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To

Shri Arvind Vadnerkar,
Director (HR),
Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited,
New Delhi 110001.

Sub: Extension of period for submission of Life Certificate for the purpose of continuing with concessional telephone facilities by the retired BSNL employees.

Ref: DOP&PW No. 18/1/2020-P&PW(C)-6681 dated 11.09.2020.

Sir,

Retired BSNL Employees having residential concessional telephone facility are required to submit Life Certificate in the month of November every year in the BSNL Units to continue with the facility. But this year due to Covid-19 pandemic, the situation is completely different. Though unlocking process has started, the number of positive cases is alarmingly on increase. The restrictions imposed on the aged and those with comorbidities have also not been relaxed. As such, the retired BSNL employees would not find it convenient to visit the Offices to submit Life Certificate.

2. Considering the similar difficulties of the aged pensioners in submitting their Life Certificate for the purpose of further continuation of their Pension, DOP&PW vide its No. 18/1/2020-P&PW(C)-6681 dated 11.09.2020 [Copy enclosed] has issued orders extending the time-limit for submission of Life Certificates for the current year by the Pensioners in the Banks. While the pensioners in the age group of 80 years and above have been allowed to submit Life Certificate from 1st October, 2020 onwards to 31st December, 2020, the pensioners in the age group of below 80 years have been allowed to submit the same from 1st November, 2020 onwards to 31st December, 2020.

3. Since the situation in both the above cases is exactly similar, it is requested that similar extension of time-limit for the current year to submit Life Certificate in BSNL Offices for continuation of concessional telephone connections be allowed to the retired BSNL Employees, as already allowed by Government of India in respect of the Pensioners to submit their Life Certificates to the Banks. However, any arrangement for online submission of Life Certificate by the retired BSNL employees will be most welcome.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

(S Basu)

General Secretary

Enclosure: As stated

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1. Shri Anshu Prakash,
Secretary (Telecom), DOT.
2. Shri Kshatrapati Shivaji,
Secretary (Pension), DOP&PW.

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Government of India
Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances & Pension
Department of Pension & Pensioners' Welfare
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8th Floor, Janpath Bhavan,
Janpath, New Delhi,
Dated: 11th September, 2020

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject: - Extension of period for submission of Life Certificate from October 2020 till December 2020.

Every Central Government pensioner has to submit life certificate in the month of November for further continuation of his/her pension. It has been observed that a large number of Central Government pensioners physically visit bank branches for this purpose.

2. Earlier, as a measure to enable additional dedicated time to very senior pensioners, this department, vide its OM No. 1/20/2018-P&PW(E), dated 18.07.2019, allowed the pensioners in the age group of 80 years and above, to submit Life Certificate from 1st October onward instead of 1st November, every year.

3. In view of the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic and keeping in view of the vulnerability of elderly population to Corona Virus, it has now been decided to extend the existing timeline for submission of Life Certificate. This year, all Central Government pensioners may submit Life Certificate from 1st November, 2020 onward, till 31st December 2020. However, the pensioners in the age group of 80 years and above, can submit Life Certificate from 1st October, 2020 onwards, to 31st December, 2020. During this extended period, the pension will be continued to be paid by the Pension Disbursing Authorities (PDAs) uninterrupted.

4. Further, in the line of RBI notification no. RBI/2019-20/138, dated January 9, 2020, which permits Video based Customer Identification Process (V-CIP) as a consent based alternate method of establishing the customer's identity, PDAs may also explore the said methodology for obtaining a Life Certificate from the pensioner, to the extent permitted by RBI guidelines, in order to avoid rush at the branches.

5. The above measures are expected to avoid rush at branches and maintain social distancing, while obtaining Life Certificates from the elderly this year. PDAs shall also ensure proper arrangements and social distancing measures at the branches and prevent overcrowding.

6. All Pension Disbursing Authorities are requested to take note of this OM for compliance and give wide publicity to the same amongst the pensioners.

This issues with the approval of the competent authority.

Rajesh Kumar

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Under Secretary to the Government of India

To,

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