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To
Shri P J Thomas,
Secretary,
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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**

Sir,

We would like to bring to your kind notice that the Department of Telecommunication has not issued the long awaited Orders for merger of 50% Dearness Relief with Basic Pension of the absorbed DOT Employees who retired from BSNL between 1.10.2000 and 31.12.2006 . These pensioners 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 to the Government Pensioners but on IDA pattern. Though Department of Telecommunication, in pursuant to DPE OM No. 2(7)/2005 DPE-(WC) GL.III dated 26.02.2008, issued Orders granting merger of 50% of IDA w.e.f. 01.01.2007 to the BSNL Employees vide its No. 79-38/2006-SU dated 01.05.2008, it has not issued the Order for merger of 50% of IDA with the basic pension of the absorbed BSNL employees who retired prior to 01.01.2007.

2. It is not out of point to mention here that in case of the Government pensioners, similar benefit of merger of 50% DA w.e.f 01.04.2004 was also ordered while Ordering the benefit to the serving employees. Even in case of the Port and Dock Employees, **based on the same DPE OM No. 2(7)/2005 DPE-(WC) GL-III dated 26.02.2008, Department of Shipping under the Ministry of Shipping, Transport and Highways has extended 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 *[copy enclosed as Annexure-I]*. Earlier they had also issued separate Orders for "merger of 50% DA with Basic Pay of Port & Dock Employees" w.e.f. 1.1.2007 vide their No. LB-1021/15/25005-L.I dated 16th July 2008 *[copy enclosed as Annexure-II]*. But the Department of Telecommunication is yet to extend the same benefit to the absorbed BSNL pensioners, though the Orders for merger of 50% IDA with basic pay for BSNL Employees was issued more than a year back.**

3. You may, therefore, kindly appreciate the mental agony of the absorbed Government (DOT) employees (Pensioners) of BSNL who retired from service prior to 1.1.2007 but are entitled to get the benefit of merger of 50% IDA with their basic pension on the same line as has been granted to the Port & Dock Employees (Pensioners). We shall, therefore, request you to kindly intervene in this matter so that at least one of the major problems, as stated above, of the absorbed BSNL pensioners is resolved at the earliest.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

(S Basu)
General Secretary