ALL INDIA BSNL PENSIONERS' WELFARE ASSOCIATION (Read

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Respected Madam,

We are the biggest pensioners' organisation in Telecom having a membership of one lakh throughout the country. Our membership in Aandhra Pradesh alone is more than 10,000 and we have a Branch in Kakinada also.

We came across a letter written by you to Shri Ashwini Vaishnawjji, Hon. Minister for Telecommunications on 30/01/2022 regarding pension revision. We also saw a photo handing over a letter to Secretary (Telecom), Shri K.Rajaraman on 31/01/2022. We highly appreciate your interest and efforts for getting pension revision to absorbed BSNL pensioners.

But we would like to point out that you got wrong brief from someone who does not understand the issue in its perspective. We would like to politely inform you that the solution suggested in para 4 of your letter will not be helpful to the pensioners.

DoP&PW OM dated 19/9/2003 cannot be applied to BSNL absorbed pensioners even according to Department of Pension & Pensioners' Welfare. When we got pension revision from 1/1/2007, this order was not implemented even though there were discussions among the officers of DoT, DoP&PW & DoE about application of this order. DoP&PW which issued the order categorically said that it cannot be applied to absorbed BSNL pensioners.

The solution lies in implementing the fitment factor (32% of Basic pension) recommended by 7th CPC to BSNL absorbed pensioners from 1/1/2017 because 100% liability of paying pension/family pension lies with Government of India. This recommendation was accepted by the Government and implemented to more than 60 lakh C.G. pensioners from 01/01/2016.

CCS (Pension) Rules, 2021 is applicable to both C.G. pensioners and absorbed BSNL pensioners. After getting a clarification from DoP&PW, most of the recommendations of 6th CPC were implemented to absorbed BSNL pensioners from 1/1/2006.



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First, DoT has to reply to the queries raised by DoP&PW in their letter dated 8/3/2019 and seek the approval from that nodal department for 'delinking pension revision from pay revision'. [Copy of the letter from DoP&PW is enclosed.]

In this connection we herewith attach our letter addressed to Shri K.Rajaraman, Secretary (Telecom) on 31/01/2022 for your kind information. [Encl. 2]

I am from Andhra and if any further clarification is required I am willing to share with you, madam.

We shall be highly thankful if you can kindly amend your letter and help more than two lakh pensioners.

With kind regards

Yours sincerely,

General Secretary.

Encl. 1. Letter dated 8-3-2019 from Dept. of Pension to Dept. of Telecom. 2. Our letter dated 31-1-2022 to Secretary, Telecom