## COMMITTEE OF BSNL/MTNL PENSIONERS' ASSOCIATIONS

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To Shri Anshu Prakash, Additional Secretary, Department of Telecom, Sanchar Bhawan, 20, Asoka Road, New Delhi-110001

Respected sir,

Sub: Request for Pension revision to absorbed combined service pensioners of BSNL/ MTNL from 1/1/2017 with a fitment factor 32% recommended by 7<sup>th</sup> CPC

At the outset we extend our warm welcome to our department. We are hopeful that during your tenure in this department our long pending demand of pension revision would see the light of the day sooner than later. Nearly four lakh pensioners including serving employees would be indebted to you, sir, if this demand is conceded.

- 2. The subject matter was taken up by the Associations with DoT and discussed at length with concerned officers including Secretary (T) & Hon. MoC several times. We have also written number of letters justifying the demand in the past.
- 3. The above committee consists of seven organizations of pensioners. On behalf of this committee, we wrote a letter, signed by seven General Secretaries on 22/11/2018 to Secretary (T) which is herewith attached for your ready reference.
- 4. Combined service pensioners are getting retirement benefits in accordance with CCS (Pension) Rules 1972, which is unique to BSNL/MTNL among all the PSUs, similar to C.G. pensioners.
- 100% pension liability lies with Gol similar to C.G. pensioners.
- 6. Last pension revision was given from 1/1/2007 and we demand pension revision after 10 years similar to C.G. pensioners.
- 7. Payment of pension to BSNL/MTNL absorbees are accounted under MH 2071, similar to C.G. pensioners.

- 8. PRCs do not recommend pension revision because there is no terms of reference for them but CPCs (from 4th CPC onwards) do recommend for pension revision to the past pensioners in accordance with the judgement of the Apex Court delivered on 17/12/1982 by the constitutional bench.
- The minimum/maximum pension for BSNL/ MTNL pensioners is calculated on the basis of C.G. employees' minimum/maximum pay and not on BSNL/MTNL pay.
- 10. Our demand is simple. Existing basic pension + DR as on 1/1/2017 plus 32% of basic pension which works out to 14.58% of total pension. Total beneficiaries may be around 1.9 lakh (including MTNL) and the additional annual expenditure may be around Rs.650/- crores.

We seek your kind help for favourbale decision in this regard. If you can spare some time convenient to you, sir, our representatives shall meet in person and explain the rationale and logic behind this demand.

Thanking you

Yours faithfully

(P.Gangadhara Rao) Convenor

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