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Dated: 1st June 2023

To

Shri Dilip Padhye,
Controller General of Communication Accounts,
New Delhi-110001.

Sub: Harassment of SAMPANN Pensioners by the office of CCA Tamilnadu by unwarrantedly recovering TDS even before expiry of deadline for 'proposed investment declaration'.

Sir,

It has been brought to our notice that bulk of BSNL absorbed SAMPANN pensioners under CCA Tamilnadu were in for a rude shock on receiving their pension for the month of May 2023. TDS has been recovered from their pension, although the time-schedule prescribed by the office of CCA Tamilnadu [copy enclosed] itself for submission of option form for Old Tax regime and for 'Proposed investment Declaration' under Old Tax Regime was 31st May 2023. It is a quite uncalled for and reckless action on the part of office of CCA Tamilnadu to recover TDS for the FY 2023-24, even before the deadline has ended.

2. More seriously TDS has been recovered even in respect of those pensioners who had duly submitted actual investment declaration along with requisite documents. This happened in the last financial year too. The casual reply the pensioners then got was that they can claim refund from IT authorities. This was seen as adding insult to injury, as these pensioners are waiting for months to get the refund of huge amounts after filing the ITR. Even those who would have remained in default New Tax regime due to their cumulative pension not exceeding Rs.7 lakhs, have not been spared.

3. The major concern reported is that in the recent past Tamilnadu CCA office has become difficult to access including at the PRM number, emails are not acknowledged and

complaints raised in SAMPANN are neither responded to nor acted upon. We are really worried that the concerned officials are totally insensitive to the sufferings inflicted on the aged pensioners.

4. We therefore request your immediate intervention and instructions to CCA Tamilnadu for corrective measures and for speedy refund of the TDS recovered, without pushing the pensioners to the ordeal of waiting for one more year for getting refund from Income Tax authorities.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,



(R R Balasubramanian)
General Secretary

Encl: As stated

Copy to:

01. Shri V Srinivas,
Secretary (Pension), DOP&PW,
New Delhi.
02. Shri K Rajaraman,
Secretary, DoT, New Delhi
03. Shri Chitranjan Pradhan,
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NOTICE TO TAMILNADU DoT SAMPANN PENSIONERS

REGARDING INCOME TAX FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 2023-24 (AY :2024-25)

(O/o PCCA, DOT, TN CIRCLE, CHENNAI – 600 008), PHONE 044-28264568

The following time-schedule is prescribed for submission of Income Tax related documents in respect of BSNL/DoT pensioners of TamilNadu Telecom Circle drawing pension through SAMPANN for the Financial Year 2023-24 (AY 2024-25). The scanned copies of documents/declarations/option form may be sent through SAMPANN WEBSITE or by email to: aopda.tn-dot@gov.in.

Sl.No.	DOCUMENTS	LAST DATE
1.	'OPTION FORM' for OLD REGIME in the format provided below. <i>The option once exercised will be the FINAL for the Financial Year 2023-24 and cannot be subsequently changed.</i>	31.05.2023
2.	'PROPOSED INVESTMENT DECLARATION' for only OLD REGIME opted pensioners.	31.05.2023
3.	'ACTUAL INVESTMENT DECLARATION ALONG WITH REQUISITE RECEIPTS/DOCUMENTS' for only OLD REGIME opted pensioners.	10.10.2023

NEW TAX REGIME becomes the default tax regime for all pensioners IT calculation. Thus, unless an individual specifically opts for the OLD TAX REGIME, their income will be taxed at the NEW TAX REGIME's slabs and rates as per rules.

Only OLD TAX REGIME opting pensioners are need to send Option Form, others, no need to send any option form as their IT calculation will be under NEW TAX REGIME only.

The Income Tax is being calculated and deducted based on this office estimated amount of monthly pension payment and arrears/DCRG Int., if any, during Financial Year 2023-24 only.

OLD TAX REGIME OPTION FORM FOR PENSION INCOME TAX CALCULATION OF FINANCIAL YEAR 2023-2024 (AY 2024-25)

Name of the Pensioner :
DOB & Age :
PPO Number :
PAN No.(attach a Xerox copy of the same) :
Address of the Pensioner with phone no. & email-id :

I want to opt OLD TAX REGIME for Pension Income Tax calculation of Financial Year 2023-24 (AY 2024-25).

Date:
Station:

Signature of the Pensioner