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To

Shri Kshatrapati Shivaji,

Secretary (Pension),

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New Delhi 110003.

Sub: Non-settlement of payment of balance amount of GPF contribution for the period 03.12.1980 to 30.09.1990 along with interests accrued there on to Shri V Velappan, Retd DGM (PPO No. 602015121235604, GPF A/C No. TCED 30022)- Indifferent approach of BSNL Tamilnadu Circle to resolve the issue

Ref: (1) DOPPW/E/2020/26181

(2) TN Circle No. TAC/GPF/Genl.Corr/2014-17/28 dated 27.01.2021

Sir,

Being totally unsatisfied with the response from Tamilnadu Telecom Circle, BSNL with reference to our representation vide No. AIBSNLREA/CHQ/2020/141 dated 11.11.2020 duly registered under CPENGRAMS Grievance Docket No. DOPPW/E/2020/26181, we are once again compelled to draw your kind attention to the above case in which the hapless pensioner Shri V Velappan, Retd DGM, Tamilnadu Circle is being denied refund of a portion of his GPF contribution that was meticulously deducted on regular basis from his salary while in service.

2. This is a peculiar but a shameful case in which Tamilnadu Telecom Circle of BSNL is repeatedly expressing its reluctance to refund parts of GPF contributions which were meticulously deducted from his salary during the period of 03.12.1980 to 30.09.1990. The pleas taken by Tamilnadu Circle, BSNL to deny refund balance of GPF contribution are on the following two grounds:

(1) "At Coimbatore during February, 1998 a major fire accident occurred and all the GPF records were destroyed. Due to this it is not possible to trace any records related to ATC/ATD sent to Circle Office at this stage".

(2) "Moreover as per Rule-39(2) of GPF(CS) Rules, 1960 subscribers should satisfy themselves as to correctness of the Annual Statement and errors should be brought to the notice of the Accounts Officer within three months from the date of the receipt of statement".

3. Both the above grounds advanced by Tamilnadu Circle to defend its unjustified stand to deny refund of GPF contributions for the period 03.12.1980 to 30.09.1990 are not untenable for the following reasons: -


(1) The pensioner cannot be held responsible for the fire accident and failure of Tamilnadu Circle to protect its records/documents. Moreover, Tamilnadu Circle might have failed to protect its records/documents, but the affected pensioner in this case has not. *All the official documents/records related to deduction of GPF contributions for the said period, which were made available to him from time to time, were duly submitted by the pensioner to the Circle as well as by this Association as attachment to its representation No. AIBSNLREA/CHQ/2020/141 dated 11.11.2020. But Tamilnadu Circle, BSNL is not making any effort to resolve the issue based on these official records/documents.*

(2) No Balance Sheet for the years 1986-87, 1987-88 was ever issued by DMT Coimbatore to Shri V Velappan, Retd DGM. Similarly, no Balance Sheet was issued even for the years 1989-90 and 1990-1991 (up to September, 1990) when MTNL Mumbai deducted the GPF contribution and transferred the same to DMT, Coimbatore. *Thus, having issued no GPF balance Sheets (Annual Statements) for the above said periods, BSNL, Tamilnadu Circle cannot take shelter under Rule-39(2) of GPF(CS) Rules, 1960 to deny the pensioner to get legitimate refund of his GPF contributions.*

4. In view of the above as at Para 3, BSNL Tamilnadu Circle may kindly be advised to construct the case for refund based on the copies of official records/documents supplied as attachment to the representations and refund the GPF contribution for the period 03.12.1980 to 30.09.1990 along with interests accrued there on to Shri V Velappan, Retd DGM (PPO No. 602015121235604, GPF A/C No. TCED 30022) without any further delay.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely.,


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General Secretary

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