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## Editorial

### LET US MOVE TOGETHER

The Department of Public Enterprises has issued order implementing 3rd PRC Report. The affordability condition is not relaxed for anyone. Some union leaders apprehend that BSNL can not give any benefit to its serving Executives under the said OM of DPE. If the efforts by CMD are successful the fitment benefit will be just 5% in BSNL, compared to 32% granted to central government employees and pensioners. The serving staff and their organizations are fighting for pay revision. Some of them organized a strike recently. Some others attended office on that day with black badges. Still some others kept aloof of these actions saying that the Minister and the CMD are positive. Disunity has weakened the efforts. Any improvement depends upon a united struggle by all and also upon further move by BSNL, DOT and the Minister. Total Unity is the essential pre-requisite for success.

Pensioners retired before 1-1-2017 shall not get any benefit from the PRC. We rightly envisaged this situation long back. Some others had different understanding. Hence they demanded that BSNL retirees should also be given benefit with PRC formula.

Now it is the time for all BSNL retirees to wake up to the reality and unitedly fight for pension revision. There should not be any confusion about the demand. We should be firm. Our pension should be revised in IDA pattern itself with the fitment formula suggested by 7th CPC and future CPCs. Nothing more; nothing less. There may be some anomalies. During the last 70 years no Pay Commission report was implemented in India without anomalies. Anomalies have to be resolved.

Let us forget the different position we had taken earlier. Let us unite and pull together with all our might, strain every nerve to achieve our goal of guaranteed periodical pension revision, independent of the fiscal performance of BSNL company and PRC reports.

Coming together is the beginning.  
Keeping together is the progress.  
Working together is the success.

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