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To
Shri A Raja,
Minister of Communications & IT,
Electronics Niketan,
CGO Complex, Lodhi Road,
New Delhi 110 003.

Sub : Non-issue of Orders for merger of 50% Dearness Relief with Basic Pension of the absorbed BSNL Employees retired between 1.10.2000 and 31.12.2006 by Department of Telecommunication - Request for kind intervention and end discrimination.

Sir,

We regret to submit that Department of Telecommunication, which issues Pension Payment Orders and ensure their payment to the retired Government Employees absorbed in BSNL has not yet issued the Orders for merger of 50% Dearness Relief with Basic Pension of the absorbed BSNL Employees who retired between 1.10.2000 and 31.12.2006 and are eligible as per provision of Rule 37-A of CCS (Pension) Rules, 1972 to receive all pensionary benefits including terminal benefits and other relief under the same CCS (Pension) Rules/other norms and principles as applicable for the Government Pensioners. In pursuant to DPE OM No. 2(7)/2005 DPE-(WC) GL.III dated 26.02.2008, the BSNL Employees were granted merger of 50% of IDA w.e.f. 01.01.2007 by the Department of Telecommunications vide its No. 79-38/2006-SU dated 01.05.2008. However, the BSNL employees who retired prior to 01.01.2007 were not granted the benefit. But in case of the

Government pensioners, the benefit of merger of 50% DA w.e.f 01.04.2004 was simultaneously extended to them while Ordering the benefit to the serving employees.

2. It is most unfortunate that **based on the same DPE OM No. 2(7)/2005 DPE-WC) GL-III dated 26.02.2008, when another Government Department i.e. Department of Shipping under the Ministry of Shipping, Transport and Highways could extend the benefit of merger of 50% of Dearness Relief with basic pension of the Port & Dock Pensioners including family pensioners w.e.f. 1.1.2007 vide their Order No. A-29018/4/2008-PE-I dated 5.11.2008, the Department of Telecommunication under the Ministry of Communications & IT is yet to extend the same benefit to the absorbed BSNL pensioners. We are unable to understand under the same Government of India, why should the absorbed BSNL pensioners always receive step motherly treatment. We really feel depressed, disappointed and aggrieved on this ill-treatment.**

3. We now take this opportunity to enclose a copy of the said Order No. A-29018/4/2008-PE-I dated 5th November 2008 issued by Department of Shipping for merger of 50% Dearness Relief with Basic Pension of Port & Dock Pensioners for your kind perusal. We also appeal to you for your kind immediate intervention in the matter so that this long pending issue is resolved without further delay and the absorbed BSNL pensioners get their dues.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,



(S Basu)
General Secretary

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Prime Minister of India.
2. Shri Vilasrao Desmukh,
Minister of HI & Public Enterprises.
3. Shri Gurudas Kamat,
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4. Shri Siddhartha Behura,
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5. Shri Bhaskar Chatterjee,
Secretary, DPE.
6. Smt Vijayalakshmi K Gupta,
Member (Finance), Telecom Commission.
7. Shri V K Shukla,
Member (Services), Telecom Commission.
8. Shri Kuldeep Goyal,
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9. Smt Rajni Razdan,
Secretary, DOP&PW.