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To
The Secretary, DoT,
Sanchar Bhawan,
20, Asoka Road,
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Respected sir,

Sub: Authorisation of pension of Telecom Mechanic cadre in accordance with statutory rules – verification the correctness of emoluments only for the period of 24 months prior to the date of retirement - reg

Ref: 1) DoT letter No.7-4512018/BSNL M ISC/TA1 dtd.2/12/2020
2) CCS (Pension) Rules, 1972/2021
3) Civil Accounts Manual 7.3.2

We are constrained to approach you, sir, on the following issue for your kind intervention because few hundred officials who retired after 2014 from the cadre of Telecom Mechanic are getting less pension than their entitlement and the loss is perpetual.

2. **RM/Gr.D officials who were selected and trained for telecom mechanic but kept in the waiting list for want of vacancies in telecom mechanic cadre. This issue was discussed in JCM (DC). As a result, DoT issued order vide No. No.1-42/MPP-98(Pt.) dated 31/12/1998 to place all the 'wait-listed officials' in LM scale (intermediate scale) temporarily. They were promoted to Telecom Mechanic cadre as and when vacancies arose. Those officials retired after 2014 onwards. At the time of fixation of pension, O/o PCCA, TN and CCA, AP reduced their LPD (Last Pay Drawn) arbitrarily by reducing one increment.**

We herebelow give one example for your perusal.

3. **One Shri G.Rajendran (Madurai SSA) was appointed as RM on 26/8/1992. He was selected to the cadre of Phone Mechanic and underwent training from 1/9/1997 to 24/10/1997. Due to want of vacancies in PM cadre, he was placed in Lineman scale of Rs.3050-4590 (CDA) from 31/12/1998. He was appointed**

as Phone Mechanic on 3/6/1999 in the scale of 3200-4900. He retired on 31/1/2020 and his LPD fixed by BSNL was Rs.22390/-. But it was arbitrarily reduced by O/o PCCA, TN to Rs.21820/- (loss of Rs.570). He filed a grievance with DoT on 18/6/2020 under ticket No.2020061814314. He got a reply on 9/7/2020 stating that ***"Pensionary benefits are settled by taking the LPD Rs.21820/- is correct, since upgraded to LM scale 3050-75-4590 and pay drawn in the above temporary placement scale was not considered by DoT cell, Chennai and pay has been regulated for substantive post and the LPD arrived at the stage of Rs.21820/-"***. This is nothing but violation of statutory rule and the pensioner is facing a perpetual loss not only in pension but also family pension. This is not a solitary case but hundreds of cases are like that.

3. But the question is whether the pay fixation done by a competent authority more than 20 years ago can be verified by the AO at the time of retirement. Our contention is that as per statutory rules it can't be done.

4. The pension sanctioning/authorising authority can verify the emoluments only 24 months prior to date of retirement and not before that as per Rule 59 (b) (v) of CCS (Pension) Rules, 1972; para 7.3.2. of Chapter 7 of Civil Accounts Manual (CAM) issued by Controller General of Accounts, New Delhi Department of Expenditure (MoF) on 1/10/2012 and 63 (c) of CCS (Pension) Rules, 2021.

5. These statutory rules clearly state "while applying the requisite check, the AO shall verify the correctness of emoluments only for the period of 24 months preceding the date of retirement of a government servant and not for any period prior to that date".

6. Further, we also would like to bring to your kind notice about the above-referred (1) order was issued by DDG (Accts) of DoT after obtaining a clarification from DoP&PW.

5. May we request you, sir, to review all those cases in which LPD was reduced by one increment which resulted in reduction of pension and family pension contrary to statutory rule.

Thanking you

Yours faithfully,



(Vara Prasad)
General Secretary.

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