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To

Smt Rajni Razdan,
Secretary,
Department of Pension & Pensioners' Welfare,
Lok Nayak Bhawan,
New Delhi 110 003.

Subject: Revision of Pension/Family Pension of pre-2007 BSNL Pensioners consequent to issue of orders revising the IDA pay scales of the BSNL Executives w.e.f. 01.01.2007

Madam,

We had been representing for issue of necessary directive to Department of Telecommunications to revise the pension/family pension of pre-2007 BSNL pensioners following issue of Orders revising the IDA pay scales of the BSNL Executives with effect from 01.01.2007. It may be noted that the Orders for revision of IDA pay scales for BSNL Executives have been implemented soon after Department of Telecommunications issued the Presidential Directive on 28.02.2009. It is pertinent to mention here that in an Order delivered on 30.07.2008 in the Writ Petition (C) No. 35 of 2006 [Society of Retired Forest Officers Vs State of U.P. & Ors] the Hon'ble Supreme Court issued the direction that **".... As and when there is a revision of dearness allowance and revision of pay scales then the effect of that revision should be ensured promptly and the fixation should be released as far as possible within two months of the so called revision"**. But it is regretted to say though there is an urgent need to revise the pension/family pension of the pre-2007 BSNL pensioners, Department of Telecommunications has done nothing in this direction.

2. Further, we learn with great distress that to make the matter more worse. Department of Telecommunications had moved a proposal to make payment of pension to the BSNL pensioners and its revision in CDA pattern in place of IDA pattern. It appears that Department of Telecommunications is not at all concerned with the plight of BSNL pensioners and moving with an ill-conceived proposal to deny them their dues. On our part, we had already lodged our protest against the move vide our letter No AIBSNLREA/CHQ/2009/16 dated 24.04.2009 [copy enclosed]. We have cited in Para 2 of this letter several Rules/Orders and even DOT's own affidavit in Supreme Court in a separate case which confirm that payment of pension and its revision has to be in IDA pattern only. The only silver lining in this whole episode is that the Department of Telecommunications, so far, could not get the support of Department of Pension & Pensioners' Welfare in this move. Further, it is learnt that Ministry of Law (Department of Legal Affairs) has also refused to give green signal to the proposal. We now learn that Department of Telecommunications has again moved to DOP&PW.

3. In the above background, we earnestly request Department of Pension & Pensioners' Welfare, which is the nodal agency for all pension related matter, to cause justice to the absorbed pre-2007 BSNL pensioners by issuing a directive to Department of Telecommunications to immediately revise their pension/family pension in IDA pattern only as provided in the Rules.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,



(S Basu)
General Secretary

Encl: As stated.

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