



**ALL INDIA BSNL PENSIONERS'
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To
The Secretary,
Department of Telecom,
Sanchar Bhawan,
20,Asoka Road, New Delhi-110001

Sir,

**Sub: Settlement of pensioners' grievances as per Rules –
Request intervention**

The Govt. of India is adopting 'pensioner-friendly policy' and several initiatives have been taken in this regard. On the contrary, the officers at the implementation-level are not redressing the grievances even according to rules. When that was not redressed at that level, we sought the intervention of DoT, the appellate authority. But, unfortunately it is not getting resolved even at that level for years together. It is disgusting. We will be forced either to bring such instances to the notice of the highest authority in the Govt or resort to litigation.

Officials retired in 2007 got their pay revision as per II PRC and pension fixed on the basis of LPD including officiating pay. BSNL C.O issued a clarification in 2017 stating that officiating pay after 18/1/2007 shall not be protected and on that basis DoT issued an order to PCCAs/CCAs. The clarification issued in 2017 is with regard to Executive Promotion Policy (EPP) which was introduced from 18/1/2007. When a clarification is issued, normally the order should specifically state that "past cases need not be re-opened" but that was absent.

On the basis of clarificatory order of BSNL C.O endorsed by DOT, PCCA, TN at the time of implementing 50% IDA merger which was issued by DoT on 18/7/2016, reduced the LPD (without officiating pay). This is nothing but reduction of pension already authorized. This kind of arbitrary reduction of LPD was not resorted to by any other CCA because of the existing statutory rule. But, PCCA, TN appears to be "more loyal than the king".

Pension can be reduced or withdrawn only under Rule 7 or 8 of CCS (Pension) Rules, 2021, that too by the President.

Rule 66 (2) states "pension or FP once authorized after final assessment or revised under sub-rule (1) shall not be revised to the disadvantage of the Government servant, unless such revision becomes necessary on account of detection of a clerical error subsequently".



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The rule says that even if a clerical error is detected, pension cannot be revised to the disadvantage of a Government servant without the concurrence of DoP&PW. In this case, it is not even a clerical error. So, it is a clear violation of statutory rule. Arbitrary reduction of LPD is a perpetual loss not only to the pensioner but also to the family pensioner. Three illustrations are given below:-

Name of the pensioner	T M Mukesh
Date of Retirement	31/5/2013
PPO No	21003223
Officiating period	7/4/2010 to 4/7/2010
LPD	29310 (including officiating pay)
Pension fixed with 68.8%	14655
Pension fixed with 78.2%	15020 (excluding officiating pay)
Monthly loss in Basic pension	455

Name of the pensioner	K Ramani
Date of Retirement	28/2/2007
PPO No	210021285
Officiating period	1/5/2000 to 28/2/2007
LPD	41680 (including officiating pay)
Pension fixed with 68.8%	20840
Pension fixed with 78.2%	21360 (excluding officiating pay)
Monthly loss in Basic pension	645

Name of the pensioner	R Balasubramanian
Date of Retirement	30/6/2007
PPO No	210021863
Officiating period	1/9/2006 to 30/6/2007
LPD	39240 (including officiating pay)
Pension fixed with 68.8%	19620
Pension fixed with 78.2%	20110 (excluding officiating pay)
Monthly loss in Basic pension	605

May we request you, sir, to give suitable instructions to PCCA, TN. Responsibility should also be fixed for making the pensioner to lose heavily thereby causing mental agony.

Thanking you


P. Gangadhara Rao,
General Secretary.

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