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No. AIBSNLREA/CHQ/2021/69

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To
Shri Ali Raza Rizvi,
Secretary,
Department of Public Enterprises,
New Delhi

**Sub: Non-issue of orders for revision of IDA rates due from 01.07.2021 & 01.10.2021 by
DPE causing concern and anxiety amidst BSNL IDA Pensioners**

Ref: 1. Our letter No. AIBSNLREA/CHQ/2021/54 dated 7th September 2021

2. Our letter No. AIBSNLREA/CHQ/2021/65 dated 11th October 2021

Sir,

We are again to bring to your kind notice that the BSNL pensioners are paid IDA pension and other pensionary benefits by the Government of India under CCS (Pension) Rules), 1972 and the IDA rates declared by the DPE apply to them for release of their Dearness Relief.

2. Earlier, we had brought to your notice, vide our letter cited under reference 1, that after issue of orders for restoration of the frozen IDA by DPE, vide its OM No. W-02/0002/2014-DPE(WC)-GL-III/2021 dated 2nd August 2021, increasing the rate of IDA from 159.9% to 170.5%, which included the revised rates for the period from 01.10.2020, 01.01.2021 and 01.04.2021, orders for revision of IDA rate due from 01.07.2021 were expected to be issued separately. Meanwhile, another installment of IDA has also become due from 01.10.2021. Yet DPE did not issue orders for revised IDA rates due from 01.07.2021 and 01.10.2021.


3. All these years, DPE had been issuing orders on revised rate of IDA mostly in the first week of the month in which it became due. We again wrote to the DPE vide Reference 2, pointing out that non-issue of orders was giving room for rumors and speculations unnecessarily and that this is also against the principle of compensating the employees and pensioners for the price rise as and when the compensation becomes due.

4. While there has been no response from DPE, the Union Cabinet has recently approved release of an additional instalment of Dearness Allowance to Central Government employees and Dearness Relief (DR) to pensioners w.e.f. 1.7.2021 which represents an increase of 3% over the existing rate of 28% of the Basic Pay / Pension, to compensate for the price rise. Hence, there can be no justification now to continue to deny increase in IDA due from 01.07.2021 and 01.10.2021 to the CPSE employees.

5. We, therefore, request you to kindly ensure that orders for revision of IDA rates w.e.f. 01.07.2021 and 01.10.2021 are issued immediately in order that the uncertainty in the matter comes to an end.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,


(R.R. Balasubramanian) 25/10/21

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