses.
- (v) Grant of special Ex-gratia to the retired executives aged 75years and above.
- (vi) Development of Website of CILREWA.

MEETINGS :

CILREWA had two structured meetings on 13.03.2025 and 05.04.2025 with Chairman, CIL besides many unscheduled meetings when Chairman, CIL had very kindly agreed to meet the CILREWA delegation immediately or within one / two days' time.

There have been five meetings of the Central Executive Committee (CEC), CILREWA within this period (i.e. 18.09.2024 till date) to discuss and formulate policies and procedures for taking up different issues with the appropriate authorities viz. CIL, CMPFO etc.

STATUS OF ACTION :

- (I) Receipt of personal copies of Revised PPOs by the pensioners: It has been an extremely hard task. Excepting the cases of officers who retired from Coal India and ECL, there have been severe bottlenecks in different offices which came in the way of smooth availability of the personal copies of RPPOs to the pensioners. Relentless effort by CILREWA, close follow ups with Regional Commissioners and Commissioner, CMPFO, continuous reporting to the Chairman, CIL who had kindly intervened and issued directives time and again, have eased out the matter to a great extent. Members may recall that besides being very few in numbers, most of the PPOs received initially were incomplete and incorrect. As on today a study by CILREWA shows that only fifty of our members are yet to receive the Revised PPOs. The subsidiary wise position is as under:

WCL - 5	MCL - 1	CCL - 12	BCCL - 10
NCL - 2	ECL - 1	SECL -19	

Out of these, the cases in respect of executives who have retired from SECL and fall under jurisdiction of CMPFO, Bilaspur have been resolved. We have already shared the mobile no. and mail ID of Regional Commissioner, CMPFO, Bilaspur in our WhatsApp groups. The officers who have any problem related to RPPO to be received from CMPFO, Bilaspur may take up their respective cases with him. We also expect that Revised PPOs of officers retired from WCL will be received shortly. These leaves only around twenty - six of our members who are yet to receive their copies of the Revised PPOs. CILREWA has already taken up their cases with the CMPF and assures the members to keep on chasing the matter in every possible manner so that their cases are resolved soon.

(ii) Formulation of Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) by CMPFO for seamless disbursement of widow pension :

It having been found that in spite of presenting the Revised PPOs and other relevant documents to the banks and CMPFO, payment against spouse pension was not commencing / getting abnormally delayed and persons were required to run from pillar to post, the matter was brought to the notice of the Chairman, CIL for impressing upon CMPFO for formulation of a SOP for hassle free commencement and continuation of spouse pension. Intense persuasion by CILREWA – directly and through CIL, has ultimately resulted into issuance of the SOP. The matter is resolved now. In almost all the recent cases CILREWA CEC members were present in the bank at the time of complying with the formalities for widow pension and have seen for themselves that the process is quite smooth now.

(II) Enhancement of ceiling limit of Rs. 25.0 lakhs for OPD treatment and hospitalisation expenses :

At present there is a gap between actuarial valuation and the available fund in the Trust. However, CILREWA continues to persuade the CIL authority.

(iv) Enhancement of Rs. 36000.00 on account of domiciliary expenses:

The matter is taken up regularly. Upon further persuasion, some revision is expected.

(v) Special ex-gratia to retired executives aged 75 years and above : During discussions it has been advised by Chairman, CIL to make an age analysis of the retired executives so that the financial requirement can be worked out for further consideration.

(vi) PRMB Cell at CIL head quarter :

CILREWA maintains continuous touch with officials of PRMB Cell. Since creation of Centralised PMRB cell at CIL headquarters, there is no problem in reimbursement of medical bills, referral to hospitals etc. Those days of prolonged delays in payment of

medical bills, returning the bills on flimsy grounds are gone with the establishment of PRMB Cell.

(vii) Discontinuation of pension in certain cases in spite of submission of life certificate through on-line mode for the members residing anywhere in INDIA:

Chairman, CIL during meting itself with CILREWA representatives, advised the concerned officials of CIL to take up the issue with CMPFO and SBI to sort out the issue of discontinuation / delay in payment of pension. The problem was sorted out without any delay.

EVENTS

(i) Website :

CILREWA website is maintained and updated regularly so that anyone can get full and latest information about the activities of the association as also other relevant information relating to receivables from CIL. There are some specific provisions for our members also which will be apprised to the members in detail in this meeting itself a little while later.

(ii) Life Certificate Camps:

This is the second year that Life Certificate Camps were organised by CILREWA. This year eighteen camps for submission of Life Certificate through on line mode were held during the month of November'24 in different parts of Kolkata and adjoining areas. Huge members submitted Life certificates through these camps for pension and CPRMSE payments. Like previous years, this facility was not restricted to CILREWA members only but extended to all retired executives of CIL. CILREWA officials have also reached homes of those who are physically immobile and helped them submit Life Certificates on line.

(iii) Awareness Camp :

A programme has been taken on hand to organise Awareness Camps at different parts of Kolkata and adjoining areas to sensitise the spouses about the procedures for commencement of widow pension, medical benefits under CPRMSE, monthly annuity payments under NPS and other receivables. Two such camps have so far been held -one at Rashbehari and the other at Belghoria. Both were full house programmes having attended by enthusiastic members and their spouses. We urge upon our members to explore possibilities of organising such camps at their respective localities. The experts of CILREWA will be there to share their knowledge

(iv) Cultural Function :

A cultural function was held on at Prof. Triguna Sen Auditorium, Jadavpur University Alumni Association, Jadavpur. The performers were members and their families only. The beautiful presentations made the programme highly successful. It has also been a great gathering of families. Dinner packets were served at the end of the programme. We have plans to organise a cultural programme after the Pujas.

(v) Annual Picnic :

The 11th annual of CIREWA was held at Shivam Gardens, Birati, Madhyamgram on 6th January, 2025. Our members with their families participated in great numbers the total headcount being 316. The ambience was charming, the food was delicious, arrangements of games was attractive and there were prizes galore to be won. Our members, their spouses, children and grandchildren also presented various cultural performances. It was a day soaked in fun and frolic. We shall definitely have the 12th picnic in the coming winter.

FUTURE PLANS

(i) Having our own premises for the association office :

As days are passing by the activities of the Association is expanding, the membership is growing, the volume of papers and official documents are increasing. We need to have a fixed common place of our own for maintaining the records and documents properly and running the Association office. The office will also serve as a common meeting place for the members. We shall discuss this issue at great length with the members in this meeting a little while later, against the specific agenda point, before endeavouring to give a final shape to this dream.

(i) Organising seminars :

Organising seminars on different subjects is a new thought of the association which will also give an opportunity to our members to refresh their memories, relate to the changing patterns and share their vast knowledge and experience.

(ii) Fund Raising Drive :

We have to have good financial support for various regular activities as also for specific ones relating to new ventures like having our own premises, organize seminars etc. For this purpose, we may invite sponsorships for different programmes, advertisements in our website and souvenirs to be brought out on different occasions, organise charity shows etc as also requesting our members for donation.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

At the outset I respectfully acknowledge the invaluable guidance and incitement of our Chief Mentor Sri N.C. Jha, our President Sri A, K, Debnath and our Chief Advisor Sri T.K. Nag which have helped us to steer through the journey successfully.

I am also indebted to our Vice President Sri T. K. Sinha. Founder members Sri U, Bhowmik and Sri Prabhat Chakrabarty for their able and skilful support and initiatives in every endeavour. I immensely thank our Treasurer Ms Ratnabali Shome, Asst. Treasurer Ms Mitra Mukherjee, Asst. Secretary Sri Amitava Roy, CEC members Sri Satyabrata Dasgupta, Sri Shankar Ghosh and Krishanunayan Mukhopadhyay for their ceaseless co-operation and contribution for the cause of the association.. I am thankful to Sri Samir Patra and Samir Bhowmick, both our CEC members, for the excellent membership drive being undertaken by them. I am also thankful to Sri Asim Sengupta, our CEC member for organising the 2nd Awareness Camp at Belghoria and taking initiatives for formulating the North Kolkata zonal group. My special thanks goes to our CEC member Sri Krishanunayan Mukhopadhyay for the expertly crafted CILREWA Website, providing regular updates for information of the members and untiring efforts to ensure seamless user experience. My heartfelt thanks to the other members of the CEC for the unconditional and all out support in every activity and thereby displaying an excellent module of team spirit. Last but not the least I profusely thank each and every member of the association for their love and giving me the opportunity to be of some service to my dear old colleagues at the twilight years of my life.

THANK YOU ALL ONCE AGAIN

Samir Kumar Das /Secretary

