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Dated: June 22, 2009

To

Ms Rajni Razdan,
Secretary,
Department of Pension & Pensioners' Welfare,
New Delhi 110 001.

Sub: Extension of benefit of merger of 50% IDA to the pre-2007 BSNL pensioners.

Madam,

We understand that Department of Telecommunications has again referred the above matter to your Department without taking any decision at their end on this long pending case. We have been since long repeatedly representing to all concerned including your Department to resolve this long pending issue. Unfortunately, we are not getting the justice.

2. We are unable to appreciate why Department of Telecommunication is being allowed to deny the benefit to the absorbed pre-2007 BSNL pensioners who are eligible as per provision of Rule 37-A of CCS (Pension) Rules 1972 issued by your Department to receive all pensionery benefits including terminal benefits and other relief under the same CCS (Pension) Rules, other norms and principles as applicable for the Government Pensioners. The BSNL Employees were granted merger of 50% of IDA w.e.f. 01.01.2007 by the Department of Telecommunications vide its No. 79-38/2006-SU dated 01.05.2008. However, the BSNL employees who retired prior to 01.01.2007 were not granted the benefit. But in case of the Government pensioners, the benefit of merger of 50% DA w.e.f 01.04.2004 was simultaneously extended to them along with the serving employees.

3. We understand that Department of Telecommunications had earlier even referred the matter to Department of Public Enterprises which rightly left the issue to be decided by Department of Telecommunications alone, since DPE has no role to play about the pensionery

benefits and other relief to be paid to the absorbed BSNL pensioners which are governed by the Rules and Orders laid down only by DOP&PW.

4. Since this issue concerns the welfare of the BSNL pensioners, we request that Department of Pension & Pensioners' Welfare to issue clear directive to Department of Telecommunications to extend the benefit of merger of 50% IDA to the absorbed pre-2007 BSNL pensioners under the same terms and conditions under which the benefit of merger of 50% DA to the pre-April 2004 Government pensioners was allowed by the Government and also keeping in view of the provision in Rule-55-A of CCS (Pension) Rules 1972 and thus resolve this more than one year old pending case.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,



(S Basu)
General Secretary

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