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Minutes of Meeting of 1st CEC of SNPWA, Assam Circle for the Year 2023-24 held on 10-08-2023

The 1st meeting of Circle Executive Committee of SNPWA, Assam Circle for the year 2023-24 was held on 10-08-2023 at SNEA Bhawan, Guwahati under the presidentship of Sri Shantanu Choudhury, CP, SNPWA, Assam Circle. The following were the agenda points of the meeting.

1. Welcome Address by Com. Amitava Nath
2. Address by Circle Secretary.
3. Treasurer's Report.
4. Participation in the last phase of agitational programme in support of Pension Revision with 15% fitment at Jantar Mantar, New Delhi on 24th & 25th August'2023.
5. Membership Issue.
6. Suggestions/inputs from the Members for betterment of Association's Activities.
7. Presidents' Speech.
8. Vote of thanks by Com Mridul Chandra Kalita.

The following CEC members attended the meeting:

1. Sri Shantanu Choudhury, President.
2. Sri Arijit Roy Prodhani, Circle Secretary
3. Sri Rajesh Kr. Choudhury, Vice-President
4. Sri Gobinda Chandra Sarmah, Treasurer
5. Sri Firoz Akhtar Khan, ACS
6. Sri Ananda Ram Boro, ACS
7. Sri Nirod Chandra Bhagabati, Jt. Secretary
8. Sri Prasanta Daimari, Jt. Secretary
9. Sri Habibur Rahman, Jt. Secretary
10. Smt. Geetanjali Kakoty, Jt. Secretary
11. Sri Ranjit Kumar Das, Organizing Secretary
12. Sri Mridul Chandra Kalita, CWC Member
13. Sri Manoj Kumar Karki, CWC member

14. Sri Nityananda Sarma, Auditor.
15. Sri Amitava Nath, Member
16. Sri Dulal Kar, Member
17. Sri Rajib Barman, Member.
18. Sri Amitava Nandi, Member.
19. Sri Bijoy Singha, Member.
20. Sri Prafulla DebBarma, Member

At the outset Circle Secretary Sri Arijit Roy Prodhani expressed his happiness & gratitude to the CEC members present in the meeting to make themselves available for 1st CEC of SNPWA, Assam Circle for the year 2023-24 & extremely hopeful that the deliberations will be fruitful one. Then he requested Sri Shantanu Choudhury, President, SNPWA, Assam Circle to preside over the meeting.

Afterwards, the meeting started under the presidentship of Shantanu Choudhury, CP, SNPWA, Assam Circle. The President then carried forward the meeting as per the Agenda Points.

1. Welcome Address by Com. Amitava Nath.

At the very outset, Com. Amitava Nath, Member CEC SNPWA, Assam Circle welcome all the members & expressed his thanks & gratitude for all those outstation members who attended this 1st CEC meeting to make it a successful one.

2. Address by Circle Secretary:

Circle Secretary, Com. Arijit Roy Prodhani then submitted a comprehensive report on the various activities undertaken by the Association during last three years since its inception & bestowed his best efforts to resolve the issues like GSLI payments, provisional pension payment case of Com Abhijit Das & some correction cases of PPOs etc. He also intimated the august house that most of the unresolved cases of GSLI payments have been resolved & out of remaining two cases namely that of Smt. Sumitra Boro & Sri Gautam Barman, the GSLI payment issue of Sri Gautam Barman had been settled recently & that of Sumitra Boror is being perused by way of close lesioning with Kamrup SSA & LIC authority for early & final settlement & hopeful that with the sustained efforts of all, the pending issues will be resolved shortly. He conveyed his thanks & gratitude to Com Hemen Hazarika & Com. Firoz Akhtar Khan of Jorhat who took lot of pains to help the Association to resolve the GSLI payment issues of our members.

He also intimated the house that consequent upon completion of System upgradation regarding empowering local CCA authority to undertake any changes at their level, the pending cases of fixation of revised pay scale of our comrades which were sanctioned by BSNL prior to 31-01-2020, corrections in PPO etc. have been resolved with the consistent efforts of Circle Body.

He further intimated that the Association was able to resolve one of the most contentious issues of our ETR comrades of non-remittance of TDS by BSNL pertaining to 3rd Ex-gratia amount paid in March'21 with the help of our CHQ. In this connection he extended his thanks & gratitude to our beloved GS. Com G.L. Jogi who took all the pains to meet with all related stakeholders to resolve this critical issue.

In his report, he also stated that a meeting was held with CGM, BSNL, Assam Circle & raised the issue of pending medical bills of retired employees, reimbursement of CGHS subscription etc. He apprised the house that the issue of reimbursement of CGHS subscription is now almost settled barring one or two cases but the issue of payment of medical bills of pensioners are still unsettled due to paucity of fund. He will try to meet CGM, Assam Circle within a short period of time to get the latest update on this issue.

Further to the above, he also apprised the house that as an exemplary mark of solidarity, on 2nd August'22 an amount of Rs.80,000/ was handed over to the bereaved family members of late Dhiraj Das at their resident at Bongaigaon & also an amount of Rs.50,000/ was handed over to the family members of Late Jayanta Baruah by our Dibrugarh comrades where our CEC member Com. Dulal Chandra Kar was also present. In this context, he extended his heartfelt thanks & gratitude to all those members who donated for this noble & humanitarian cause.

The issue of distribution of Pensioners Identity Card is almost in the final stage barring a few cases where reissuance of ID cards is pending. We are pursuing with the CCA authority to get these issued at the earliest.

This year an arrangement was made which is 1st of its kind to send the Form-16 of FY 2022-23 to all the individual members in their WhatsApp with the help & support of CCA.

He also informs the house that SNPWA, Assam Circle also participated in the ongoing agitational programmes under the banner of Joint Forum of BSNL MTNL Pensioners Association in support of Pension Revision with 15 % fitment which started with post card campaign on 1st July'23, lunch hour demonstration as black day on 6th July'2023 & one day dharna on 31st July'2023. A sizable no of our Guwahati based comrades participated in all the agitational programmes held so far.

Lastly, he intimated the house that the next CEC of SNPWA, Assam Circle will be held in the month of December'2023 & will finalize the venue & arrangements for holding of AGM on 31st January'2024 coinciding with the 4 years of voluntary retirement.

Few members raised some queries on the report of Circle Secretary which were answered by the Circle secretary to the satisfaction of the members & thereafter the Circle Secretary's report was accepted unanimously by the house

3. Treasurer's Report.

Treasurer Com. Gobinda Chandra Sarmah submitted the report in two parts.

1. Financial Health of The Association as on date (10-08-2023)
2. Membership Enrolment & Present Status of subscription.
3. Financial Health of The Association as on date (10-08-2023)

(A) Report on financial health as on date (10-08-2023)

The financial statement was prepared post AGM i. e from 31-01-2023 up to 31-07-2023. The gist of the statement is as follows:

- (i) Total Expenditure incurred for the period 31-01-2023 to 31-07-2023 = **Rs. 51,046.00**
- (ii) Cash in Hand (As on Date -10-08-2023) = **Rs.8600.00**
- (iii) Amount available at Bank A/C as on 10-08-2023 = **Rs. 1,80,962.45**
- (iv) **Total Amount available as on 10-08-2023 (Cash + Bank) = Rs.1,89,562.45**

(B) Report on Membership Enrolment & Present status of subscription.

- (i) A total of 21 members Join in SNPWA, Assam Circle since 01-01-2023
- (ii) Present Strength of Membership as on 10-08-2023 is 219. Out of which 3 expired. 1 left the group & 1 migrated to parent circle so the total effective strength of members as on date is 214.
- (iii) Membership subscription received for 2023 is 175 & still 39 members are yet to pay the membership fee.
- (iv) Out of 39 members 3 members did not pay the subscription from 2021 onwards & 1 members did not pay the subscription from 2022 onwards.

After a brief discussion on the financial statement submitted by the treasurer was accepted by the house unanimously.

4. Participation in the last phase of agitational programme in support of Pension Revision with 15% fitment at Jantar Mantar, New Delhi on 24th & 25th August'2023.

CS Com Arijit Roy Prodhani apprised the house that upcoming dharna programme which was originally scheduled for 5 days from 21-08-2023 to 25-09-2023 have been rescheduled to 2 days i.e on 24th & 25th August'2023 at Jantar Mantar, New Delhi due to administrative reasons as permission of dharna for continuous 5 days may not be possible to obtain from the Delhi administration. As far as participation of delegation from Assam Circle is concerned, he intimated that CHQ desires that the comrades from nearby circles like Up West, Haryana, Punjab etc. should take part in the dharna on 24th & 25th August'2023 which was also confirmed after having conversation in this regard with Circle Secretaries of Circle like West Bengal, Tamilnadu, Odisha, Andhra Pradesh etc.

In view of above, the house unanimously decided that no delegates from Assam Circle will participate in the dharna on 24th & 25th August'2023 at Jantar Mantar, New Delhi.

5. Membership Issue.

A trend of joining more & more new members in our association is being happened since last AGM, it has now been unanimously decided to increase our membership strength to 250 by 31st January'2024.

In this connection, all the CEC members have been entrusted with the responsibility to persuade the retired officers to join our Association so that the target of 250 is achieved by 31st January'2024.

Com Amitava Nath has been entrusted with the responsibility to persuade the retired officers who retired 5 to 10 years back to join our Association.

6. Suggestions/inputs/queries from the Members for betterment of Association's Activities.

- (i) Comrades from Tezpur namely M.K. Karki & Prasanta Daimari requested the house to take up the issue of opening a Wellness Centre as well as empanelment of Private hospital under CGHS at Tezpur with the competent authorities as there is no wellness Centre & empanelled Private hospital is available in the entire North Bank of the State.

The house advised the comrades of Tezpur to send a proposal to the SNPWA Circle body along with signature of as many applicants as possible so that same can be projected to the concerned authorities for giving due consideration & weightage to the proposal.


- (ii) Com Mridul Chandra Kalita raised the issue of not getting the outdoor medical bills from BSNL submitted prior to migration to CGHS which is pending since December'2022.
- (iii) Com Ranjit Kumar Das & Com Rajib Barman raised the issue of not getting the Fixed Monthly allowance of Rs.1000/ for the period prior to the migration to CGHS.
- (iv) Com. Amitava Nath raised the issue of Com. Aniram Boro whose SSA is shown as NETF instead of Assam circle in PPO post migration to CCA & help Aniram Boro to get his Identity Card issued by CCA, Assam.
- (v) Com. Bijoy Singha raised the issue regarding corrigendum instead of non-issuance of PPO consequent upon change/addition of nominee in the PPO.

Circle body will take up all the issues raised by the members from (ii) to (iv) above with the CGM, Assam Circle & whole hearted effort will be made to resolve the issues.

As far as reissuance of PPO is concerned the CCA does not issue any fresh PPO consequent upon any changes in PPO rather a corrigendum is being issued which sufficient for staking any claim in future.

After adopting the above resolutions unanimously by the house & as per the agenda points, President, Sri Shantanu Choudhury delivered his presidential speech & requested all the CEC members present in the meeting to enroll as many as members as possible so that we can atleast achieve the target of 250 by 31st august'2024. He emphasized upon the need to hold all the members under a single umbrella so that we can help each other when need arises since our Association is a Welfare Association & to look after the welfare of our members is our motto & hence all members should be persuaded to remain as an integral part of the Association.

On completion of President's speech Com, Mridul Chandra Kalita extended the vote of thanks & after that the meeting came to an end.



(Arijit Roy Prodhani)
Circle Secretary, SNPWA, Assam Circle
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