

Central Administrative Tribunal Principal Bench, New Delhi

C.P. No. 422/2017 in O.A. No. 2173/2014

Today, this the 18th day of November, 2020

Through video conferencing

Hon'ble Mr. Justice L. Narasimha Reddy, Chairman Hon'ble Mr. A. K. Bishnoi, Member (A)

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- 2. Shri Ved Prakash Gupta, Ex. Sr. SSO CTO, New Delhi (Retd. on 31.10.2000) 17-F, Pocket-IV, Mayur Vihar, Phase-I, Delhi-110 091.
- Shri R. Ranganathan,
 Ex. Chief Telegraph Master, Retd. on 30.11.2000,
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- 4. Shri G.R. Dharmarajan, Ex. Chief Telephone Operator (Retd. on 31.12.2000) No.3, Sekkilar Street Extn., Bibikularm, Madurai-625 002



- Shri M.S. Murthukrishnan,
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- Shri T.K. Sundaramoorthy,
 Ex. DE, RTTC, Chennai (Retd. on 28.02.2001),
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- 7. Shri Nabin Chandra Nayak, Ex. Sr. AO, Orissa (Retd. on 28.02.2001), N-1/253, IRC Village, CRP Square, Bhubaneshwar-751 015
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...Applicants

(By Advocate: Shri V.K. Sharma and Shri Neeraj Kumar Sharma)



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- Smt. Aruna Sundararajan, (Presently Sh. Anshu Prakash) Secretary, Department of Telecommunications, Ministry of Communications & IT, Sanchar Bhawan, 20, Ashoka Road New Delhi-110001
- 2. Shri Anupam Shrivastava (Presently Sh. P.K. Purwar) The Chairman-cum-Managing Director, Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited M.S. Mathur Lane, Janpath, New Delhi.
- 3. Sh. Bhanu Pratap Sharma (Presently Dr. Kshatrapati Shivaji), Secretary, Department of Pension & Pensioners' Welfare Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances & Pensions 112/2, North Block, New Delhi – 110 001
- 4. Shri Ashok Lavasa
 (Presently Dr. T.V. Somanathan),
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- 5. Smt. Seema Bahuguna (Presently Sh. Sailesh), Secretary, Department of Public Enterprises, Block No.14, CGO Complex, New Delhi-110 003

... Respondents

(By advocate: Shri Rajeev Kumar and Shri R.V. Sinha)



ORDER (ORAL)

Justice L. Narasimha Reddy, Chairman

This Contempt Petition is filed alleging that the respondents did not implement the order dated 16.12.2016 passed by this Tribunal in OA.2173/2014. The OA was filed by an Association of pensioners of BSNL and some retired employees. It was in relation to the method of calculation of pension. Earlier, an order was passed by the department of Telecommunications on 15.01.2003 indicating the formula to be adopted. The said order was set aside and a direction was issued to the respondents to calculate the pension of the applicants in the same manner as is done in case of Central Government employees and employees of Public Sector Undertakings like FCI as contained in OM dated 18.10.1999. Almost at the same time at which the CP was filed, the respondents filed W.P.No.10019/2017. Taking development into account the CP was closed on 08.02.2018. The dismissed on Writ Petition has since been 24.01.2020. Thereupon, the applicants filed MA.1341/2020 for revival of CP. That was ordered and the CP was revised on 19.08.2020, and it was directed to be listed after four weeks. On 06.10.2020 when



the CP was listed, there was no representation for the applicants, it was directed to be listed today.

- 2. When the case is called today, the learned counsel for Union of India sought time to file reply. Learned counsel for BSNL stated that it is a policy decision with serious implications and the issue is to be dealt with by the Government. We wanted to grant four weeks time to the Union of India to take steps in the matter. Learned counsel for the applicants Sri V.K.Sarma, however, seriously objected to that and insisted that the members of the Association are very old and matter cannot be delayed further. Therefore, we heard the matter in the absence of reply.
- 3. The direction issued by the Tribunal is to work out the pension of the members of the Association, who are thousands in number, in the same manner as is done in the case of the Central Government and the PSUs. The matter assumed finality only in the recent past. It is not known whether any SLP is been filed. Be that as it may, we dispose of the CP by directing the



respondents to implement the direction issued in the OA within three months from the date of receipt of a copy of the order.

There shall be no order as to costs.

(A.K.Bishnoi) Member (A) (Justice L.Narasimha Reddy) Chairman

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