To

Shri R Chandrasekhar,
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New Delhi 110 001

Sub: Revision of pension of pre-2007 pensioners/family pensioners of BSNL – Non-mention of the provision regarding increase in quantum of pension / family pension available to the old pensioners / family pensioners of 80 and above years in age in the Revised Pension Payment Orders (PPOs) issued by some Controllers of Communication Accounts

Sir,

We would like to invite your kind attention to our previous representation vide our letter No. AIBSNLREA/CHQ/2012/18 dated 14.08.2012 on the above mentioned subject wherein we brought to your kind notice that Para 4.5 of DoT Order No. 40-17/2008-Pen(T) Vol. III dated 15.03.2011 issuing instructions for revision of pension of pre-2007 pensioners/family pensioners of BSNL clearly spelt out the quantum of pension/family pension to be increased to the old pensioners on reaching the age of 80 years and above. This instruction for revision of pension of the BSNL pensioners on reaching 80 years of age and above at different stages was intended to be included in the Revised Pension Payment Orders to be issued by the DoT Cells/CCAs to the pre-2007 pensioners/family pensioners of BSNL.

2 We also brought to your kind notice that some Controllers of Communication Accounts ignored this provision and did not include this part of the instruction as provided at Para 4.5 of the DoT Order No. 40-17/2008-Pen(T) Vol. III dated 15.03.2011 in the revised
Pension Payment Orders issued by them. Thus, the Revised PPOs issued by these CCAs remained incomplete. Whereas, many other CCAs including DoT Headquarters (PFP Section) correctly followed the instructions and included the above stated provision in the revised Pension Payment Orders issued by them. Thus, besides being incomplete, there is no uniformity as regards to the contents in the revised Pension Payment Orders issued by different CCAs/DoT Cells.

3 We are now to add that many CCAs have not included the same provision in the revised PPOs issued by them re-fixing the pension of the post-2007 pensioners also whose pension was required to be revised following revision of their IDA pay scale w.e.f. 1.1.2007. Thus, these pensioners will also experience similar problem as the pre-2007 pensioners would be facing.

4 In our letter dated 14.08.2012, we accordingly requested for issue of instructions by the Pension Branch of DoT Headquarters advising all the CCAs/DoT Cells to issue a corrigendum to the already issued Revised PPOs by incorporating the above stated provision as available at Para 4.5 of DoT Order No. 40-17/2008-Pen(T)-Vol III dated 15.03.2011, in case the same has not been included in the Revised PPOs issued by them.

5 Unfortunately, no action seems to have been taken on our request. This would certainly cause a serious problem to the concerned absorbed BSNL pensioners at the very old age, when their ability to move from door to door to get their pension revised will be almost over, since the pension disbursing authorities like Banks/Post Offices etc will not act without any standing authority issued by CCAs to automatically revise their pension on reaching the age of 80/85/90/95/100 years.

6 We would, therefore, once again request you to kindly intervene in the matter so that suitable instructions are issued to all the Controllers of Communication Accounts/DoT Cells to issue suitable addendum/corrigendum in respect of such revised PPOs, for both pre-2007 and post-2007 absorbed BSNL pensioners, where the provision of Para 4.5 of DoT Order No. 40-17/2008-Pen(T) Vol. III dated 15.03.2011 regarding revision of pension on their reaching the age of 80/85/90/95/100 years has not been mentioned.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

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