

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF COAL
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO- 545
ANSWERED ON- 22/07/2026

REVISION OF COAL MINES PENSION SCHEME

545. SHRI RAJEEV RAI

Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state :-

- (a) whether it is a fact that the pension under the Coal Mines Pension Scheme has not been revised since its inception and if so, the reasons therefor and the present minimum, maximum and average monthly pension, together with the number of pensioners in each pension slab;
- (b) whether the Government has received representations including from Members of Parliament and pensioners' associations, seeking revision of pension under the Scheme in view of inflation over the last 28 years and if so, the action taken thereon; and
- (c) whether any proposal for pension enhancement, indexation, dearness relief or periodic revision is under consideration and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR COAL AND MINES
(SHRI SATISH CHANDRA DUBEY)

(a) The Coal Mines Pension Scheme, 1998 came into force on 31st March, 1998. Minimum monthly pension under the scheme has been revised to Rs. 1000 with effect from 08th March, 2024, benefiting eligible pensioners.

The scheme does not prescribe any maximum ceiling on pension. Pension under the scheme is determined on the basis of the member's average emoluments during the last ten months of service, pensionable service and the applicable category of pension. A total of Rs. 515 crore was disbursed to 4.58 lakh pensioners in May 2026, indicating an average monthly pension of over Rs. 10,000.

(b) Yes. As per provisions of the Coal Mines Pension Scheme, 1998, pension revision is contingent upon actuarial recommendations. The latest actuarial valuation (as on 31st March, 2022) did not recommend enhancement due to shortfall in the pension fund. However, Government has taken a positive step by ensuring a minimum pension of Rs. 1000 per month with effect from 08.03.2024, benefiting eligible pensioners.

(c) At present, no such proposal is under consideration.
