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To

Shri Narendra Modi,  
Hon'ble Prime Minister of India,  
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**Sub: Inordinate delay in inter-Ministerial consultation depriving the absorbed BSNL pensioners of their revised pension- Request for kind intervention**

Hon'ble Sir,

We are once again constraint to seek for your kind immediate intervention in a matter which stands unresolved for last so many years depriving the erstwhile employees of Department of Telecommunications, who took absorption in Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited, of their legitimate revised pension due from 01.01.2007 onwards.

2. The absorbed BSNL pensioners draw their pension from the Government as per Government Pension Rules, but in IDA pay scale. The Department of Public Enterprises (Ministry of Heavy Industries & Public Enterprises, GOI) ordered revision of IDA pay scales for the CPSE employees effective from 01.01.2007 vide its OM No. 2(70)/08-DPE(WC)GL-XVI/08 dated 26.11.2008 and allowed a fitment benefit by merging 50% of IDA effectively amounting to 68.8% of IDA. But since the said effective percentage of IDA was found to had been incorrectly calculated and ordered as 68.8% in place of 78.2%, the Department of Public Enterprises issued another Order vide its OM No. 2(70)/08-DPE(WC)GL-VIII/09 dated 02.04.2009 for allowing fitment benefit of 50% of IDA effectively amounting to 78.2%.

3. Since BSNL ordered revision of IDA scales of its employees w.e.f. 01.01.2007 based on the previous Order of DPE dated 26.11.2008 allowing fitment benefit of 50% DA effectively amounting to 68.8%, the absorbed pre-2007 BSNL pensioners/family pensioners were also allowed revision of their pensioners with the same wrong fitment benefit. Thereafter, in pursuant to Department of Telecommunication's OM No. 61-01/2012-SU dated 10.06.2013, BSNL allowed re-fixation of revised pay scales to its existing employees by extending the fitment benefit of merger of 78.2% IDA w.e.f. 01.01.2007. This called for extending the same revised fitment benefit of merger of 50% IDA effectively amounting to 78.2% IDA to the absorbed BSNL pensioners also.

4. Department of Telecommunication accordingly processed a proposal for revising the pension of the absorbed BSNL pensioners by allowing the fitment benefit of merger of 50% IDA effectively amounting to 78.2% of IDA. Department of Pension & Pensioners' Welfare had also conveyed its "No Objection" to the proposal. Department of Telecommunication then sent this proposal to Department of Expenditure (Ministry of Finance) in the first week of January 2014. Department of Expenditure, in turn, then asked for some clarifications from Department of Telecommunication vide its No. 144/EV/2014 dated 11.03.2014. DOT had also sent the clarifications vide its No 40-13/2013-Pen(T) dated 11.07.2014 to DOE on the points raised. The matter was thereafter discussed in the meeting of Standing Committee Of Voluntary Agencies (SCOVA) held on 5<sup>th</sup> September 2014 under the chairmanship of Shri Jitendra Singh, Minister of State for (PP). The representative of Department of Expenditure present in the meeting committed that DOE would send its comments to DOT within 7 days. Unfortunately, even after 40 days of its commitment made in the SCOVA meeting, the Department of Expenditure even now is holding back the proposal. Thus, the absorbed BSNL pensioners/family pensioners are still being denied of their legitimate revision of pension w.e.f. 01.01.2007 with fitment benefit of merger of 50% DA effectively amounting to 78.2% IDA in place of 68.8%. This case, therefore, is a classic example of how the inter-ministerial consultations on a proposal moved by the Department of Telecommunication is taking its own time to reach the finality causing hardship to the affected pensioners.

5. In the above background, it is our humble prayer to you to kindly intervene the matter and advise Department of Expenditure (Ministry of Finance) to expeditiously settle the issue so that the affected absorbed BSNL pensioners/family pensioners get their legitimate dues.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,



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