



# ALL INDIA BHARAT SANCHAR NIGAM LIMITED RETIRED EXECUTIVES' ASSOCIATION

## Central Headquarters

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Dated: 28<sup>th</sup> April 2026

To

Shri Narendra Modi,  
Hon'ble Prime Minister of India,  
South Block,  
New Delhi-110001

**Sub: Grievances of the absorbed BSNL IDA pensioners- Resolution adopted in the All India Conference of AIBSNLREA held at Varanasi on 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> March, 2026 seeking intervention of Hon'ble Prime Minister of India in "Grave concern over withholding of pensionary benefits to BSNL VRS 2019 retirees under the jurisdiction of CCA Maharashtra & Goa."**

Hon'ble Sir,

In the All India Conference of this Association convened at Varanasi on 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> March 2026, which witnessed participation by a substantial number of delegates from across the country, the delegates voiced acute dissatisfaction and concern over the continued non-redressal of pensioners' grievances, particularly those affecting BSNL IDA pensioners. The Conference also recorded its serious disquiet over the consistent disregard by the Department of Telecommunications and BSNL of the binding instructions issued by the Department of Pension & Pensioners' Welfare on several matters.

2. In view of the above, the Conference unanimously resolved to approach the Hon'ble Prime Minister of India for timely intervention, as it was felt that the concerned Ministries and Departments have, in numerous cases, been disposing of grievances with routine and unrelated replies instead of addressing the substantive issues involved. The Conference adopted a total of 13 Resolutions covering various matters. We now respectfully submit Resolution No.10 for your kind consideration, which relates to the Department Telecommunications and concerns the " **Grave concern over withholding of pensionary benefits to BSNL VRS 2019 retirees under the jurisdiction of CCA Maharashtra & Goa**, as detailed in the enclosed resolution, with a request to advise DoT to resolve the issue expeditiously.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

(R.R.Balasubramanian)  
General Secretary

Copy to: Shri Amit Agarwal,  
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**ALL INDIA BHARAT SANCHAR NIGAM LIMITED RETIRED EXECUTIVES' ASSOCIATION**  
**THIRD ALL INDIA CONFERENCE HELD AT VARNASI ON 24<sup>th</sup> AND 25<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2026**  
**RESOLUTION No.10**

**ACTION REQUIRED BY DOT**

**10. RESOLUTION NO. AIBSNLREA/AIC-VARANASI/10**

**GRAVE CONCERN OVER WITHHOLDING OF PENSIONARY BENEFITS TO BSNL VRS 2019 RETIREES UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF CCA MAHARASHTRA & GOA:** The All India Conference of AIBSNLREA held at Varanasi on 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> March 2026 expresses deep anguish that hundreds of BSNL VRS 2019 retirees belonging to the Scheduled Tribe community in Maharashtra have been denied their rightful pensionary benefits—gratuity, leave encashment, commutation, and even ex-gratia—on the ground of pending caste certificate revalidation, despite having served for decades with caste certificates accepted at the time of appointment.

The Conference notes that the withholding of pensionary benefits is in **direct violation** of DoP&PW OM dated **30.11.2021**, which categorically states: *“Unless departmental or judicial proceedings are pending against a retiring employee, the pensionary/retirement benefits of the retiring employee should not be withheld or delayed on the ground of pendency of verification of caste certificate.”* The Conference strongly condemns the attempt to circumvent this OM by issuing **post-retirement chargesheets by BSNL**, years after retirement, solely to retrospectively alter vigilance status. The observation of Hon’ble Supreme Court of India that caste verification after retirement is “largely academic” and causes “undue harassment,” and the judgment of the Hon’ble High Court of Madras in **W.P. No. 35035 of 2023**, which set aside post-retirement caste verification as a “wasteful exercise” have not changed the stance of BSNL and DoT authorities. **This Conference urges the Department of Telecommunications and BSNL to immediately rescind DoT letter No. 40-09/2022-Pen(T) dated 30.01.2025, which contradicts DoP&PW OM dated 30.11.2021, withdraw all post-retirement chargesheets issued solely on the ground of non-submission of caste revalidation and release all withheld pensionary benefits—including gratuity, commutation, leave encashment, and ex-gratia.**

  
28/4/26

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