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Sri Jyotiraditya Scindia
Hon'ble Minister of Communications
Government of India
New Delhi

Respected sir,

Sub: Pension Revision to absorbed BSNL/MTNL pensioners from 1/1/2017

We are the biggest pensioners' association in telecom. On behalf of our association, we heartily welcome you, sir, as our Minister under the prime-minister of Shri Narendra Modiji's 3.0 ministry.

2. At the time of absorption in BSNL from DoT, a statutory guarantee was given to pay pension/family pension by Government of India on combined service as per the formula applicable to Central Government employees. With the approval of cabinet under the prime-ministership of Shri Narendra Modiji, DoT issued orders on **20/7/2016 for 100% liability of paying pension/family pension by the Government.**
3. The pay of BSNL employees was revised from 1/1/2007 as per the recommendations of 2nd PRC, approved by the Government. To undo the anomaly between pre-2007 and post-2007 pensioners, pension of pre-2007 pensioners was revised from 1/1/2007 with the same formula through an order issued by DoT on **15/3/2011** after getting the approval of the Cabinet.
4. Because of financial constraints, BSNL did not revise the pay of its employees from 1/1/2017 as per 3rd PRC recommendations. For the absorbed employees, pay is paid by BSNL but after retirement pension is paid by Government of India. So, pension revision does not have any bearing on the financial position of BSNL. But **unfortunately, officers in DoT have taken a stand "linking pension revision with pay revision".**
5. So, we were compelled to seek legal remedy and filed a petition before Hon PB, CAT, Delhi on 10/9/2020 which pronounced its verdict on 20/9/2023 in our favour and directed DoT to revise the pension treating the absorbed employees as Government servants. We requested DoT

to implement the order of PB, CAT, Delhi taking it as a benchmark/guidance since there is no bench-mark for revision of pension for absorbed BSNL employees.

6. DoT instead of honoring the judgement, filed a writ petition before Hon Delhi HC and sought a stay on PB, CAT verdict. But Hon Delhi HC did not grant stay. We filed a contempt petition before PB, CAT Delhi and DoT filed a petition before Hon Delhi HC to quash the contempt petition but Hon Delhi HC dismissed their petition with cost.
7. Absorbed BSNL employees are unique as they are covered under CCS (Pension) Rules like Central Government employees. They can't be considered as retirees of PSU.
8. In the interest of nearly four lakh absorbed pensioners, most of them 70 plus, we seek your kind intervention for withdrawing the writ petition pending before Hon Delhi HC and direct DoT to implement the PB, CAT judgement. We are willing to negotiate with DoT and arrive at an amicable settlement.

Thanking you Sir,

Yours faithfully



V Vara Prasad
General Secretary