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Respected sir,

Sub: Pension Revision to BSNL/MTNL absorbees

The subject matter is well-known to you, sir. On this issue, we met you, sir, on 15/11/2023, 9/2/2024 in Sanchar bhawan and on 9/3/2024 at Bengaluru.

We were informed that DoT has sent the proposals to the nodal departments viz. DoP&PW & DoE. We were also informed, right from Hon MoC and all the officers in Sanchar Bhawan that they are not going to file any appeal against PB, CAT, Delhi order dated 20/9/2023.

We were taken aback when DoT has filed WP on 21/3/2024 against the judgement before Hon'ble Delhi High Court. The entire pensioner community is totally upset by this move and uncontrollable anger prevails. It is because that the issue remains unsettled for nearly 7 years and most of them 70 plus. Everybody thought that a solution is in sight to the issue.

We know that the issue is not so simple because it needs a policy decision. We also know that DoT officers had informal discussion with DoP&PW & DoE more than once. **DoT is the administrative ministry and it has to send a single concrete proposal to DoP&PW which will take a policy decision in consultation with DoE.** The leaders of the pensioners' associations have the rich experience of several decades and matured enough. But DoT was not willing to share the proposals with them, the stake-holders. We expect and request DoT to be transparent with the stake-holders.

We make a fervent appeal to you, sir, to convene a formal meeting of all BSNL/MTNL pensioners' associations at your convenience sooner than later giving atleast 7 days notice. Hope this approach would help to find a solution.

Thanking you

Yours faithfully,

(V Vara Prasad) General Secretary.