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To

Shri Anshu Prakash,  
Secretary (Telecom),  
Department of Telecommunications,  
New Delhi 110001.

**Sub: Attempt to defeat the very purpose of Government's decision to allow the Tax payers either to continue with the old tax regime of claiming tax exemptions under Sections of IT Act or opting for new regime without claiming any exemptions - CCA, Punjab's over enthusiastic and unilateral action to call option from the pensioners in advance.**

Sir,

We are surprised to find that Controller of Communication Accounts, Punjab of his own has issued a letter addressed to the pensioners, vide its No. Nil dated 09.04.2020 (copy enclosed), asking them to exercise option by 15.04.2020 either to continue with old tax regime with eligible tax exemptions as per IT Act or opt for new tax regime without claiming any exemptions. This is going to defeat the very purpose of Government's decision to allow the Tax Payers to choose between the two regimes whichever is found beneficial to them at the time of submission of their IT Returns to the Income Tax Department.

2. It is pertinent to mention here that Government has issued no instructions to various Departments/Ministries and others to get the option to be exercised at the beginning of the financial year which would have denied the intended benefit offered to the Tax payers to workout the payable income tax in both old tax regime and newly introduced tax regime and choose the regime whichever is found beneficial. We understand that even Department of Telecommunications has also not advised its CCAs to act in the manner as CCA, Punjab has acted on his own to defeat the intended benefit to the pensioners.

3. In view of the above, we seek your kind intervention in the matter and advise CCA, Punjab to withdraw its above stated letter.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

(S Basu)

General Secretary

Enclosure: As stated.

Copy to:

1. Shri Kshatrapati Shivaji,  
Secretary (Pension), DOP&PW.
2. Shri P K Sinha,  
Member (Finance), Telecom Commission.



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Dear Pensioner,

Sub: Regarding deduction of Income Tax from Pension.

It is informed that Budget 2020 has given taxpayers the option for the financial Year 2020-2021

1. to continue with existing income tax slabs, rates, and exemptions  
or
2. to opt for the new tax regime with lower tax rates by forgoing 70 tax exemptions and deductions.

However, taxpayer can pick and choose between the two tax regimes every financial year as per his/her convenience and income for that year.

So it is requested to give your option up to 15-04-2020 in the form available on website [www.ccapunjab.gov.in](http://www.ccapunjab.gov.in) and provide details of proposed Savings and exemptions, if opted for option No. 1 above, and send through email [pda.ccapunjab@gmail.com](mailto:pda.ccapunjab@gmail.com) enabling this office to deduct the tax after considering your option accordingly. **The original copies may also be sent by post as soon as lockdown lifts.**

3. It is further added that if no option received till 15-04-2020, the Income tax will be calculated on the basis of new tax regime with lower tax rates by forgoing 70 tax exemptions and deductions and deducted accordingly.

Treat it most urgent.

  
09.04.2020  
Sr. Accounts Officer (PDA)

Copy to:

1. The CGMT BSNL Chandigarh for information.
2. The GM (F) BSNL Chandigarh.
3. All the Sr. GMs/GMs BSNL Units for information and wide publicity between the retirees accordingly.