



ALL INDIA BHARAT SANCHAR NIGAM LIMITED RETIRED EXECUTIVES' ASSOCIATION

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To

Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman,
Hon'ble Minister of Finance,
Government of India,
North Block,
New Delhi – 110001

Sub: Inordinate delay in issue of IDA revision orders w.e.f. 01.01.2026 – Request for immediate intervention

Madam,

We respectfully submit this representation to convey the deep anguish and growing anxiety among the BSNL pensioners across the country due to the continued delay in the issue of Industrial Dearness Allowance (IDA) revision orders due from 01.01.2026.

2. Despite our taking up the matter repeatedly with the Secretary, Department of Public Enterprises, the delay in issuing IDA orders has unfortunately become a recurring phenomenon in the past several quarters. This is a sharp departure from the earlier practice when IDA orders were issued promptly within the first ten days of the quarter, ensuring stability and confidence among pensioners.

3. Every time there has been a delay, unnecessary doubts and apprehensions arise in the minds of the pensioners about whether the Government is reconsidering or discontinuing the payment of IDA itself. Such doubts, though unfounded, arise solely because of the absence of timely orders, and they cause avoidable distress to the pensioners who depend on their pension for essential living expenses.

4. The delay in issuing IDA orders also creates significant administrative complications for the pension drawing CCA offices under Department of Telecommunications. Since SAMPANN, the system for drawl of pension for DoT/BSNL pensioners reportedly lacks a single-command mechanism to draw and disburse arrears in bulk, each case has to be processed individually through supplementary bills. This results in avoidable workload on

already overstretched CCA staff, delays in actual receipt of arrears by pensioners, running into months. A timely issue of IDA orders would prevent this cascading administrative burden, since the increase in IDA is usually paid along with the pension for the same month without need for drawl as arrears.

5. BSNL pensioners belong to an age group where medical expenses and cost-of-living pressures are steadily rising. IDA is not a luxury; it is a statutory mechanism to neutralize inflation. Any delay, even by a few weeks, directly affects their ability to meet essential expenses.

6. In view of the above, we earnestly request your kind intervention to:

- **Ensure that the IDA revision orders w.e.f. 01.01.2026 are issued without any further delay,** and
- **Put in place a system to prevent such delays in future,** so that IDA orders are issued automatically and on schedule.

We are confident that with your intervention, this recurring issue will be resolved permanently. We shall be grateful for your kind consideration and early action.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,



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