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To

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New Delhi 110001

Subject: Pension liability in respect of the DoT Employees retired prior to 1.10.2000 in CDA scale – Unjust decision of DoT to transfer the liability on the shoulder of BSNL

Sir,

We would like to draw your kind attention to an unjust decision of Department of Telecommunication, conveyed through its Office letter No. 1-45/2003-B dated 15.06.2006 and further reiterated vide its No. 40-12/2007-Pen(T) dated 05.01.2009, transferring the pension liability in respect of the DoT Employees retired prior to 1.10.2000 in CDA scale on the shoulder of Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited. Since DoT itself has retained the revenue earned on licensing, spectrum and other charges with it, BSNL in no way should have been asked to take the pension liability of the DoT employees who retired prior to formation of BSNL i.e. 1.10.2000.

2. Now another injustice is being meted out to Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited. Earlier, when Rule-37A was introduced in CCS (Pension) Rules 1972 on 30.09.2000, it was the absorbed employees of BSNL alone whose pension was decided to be paid by the Government. Thus sub-rules 21, 22 and 23 dealt with the case of BSNL alone in regard to payment of pension/family pension and also for making arrangement for sharing their responsibility between Government and Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited. But now Department of Pension & Pensioners' Welfare (DOP&PW) vide its Gazette Notification No. GSR 138(E) dated 3rd March 2014 has also allowed payment of pension/family pension to the absorbed Employees of Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited w.e.f 01.10.2000 by the Government. Accordingly,

name of Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited has been inserted after the name of Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited in sub-rule 22 and 23 of Rule 37-A of CCS (Pension) Rules 1972. Thus, MTNL is equally liable to contribute for payment of pension of the DOT Employees retired prior to 1.10.2000 in CDA scale. But Department of Telecommunication seems to have exempted MTNL from this liability.

3. In view of the above, Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited should also be exempted as in the case of Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited from the pension liability of the DOT Employees retired prior to 1.10.2000 in CDA scale.

4. Under the above background, we earnestly appeal to your kind self to intervene in the matter so that Department of Telecommunication review its existing order No. 1-45/2003-B dated 15.06.2006 and No. 40-12/2007-Pen(T) dated 05.01.2009 and exempt Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited from shouldering the pension liability of the DOT employees retired prior to 1.10.2000 in CDA scale as has been done in the case of Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,



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