

A Brief on Special Session organised in the evening of First day of the AIC of AIBSNLREA

In connection with its First All India Conference, AIBSNLREA organised a Special session at 19.00 hours of 2nd July, 2016 at Hotel Prangan by Mango Hotels in Bhubaneswar. This Special Session was attended, among others, by the Senior Officers from BSNL, Odisha Circle and office of the Controller of Communication Accounts, Odisha.

Shri S.Naik, Chief General Manager, BSNL Odisha Circle was the Chief Guest for the occasion. S/Shri N.K.Bhoj, Retired CGM Odisha Circle, P K Dash, Joint CCA, Odisha, Dr. Biswajit Paul, Senior General Manager, Odisha Circle, Balaram Pal, General Manager, Cuttack Telecom District and Shri A K Pahi, General Manager (HR), BSNL Odisha Circle also graced the occasion. A large number of other senior Officers and employees from both BSNL and CCA Office attended the Session.

Shri V Chinnappaiah, President for the occasion first welcomed the dignitaries on the dais who were presented with shawls. He also briefly addressed the House.

Shri S Basu, General Secretary, AIBSNLREA delivered his Address. In his address, he said that the very presence of such large number of senior officers from both BSNL and DOT has given the members of the Association, who retired from service after serving both DOT and BSNL for several decades, a strong feeling that they are not completely forgotten. He also said that AIBSNLREA, exclusively of and for the retired Executives of BSNL, was formed in the background that many of their issues were not common with others and also to provide a platform to those retired executives who served both Department of Telecommunications and Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited together almost upto 40 long years, to meet occasionally to share their experience and remember their olden days. He referred to the Message dated March 31, 2015 of the Hon'ble Prime Minister of India to the elders wherein he declared that "My Government is thus committed to ensuring that your golden years are spent happily, peacefully and meaningfully" and regretted that this is not the case with the absorbed BSNL pensioners. In support of his observation, he highlighted the following issues :- not issuing Pension Revision orders for absorbed BSNL pensioners simultaneously along with Pay Scale Revision orders of Serving Employees despite the principle decided by the Apex Court, abnormal delay in settling 78.2% IDA merger Issue, not settling the anomaly in pension of those absorbed BSNL employees who retired within 10 months of their absorption, not extending the benefit of option for retaining the CDA Pay Scale till promotion or retirement whichever is earlier to the Group C employees, deficiencies in Medicare facilities to the BSNL Pensioners, non availability of on-line tracking system to know the status of Pensioner's medical claims etc. He urged for early settlement of the above issues and thus honour the commitment of Hon'ble Prime Minister. He also urged that a nodal Officer in each BSNL Office be designated to deal with Pensioners Issues. He further pleaded for frequent holding of Pension Adalat and setting up of separate Tribunal for the Pensioners [\[Click here to read the full text of the Address by GS\]](#).

Dr Biswajit Paul, SR. General Manager (NWO-CM), BSNL Odisha Circle in his address agreed that pensioners' issues are to be given importance and to be settled early in view of their contribution to BSNL.

Shri A K Pahi , General Manager (HR), in his address said that as a HR Head he has motivated the serving employees to deal with Pensioner's issues keeping in mind that today's serving employees will be tomorrow's Pensioners.

Shri P.K.Dash. Joint CCA, Odisha dealt in detail of the steps taken by him in Odisha in sorting out the pensioners' grievances. He also proposed for arranging a Pensioners' Lounge in BSNL offices where Pensioners can discuss their issues in a congenial atmosphere.

Shri N.K.Bhoi, CGM (Retd), BSNL, Odisha shared his happy moments with some of the delegates in making the Odisha Circle as a profit earning one, He also appreciated the Team Spirit prevailing in Odisha.

Shri S Naik, Chief General Manager, BSNL , Odisha in his address expressed his readiness in designating a Nodal Officer for Pensioners and also in setting up Pensioners' Lounge in Odisha.

The meeting ended with Vote of Thanks by Shri P K Mohanty, Secretary AIBSNLREA Odisha.