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No.AIBSNLREA/CHQ/2022/51

To Shri P K Purwar, Chairman and Managing Director, Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited, New Delhi – 110001

Sub: Pension contribution by BSNL in respect of its absorbed employees – Clarifications required by DoE yet to be supplied by BSNL

Ref: 1. Our letter No.AIBSNLREA/CHQ/2022/48 dated 17th November 2022

- 2. DoT letter No.40-32/2011-Pen(T) dated 2nd January 2019 addressed to CMD BSNL
- 3. RTI reply by DoT dated 11.11.2022
- 4. BSNL remarks w.r.t. CPENGRAMS Docket No. DOPPW/E/2022/37739

Sir,

We hereby draw your kind attention again to a vital issue on which DoT had sought clarifications as required by the DoE, from BSNL but was still awaiting reply from BSNL.

- 2. Pension contribution by BSNL to the Government in respect of its absorbed employees, at the maximum of the pay scales, continues to remain not only a burden on BSNL finances but also a dampener for moving to the higher 3rd PRC pay scales. DoT vide its letter cited under Ref.2 above [Annexure-B], had listed five points on which DoE required clarification on the matter and had requested BSNL to get them examined and furnish clarifications to DoT for further deliberation in DoT and onward submission to DoE. While we believed that BSNL had submitted the clarifications and the matter was only pending with DoE, we were shocked to learn through a reply dated 11.11.2022 from DoT under RTI [Annexure-C], that "reply from BSNL is still awaited."
- 3. When we had brought this to your notice vide our letter cited under Ref.1 above [Annexure-A] and had registered it in CPENGRAMS vide docket No.DOPPW/E/2022/37739, the

docket had been closed on 29.12.2022 with the remarks "BEING POLICY MATTER ONCE DECISION TAKEN SAME SHALL BE CONVEYED. THANKS FOR TAKING UP THE ISSUE." [Annexure-D]

4. We have not received any communication afterwards but we believe that clarifications would have been already submitted to DoT. BSNL Pensioners are very much concerned about the matter of pension contribution, as financial health of BSNL is as important to the BSNL absorbed pensioners as to its serving employees. We would therefore request your personal and urgent attention to the issue, clearing any miscommunication between BSNL and DoT on the issue and immediate submission of the required clarifications, if not already submitted.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,

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(R.R.Balasubramanian) General Secretary

Encl: As stated

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