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Our members and wellwishers donated Rs. 1,11,68,597.00 to the Legal Fund within two months.

**A NEW HISTORY WAS CREATED.**

There was no time to hold meetings and discuss the matter. Responding to an Appeal through the Whatsapp groups, donations came on-line. About 290 pensioners directly sent their donations soon. We salute all donors. Same time, we are quite aware of our responsibilities. We assure all that we shall take utmost care in utilizing this fund.

**WE SHALL FIGHT TILL WE WIN.**

# 15 YEARS

On 20-08-2024, our mighty organization, AIBSNLPWA completes its glorious journey of 15 years. Before it was launched by the All India convention of BSNL pensioners at East Tambaram in Chennai on 20th August 2009 'pension revision' of BSNL retirees was not an issue for anyone. AIBSNLPWA made it an issue at national level, for all - pensioners, serving employees and the management.

o In February 2009, pay of serving Executives in BSNL was revised as recommended by 2nd PRC. But pension of retired Executives was not revised. Pension revision did not follow pay revision.

o In 2010 pay of serving Non Executives in BSNL was revised with same PRC formula. But pension of retired Non Executives was not revised. Pension revision did not follow pay revision.

o In 2020, pay of serving Executives in some central PSUs was revised as recommended by 3rd PRC. But pension of the retired Executives in those PSUs has not yet been revised. The Pension revision does not follow pay revision.

o After formation of AIBSNLPWA, the situation got changed. We changed the scenario. In 2011 Cabinet decided to revise our pension with effect from 1-1-2007. It was a specific decision taken at political level. Bureaucracy was against it. But we could convince the then ministers.

Even now, some friends argue that pension revision follows pay revision. We cannot agree with them.

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## Editorial

# EXIT POLLS AND EXACT POLLS

The world's biggest carnival of democracy is over with sheer drama, spectacle and colour, along with all exuberant noise. The parliamentary elections in India have set new benchmarks that are hard to match anywhere else in the world. The exact poll results differed with biased exit poll predictions. 2024 is an year of elections world over. Coalition governments have come in many countries like Poland, Spain, South Africa etc. and in India too.

Indian voters have reaffirmed that in Democracy people are supreme as it happened in 1977. Their verdict is quite loud and clear. They have shattered the aura of invincibility of some leaders, giving a strong warning against arrogance. It is also the victory of fighting farmers. The verdict has brought back the coalition government after an interregnum. People want coalition not collision. Coalition has its own inherent weakness where the regional parties with narrow outlook can hijack national interest. India has seen such politics of pull and pressure in the past. People have given their verdict in favour of a strong opposition. *"No Government can long be secure without a formidable Opposition"*.

We have a new minister exclusively for Communications this time. Ministers come and go; bureaucracy remains. In the past, we had very tough bureaucrats as Chairmen of P&T Board or Telecom Board - like S M Agarwal, L C Jain, D K Sanghal etc. They were very stiff and strict; but straightforward too. Never ambivalent they were. Once they agreed to something it was implemented. Once they said NO to any demand we had to seek other methods to achieve it. Such strict men never mislead us. They had the guts to speak out what they meant, without mincing words.

We had different types of Ministers like Jagjeevan Ram, Rafi Ahmed Kidwai, Shankar Dayal Sharma, Arjun Singh and Sushma Swaraj. We had also Sukhram, Ram Vilas Paswan and A Raja versions. Those who were on the other side of negotiating table often rejected our demands. It is nothing but natural. But all such officers and ministers honoured their words. Unfortunately our recent experiences are otherwise.

Lok Sabha elections have altered the national political scenario. It may cause market convulsions. It will have impact on us. We are awaiting further developments.

P S Ramankutty, Editor



## GS Writes

Dear Friends,

Along with the entire nation we are moving to a new situation with the significant political changes. We are happy to note that a minister exclusively for communication is appointed this time. In the previous regime, Shri Ashwini Vaishnav could not devote enough time to communication as he was too busy with railways. We are more happy that both the cabinet minister and the minister of state are young and energetic.

### **COURT CASES**

The Appeal filed by Dept. of Telecom before Delhi High Court against the CAT judgement dated 20-9-2023 will be heard on 12th July 2024. We have engaged the senior lawyer to plead on behalf of our Association.

Hon'ble Delhi High Court has rejected another application filed by DOT to stay all further proceedings on the Contempt of Court case we filed before CAT Principal Bench. The Court has imposed a fine of Rs. 10000 on the Department. Details are given in this issue of Patrika.

Our petition on contempt of court will be heard by Principal Bench of CAT on 3rd July 2024.

Results of both may be known to our members by the time this Journal reaches their hands. We are hopeful of winning the case in High Court. In the meantime, some comrades suggested that we should file a caveat petition before Supreme Court of India to prevent any ex parte direction in case DoT approaches the Apex Court in the matter. We consulted our

lawyer on this and our Lawyer is not in favour of filing any caveat at this point of time. We consider all suggestions from our members and friends and take decision after getting professional advice. We are prepared to go to Supreme Court also if needed. We shall fight till we win.

### **LEGAL FUND**

We are rather excited over the wonderful positive response from our members to the call given through whatsapp groups for donation to the Legal Fund. On behalf of CHQ I express sincere gratitude to our members and well-wishers for the great cooperation. Some retired senior officers who are not our members also contributed towards the Fund. They know that we are seriously pursuing the matter. Similarly, some other organizations too have handed over their donations. Details are published in pages 22-26 of this journal.

### **DELAY IN DECLARING DA**

Rate of IDA from April 2024 is finally announced as 216.8% for those who got pay/pension revision from 1-1-2007. BSNL Pensioners fall under this category. It is unnecessarily delayed. IDA rate depends upon the All India Consumer Price Index for Industrial Workers. The Index for February 2024 was announced only after Lok Sabha election results were declared. DA is part of Salary which need not be linked with code of conduct. Hence, delay in announcing CP Index and rate of IDA caused speculations and apprehensions in the mind of employees and pensioners. It was also reported that government is planning to update the base year of the Consumer Price Index to 2024 from 2012 at present, and that of other macro-indicators such as the GDP, IIP and WPI to 2022-23. The new base years are likely to come into effect from 2026. The ongoing Household Consumption Expenditure Survey (HCES) 2022-23 will be used to

constitute the new CPI basket. In the past, every change in the base year was disadvantageous to workers.

### **LEAVE ENCASHMENT IS A RIGHT**

In a recent case (H Channaiah vs. Zilla Panchayat), Justice Sachin Shankar of High Court of Karnataka directed the Zilla Panchayat authorities to disburse his leave encashment with 6% interest. The Leave encashment is a payment for unused leave days when an employee retires/leaves the organization. This benefit is not just a goodwill gesture but a legal entitlement that reflects an employee's right to fair compensation for their service.

### **ANNIVERSARY**

CHQ calls upon all branches to celebrate the 15th anniversary of formation of our mighty organization on 20th August 2024 or any other date in the month of August, convenient to the branches. Kindly hold meetings and explain the achievements we have made during these 15 years and the serious fight we are engaged in to secure a permanent solution for the most important issue of our pension revision. This issue of the journal carries certain points in brief for such campaign.

### **MEMBERSHIP**

Our Life membership has reached 80,000. We should endeavour to reach it One Lakh. It is possible within few months.

### **CWC MEETING**

Our central working committee will meet at Patiala in second week of September 2024 to take stock of the situation and to decide future course of action with respect to various issues we confront now. .

### **CONFERENCES**

CWC will decide the venue and date of next All India Conference which is due in 2025. Most of the Circles are due to hold their circle conferences this year. Circle Secretaries are requested to take action to hold conferences. Similarly District Units are also requested to hold their conferences and elections promptly.

Democratic functioning is the most significant characteristics of our organization. It should be maintained and strengthened.

15-6-2024

**V Vara Prasad**

## **OBITUARY**



We are profoundly saddened by the passing of Com. Mallisetti Janardhana Rao on 4-6-2024 at the age of 86. A stalwart in service of Trade Union for several decades, his dedication and commitment were unparalleled. He was Andhra Circle Secretary of E IV Union (NFTE) for more than four decades.

I have immense respect for Comrade Mallisetti, known to thousands of Telecom Workers as a prominent NFTE leader in Andhra Pradesh. His leadership and the respect he commanded within the Telecom fraternity were exceptional. His guidance to our Association has been immeasurable. On behalf of the CHQ of AIBSNLPWA, I extend our deepest condolences to his family. May his soul rest in peace.

V. Vara Prasad, General Secretary, AIBSNLPWA

IT IS A STORY OF CLEAR CHEATING

## PENSION REVISION RELATED MATTER: CAT IS OUT OF THE BAG

Shri Amar Nath Thakur, Retired Sr. GM of Kolkata Telephones (VRS Retiree) sought some information from DOT under RTI Act regarding the proposal of DoT on the issue of our pension revision as directed by the CAT and replies thereon from DOPW, DOE, DPE etc. DOT supplied him the copy of replies received from Nodal Departments, but DOT did not supply its own file notings.

The replies received from the nodal departments reveals the following facts:-

- DoT sought the opinion of nodal departments on 27/9/2023 (exactly one week after the PB, CAT order)
- On 17/10/2023 Department of Public Enterprises (DPE) replied that they have no role and it has to be decided by DoT and Department of Pension
- On 20/10/2023 Department of Legal Affairs stated “it seems to be a fit case for challenge. However, DoT may take decision in consultation with DoP&PW and DPE, being the nodal departments on the issue in hand”
- On 15/11/2023 DoP&PW in its reply

quoted para 28 of PB, CAT order. It further stated “Since, the Hon’ble CAT has ordered for revision of pension and family pension strictly as per relevant rules, it is for DoT to take an administrative decision in the matter. DoP&PW has no further comments to offer”.

■ On 4/1/2024 DoE replied “In this regard, the view taken by the Administrative Ministry for challenging the order 20/9/2023 of the CAT (PB), New Delhi appears to be appropriate. Accordingly, DoT is requested to defend the interest of Uol on behalf of Secretary (Expenditure). DoT is also requested to get the draft reply vetted by DPE, DoP&PW and DoE before filing W.P in the High Court of Delhi”.

So, the main culprit is Department of Telecom because they only decided to go for appeal. All the officers in DoT and Hon MoC have misled all the associations. They lost the credibility before the pensioners community.

DoE played its part against the interest of pensioners.

The main nodal department i.e. Department of Pension & Pensioners’ Welfare, which is the authority on pension matters, has not suggested to challenge the order of PB, CAT. In my opinion, they have only understood the issue in its proper perspective. Even the Department of Legal Affairs has thrown the ball only to DoT.

D Gopalakrishnan, CHQ President  
in Whatsapp Posting on 21-5-2024.



# WE WELCOME NEW MINISTERS



**Shri. Jyotiraditya Madhavrao Scindia (born 1 January 1971) is the new Minister of Communications, elected from Guna constituency to the 18<sup>th</sup> Lok Sabha. He is a former member of the Indian National Congress (INC) from 2001 to 2020 and a member of the Bharatiya Janata Party since 2020. While a member of the INC, he served as the Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Power and Corporate in the second Manmohan Singh ministry from 2012 to 2014. Shri. Scindia is the son of politician Madhavrao Scindia, and a grandson of Jiwajirao Scindia, the last ruler of the princely state of Gwalior during the British Raj in India. He was educated at Campion School, Mumbai and at The Doon School, Dehradun. At Doon, Shri. Scindia was a contemporary of Rahul Gandhi. Scindia was admitted to St. Stephen's College, Delhi, University of Delhi. He later went to Harvard College, the undergraduate liberal arts college of Harvard University, where he graduated with BA degree in Economics in 1993. In 2001, he received a Master of Business Administration from the Stanford Graduate School of Business.**

(Source: Wikipedia)

**Dr. Chandra Sekhar Pemmasani, the richest MP in 18<sup>th</sup> Lok Sabha, is the new Minister of State for Rural Development and Communications in Government of India. He was elected as a Member of Parliament to the 18th Lok Sabha from Guntur Lok Sabha constituency, Andhra Pradesh. He belongs to Telugu Desam Party.**

**Born at Burripalem, Dr Chandrasekhar spent his childhood in Narasaraopet as his father had hotel business there. He took his MBBS from Osmania Medical College in Hyderabad and done his postgraduate training in internal medicine at Geisinger Medical Center Danville, Pennsylvania. In Pennsylvania he served as the representative of the state in a national medical knowledge competition for two consecutive years. He served as an attending physician at Johns Hopkins University and Sinai Hospital for five years, teaching residents and medical students. Dr. Chandrasekhar is the founder and CEO of UWorld, a test preparation company.**



Dr Chandrasekhar has worked at a no-cost medical clinic, extending healthcare assistance to uninsured or underinsured individuals within the Indian community in Dallas, Texas. In India, he contributed to the provision of free potable water to residents of the Palnadu region in Andhra Pradesh for over ten years and offered land for the establishment of a communal facility in his paternal village. He provided funding for educational support for many children and has contributed charitably to local community. Chandra Sekhar Pemmasani's father, Sambasivarao, was also a leader of TDP who served as the Deputy Chairman of Narasaraopet town.



**Shri Pralhad Joshi** is re-elected to Lok Sabha from Dharwad, Karnataka. In the previous ministry, he was Minister for Parliamentary affairs. Shri Joshi tried a lot to settle our pension revision issue. He arranged several meetings for us with former ministers Shri Ravi Shankar Prasad and Shri. Ashwini Vaishnav. However his sincere attempts did not bear fruits. On 14<sup>th</sup> June 2024, A team of our leaders like N.K.Gandigawad, S.L.Pujar, M.N.Ghorpade, Vijayakumar Mandi and N.R.Barker honoured Sri Pralhad Joshi at his residence, at Hubli, on taking over the charge of Central Cabinet

Minister for Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution, on behalf of our Association.



### **Shri Jitan Ram Manjhi**

Former Chief Minister of Bihar, Shri Jitan Ram Manjhi is the new MSME Minister. The Dalit face of NDA, Manjhi, 79, the leader of the Hindustani Awam Morcha was Bihar CM for a short period of 10 months. He has won the Lok Sabha election for the first time. He has the rare distinction of serving as a minister in Bihar under seven CMs in four decades. Shri Manjhi has been associated with various political parties like Congress, Janata Dal, Rashtriya Janata Dal and the Janata Dal (United). With each transition his star rose, cementing

his reputation of being an unwavering advocate for the Dalit community. Success story of his meteoric rise in politics reveals the positive aspect of Indian democracy where a boy born in a most downtrodden community can become Chief Minister or a central Cabinet Minister with sheer hard work.

Shri Manjhi was a clerk in DET office, Gaya from 1964 to 1976 and an active member of NFPTE. He left the job to enter politics.



# FINE

## ANOTHER WRETCHED ATTEMPT DEFEATED

Department Of Telecom had filed an appeal in Delhi High Court against the CAT judgement on our pension revision. HC refused to stay the order of CAT. Appeal is to be heard on 12-7-2024. Meanwhile, we filed a Contempt of Court petition in CAT as DoT has not yet honoured the CAT judgement.

When the two cases were pending, DoT made another wretched attempt. It filed a new petition before Delhi High Court praying to stay further proceedings in our Contempt petition. High Court had to remain closed for a month from

1<sup>st</sup> June. So DoT lawyer wanted to hear the new petition urgently on the previous day, 31-5-2024. HC heard the petition and simply dismissed the petition.

HC asked where the urgency is. If there is any urgency why DoT did not file the case earlier?

Hon'ble HC imposed a fine of Rs. 10000 also.

Will better sense prevail on the Telecom bureaucracy?

Will the minister intervene in the matter at least now?

## HRA and GRATUITY

Rate of HRA depends on population of the station. Cities having population of 50 lakhs and above are classified as X category, Cities with population of 5-50 lakhs are in Y category and other stations with less than 5 lakhs are in Z category. On 7-7-2017, Dept. of Expenditure had issued an order No 2/5/2017-EI(B) that *"The rates of HRA will be revised to 27%, 18% and 9% for X, Y and Z class cities respectively when the Dearness Allowance crosses 25% and further revised to 30%, 20% and 10% when the DA crosses 50%"*. Now, HRA is revised as above from 1-1-2024 as CDA has reached 50%. (Pensioners have no HRA).

Ceiling of Gratuity was Rs 20 Lakhs. It is now raised to Rs 25 lakhs with effect from 1-1-2024. Retirement gratuity is 16.5 times of monthly Pay (Basic Pay plus DA). If pay is Rs 121212, the Gratuity is Rs 1999998. Those who draw a monthly pay of more than Rs 121212 will be benefitted by the new order. A separate order is required to extend the benefit to BSNL/MTNL retirees.



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## CWC MEETING : NOTICE

It is hereby notified, in accordance with the provisions contained in Art. 14 of the Constitution of AIBSNLPWA, that a meeting of Central Working Committee of AIBSNLPWA shall be held from 10:30 AM on 11th September 2024 to 5 PM on 12th September 2024 in Hotel Flyover, Railway Station Road, Patiala Punjab, under presidentship of Com. D Gopalakrishnan, CHQ President to consider the following agenda:

1. Interim Report by General Secretary
2. Audited Accounts for the financial years ended on 31-3-2023 and 31-3-2024
3. Important issues concerning BSNL pensioners
  - (i) Pension Revision from 1-1-2017
  - (ii) Court Cases
  - (iii) Legal Fund
  - (iv) Issues related to BSNLMRS and CGHS
  - (v) Generation of DLCs
4. Organizational matters:
  - a) Organizational issues of MP Circle
  - b) Membership campaign and organizational improvement
  - c) Pensioners' Patrika
  - d) Next CWC and All India Conference – venues
5. Any other item with the permission of the Chair

All Central Office-bearers and Circle Secretaries are requested to attend the meeting. Boarding and Lodging for CWC members shall be arranged in Hotel Flyover itself from the evening of 10-9-2024 to morning of 13-9-2024.

For any assistance: **Com. G S Bajwa (CS) : 9417148460**  
**Com. Atmaram Verma: 9417429200**

Sd/-  
**(V VARA PRASAD)**  
**GENERAL SECRETARY**

15-06-2024

# PENSION REVISION

CHQ WRITES TO THE NEW MINISTER

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, 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 3<sup>rd</sup> PRC recommendations. For the absorbed employees, pay is paid by BSNL but after retirement pension is paid from the Government. 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 bench-mark/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 who 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

Yours faithfully,

(V Vara Prasad)  
General Secretary

13-6-2024

# BEWARE OF THE BUREAUCRATIC BETRAYAL

**M R Patnaik,  
Vice President**

The narration of our beloved President DG on 21<sup>st</sup> May, 2024, captioned “Cat is out of the bag” should not surprise us, but guide our path ahead to reach our just goal of long pending pension revision with renewed vigour and determination.

Comrades, there is no surprise at non fulfillment of assurance by any political leader; conversely it is the other way round. But, the executive which is responsible to implement Hon’ble PBCAT judgment, hiding their course of action, itself shows that they have no ground in non-implementation of the PBCAT, ND orders. Powerful at the helm, hoodwinking the powerless is nothing short of cowardice. They should be bold enough to spell their course of action. After all this is not such a grave matter of national security to maintain secrecy of their actions. 4.5 lakh DOT/BSNL combined service pensioners/family pensioners, felt cheated at their deliberate act of deceit. Here, I would like to recollect the conscious message of our visionary leader Shri P S Ramankutty, during

the Ahmedabad CWC, that this judgment is only the successful beginning of our legal recourse, where we may have to continue our legitimate battle up to its logical end. He could correctly assess the reality, due to his bitter experience and struggle at the victory of our past cases.

Prompt and overwhelming response from members all over the country, for the call of legal fund, depicts their deep determination to continue our just battle through legal remedy. Now that the government is back to business, and we are fortunate to have a separate cabinet minister Shri Jyotiraditya Scindia at the helm. We should now parallelly continue our endeavour of pursuit politically also. In his first address to PMO staff after taking oath, our Hon’ble PM exhorted that “Success is achieved when determination is complemented by hard work”, which already is the mantra of our CHQ captains at the helm. We as disciplined soldiers should be patient, and comply with any call from CHQ. **“SATYAMEVA JAYATE”**.



**According to the Association for Democratic Reforms (An organization formed by eleven eminent professors from Gujarat), as many as 251 (46 per cent) of the 543 newly elected Lok Sabha members have criminal cases registered against them and 27 of them have been convicted. A total of 233 MPs had declared criminal cases against themselves, 185 in 2014, 162 in 2009 and 125 in 2004. According to the analysis, there has been a 55 per cent increase in the number of MPs with declared criminal cases since 2009. Of the 251 winning candidates this year, 170 (31 per cent) face serious criminal cases, including rape, murder, attempt to murder, kidnapping, and crimes against women. Forget political cases.**

**A person facing criminal case cannot apply for government job. A government employee is suspended if remained in jail for more than 48 hours.**



Secretary Telecom has written the following DO Letter on 21st May 2024 to Secretaries of all Ministries and Departments of Govt of India and to All State Chief Secretaries

*Dear Secretary/Chief Secretary,*

*BSNL and MTNL are PSUs under administrative control of Department of Telecommunication. Union Cabinet in 2019 has approved the revival plan of BSNL/MTNL which also includes monetization its surplus land/building assets. BSNL has an assets base spread over the country and MTNL has properties located in Delhi and Mumbai. Most of the properties are at prime locations. The properties are offered through out-right sale to Govt. Departments/Govt. Organizations.*

*2. In this regard, it is informed that BSNL has developed a dedicated website <https://assetmonetization/bsnl.co.in>. The website contains the list of properties of BSNL/MTNL available for outright sale in various parts of the country.*

*3. I would, therefore, request you to issue instructions for wide publicity of the website in various departments/PSUs/organizations under your ministry. This would help Govt organizations, who are in need of such properties in availing benefit from the scheme of direct sale from PSU to govt. organization.*

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Dictionary gives definite meaning for words. By prolonged and wide usage some words gain new meaning also. 'Selling' cannot mean 'Investment' in either way. Government of India has a new Department now - Department for **Investment** and Public Asset Management (DIPAM). This new Department is authorised to **sell** family silver. BSNL has no authority on the land it occupies. Hence DIPAM is authorized to sell the government property now under use of BSNL and MTNL. In May 2024, DIPAM has released a list of 531 BSNL locations in different parts of India notifying that:

***The properties mentioned below have been identified for sale and the details are as below: These properties shall be sent for auction on completion of documentation and then will be available under "Land Auction". All Central / State Govt. / PSU/ Autonomous bodies who are interested to purchase these lands can contact below mentioned representatives for further guidance: Shri Prateep Verma, AGM (LM-II), BSNL-Ph: 9319409708, Shri Manoj Kumar Gupta, DM (LM), BSNL-Ph: 7878019579.***

***All private bodies/parties/ persons who are interested to purchase these lands shall visit "Land Auction" section."***

# LISTED FOR SALE

P S Ramankutty

Website mentioned in the DO letter of Secretary, Telecom has given details of 531 properties of BSNL all over India. The list runs to 54 pages. I have taken the following 30 locations on A random basis. At least, regarding the BSNL Complex in Trivandrum, I know that the area shown is imaginary and the price shown for RTTC is very low. (I am staying just one KM away from the RTTC.) It is government data. It is BSNL calculation. The readers can check the price of property known to them.

Property location	Area /Sq. Metre	Rate/Sq.Mtr	Price/Rs in Cr.
BSNLComplex Paruthippara Trivandrum	1865529	181078	33780.63
85/2 Bagmari Road Kolkata	607028	112532	6831.01
T-1, Dattagalli Mysore	666812	75840	5057.10
College Rd, Whitefield	477113	77500	3697.63
25 Greesnsway Annamalaipuram	103524	312000	3229.95
Telecom Factory Deonar (part)	184059	152279	2802.83
ICES Ind Area K R Puram Bglr	423597	63503	2689.97
LT Road Dombivli West , Mumbai	171718	135105	2320.00
RTTC Gachibowli Hyderabad	158232	104417	1652.21
248 J C Bose Road Kolkata	52178	196488	1025.24
Indrapuri Bhopal	347490	24000	833.98
RTTC Lucknow	115199	65000	748.79
Telecom Factory Jabalpur	279395	15533	433.98
RTTC Trivandrum	117606	33892	398.59
Staff Qrtrs Saket Bhopal	80832	46080	372.47
1 NSC Bose Road Chennai	11372	308870	351.25
CTS Santacruz West	14776	233617	345.19
Staff Qrtrs Saroornagar Hydedrabad	16187	139694	226.12
Staff Qrtrs Kanpur Road Lucknow	33677	65000	218.90
CTO Complex Nagpur	41857	39357	164.74
Telephone Exchange Dinrose Chennai	8018	180433	144.67
Microwave stn Barh Bihar	1135	1112100	126.22
CTO Jabalpur	34966	36000	125.88
CTS Andheri East	5568	204741	114.00
Store Yard Kadri Hills Mangalore	19465	56350	109.69
Guru Amardass Colony Patiala	80960	8088	65.48
Holiday Home Mussoorie	31080	17247	53.60
Staff Colony Gandhinagar Guj	8000	55486	44.39
Telephone Exchange Sec 23 Faridabad	12138	32292	39.20
Telephone Exchange Gotri Vadodara	3300	70227	23.17
<b>Total expected price of above</b>			<b>Rs. 68026.87 Cr.</b>



# ORDERS

## JEEVANPRAMAAN FOR PENSIONERS 2024

### 1. What is Jeevan Pramaan:

There are more than one crore pensioners in the country including pensioners from Central Government and Defence personnel. These pensioners get their due pension through Pension Disbursing Authorities (PDAs) such as the banks, the post offices etc. Pensioners are required to furnish a "Life Certificate" to these PDAs in November every year either by presenting themselves personally or by delivering a life certificate in the prescribed format. The requirement to produce this certificate causes huge hardships particularly to the aged and or / infirm pensioners.

Launched by Hon. PM, on 10th Nov 2014, Digital Life Certificate for Pensioners Scheme of the Government of India, known as the Jeevan Pramaan (JP) seeks to address this very problem by digitizing the whole process of securing the life certificate. It enables the pensioner to generate a digital life certificate using a software application and secure Aadhaar based Biometric Authentication System. The Digital Life Certificate (DLC) so generated is stored online & can be accessed by the pensioner & the Pension Disbursing Agency as and when required by them.

### 2. Components of the Jeevan Pramaan

There are three basic components of the Jeevan Pramaan /Digital Life Certificate:

#### A. The Pension Sanctioning Authority

It is the authority which approves and sanctions the pension of an individual. The Pension is to be delivered in the Pension Account specified in the Pension Payment Order

#### B. The Pension Disbursing Agency

The Pension Disbursing Agencies process the DLC of the pensioners. The PDAs can register on the

Jeevan Pramaan Portal to access the Life Certificates on-line. This account sign up facility has been created for the PDAs (Banks, Post Office etc), to process pension orders. The Agencies can securely login to view/ download a PDF copy of DLC of Pensioner for processing.

### C. The Pensioners:

The JP uses the Aadhaar platform for biometric authentication of the pensioner. For the DLC generation the pensioners needs to have Internet Connectivity, a biometric device (list of supported devices is given on the JP portal) and JP Windows/ Android Client Application Software for PC/Mobile/ tablet which can be downloaded from the Jeevan Pramaan portal: <https://jeevanpramaan.gov.in/>

### 3. Pre-Requisites for Digital Life Certificate Generation

- i) The pensioner must have a Aadhaar number
- ii) The pensioner must have an existing mobile number
- iii) Registration of the Aadhaar number with Pension Disbursing Agency ( bank Post Office etc) should have been done already
- iv) Biometric device (list of supported devices is given on the JP portal)
- v) PC with Windows 7.0 & above Android Mobile/ Tablet 4.0 & above
- vi) Internet Connectivity

### 4. Generation of Digital Life Certificate

The Pensioners can either Generate DLC themselves or Let Others do it for them. The Pensioner can register and get a JP/DLC done at the below places:

- i) Pensioner can download the JP application (Generate DLC themselves) from the JP Portal <https://jeevanpramaan.gov.in/app/download> & install client application on android based smart Phone/ tablet or Windows PC/Laptop for DLC generation.
- ii) Pensioner can visit any nearest Centre (having facilities for digital services) like the Citizen Service

Centre (CSC), the Government Office /Banks designated for generating the DLCs and get themselves registered online using their services. Pensioner might have to pay nominally for this). The All India List of such CSCs (name & address) in various States across India is posted on JP portal at: <https://jeevanpramaan.gov.in/locater>

### 5. The Two Step process with Client Application for the Online DLC:

The Pensioner can download the Jeevan Pramaan Windows & Android client software from the portal. The client software will take care of registration for the life certificate, for authentication it will use the Aadhaar Biometric Authentication platform.

To download the application, the pensioner has to provide their e-mail in the online form available at <https://jeevanpramaan.gov.in/app/download>

This link will be made available after submitting the e-mail address. The pensioner or the operator needs download the client application as per their requirement.

Generation of DLC using the Client Application Software (the registration and generation of Jeevan Pramaan) gets done in two basic steps:

#### 5.1 Operator Authentication /Device Registration

It is required to authenticate/register the biometric device (this one time only for a particular biometric device whether it's the agencies doing the DLC generation or it is being done by the pensioners herself/himself). The operator / pensioner provide Aadhaar Number and a Mobile number and receive an OTP which is provided in the online application form/ software module for registration.

On entering correct OTP, below screen shall be presented. Provide Name & Email ID and click 'Scan Finger'. Scan finger-print on finger-print scanner or scan Iris (Eye) on Iris Scanner connected to PC/ mobile/tab.

Once the finger-print/Iris is authenticated, the system displays 'Device Registration successful' message on the screen as shown in the screen below. Click on OK. On clicking OK, Pensioner Authentication Screen appears. Pensioner now has to move to the Next step 2 - For Pensioner Authentication.

#### 5.2 Authentication and Certificate Generation

The pensioner data Aadhaar Number and Mobile number is to be entered in the online application form after which the pensioner receives an OTP.

The pensioner has to enter the OTP and click OK

If correct OTP is entered, following screen is presented. On next screen given below, enter mandatory information like Pensioner Name, PPO Number, Type of pension, name of Sanctioning Authority, Disbursing Agency, email and Bank Account number etc. Select Remarried options, Re-Employed Options.

Check small grey box as shown below. Then click 'Scan Finger' button & this will start the finger/Iris scanning process.

Once the Finger Print/Iris Authentication is successful, the life certificate of the pensioner is displayed as shown below and an SMS

**CGHS VERIFICATION**

CGHS F. No. Z15025/23/2023/DIR/CGHS  
dated 28-3-2024

This is in reference to the problems faced by department & CGHS beneficiaries in case of mismatch of name spelling, date of birth or gender at the time of CGHS card application.

It has been decided that details contained in Aadhaar database of an individual shall serve as 'Single Source of Truth' for purpose of creation & verification of Identity, Name, Date of Birth & Gender of an individual in

CGHS database.

This issue is with approval of AS & DG CGHS.

**VALIDITY PERIOD EXTENDED**

CGHS OM F. No. FTS 81272Q78/S-11045/36/2012-  
CGHS Dt 25-4-2024

With reference to the above subject attention is drawn to Office Memorandum dated 23rd October 2023, whereby empanelment of all existing empanelled Health Care Organizations was extended till 30th April 2024.

2. In this regard it has now been decided to further extend the validity of empanelment of all those Health Care Organizations under CGHS for a period of one year w.e.f. 1st May 2024 to 30th April 2025 as per existing terms and conditions or till finalization of terms and conditions of the next empanelment whichever is earlier.

3. The Additional Directors, CGHS are advised to bring the contents of this letter to the notice of all empanelled HCOs.

4. This issues with the approval of the Competent Authority.

**CGHS CARD VALID PAN INDIA**

CGHS F. No. Z15025/1/2023/DIR/CGHS  
Dated 1-5-2024

The undersigned is directed to draw attention to the Order No Misc 6024/2007/CGHS(HQ CGHS(P) dated the 17th December 2012 and to reiterate that CGHS Card is valid at any CGHS Wellness Centre in the Country for availing CGHS benefits as per the details given under:

- i) CGHS Card is valid in any Wellness Centre in India and no additional document / attachment is required.
- ii) Medicines shall be issued for upto to "3' months, in case of beneficiaries undergoing treatment for chronic illnesses.

- iii) Referral / endorsement for treatment from private HCOs empanelled under CGHS shall be issued from any CGHS Wellness centre.

Additional Directors, CGHS are advised to ensure that these guidelines are complied with by CMOs in Charge and other staff of CGHS Wellness Centres.

The contents of this order are to be brought to the notice of Members of the Local Advisory Committee/ Zonal Advisory Committee.

**NOTIONAL IN CREMENT  
A mischievous order from railway Board**

No. PC-V1/2023/Misc./03-Part (2)  
dated: 20.05.2024

Attention is invited to Board's letter dated 09.02.2024 whereby it was advised to implement the orders pronounced by various courts of law granting the benefit of notional increment in letter & spirit strictly on personam basis, only in those cases where a contempt petition has been filed by the petitioner subject to any administrative directions received from DOP&T and fulfillment of the condition that the petitioner(s) had completed 12 months of service on the date of retirement on superannuation since the date of accrual of last annual increment.

2. Subsequently, it has come to the notice of this Ministry that Hon'ble Courts/Tribunals are dismissing the new/fresh cases filed by granting the benefit of notional increment to the applicants restricting the payment of arrears to only three (03) years preceding the date of filing of the case instead of payment of entire arrears w.e.f the date of applicability of the notional increment. This principle has been adopted by various Courts/Tribunals relying upon the law laid down by the Hon'ble Apex Court in its judgment dated 13.08.2008 passed in Civil Appeal No. 5151-5152 of 2008 titled as Union of India & Ors Vs Tarsem Singh

wherein the Hon'ble Court has dealt with the issue of delay and laches / limitation while conferring the relief

3. In view of the above, it has been decided that henceforth while implementing the orders pronounced by various Courts/ Tribunals on 'personam' basis only in contempt cases, payment of arrears would be restricted only to 3 years preceding the date of filing of the case. These instructions would be applicable with immediate effect and strict compliance thereof should be ensured. Past cases already decided shall not be reopened.

4. It is reiterated that the aforesaid benefit of notional increment shall only be restricted to 'contempt cases. As regards to other cases/ similarly situated pensioners, necessary instructions would be issued separately on receipt of general policy guidelines/ clarification from DOP&T.

**[Note: "personam" means applicable to the particular person(s) who had gone to the court. ]**

#### DISABLED CHILDREN

OM No. 1/6/2020-P&PW (E) dated 3-3-2020.

It has come to the notice of this Department that pensioners are facing difficulties in co-authorizing their disabled child or sibling in the Pension Payment Orders (PPOs), due to the insistence of sanctioning authorities for supply of information such as passport size photographs of the guardian, copy of passbook/ particulars indicating Bank account details of the guardian, etc. The undersigned is directed to say that several guidelines have already been issued in the matter to avoid any hardship to pensioners while processing their case of co- authorization in favour of permanently disabled child/children or sibling. On the basis of OMs already issued, the process of co- authorization is being reiterated as under-

1. Permanently disabled child/children or sibling can be co-authorized in the PPO issued to the retiring

Government servant if there is no other eligible prior claimant for family pension other than the spouse.

2. The Pension Disbursing Authority shall authorize payment of family pension to a permanently disabled child or dependent parent or disabled sibling whose name has been included in the Pension Payment Order after receipt of claim on death or ineligibility of family pensioner. Bank will also facilitate in opening account if there is no account in the name of co-authorized individual.

3. In the case of a mentally disabled child/children or sibling, the family pension shall be payable to a person nominated by the Government servant or the pensioner.

4. In case no such nomination has been furnished to the Head of Office by such Government servant or pensioner during his lifetime, it will be payable to the person nominated by the spouse of such Government servant or family pensioners later on.

5. Certificate of guardianship issued by the local level committees under Section 14 of the National Trust Act, 1999 (the Act is issued on the authority of the law passed by the Parliament), may be accepted for nomination / appointment of guardian for grant of family pension in respect of persons suffering from the above disabilities included in the Act.

6. The authorization shall be made in the PPO or by issuing a revised authority if a child/children or sibling is authorized for Family pension after issue of the PPO.

In view of above, it is clarified that Pensioners may not be persuaded to furnish information such as name of guardian, photo of guardian and their Bank account details. Only details of disabled child or sibling along with disability certificate will suffice, for processing the case of such a dependent for co-authorization in the PPO for family pension.

# FACT AND FAKE

It is an era of social media. Anyone sitting in his/her room can post some news, fact or fake. Recently a fake new appeared in Whatsapp that our Deputy General Secretary Com. Anupam Kaul filed a case in Punjab High Court and got an order to stop recovery of commuted portion beyond 128 months. It is totally a false news. Com. Anupam Kaul worked in BSNL and he retired from NTR Circle as DE. How can he file a case in Punjab against State of Punjab? The mischief-makers linked name of AIBSNLPWA to get credibility for their story.

## Fact

There were two cases before Punjab High Court on the subject. Case No 2490/2024 was filed by one Shri Ram Swaroop Jindal against State Government of Punjab. Another Case with Number CWP 8222/2024 was filed by Shri O P Anjea against State of Punjab. Subject and prayer were same in both the cases. 40% of pension is allowed to be commuted. It is recovered in 180 months (15 years). This period of 180 months was fixed based on the then prevailing rate of interest at 12%. Now the rate of interest in banks has come down to 7% or so. Therefore, period of recovery should be reduced. It was the prayer. It is quite justified. In both the cases, the High Court has not pronounced final judgements. Only interim orders were issued. See the order of the Court in CWP 2490/24 given below:

**CWP-2490-2024**  
**RAM SAROOP JINDAL V/S STATE OF**  
**PUNJAB AND OTHERS**

*Present: Mr. Ishan Kaushal, Advocate, for the petitioner. Notice of motion for 09.04.2024. Mr. Saurabh Kapoor, Addl. A.G., Punjab accepts notice on behalf of State and seeks time to file reply. May do so, on or before the next date of hearing with a copy in advance to the counsel opposite.*

*In the meanwhile, further recovery shall remain stayed. Tag along with CWP-9426-2023.*

*Sd/-*  
*(SANJEEV PRAKASH SHARMA )*  
*JUDGE*

Similar interim order was issued in the other case CWP 8222/24 also. **Yet, in another case, on 31-5-2024, the Court has given a general interim order to stop recovery of commuted portion of all those who completed 10 years retirement.** All cases are still pending for further arguments and decision.

In simple language, commutation is a portion of pension for a specific period granted in lump sum in advance which shall be recovered from the pension of the person. In case the concerned pensioner dies during the period of recovery, further recovery shall not be done. As such, government is not getting back the entire amount being paid as commutation. That has been the main argument of the govt. in all cases related to commutation.

We know the attitude of government, be it of any party. If the Court decision is against a single employee/pensioner, very next day a general order is issued honouring the judgement. If it is in favour of large number of workers or pensioners, Government will drag the case filing appeals, review petitions, Special Leave petitions etc. Even if Supreme Court rejects such appeals government takes time for 'consultation, discussions'. It happened in the case notional increment. It happened in our case of pension anomaly. It happens in the case of our pension revision.

Dept of Pension had suggested that the above matter be referred to next CPC..



# REFIX PENSION BASED ON LAST PAY DRAWN

Two associations representing senior officers in central government services, approached the CAT praying for parity in the matter of pension between those who retired before 1-1-2006 and those retired after the date. Hon'ble CAT gave a judgement in favour of the applicants but said that arrears would be paid from the date of filing the cases. Associations approached the High Court of Delhi with an appeal that arrears should be paid from 1-1-2006, the date from which 6<sup>th</sup> CPC report was implemented. Hon'ble High Court, Delhi delivered a fine judgement on 20-3-2024 allowing the prayer.

(One of the judges who heard the cases is the same judge who is hearing the Appeal filed by DoT in our Pension Revision Case.) .

Few extracts from the judgements of Delhi HC dated 20-3-2024

*Para 4. Since as a result of these three O.Ms, a disparity had arisen qua the pension payable to the Pre-2006 retirees and the Post-2006 retirees, representations were made to the petitioners by the Association, and various other affected persons, seeking parity in the matter of pension. It was pointed out in these representations that on account of this disparity, some of the Pre-2006 pensioners, who were in the S-30 pay-scale at the time of their superannuation were drawing lesser pension than those Post - 2006 pensioners, who were in the lower pay-scale of S-29 or even S-28. Upon their representations being rejected vide a communication dated 18.11.2009, the Association approached the learned Tribunal.*

*Para 5. Vide the impugned order dated 20.11.2014, the Full Bench of the learned Tribunal has allowed the O.A. filed by the Association with directions to the petitioner*

*to revise the pension of the members of respondent/association who had superannuated before 01.01.2006 in the pay scale of S-30 by revising their pay corresponding to the revised pay at which they had retired instead of considering the minimum of the said pay scale. As a consequence of these directions, the Pre-2006 retirees in the pay scale of S-30 would be entitled to the same pension as being drawn by the Post-2006 retirees in the same pay scale w.e.f the date of filing of the O.A.*

*Para 6. Vide the second impugned order dated 24.09.2015, which has been passed in the review application filed by the respondent, the learned Tribunal has clarified that the revised pension directed to be paid to the Pre-2006 retirees would not be less than the pension being drawn by the Post-2006 retirees. It is in these circumstances that both sides have approached this Court by way of the present writ petitions.*



*Para 9. Is this class of pensioners further divisible for the purpose of “entitlement” and “payment” of pension into those who retired by certain date and those who retired after that date? If date of retirement can be accepted as a valid criterion for classification, on retirement each individual government servant would form a class by himself because the date of retirement of each is correlated to his birth date and on attaining a certain age he had to retire. It is only after the recommendations of the Third Central Pay Commission were accepted by the Government of India that the retirement dates have been specified to be 12 in number being last day of each month in which the birth date of the individual government servant happens to fall. In other words, all government servants who retire correlated to birth date on attaining the age of superannuation in a given month shall not retire on that date but shall retire on the last day of the month. Now, if date of retirement is a valid criterion for classification, those who retire at the end of every month shall form a class by themselves. This is too microscopic a classification to be upheld for any valid purpose. Is it permissible or is it violative of Article 14?”*

*Para 14. Now coming to the grievance of the respondent Association, who is the petitioner in W.P.(C) 6002/2016. As noted hereinabove, Mr.Behera, learned senior counsel for the respondent, has urged that when the revised pension, though payable w.e.f 01.01.2006, was fixed by the Union of India in September, 2008 itself, whereafter a representation was promptly made by the Association but came to be rejected on 18.11.2009. We are of the*

*view that this was not a case where the Tribunal ought to have restricted the grant of benefit of the revised pension to the Pre-2006 pensioners from the date of filing of the O.A. No doubt in appropriate cases, where the Tribunal finds that the appellant had approached the Tribunal belatedly in matters of revised pay or pension, it can restrict the arrears from the date of filing of the O.A.. In the present case, when the O.Ms laying down the revised pension in itself were issued in September, 2008 and the grievance of the respondent Association was rejected only on 18.11.2009, the O.As filed in January, 2010 by no stretch of imagination be said to be belated. We are, therefore, of the considered opinion that W.P (C) 6002/2016 deserves to be allowed by modifying the impugned order insofar it restricts the grant of benefit of revised pension to the members of the respondent from the date of filing of the O.A.. The impugned orders are, accordingly, modified by directing that the relief granted under the orders dated 20.11.2014 and 24.09.2015 would be granted to the members of the respondent w.e.f. the date of revision of pension i.e. 01.01.2006.*

*Para 15. For the aforesaid reasons the writ petitions are disposed of by allowing W.P.(C) 6002/2016 and dismissing W.P.(C) 8080/2016. Arrears in terms of this order will be paid within eight weeks.*

**(REKHA PALLI) JUDGE**

**(GIRISH KATHPALIA ) JUDGE**

MARCH 20, 2024

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Secretary General of Bharat Pensioners Samaj has sent a letter requesting to issue a general order honouring the above judgement.



## LEGAL FUND

CHQ gave a call for donation to “Legal fund” on 6-4-2024 through whatsapp only. There was no compulsion or coercion but purely voluntary. CHQ gave a call for a minimum of Rs.200 per head. Some SSA Units have donated more than that. But all Circles contributed. Within 40 days it had crossed Rupees One crore. In two months it has grown to Rs 1,11,68,597.00.

Following Circles responded so well

Karnataka	-	23,00,234.00
Tamilnadu	-	19,85,079.00
Andhra	-	15,55,900.00
Kerala	-	12,56,012.00
Telangana	-	9,30,177.00
Chennai	-	6,04,717.00
UP West	-	5,48,653.00
Maharashtra	-	3,81,803.00

Total of donations from other Circles are:

Assam	-	15,000.00
Bihar	-	2,13,455.00
Chattisgarh	-	21,200.00
Delhi	-	30,000.00
Gujarat	-	2,09,553.00
Haryana	-	100,100.00
Himachal	-	92,800.00
Jharkhand	-	53,350.00
MP	-	2,27,300.00
Odissa	-	2,47,302.00
Rajasthan	-	1,25,550.00
Uttarakhand	-	8,000.00
UP East	-	1,13,400.00
West Bengal	-	54,801.00

Punjab Circle Unit had sought exemption as they are collecting a special fund to host the CWC at Patiala in September 2024. Another organization in Punjab has sent Rs 11000.00. Even the Gujarat Circle unit of AIBSNLREA appreciated our line of approach and contributed Rs 20000.00.

### WHY THIS MAGNIFICENT RESPONSE?

- Organizational structure throughout the country
- Live-contact with members
- Track-record of our association
- Proper maintenance of accounts with transparency
- Our demand is justified to have a permanent solution
- CHQ tried its best to settle the issue through discussion
- Members understood that struggle-path is difficult at this age
- Legal fight is the solution to achieve pension revision
- CHQ did not seek donation to fight legal cases. So far CHQ has spent about Rs 25 lakhs for various cases.
- Achieving the historical judgement from PB, CAT
- Absolute confidence in CHQ

### Note:

About 290 Pensioners, including some non members, sent their donations on-line. But some of them failed to intimate the details. As a result, a sum of Rs.9400.00 is held under “unknown”. Similarly a total of Rs.73811.00 is held under “individuals”. It is difficult to relate these remitters to any Branch or SSA or Circle.

# 65 DAYS: 111 Lakhs

AIBSNLPWA has done it. When it became imperative to launch a legal fight in High Court our beloved General Secretary issued an Appeal through Whatsapp Groups for liberal donation to raise a Legal Fund. There was no time to hold meetings and explain the situation to our members. Many of our members are unable to remit the amount on-line. Still, about 290 pensioners sent their donations within three days. Even some non-members, including some retired senior officers, donated. Some other organizations of BSNL/DOT officers too sent donations to us. I express my deep appreciation of the great work done by our Treasurer Com. T S Vittoban who monitored the remittances very meticulously and methodologically. Our Treasurer in Trivandrum had a doubt about Googlepay, hence sent Re one first, followed by Rs 25000 as first instalment. Com. Vittoban issued Receipt for Rs 25001 immediately. That is the way he worked. Hence pensioners reposed full confidence on our Association.

P S Ramankutty, Advisor and Editor

<b><u>ANDHRA</u></b>		<b>Katihar</b>	<b>31000.00</b>
Anantapur	208450.00	Motihari	11300.00
Guntur	150000.00	Muzafarpur	14154.00
Kadappa	20000.00	Patna	50000.00
Kurnool	50000.00	Samastipur	7600.00
Nellore	60000.00	Saasaram	15000.00
Ongole	55000.00	West Champaran	7001.00
Rajahmundry	125000.00		
Srikakulam	50000.00	<b><u>CHHATTISGARH</u></b>	
Tirupati	50000.00	Chhattisgarh	21200.00
Vijayanagaram	60000.00		
Vijayawada	100000.00	<b><u>CHENNAI TD</u></b>	
Vishakapatnam	280000.00	Ambattur	44300.00
WG Dist	243250.00	Annanagar	20000.00
Eluru-WG	100000.00	Chengleput	30600.00
Individuals	4200.00	Chromepet	51100.00
		Kalmandapam	4400.00
<b><u>ASSAM</u></b>		Kanchipuram	42700.00
CS	5000.00	Kodambakkam	36950.00
Silchar	10000.00	Madhavaram	14200.00
		Mylapore	21300.00
<b><u>BIHAR</u></b>		Saidapet	17800.00
Ara	45000.00	Thiruninravur	26400.00
Chapra	25000.00	Tiruttani	26000.00
Gaya	5400.00	Velachery	126810.00
Hajipur	2000.00	Villiwakkam	137157.00

Individuals	5000.00	<b><u>KARNATAKA</u></b>	
<b><u>DELHI</u></b>		Ballary	81500.00
Delhi Corp Office	10000.00	Bangalore	918764.00
Delhi NTR	10000.00	Belgam	38100.00
Delhi Tfc Dist	10000.00	Bidar	40001.00
<b><u>GUJARAT</u></b>		Bijapur	100000.00
Circle Office	13500.00	Chikmaglore	70000.00
Ahmedabad Dist	60500.00	Davangere	128900.00
Bharuch	7600.00	Dharwad	154807.00
Bhavnagar	51000.00	Gulbarga	15000.00
Junagadh	35353.00	Haasan	21100.00
Surender Nagar	9200.00	Karwar	18000.00
Valsad	11400.00	Kolar	90000.00
AIBSNLREA	20000.00	Mangalore	260000.00
Individuals	1000.00	Mysore	75062.00
<b><u>HARYANA</u></b>		Raichur	134000.00
Ambala	10000.00	Shimoga	35000.00
Gurgaon	19200.00	Tumkur	117000.00
Hisar	4400.00	Individuals	3000.00
Jind	11000.00	<b><u>KERALA</u></b>	
Karnal	10000.00	Alapuzha	15000.00
Rohtak	45000.00	Calicut	167200.00
Individuals	500.00	Ernakulam	531206.00
<b><u>HIMACHAL</u></b>		Kannur	30000.00
Dharmsala	33600.00	Kollam	27000.00
Hamirpur	22000.00	Kottayam	123450.00
Jogindernagar	3800.00	Malappuram	80000.00
Shimla	18400.00	Palakkad	60000.00
Solan	15000.00	Pathanamthitta	10000.00
<b><u>JHARKHAND</u></b>		Thrissur	126455.00
Hazaribagh	1800.00	Trivandrum	85701.00
Jamshedpur	41050.00	<b><u>MAHARASTRA</u></b>	
Ranchi	10000.00	Ahmednagar	25000.00
Individuals	500.00	Akola	6200.00
		Aurangabad	6300.00
		Bhandara	21000.00
		Chandrapur	17400.00
		Gondia	8802.00

Latur	27800.00
Mumbai Dist	45500.00
Nagpur	48500.00
Osmanabad	6000.00
Satara	100301.00
Solapur	57000.00
Wardha	12000.00

**MP CIRCLE**

Balaghat	25000.00
Bhopal	30000.00
Chhatarpur	5000.00
Dewas	7000.00
Gwalior	50000.00
Indore	39000.00
Jabalpur	37800.00
Ratlam	2000.00
Sagar	5000.00
Shivpuri	5000.00
Ujjain	21500.00

**ODISHA**

Balasore	6000.00
Baripada	14000.00
Behrampur	25700.00
Bhubaneswar	81501.00
Cuttack	50000.00
Rourkela	5000.00
Sambalpur	65101.00

**PUNJAB**

BSNLROWA	11000.00
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**RAJASTHAN**

Ajmer	31500.00
Bharatpur	15050.00
Rajasthan Circle	50000.00
Sawaimadhopur	15000.00
Sriganganagar	8000.00
Kota	1000.00

Individuals	5000.00
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**TELANGANA**

AIFSROA	10000.00
Adilabad	22000.00
Charminar	2000.00
Jagityal	5000.00
Kamareddy	15011.00
Khammam	72000.00
Kukatpalli	150000.00
Mehboobnagar	5000.00
Miriyalaguda	13000.00
Musheerabad	50000.00
Nalgonda	40200.00
Niamabad	10000.00
Saifabad	25400.00
Sangareddy	36700.00
Saroornagar	160000.00
Secundrabad	25000.00
Tirumalagiri	125000.00
Uppal	11000.00
Warangal	150000.00
Individuals	2866.00

**TAMILNADU**

Chennai Tfc Dn	184503.00
Coimbatore	410000.00
Cuddalore	123000.00
Dhrmapuri	53000.00
Erode	52123.00
Karaikudi	17500.00
Kumbakonam	27000.00
Madurai	130000.00
Nagercoil	49000.00
Nilgiris	15200.00
Pondy cherry	13300.00
Salem East	15000.00
Salem West	125000.00
Sivaganagai	10000.00
STR Chennai	210000.00

Thanjavur	110000.00	Bijnor	18800.00
Theni	15000.00	Bulandshahr	8100.00
Tirunelveli	56200.00	Eta	9000.00
Trichy	180053.00	Etawah	11000.00
Tuticorin	30000.00	Ghaziabad	35501.00
Virudunagar	150000.00	Hapur	5000.00
Individuals	9200.00	Kasganj	8000.00
		Mathura	31001.00
<b><u>UP EAST</u></b>		Meerut Circle Office	135200.00
Allahabad	11000.00	Meerut	110000.00
Balia	10000.00	Moradabad	4800.00
Barabanki	4400.00	Noida	14750.00
Farukkabad	6000.00	Saharanpur	12000.00
Gonda	5000.00	Sambal	3300.00
Gorakpur	12000.00	Individuals	400.00
Jhansi	6000.00		
Kanpur	10000.00	<b><u>UTTARAKHAND</u></b>	
Lakhimpur	5000.00	Kotdwara	8000.00
Lucknow Circle Office	5000.00		
Lucknow Dist	5000.00	<b><u>WEST BENGAL</u></b>	
Maharajganj	5000.00	Calcutta Dist	15000.00
Sitapur	6000.00	Civilwing	31200.00
Shajahnpur	3000.00	Suri-WB	7600.00
Varanasi	20000.00	Individuals	1001.00
<b><u>UP WEST</u></b>		<b><u>OTHERS</u></b>	
Agra	53800.00	Unknown	9400.00
Aligarh	40500.00	Individulas	73811.00
Amroha	4800.00		
Bareily	31501.00	<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>11168597.00</b>
Badaun	11200.00		

In some cases, CHQ received the remittance through bank. But, the concerned comrades did not intimate their station. We categorized them all as 'Individuals'. In some other cases, even though we received the remittance, the name of the donor or his/her station were not intimated. Hence they had to be shown as 'Unknown'. Punjab Circle had sought exemption as they are collecting a special fund for hosting next CWC meeting in September 2024.



**ALL INDIA BSNL PENSIONERS' WELFARE ASSOCIATION**

(Regd T 1833/09)

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNTS FOR THE PERIOD FROM 1-4-2023 TO 31-3-2024

RECEIPTS		PAYMENTS	
Opening Balance		Patrika Printing	457820.00
With Bank	1878955.00	Patrika Posting	178997.00
Cash on Hand	28000.00	Org. Tour	319761.00
		Auditor fees	33600.00
Interest from Bank Deposits	1314726.00	Phone expenses	2399.00
CHQ Quota	949640.00	IT Solution (Website Mtce)	5,900.00
Donation	38300.00	Legal Exp	1299000.00
Journal Subscription	63700.00	Postage	2260.00
Misc. Receipts	254.00	Stationery	14522.00
Grant in Aid from DOP	75000.00	Conveyance	18510.00
FD Maturity value	16000000.00	Xerox/Misc	7760.00
		Editor allowance	84000.00
		Bank Charges	900.00
		IT paid over and above TDS	55725.00
		FD investments	16000000.00
		Advance Tax 24-25	100000.00
		Computer	38000.00
		CWC Ahmedabad	293208.00
		CWC Patiala	92404.00
		Delhi Dharna exp.	5077.00
		Delegate Fee BPS	4300.00
		Closing Balance: Bank	1327375.00
		Closing Balance : Cash	7057.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>20348575.00</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>20348575.00</b>

Vide our Report of Even Date.

For C R S & CO, Chartered Accountants.

Sd/-  
( C R SWAMINATHAN )  
M No. 025241  
Chennai; 24-4-12024

Sd/-  
President

Sd/-  
General Secretary

Sd/-  
Treasurer

## ALL INDIA BSNL PENSIONERS' WELFARE ASSOCIATION

(Regd T 1833/09)

### Income and Expenditure Account for the year ending 31, March 2024

Expenditure	Amount in Rs.	Income	Amount in Rs.
Excess Income over exp.	1314726.00	FD Interest	1292267.00
		SB Interest	22459.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1314726.00</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1314726.00</b>

## ALL INDIA BSNL PENSIONERS' WELFARE ASSOCIATION

(Regd T 1833/09)

### BALANCE SHEET FOR THE YEAR ENDING ON 31-3-2024

LIABILITIES		ASSETS	
		FIXED ASSETS	
Balance as on 31-3-2023:	2,44,87,863.00	Computerr	38193
		Less Dep @40%	5067
			33126
		Furniture:	22561
		Less Dep @!10%	2256
			20305
		CURRENT ASSETS	
		FD	2200000
		Add Invested this year	1000000
			2300000
		IT advance tax AY24-25	100000
		Cash in bank	13,27,375
		cash on hand	7057
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>24487863.00</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>24487863.00</b>

Vide our Report of Even Date.

For C R S & CO, Chartered Accountants.

Sd/-

( C R SWAMINATHAN)  
M No. 025241  
Chennai; 24-4-12024

Sd/-  
President

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Sd/-  
Treasurer

**ALL INDIA BSNL PENSIONERS' WELFARE ASSOCIATION**  
**(Regd T 1833/09)**  
**FUNDS SCHEDULE FOR THE YEAR ending 31, March 2024**

<u>EXPENSES</u>	Amount in Rs.	<u>MEMBERS' CONTRIBUTIONS</u>	
Patrika exp.	636817.00	Opening Balance a on 1-4-23	25029709.00
Tours and Travels	319761.00	Journal subscription	63700.00
Audit Fees	33600.00	Quota received	949640.00
Bank charges	900.00	Donation	38300.00
IT solution	5900.00	Misc.	254.00
Legal	1299000.00	Grant in aid from DOP	75000.00
Postage	2260.00		
Stationery	14522.00		
Conveyance	18510.00	Excess of Income over Exp.	1314726.00
Phone Expenses	2399.00		
Misc.	7760.00		
Editor Allowance	84000.00		
IT paid	55725.00		
CWC Ahmedabad	293208.00		
CWC Patiala	92404.00		
Delhi dharna exp	5077.00		
Delegate fee BPS	4300.00		
Advance tax	100000.00		
Depreciation	7323.00		
Balance of Funds on 31-3-24	24487863.00		
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>27471329.00</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>27471329.00</b>

For C R S & CO, Chartered Accountants.

Sd/-  
(C R SWAMINATHAN)  
Partner - M No. 025241  
Chennai; 24-4-2024

Sd/-  
President

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Sd/-  
Treasurer

# AUDITOR'S REPORT

To

The Members of ALL INDIA BSNL PENSIONERS' WELFARE ASSOCIATION

## OPINION

We have audited the financial statements of **M/s. ALL INDIA BSNL PENSIONERS' WELFARE ASSOCIATION**, which comprise the Balance Sheet as at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024 and the Income & Expenditure Account for the year then ended and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements give a true and fair view of the financial position of the entity as at March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2024 and of its financial performance for the year then ended in accordance with the Accounting Standards issued by the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI).

**Notes annexed to and forming part of the Balance Sheet as at 31<sup>st</sup> Mar 2024 and of the Income and Expenditure Account for the financial year ended that date**

### Significant Accounting Policies:

1. The Financial Statements are prepared in accordance with the Accounting Standards issued by the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India, to the extent applicable.
2. The Financial Statements are prepared according to accrual system of accounting.
3. Fixed Assets are stated at Written Down Value less depreciation for the year.

### II Others:

1. Membership subscription, being contributions from the members for welfare measures for the subscribers themselves, are taken to Capital Fund a/c., to the extent realized.
2. Depreciation on Fixed Assets is provided at the rates regularly followed.
3. Income tax is charged to Fund account based on actual payment.
4. The figures of the previous year are regrouped / reclassified / rearranged to suit current year's classification.

For M/s.C R S & CO,  
Chartered Accountants,  
(FRN: 014392S)

Sd/-

(C.R.SWAMINATHAN)  
Partner - M.No.025241

Chennai, 24<sup>th</sup> April, 2024

AIBSNLPWA has become the largest organization of BSNL retirees in the country in 15 years. [How? Why?](#)

- AIBSNLPWA made the impossible pension revision possible. first with 68.8% IDA; then with 78.2% IDA
- Annulment of 60:40 stipulation on pension liability
- Full pension for post-2006 retirees of BSNL on completion of 10 years' service
- Pension at 50% of LPD for post- 2006 BSNL retirees
- Family pension to unmarried/divorced daughters and differentially abled children of BSNL Retirees
- MRS to spouses of BSNL Retirees
- CGHS for BSNL retirees
- Staff quarters for pensioners.
- Pension anomaly of 4200 and odd BSNL retirees, settled through legal fight
  
- [LEGAL BATTLE FOR PENSION REVISION FROM 2017 AND FOR THE FUTURE.](#)

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