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Sub:- Supplementary Reply of Rajya Sabha Starred question- Diary No. S371-reg.

Ref:- MoC's mail dated 10.07.2025.

Sir,

With reference to Rajya Sabha Starred Question Diary No. S371 regarding Coal Mines Pension Scheme, I am directed to forward the material for framing the supplementary reply which is hereunder:-

Question (a) whether it is a fact that as per the CMPF/CMPS Act, 1998, revision of pension is mandatory in every three years, if so, the number of times it has been revised so far;

Reply : No

Note: There is a provision under Para 22 of CMPS, 98 that valuation and review of the pension fund will be made every three years by an actuary. The concerned para is as under:

Valuation and Review of the Pension Fund :

(1) The Commissioner shall be responsible for valuation of the Pension Fund every third year by an Actuary to be appointed by the Board. The recommendations of the Actuary shall be placed by the Commissioner before the Board.

(2) The Commissioner may initiate action for enhancement and revision of the amount of family pension admissible under the Coal Mines Family Pension Scheme, 1971 and after approval of the Board may recommend to the Central Government for amendment in the provisions of this Scheme.

(3) At any time, when the Pension Fund so permits, the Board on the recommendation of an Actuary may recommend to the Central Government and with its approval may amend the rates of contribution payable under the Scheme or the scale of any benefits admissible or the period for which such benefit may be allowed.

Further to mention that Actuaries have been appointed as per aforesaid provision. The Actuary in his latest report for the March end 2022 has shown deficit in the pension fund to the tune of Rs. 47,961 crores.

The revision in pension depends on strength of pension fund and actuarial report shows deficit in pension fund. Hence, there is no revision of pension has been made except enhancement of minimum pension to the existing pensioners @ Rs. 1000 p.m as per Gazette Notification dated 08.03.2024.

Question (b) whether most of the employees retiring before 2005 are receiving a monthly pension of less than Rs.2000, which is too inadequate for minimum subsistence; if so, the details of the steps taken or proposed to be taken to address this issue.

Reply : It is a fact that number of pensioners who retired before 2005 were getting less than Rs.2000 per month.

Taking into consideration meager pension amount, the Board of Trustees (BoT), CMPFO has approved the proposal to enhance the minimum monthly pension. Subsequently, it was made effective from date of notification i.e. 08th March, 2024.

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It is to mention that two schemes have been introduced under CMPF and MP, Act, 1948. The first pension scheme was Coal Mines Family Pension Scheme, 1971, in which, the maximum pension was less than Rs.1000 p.m. After introduction of CMPS, 98 CMFPS has been subsumed in it. Under CMPS, 98 there is also a provision of minimum pension which is less than Rs.1000.

Taking into consideration about meager pension amount, the Board of Trustees (BoT), CMPFO has approved the proposal to enhance the minimum monthly pension @1000/month in the 178th BoT meeting. Subsequently, it has been made effective from of Notification i.e. 08th March, 2024. In this approx 30,000 pensioners are covered under Coal Mines Family Pension Scheme, 1971 which were not covered in the said Notification dated 08.03.2025. However, CMPFO pursuing the same with MoC to resolve the issue and make it applicable to all CMPFO Pensioners with minimum Pension @1000/- per month.

Yours faithfully,
Digitally signed by
AJAY KUMAR SINHA
Date: 11-07-2025
17:42(ZAK. Sinha)
Assistant Commissioner

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- (2) The Central Government may with or without any modifications sanction the Budget.
- (3) The commissioner may make budgetary re-appropriation of funds subject to the condition that the total budget sanctioned under sub-paragraph (2) is not exceeded. Such re-appropriation shall be placed by the Commissioner before the Board at its first meeting after such re-appropriation for its approval and the approval of Central Government shall also be obtained for the same before the expiration of the financial year.

20. AUDIT

The accounts of the Pension Fund shall be audited every year by the Comptroller and Auditor General of India.

21. ANNUAL AUDIT REPORT, BALANCE SHEET ETC.

The Commissioner shall place a report on the working of the Scheme relating to the previous year along with audited annual accounts at a meeting of the Board to be held before fifteenth day of November each year and the Board shall submit such report with the audited accounts to the Central Government for placing the same before Parliament by the end of December each year.

VALUATION AND REVIEW OF THE PENSION FUND

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23. RECOVERY OF DAMAGES FOR DEFAULT IN PAYMENT OF CONTRIBUTIONS-

- (1) It shall be the responsibility of the employer to deduct from the salary of an employee the contributions towards the employee's share under the Scheme and remit the same to the Commissioner in Form PS - 5.
- (2) Where any employer makes a default in the remittance of any contribution to the Commissioner, the Commissioner shall be competent to recover damages for such delayed remittance on the rates specified in Schedule - 4
- (3) Where an employer makes default in remittance of any contribution to the Commissioner, such default in remittance on the part of the employer shall not make any adverse effect on the benefits admissible to an employee under the scheme.