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To  
Shri Harjit Singh,  
Director (PP),  
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Lok Nayak Bhawan,  
New Delhi 110003.

**Subject: Revision of pension of Pre-2006 pensioners – Delinking of revised pension from qualifying service of 33 years of service - applicability of DOP&PW OM No. 38/37/08-P&PW(A) dated 06.04.2016 to BSNL IDA pensioners**

**Ref: DOT ID No. 40-12/2016-Pen(T) dated 22.08.2016  
DOP&PW ID No. 4/2/16-P&PW(D) dated 5.9.2016**

Sir,

We would like to request you to kindly refer to DOT ID Note No. 40-12/2016-Pen(T) dated 22.08.2016 seeking a few clarifications on the applicability of your Office OM No. 38/37/08-P&PW(A) dated 06.04.2016 on "Revision of pension of Pre-2006 pensioners – Delinking of revised pension from qualifying service of 33 years of service" to the absorbed BSNL IDA pensioners. We have come to know that you have asked DOT, vide your ID No. 4/2/16-P&PW(D) dated 5.9.2016, to discuss the issue since the proposal sent by DOT was not clear.

2. In this regard, we would like to submit as follows:-

- (1) Para 5.2 of your F No. 38/37/08-P&PW(A) dated 2.9.2008 first ordered that "It has been decided that linkage of full pension with 33 years of qualifying service shall be dispensed with...". This OM was also implemented in all respect to the BSNL IDA pensioners vide DOT No. 40-31/2008-Pen(T) dated 12.8.2009.
- (2) Para 2 of your OM No. 38/37/08-P&PW(A) dated 10.12.2009 which also ordered that "It has now been decided that linkage of full pension with 33 years of qualifying service shall be dispensed with, with effect from 1.1.2006 instead of 2.9.2008". In this case also, DOT implemented the said OM vide its No. 40-31/2008-Pen(T) dated 16.8.2010 to the absorbed BSNL IDA pensioners after obtaining clarification from DOP&PW
- (3) In its Office Order No. 40-08/2011-Pen(T) dated 8.7.2011 [copy enclosed], while issuing

clarification regarding grant of pension to the BSNL absorbees who took VRS on completion of more than 10 years of service but less than 20 years, Department of Telecommunication had stated at Para 2 of the said Office Order as follows:-

“DOP&PW vide their ID. no. 4/2/2011-P&PW(D) dated 2.6.2011 have clarified since the linkage of full pension with 33 years of qualifying service has been dispensed with vide OM dated 2.9.2008, thereby any one retiring in terms of Central Civil Services (Pension) Rules, 1972 shall also be eligible for pensionary benefits as per revised rule 49...”. In this case also, DOT allowed the benefit to the concerned BSNL absorbees. Thus, no doubt could now be raised now in regard to applicability of the revised rule including its date of effect regarding delinking of 33 years qualifying service for full pension to the BSNL IDA pensioners in the background of the DOP&PW's above clarification.

3. From the facts, as submitted at Para 2 above, it may kindly be appreciated that all revisions in pension rules in respect of delinking of 33 years of qualifying service for full pension along with other rules have been implemented by DOT to the absorbed BSNL pensioners who are covered under CCS (Pension) rules, 1972 and whose pension is being paid by the Government from Central Civil Estimate. Thus, delaying implementation of DOP&PW OM 38/37/08-P&PW(A) dated 06.04.2016 to the absorbed BSNL pensioners on the pretext of seeking clarifications from DOP&PW is nothing but an attempt to deny the benefit to the concerned absorbed BSNL pensioners.

4. In view of the above, we shall request you to kindly advise DOT to immediately implement your orders on “Revision of pension of Pre-2006 pensioners – Delinking of revised pension from qualifying service of 33 years of service” issued vide your OM No. 38/37/08-P&PW(A) dated 06.04.2016 to the absorbed BSNL IDA pensioners

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,



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General Secretary

Encl: As stated

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