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To

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Subject: Request for immediate intervention for release of commutation of pension to affected BSNL VRS retirees of Maharashtra Circle

Madam,

We hereby seek your urgent intervention in the matter of release of commutation of pension to the BSNL retirees of Maharashtra Circle whose pensionary benefits were withheld earlier on the plea of pendency of caste verification.

2. After withdrawal of the DoT letter dated 30.01.2025 through the subsequent DoT communication dated 06.07.2026, the impediment that had prevented the CCA, Maharashtra & Goa, from acting on the request of BSNL Maharashtra Circle dated 22.11.2024 no longer exists. It may be noted that the CGMT Maharashtra Circle, in his letter dated 16.07.2026 addressed to CCA Maharashtra & Goa, has clearly reiterated the earlier stand of the Circle and stated that the pensionary benefits (pension, gratuity and commutation) in respect of all retired employees whose vigilance clearance was available on the date of retirement may be released. This categorical position of BSNL Maharashtra Circle, reaffirming its specific request made on 22.11.2024, establishes that commutation of pension was always part of the retirement benefits sought to be released.

3. Following the withdrawal of the DoT letter dated 30.01.2025, CCA Maharashtra & Goa has regularized the pension of the affected retirees and released gratuity. However, commutation of pension has been released only in respect of superannuated employees, while the VRS-2019 retirees are yet to get the benefit. This is contrary to the CGMT Maharashtra Circle's communication dated 16.07.2026, which explicitly states that the retirement benefits of both superannuated and VRS-2019 retirees are to be released in

accordance with DoP&PW OM dated 30.11.2021. The continued withholding of commutation for VRS-2019 retirees, despite the withdrawal of the restrictive DoT instructions and despite BSNL Maharashtra's clear reaffirmation, is causing undue hardship to the affected pensioners.

4. It is also reliably learnt that the Hon'ble Minister of Communications has already informed the Chief Minister of Maharashtra that "DoT has asked the authorities concerned to release gratuity and commutation of pension." In such circumstances, there remains no ground whatsoever for CCA Maharashtra & Goa to delay processing and releasing commutation of pension to the affected retirees.

5. The question of insisting on medical certificates for commutation does not arise in these cases. Under the terms of BSNL VRS-2019, commutation became admissible upon the retiree attaining 60 years of age or on 01.02.2025, whichever was earlier. The VRS retirees submitted their applications for commutation immediately after the benefit became due. However, the pensionary benefits were released only after the DoT withdrew its letter dated 30.01.2025. Therefore, the "delay" provision under the CCS (Commutation of Pension) Rules, 1981, cannot be invoked in these cases. The affected retirees should not be penalized for a delay caused entirely by administrative instructions that have since been withdrawn.

6. DoP&PW OM dated 30.11.2021 clearly provides that pensionary benefits cannot be withheld merely on the ground of pending caste verification when no departmental or judicial proceedings are pending. This OM must be implemented uniformly and in full, without selective interpretation. The present situation, where commutation is released only for superannuated retirees but withheld for VRS-2019 retirees, is inconsistent with both the DoP&PW OM and the reaffirmed stand of BSNL Maharashtra Circle.

7 In view of the above, we earnestly request your immediate intervention and advice to CCA Maharashtra & Goa to release commutation of pension to all affected BSNL VRS 2019 retirees, without any further delay. This will bring much-needed relief to pensioners who have already suffered prolonged hardship due to administrative interpretations that no longer hold force.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,



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