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To

Shri Pranab Mukherjee, Minister of Finance, Government of India, New Delhi 110 001.

Subject: Restrospective fixation of IDA pay scales for some Executive Cadres of BSNL visa-vis the proposal for payment of pension to the absorbed Employees of MTNL by the Government in the similar line as in the case of absorbed BSNL Employees.

Hon'ble Sir,

We welcome the proposal sent by Department of Telecommunications for approval of the Cabinet for payment of pension to the absorbed MTNL Employees by the Government in the same line as being paid to the absorbed BSNL Employees under Rule 37-A of CCS (Pension) Rules 1972. As per relevant sub rules of Rule 37-A of CCS (Pension) Rules 1972, which is a special dispensation to BSNL, the Government makes payment of pension to the absorbed BSNL pensioners for which BSNL has to pay pension contribution and also some other financial arrangement has been made betweeen the BSNL and Government to meet the financial liability for payment of pension. In regard to MTNL and other similarly placed PSUs, pension is to be paid by the Trusts constituted for the purpose.

However, it is pertinent to mention here that some Executive cadres in BSNL (Junior Officers/Junior Officers/equivalent Telecom Accounts cadres, Sub Divisional Engineers/Accounts Officers/equivalent cadres, Sr Sub Divisional Engineers/Sr Accounts Officers/equivalent cadres, Divisional Engineerrs/Chief Accounts Officers/equivalent cadres, Dy General Managers etc) were granted IDA pay scales with effect from 1.1.2000 which were one stage below the IDA scales granted to the same Executive cadres in MTNL. During the negotiation for fixation of IDA pay scales, the BSNL/DOT Officers at that time had argued that BSNL would not be able to pay same IDA pay scales to these Executive Cadres in BSNL as being offered to their counterparts in MTNL, since BSNL will have to pay pension contribution to DOT which was not the case with MTNL. But now that the proposal is under consideration to pay pension to the absorbed MTNL employees by the Government as in the case of BSNL, there is no reason to deny retrospective fixation (w.e.f 01.010.2000) of IDA pay scales to the above stated Executive Cadres of BSNL at par with their counterparts in MTNL.

3. We would, therefore, urge upon you to kindly allow retrospective (w.e.f 1.10.2000) fixation of IDA pay scales for the above stated Executive Cadres in BSNL and consequent revision of pension/family pension/terminal benefits of the concerned absorbed BSNL pensioners while considering approval of DOT's proposal in the meeting of the Cabinet Committee to make payment of pension to the absorbed MTNL Employees by the Government in the same line as being paid to the absorbed BSNL Employees instead of the Trust as at present.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

(S Basu) General Secretary

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