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To

Shri P J Thomas,
Secretary,
Department of Telecommunication,
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Subject: Revision of pension/family pension of the absorbed BSNL Executives retired between 1.10.2000 and 31.12.2006 .

Sir,

We are perturbed to find that after having wasted more than one year to consider an unrealistic and non-permissible proposal to revise the pension of the absorbed BSNL pensioners on pre-sumptive CDA scale and finally having now settled for revision of pension on IDA pattern, DoT is said to be examining another proposal for application of CDA fitment formula as was applicable to the CG pensioners drawing their pension on CDA pattern. We view this as yet another exercise to delay the revision of pension of the absorbed BSNL pensioners who receive their pension and dearness relief on IDA pattern under Rule 37-A of CCS (Pension) Rules 1972. It is the settled matter that the absorbed PSU/CAB pensioners who draw their pension on IDA pattern under Government Rules will get their pension revised by application of the same fitment formula as applicable to the serving employees on IDA pattern. The cases of the absorbed pensioners in Food Corporation of India and also of Port & Dock pensioners under the Ministry of Shipping, Transport & Highways are the ideal cases to draw the parallel. In both these Organizations, the revision of pension is granted on IDA pay scales with the same IDA fitment formula as were applicable to their serving employees.

2. In case of the absorbed BSNL pensioners retired between 1.10.2000 and 31.12.2006, the revision of pension, therefore, has to take place with 30% fitment benefit on Gross Pension plus 78.2% of IDA DA merged on 1.1.2007 as per DPE Order dated 2.4.2009 i.e. by applying the same fitment benefit as applicable to the serving

BSNL employees. The revised pension for the pre-2007 absorbed BSNL pensioners is, therefore, to be arrived at as follows:-

Revised Pension = 30% of Gross Pension plus 78.2% of effective IDA DA

i.e. = Gross Pension X 1.782 X 1.3.

3. Keeping in view of the long delay that has already taken place in the matter of revision of pension of the absorbed BSNL pensioners, we would earnestly request you to kindly intervene in the matter, so that DoT stops mooted new proposals and order immediate revision of pension under the existing rules and principles as applicable and being followed for the absorbed Government Employees in other PSUs/CABs like FCI and Port & Dock pensioners.

4. We would like to further state that the matter needs no approval of Cabinet and the Telecom Commission is competent to order revision of pension under the extant rules/instructions on the subject. DOT is already having the views of other Ministries like DOP&PW, Deptt of Legal Affairs, Deptt of Expenditure on the matter while consulting these Ministries/Departments on the proposal for revision of pension on pre-sumptive CDA scales. We, once again, request you to kindly intervene.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,



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General Secretary

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