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BSNLEU/ 413 (PENSION)

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To,

Shri Narendra Modi ji,
Hon'ble Prime Minister,
Government of India
South Block, Raisina Hill
New Delhi - 110 011

Respected Sir,

Sub: - **Denial of justice to the BSNL pensioners – soliciting your kind intervention – req.**

We wish to draw your kind attention to the denial of justice to the BSNL pensioners, and earnestly request you to kindly make necessary intervention for the early settlement of the grievance.

The DoT employees, who were absorbed in BSNL, are being paid Government of India Pension on their retirement. This is being done in accordance with the provision laid down in Rule 37A of the CCS Pension Rules 1972. Based on the recommendations of the 7th Central Pay Commission, the pension of the entire Central Government Pensioners has already been revised.

Both the Central Government pensioners and the BSNL pensioners are getting pension under the same Government of India Rules, viz., CCS Pension Rules, 1972. Logically, the BSNL pensioners should have also got their pension revision, since their counter parts of the Central Government have already got pension revision. However, nothing is being heard so far, about the revision of pension of the BSNL pensioners.

The recommendations of the 7th CPC on pension revision did not cover the pensioners of BSNL, since BSNL retirees are being paid pension based on IDA pay scales. Sadly, the 3rd Pay Revision Committee, headed by Hon'ble Justice Satish Chandra (Retd.), also did not recommend any thing about the pension revision of BSNL pensioners, on the plea that the revision of pension for BSNL retirees is beyond their terms of reference. Thus, the BSNL pensioners are left high and dry.


The DoT's letter no.24-1/2018/SR dated 21.02.2018, stated that ***the pension revision of the BSNL retirees would be taken up as and when 3rd PRC was implemented.*** It is a fact that, this letter was withdrawn subsequently. However, this statement of the DoT speaks it's mindset of linking pension revision of the BSNL retirees with the wage revision of the serving employees. This is totally wrong. The pension revision of BSNL retirees cannot and should not be linked with the wage revision of the serving employees. Pension Contribution, as per the Government of India Rule, has already been contributed in respect of the BSNL retirees, and this makes them eligible for pension revision. Now that their counter parts in the Central Government have already got pension revision, the BSNL pensioners should also get pension revision. Denial of this is nothing but denial of justice.

It is pertinent to bring to your kind notice that, at the time of last wage revision, i.e., w.e.f. 01.01.2007, the orders for pay revision of the BSNL Executives were issued on 27.02.2009 and the orders for wage revision of the Non-Executives were issued on 07.05.2010. However, order for revision of pension of the BSNL retirees was issued much belatedly, i.e., only on 15.03.2011. It is needless to say that this delay put the BSNL pensioners in unwarranted anxiety, as well as in financial hardship.

In view of the foregoing, we earnestly solicit your kind intervention on this matter, so that the grievance of the BSNL pensioners is redressed at the earliest.

Thanking you,

Yours sincerely,



[P.Abhimanyu]
General Secretary

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