



Editorial

WILL BSNL MAKE UP THE LOST GROUND?

After missing several deadlines since the year 2022, amid ambitious statements by the MoC and the DoT every time, 4G launch by BSNL has been yet again postponed to June 2024. This could be further pushed to December 2024, if reports about delay in installing the equipment by the vendor Tata Consultancy Services Ltd is true. The recent deadlines were April 2023 and then the second half of 2023.

In its Note submitted for approval to the Union Cabinet on Revival of BSNL and MTNL, the DoT had rightly observed that *"The absence of 4G services by BSNL/MTNL has eroded their competitive strength in the currently evolving data centric telecom market. BSNL is providing limited 4G services in a few areas. Therefore, for MTNL/BSNL to retain and expand mobile subscriber base, and to remain competitive in the telecom market, it is imperative to provide 4G service at the earliest."* This was in 2019, four years after Bharti Airtel rolled out its 4G LTE services in India followed by Vodafone the same year and Reliance Jio joining them in 2016 in a massive way.

DoT's fears have come true, as BSNL's inability to provide high speed mobile services in the age of data-centric connectivity has resulted in BSNL losing 2.14 crores subscribers in 22 consecutive months as of October 2023, according to the data provided by TRAI. BSNL's Mobile

market share has come down from 10.14% in February 2021 to 8.08% in October 2023. CMD BSNL has also recently admitted that *"delay in launching 5G and 4G services has cost BSNL heavily. The company lost subscribers to its competitors"*.

As we ourselves being BSNL mobile customers, we are able to feel and experience the poor quality of the services, unable to use the low-speed mobile data outside our homes for browsing, watching and even making payments including through UPI, without access to WiFi. Due to emotional attachment with BSNL we bear with it and continue to be BSNL customers. While many of us have a second mobile number, obviously subscribing to a private telecom service, some of us have completely ported out. In such a situation expecting a common customer to continue with our services will naturally be unreasonable.

It should be remembered that BSNL has been all along fighting an uneven battle in the mobile segment and it has been crippled at three crucial junctures. First, BSNL was allowed to enter mobile services very late only in the year 2002, after ensuring that the private operators had established strong roots. Still, BSNL offered wonderful services without any hidden costs and became Number 2 in Mobile services in just one year after its entry and was commanding a 21% market

share in the year 2005, similar to that of Bharti Airtel.

Then the second crippling happened. BSNL's efforts for expansion of its mobile capacity were thwarted by repeated cancelling of tenders during 2008 to 2010 with cancelling of a Rs.80,000 crores Mega tender for 930 lakhs GSM lines two years after it was floated. This resulted in BSNL's inability to expand at the right time and the consequent loss of customers and market share. BSNL was never able to recover from the damage done at that point in time.

The third and major blow was delivered when BSNL was hoping to provide 4G services to remain in the race and had floated tenders for acquiring equipment in the year 2020. Rs.14115 crores were allotted in Budget 2021-22 for capital infusion in BSNL for 4G spectrum, which was dropped in the Revised Budget on the plea that BSNL had not developed and deployed technologies to set up the 4G network. In fact, BSNL had to scrap the notice for tender originally rolled out on March 23, 2020, following allegations of restrictive conditions by homegrown companies. BSNL, however, had raised concerns over the DoT's recommendation to use only local equipment for the 4G core network on the ground that the indigenous core technology and equipment are unproven and will increase the overall deployment cost. Unlike private operators using foreign network vendors such as Ericsson, Huawei to set up their networks, BSNL was forced to go for indigenous players as a part of the Make in India initiative.

Tata Consultancy Services Ltd (TCS) then started creating 4G network for BSNL from scratch. It acquired Tejas Networks, a global optical and broadband company that has been creating 4G

wireless technologies that can be upgraded to 5G. BSNL completed Proof of Concept trials for indigenous 4G technology with TCS in October 2022 and BSNL was expected to deploy the indigenous technology stack across 1,00,000 towers, in a phased manner, starting from January 2023. A consortium led by TCS received an order in May 2023 of more than 15000 crores rupees from BSNL to deploy a 4G network across the country.

Since then, several dates have been declared but the launch continues to be a distant dream. Meanwhile a BSNL Executives Association has raised concerns regarding *"Issues of Core, High Port-out of BSNL subscribers in Pilot BA/SSA/OAs where 4G is being rolled out & testing is in progress, IMS issue for certain regions and different integration issues in the 4G roll out all over India."* CMD BSNL is reported to have brushed them away as problems connected to implementation phase and has set June 2024 as target date for 4G roll out, once BSNL has 20,000 BTS running across telecom circles. He has further stated that *"Once the 4G launch is in place, the company will immediately upgrade its 5G network on the same indigenous technology stack."*

Accountant jargons like *"BSNL has earned Operational profit"* *"BSNL has turned EBIDTA positive"*, and proposing new expansions for BSNL, saying *"BSNL was called Bhai Sahab Nahi Lagega but we have replaced it with Behtar Seva ki Nai Lagan"*, *"BSNL will be soon called Bhai Sahab Naya Lagega"* make no sense without any tangible results. If and when BSNL launches its 4G services in June 2024, it will be already late by nine years. Will BSNL be able to attract back the huge number of customers who have left

during the last few years, is a million-dollar question.

BSNL is in a difficult situation. The upcoming 4G launch and the

subsequent transition to 5G represent pivotal moments, but reclaiming lost ground poses a significant challenge. ☹



Important Developments of the Month

🌈 Shri V P Arya, AGS and Shri Rakesh Sethi, AGS, met Member (S), DoT on 12.02.2024 evening as per a pre-fixed appointment, to know the status of pension revision and to follow up with three issues on which AIBSNLREA had written to Member (S), DoT earlier. The meeting was cordial and Member (S) as usual listened to our submissions earnestly, read through the documents produced by us fully and got some points clarified. DDG (Estt) was present during the meeting.

PENSION REVISION:

In view of various messages doing rounds in social media on the matter, we wanted to know what exactly is happening on the issue. Member (S) was not willing to elaborate, except stating that nothing has been finalised, different options are being explored and information will be shared as and when anything is finalised. We requested that DoT should expedite the process, taking care that no disparity is created between pre-1.1.2017 pensioners and post-1.1.2017 pensioners. We also requested him to take us into confidence, as we are the stakeholders, before finalisation of any proposal.

ISSUE OF VIGILANCE CLEARANCE BY DOT FOR THE PURPOSE OF PRESIDENTIAL ORDERS IN RESPECT OF SHRI H S SUTARIA, RETD JTO, SURAT

There was some lengthy discussion on the issue. Member (S) carefully went through the two cases of issue of vigilance clearance by DoT in respect of similarly placed persons. He was convinced with our explanation and directed DDG (Estt) to follow up our request and keep him informed.

HOLDING OF REVIEW DPCS IN RESPECT OF THOSE WHO WERE PROMOTED TO DE GRADE DURING DOT PERIOD AS PER REVISED SENIORITY LIST OF 'TES GROUP B':

Member (S) anticipated difficulties in tracing all the related files and records but agreed to discuss the issue with BSNL to find a solution.

PAYMENT OF PENSION CONTRIBUTION ON ACTUAL PAY INSTEAD OF MAXIMUM OF PAY SCALES IN RESPECT OF ABSORBED BSNL EMPLOYEES:

DDG (Estt) said that the issue was pursued at the highest level but finally it was decided to pay pension contribution on the basis of maximum of pay scales. Member (S) directed her to furnish a copy of the decision to us.

🌈 Shri V P Arya, AGS met DDG (Estt), DoT on 23.02.2024 as a follow-up to the meeting with Member (S) on 12.02.2024, where DDG (Estt) was also present.

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DDG (Estt) said the matter was put up to Member (S) and discussions were held yesterday. As per the direction of Member (S), it is being examined whether the retiral benefits of Shri Sutaria can be released in CDA scale, pending issue of Presidential Order.

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DDG (Estt) wanted us to provide a few names with details of date of promotion etc. of those who were promoted during DoT period, so that efforts can be made to locate the related documents. We have agreed to provide the same.

PAYMENT OF PENSION CONTRIBUTION ON ACTUAL PAY INSTEAD OF MAXIMUM OF PAY SCALES IN RESPECT OF ABSORBED BSNL EMPLOYEES:

When we wanted her to furnish a copy of the final decision already said to have been taken to pay pension contribution on maximum of the pay scales, she informed us that the matter is still under process and not closed as she had reported in the meeting with Member (S).

- ✚ A virtual meeting of AIBSNLREA CHQ office bearers was held on 01.02.2024 evening under the Presidentship of Shri V.Chinnappiah CHQ President, with all the office bearers participating. After welcoming the participants, President initiated review of decisions of earlier meeting. Organisational issues, including issues raised by State/Branch Secretaries were discussed. The meeting reviewed the progress made in forming WhatsApp groups and Communities and appreciated the efforts of all office bearers, particularly Shri Rajan Rajopadhye, OS (W), in completing the assigned task. Gujarat State branches have formed WhatsApp groups and added OS (W) in the groups. Formation of UP Community group is near completion. GS again mentioned that the network will now be used to educate the members on Pension Rules, CGHS facilities, DLC procedures in the form of snippets, Fact-check on false information and clarifications on matters circulating in social media, apart from the information published in the website. Reviewing conduct of regular meetings by Branches, the meeting congratulated Palakkad, Kolhapur, Mumbai, Pune, Varanasi and Thanjavur BA Branches for holding three meetings after Kolkata AIC. Branches which have not conducted even a single meeting will be persuaded to hold meeting in the near future and the office bearers have been assigned specific areas. Financial Secretary informed that Receipts for the amounts received after the AIC have been prepared. It was decided that soft copy of the receipts will be sent to the respective Branches. Branches which require physical receipts can inform CHQ Financial Secretary. The meeting ended with the President extending thanks for co-operation and co-ordination by all the CHQ office bearers.

Issues taken up



26.02.2024: AIBSNLREA WRITES TO THE DG CGHS REGARDING SIMPLIFICATION OF THE REFERRAL SYSTEM UNDER CGHS – AS RECOMMENDED BY THE PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE:

AIBSNLREA has written to DG CGHS, referring to our earlier letter dated 29.06.2022, the reply received from CGHS and the recent recommendation of the Department related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Health and Family Welfare that "the Ministry devise appropriate solutions to simplify the referral system so that a beneficiary is not required to visit the CGHS dispensary multiple times just to get the prescribed tests done following a referral in the first instance." AIBSNLREA has requested that the said recommendation of the Committee be implemented immediately as the entire referral system is already computerized with on-boarding of all the HCOs and this will not involve any additional effort or expenditure. [View the letter](#)

23.02.2024: AIBSNLREA WRITES TO THE DG CGHS AGAIN REGARDING MISERABLE SITUATION WHERE A BSNL PENSIONER OR HIS FAMILY MEMBER FALLS ILL AND REQUIRES INDOOR TREATMENT AFTER SURRENDERING HIS BSNLMRS CARD BUT BEFORE GETTING A CGHS CARD:

AIBSNLREA has again taken up the matter with DG CGHS, citing a reply from CGHS to our earlier letter dated 20.02.2024, stating that "the matter required a policy decision and that any change in the policy will be intimated accordingly" and the fact that neither we have received any intimation till date nor has a policy change been decided. AIBSNLREA has requested re-examination of the matter and issue of suitable guidelines. [View the letter](#)

19.02.2024: AIBSNLREA WRITES TO THE DIRECTOR (HR) BSNL REGARDING SANCTION FOR INTEREST ON LATE PAYMENT OF GRATUITY IN RESPECT OF SHRI S B MOHARE, RETD ACCOUNTS OFFICER (PPO NUMBER 562016081219964), KARNATAKA CIRCLE, BSNL:

AIBSNLREA has sought the attention of Director (HR) BSNL requesting him to bestow his personal attention to the issue and cause issue of sanction by CGMT Karnataka for payment of interest on delayed payment of gratuity to Shri S B Mohare, Retd Accounts Officer, Gulbarga Telecom District of BSNL Karnataka Circle. [View the letter](#)

16.02.2024: AIBSNLREA WRITES TO CGCA, DOT, REGARDING ENORMOUS DELAY IN ISSUE OF IDA-CDA MAPPING CERTIFICATE FOR THE PURPOSE OF DECIDING MONTHLY CONTRIBUTION FOR AVAILING CGHS FACILITY BY BSNL ABSORBED PENSIONERS AND REQUESTING FOR AUTOMATING THE PROCESS:

AIBSNLREA has drawn the attention of CGCA, DoT, to the undue delay in issue of IDA-CDA mapping certificate for the purpose of deciding monthly contribution for availing CGHS facility by BSNL absorbed pensioners, resulting in delay in switch-over to CGHS and has suggested automation of the process so that the pensioners can download the certificate from SAMPANN Portal. [View the letter](#)

07.02.2024: AIBSNLREA WRITES TO THE DIRECTOR (HR) BSNL REGARDING REVIEW OF PROMOTION FROM JTO (T) TO SDE (T) GRADE ON REGULAR BASIS W.E.F 01.02.2001 – CASE OF SHRI MUKUNDBHAI N. CHAVDA, RETD SDE (T), SURAT:

AIBSNLREA has sought the attention of Director (HR) BSNL to the case of Shri Mukundbhai N. Chavda, Retd SDE (T), Surat regarding review of promotion from JTO (T) to SDE (T) grade on regular basis w.e.f 01.02.2001 and has requested him for necessary directions to the Gujarat Circle and WTR Circle (now CNTX-West Circle), for early furnishing of VC request, so that Corporate Office can process the case of review of the regular promotion and subsequent review of time bound upgradation. [View the letter](#)



GOVERNMENT/BSNL ORDERS & LETTERS

02.02.2024: REVISION OF CGHS PACKAGE RATES FOR GENERAL SURGERY:

CGHS in its Office Memorandum vide F.No Z15025/8/2023/DIR/CGHS dated 1st February 2024, has conveyed the approval of Competent Authority for revision of CGHS package rates for General Surgery, with a list of procedures and their rates. [View the CGHS O.M](#)

01.02.2024: NO CHANGE IN INCOME TAX RATES IN THE UNION INTERIM BUDGET FOR 2024-25:

In her Interim Budget speech, Finance Minister has proposed to retain the same tax rates for the Direct Taxes.

01.02.2024: CGHS LAUNCHES A PILOT PROJECT FOR DELIVERY OF MEDICINES THROUGH SPEED POST:

CGHS in its Office Memorandum vide F.No 44/84 MCTC/CGHS/2023 dated 30.01.2024, has launched a Pilot Project w.e.f. 01.02.2024, for a period of three months (till 30 April 2024), in five Wellness Centres (Pitampura, Janakpuri 2, Rajouri Garden, Paschim Vihar and Nangal Raya) of CGHS North Zone, Delhi, whereby, CGHS beneficiaries of age 70 years and above shall be facilitated by home delivery (within Delhi NCR) of indented medicines through Speed Post (exception being injectable medicines, medicines requiring temperature- controlled storage and medicines in glass bottles, narcotics and psychotropic drugs), in collaboration with Department of Posts. The O.M. also provides the process flow for home delivery of indented medicines. [View the CGHS O.M](#)

**RESPONSE/ACTION TAKEN ON
AIBSNLREA'S REPRESENTATIONS**



29.02.2024: BSNL RESPONDS TO AIBSNLREA LETTER DATED 31.01.2024 ADDRESSED TO DIRECTOR (HR) BSNL REQUESTING PAYMENT OF INTEREST ON DELAYED PAYMENT OF GRATUITY IN RESPECT OF SHRI B.M.KOLKI, RETD SDE KOLHAPUR:

In response to AIBSNLREA letter dated 31.01.2024, GMT Kolhapur has forwarded a letter dated 11.09.2023 from CGMT Maharashtra Circle, stating that "the case was intricate with criminal charges and court orders as opposed to regular superannuation case. Therefore, in view of the above, the request for interest payment on gratuity by the applicant is denied." [View the BSNL response](#)

28.02.2024: CGHS RESPONDS TO AIBSNLREA LETTER DATED 29.11.2023 SEEKING EXTENSION OF CGHS TO UDAIPUR, RAJASTHAN STATE:

In response to AIBSNLREA letter dated 29.11.2023, requesting to extending CGHS to Udaipur, Rajasthan, CGHS has stated that "Opening of a new wellness centre involves creation of new posts of staff like medical officers, nursing officers, pharmacists, etc. and has financial implications. For which approval of Department of Expenditure, Ministry of Finance is required. Central Government pensioners residing in non-CGHS areas have the option to avail CGHS facilities from nearby CGHS covered cities. Also, the Central Government serving employees residing in areas not covered by CGHS are covered under another Health Scheme viz. Central Services Medical Attendance (CSMA) Rules." [View the CGHS response](#)

05.02.2024: BSNL RESPONDS TO AIBSNLREA LETTER DATED 13TH DECEMBER 2023 REGARDING DISCONTINUATION OF RENT-FREE RESIDENTIAL TELEPHONE CONNECTIONS PROVIDED TO BSNL RETIRED EMPLOYEES CONSEQUENT TO CLOSURE OF TELEPHONE EXCHANGES/DISCARDING COPPER WIRE AND REQUESTING TO PROVIDE OPTIONS TO THE BSNL PENSIONERS:

In response to AIBSNLREA letter dated 13th December 2023 regarding discontinuation of rent-free residential telephone connections provided to BSNL retired employees consequent to closure of telephone exchanges/discarding copper wire and requesting to provide options to the BSNL pensioners, BSNL has replied that "This involves policy decision to be addressed by BSNL Management. Already representation addressed to Director (HR) re-forwarded. Once decision is taken, same shall be conveyed." [View the BSNL reply](#)



BRANCHES IN ACTION

29.02.2024: AIBSNLREA BHOPAL BRANCH (MADHYA PRADESH STATE) HOLDS ITS GENERAL BODY MEETING:

AIBSNLREA Bhopal Branch, under the Chairmanship of Shri O P Sharma, celebrated Deepawali and New Year program on 18th February 2024 in Rajhans Restaurant MPNangar BHOPAL. Shri T R Jain, Financial Secretary, submitted the budget of 2023 which was passed by all the members present. Dr. H S Saxena, Secretary apprised the members regarding information, news being received from CHQ. 50 members along with their families attended the celebration. Members shared their views regarding medical facilities, telephone directory etc. Some members submitted applications in prescribed form for printing of Telephone number directory being published by Branch. Members who had their Birthday falling in January and February were felicitated by Senior Members. Cultural events were staged. New member Shri U K Gosh joined the

association and was welcomed by all members with flowers. The book on Swadeshi Chikitsa Sar, published by Kalyan Chikitsa Prakashan was gifted to all members. Shri Balpande, Asstt Secretary, gave vote of thanks. Meeting ended with condolences to the sad demise of son of Shri MP Tiwari, Organising Secretary. [View the Photo](#)

29.02.2024: AIBSNLREA JABALPUR BRANCH (MADHYA PRADESH STATE) HOLDS ITS GENERAL BODY MEETING:

General body meeting of AIBSNLREA Jabalpur Branch was held on 28th February 2024 in Indian coffee house, Ghantaghar jabalpur. 28 members attended the meeting. Members shared their views regarding medical facility etc. Some members submitted application in prescribed form for issue of pensioner ID card by CCA Bhopal. Members who had their Birthday falling in February were felicitated. cultural even was staged. President Shri CD khadse gave vote of thanks. Meeting ended with condolence to sad demise of Shri K N Beharani retired DE. [View the Photo](#)

25.02.2024: AIBSNLREA KANPUR BRANCH (UP STATE) HOLDS ITS QUARTERLY GENERAL BODY MEETING:

First Quarter GB meeting of AIBSNLREA Kanpur Branch was held on 22/02/2024 at 3rd floor Main bldg, the Mall Kanpur. Members felt happiness and greeted each other with love and affection. The burning point of discussion was Pension Revision from January 2017. Shri Lal Singh Ex Sr AO and shri J L Maurya tried their best to put a clear picture of present status with a positive remark. Several other points of personal grievances were also taken and resolved. CHQ/SHQ office bearers are expected to do the needful on the matter discussed above. Shri V S Awasthi Ex DE BSNL joined the Association in meeting. At last motivational talks on life force, healthy life, Meditation Delta, theeta state of mind were delivered by Shri S.Saini, Branch Secretary in an interesting way.

24.02.2024: AIBSNLREA PRAYAGRAJ BRANCH (UP STATE) GENERAL BODY MEETING HELD:

The General Body meeting of AIBSNLREA Prayagraj Branch was held on 12/02/2024 at 1430 hrs in CTO COMPOUND PRAYAGRAJ. Shri R.S.GUPTA President presided over the meeting. 25 members attended the meeting. The President welcomed the gathering and then the meeting started as per the agenda given. The issue of medical reimbursement without voucher was discussed. The Branch Secretary Shri S.M.Tiwari intimated regarding payment of Com. Brajendra Singh and informed that the pay liability is executed in SAP as intimated by AO Prayagraj. He informed the house that the case will be taken for payment with Admn. and Account section. He then intimated the status of Identity Cards and migration to Sampann. As per the information given by Accounts officer CCA office UP East, the migration work is in the final stage and further he added that the left out returned ID Cards will be sent again. He also briefed about the activities of CHQ and intimated that the latest developments of CHQ are posted on WhatsApp platform on regular basis of Prayagraj Brach. The latest updates also given to house related to Pension and 78.2% also. The meeting ended with vote of thanks by respected Shri R.S.Gupta.

22.02.2024: AIBSNLREA KURUKSHETRA BRANCH (HARYANA STATE) HOLDS ITS GENERAL BODY MEETING:

A General Body Meeting of AIBSNLREA Kurukshetra branch was held on 17th February 2024 at 11 AM in Haryana Tourism Yatri Niwas Kurukshetra. 25 members were present. Shri S K Verma Branch President presided over the meeting. At the outset the Branch Secretary Shri Rajvir Singh Chaudhary welcomed the members and informed about the sudden demise of one of our life members Shri Zile Ram ji. He also informed that our another member Shri Balbir Singh has lost his father a few days back. The house condoled these untimely deaths by observing two minutes silence and expressed sympathy with the bereaved families. The house also prayed for speedy recovery of our another member Shri M L Arya who is undergoing treatment in a Delhi hospital for some serious heart ailment. Shri D S Sandhu senior member of the Branch briefed the house of various activities of the Association viz Pension revision in the context of 3rd PRC and PB CAT judgement. The stand of AIBSNLREA was explained in detail and was appreciated. The outcome of the meeting with Member (S) by two AGSs regarding pension revision and other issues were discussed. The members desired that such efforts at CHQ level should be continued at ministerial level also. The pilot project of CGHS for delivering the indented medicines to 75 years old beneficiaries by speed post in select areas of Delhi was welcomed and it was requested that the proposal be implemented pan India to non CGHS areas on a permanent basis. Shri Yogesh Sharma gave useful tips to the members for maintaining good health and fitness. He particularly emphasized for taking positive attitude, nutritious diet and regular exercise among other things Shri Yogesh Sharma, Shri Narender Singh and Shri J N Verma also entertained the audience with sweet songs. The meeting ended with vote of thanks followed by sumptuous lunch.

17.02.2024: GENERAL BODY MEETING OF AIBSNLREA PALAKKAD BRANCH (KERALA STATE) HELD:

A General Body meeting of Palakkad Branch was held on Wednesday the 14.2.2024 at Top In Town Auditorium, Palakkad at 11 AM. 37 members, including lady members attended the meeting from long distances. As the President Shri Ramanathan, Retd DGM(F) was not able to attend the meeting due to personal engagement, Vice President Shri K.Radhakrishnan, Retd DGM presided over the meeting. After silent prayer, the Secretary Shri P. Prabhakaran welcomed the members. During the Presidential Address, the President touched on all the problems being faced by the pensioners in their old age. During the discussion on organisational matters, the Secretary spoke elaborately on pension revision and the stand of different associations and the stand of our CHQ there on. There were discussions on CGHS, and the delay in the payment towards BSNL MRS. The meeting was concluded at 1 PM after the vote of thanks by Shri T.P.Krishnanunni, Asst Secretary. Lunch was served after the meeting.

15.02.2024: AIBSNLREA VALSAD BRANCH (GUJARAT STATE) HOLDS ITS GENERAL BODY MEETING:

The General body Meeting of Valsad branch of AIBSNLREA was held at PWD circuit house on 8/2/24 at Valsad. The meeting was conducted in a very cordial atmosphere, presided by Shri V.K.Kapoor President. Shri Raju Christian did the compering in a very meticulous manner. Meeting started by observing one minute silence to pay homage to the departed members. Secretary Shri V.J. Suthar gave details about the activities of

the association and requested those who did not get FMA and requested them to fill up the vendor form at the GM office. So far the CGSH facility for the Valsad pensioners is not available for want of wellness center. Shri A.M.Patel Jt. Secretary also mentioned that he is always available for any type of difficulty faced by association members in respect of FMA and family pension related problem. He also explained for checking correctness of records like Aadhar card, pan card so that in an unfortunate event, family pension can be pursued without difficulty. He also requested members to educate his wife and family members about the location of all such documents. Some members expressed their views and experience about spirituality practice observed by them. Vote of thanks was given by Shri Chauhan in beautiful manner and the meeting ended with delicious lunch. [View the Photos](#)

13.02.2024: AIBSNLREA SANGRUR BRANCH (PUNJAB STATE) HOLDS ITS GENERAL BODY MEETING:

A general body meeting of Sangrur Branch was held on 10.02.2024 at KHAO PIO dining restaurant near Head Post Office, opposite Arya Samaj. 22 members including one new member attended the meeting under the chairpersonship of Shri Vinod Kumar Mittal Retd DET. Shri R S Sandhu (Joint Secretary CHQ) and Shri Balbir Singh, Branch Secretary Patiala were on the dais. Five life members from Bhatinda also graced this meeting with their presence on a single telephone call. Members gave a warm welcome to Shri R S Sandhu (Jt. Secy CHQ) with presenting flowers by Shri Parshotam Dass senior most member. Later he briefed the working of CHQ and latest status of our current main issues like Pension revision in BSNL, Enhancement of Pension at the age of 65,70,75 years as recommended by the joint parliamentary committee for the purpose for which no fruitful decision has been taken by the Central Government/DOT in spite of best efforts by All Union's/Pensioner's Association. [View Punjab Page of State News section for full report]



STATEMENT OF AMOUNT RECEIVED DURING FEBRUARY 2024

- 01. Shri Shyam Bahadur (Branch not specified)** deposited Rupees Three Hundred (Rs. 300/-) only on 01.02.2024.
- 02. Nagpur Branch (Maharashtra State)** deposited Rupees Two Thousand Seven hundred (Rs. 2700/-) only on 08.02.2024 towards CHQ Quota for 9 new Life Members
- 03. Coimbatore Branch (Tamilnadu State)** deposited Rupees Nine Hundred (Rs. 900/-) only on 13.02.2024 towards CHQ Quota for 3 new Life Members.
- 04. Chennai Branch (Tamilnadu State)** deposited Rupees Three Thousand Five Hundred (Rs. 3500/-) only on 14.02.2024 towards donation to CHQ.
- 05. West Bengal State** deposited Rupees Five Thousand Six Hundred (Rs. 5600/-) only on 16.02.2024 towards CHQ Quota for 14 new Life Members [Rs.1400 paid in excess].

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