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To
Shri K.Moses Chalai,
Secretary,
Department of Public Enterprises,
New Delhi

Subject: Request to restore the practice of uploading IDA revision orders on the DPE website to ensure transparency and timely implementation

Sir,

We hereby draw your kind attention to the serious practical difficulties arising from the recent decision of the DPE to discontinue the practice of uploading IDA revision orders on its official website and to share them only with the Ministries and Departments concerned. At a time when we have been urging timely issuance of these orders by DPE, the decision to withhold their publication on the website is perceived as further aggravating the existing difficulties, as this move will result in more delays.

2. In the latest IDA revision order dated 27.02.2026 reported to have been shared with the Ministries and Departments, the use of the expression "**financial implication**" in the concluding paragraph has created avoidable concern among BSNL employees and pensioners. The inclusion of this expression is wholly unwarranted, as very recently, the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India has unequivocally held that '**Dearness Allowance is a legally enforceable right of employees**' and '**cannot be denied on the ground of financial constraints.**'

3. The change in methodology has resulted in an unintended administrative bottleneck. Since CCAs must wait for DoT's endorsement, that was previously not required, the implementation of IDR revision for pensioners is being further delayed. This delay affects thousands of pensioners who will receive the increased IDR months later as arrears. It also creates additional workload and procedural complications for CCA offices.

4. More importantly, the new practice appears inconsistent with the mandate of the Right to Information Act, 2005, which emphasizes proactive disclosure. Section 4(1)(c) of the RTI Act require every public authority to “*publish all relevant facts while formulating important policies or announce the decisions which affects public.*” Section 4(2) further provides that “*it shall be the endeavour of every public authority to provide as much information suo motu to the public, so that the public have minimum resort to the use of this Act to obtain information.*”

5. IDA revision orders are neither secret nor confidential. They directly affect a large number of serving and retired employees across multiple CPSEs. If Ministries and Departments also refrain from publishing these orders on their websites, the only way for employees and pensioners to access them would be through RTI applications—an outcome contrary to the very purpose of the RTI Act, which seeks to reduce, not increase, the burden of RTI requests.

6. In view of the above, we earnestly request that the recent decision may kindly be reviewed and **the earlier practice of uploading IDA revision orders on the DPE website immediately upon issuance be restored**. This small but significant step will remove unnecessary anxiety among employees and pensioners, prevent administrative delays in implementation, reduce avoidable RTI applications, and uphold the spirit of transparency mandated under the RTI Act. Your kind attention is requested to ensure that IDA orders continue to remain accessible in the public domain, as has been the long-standing and efficient practice.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,



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