



## *Editorial*

### **PROCEDURE FOR ISSUE OF REVISED PENSION PAYMENT ORDERS – NEED FOR IMMEDIATE STREAMLINING**

The extent of mess that has been allowed to be created in issue of revised Pension Payment Orders of the BSNL pensioners/Family pensioners, following the decision to allow the fitment benefit by merger of 50% DA/DR effectively amounting to 78.2% DA/DR for fixation of pay/pension, certainly calls for certain changes in the present system to process the cases for issue of revised PPOs. In the present case, instructions were first issued to complete the entire exercise by 31.12.2016. Subsequently, the date was further advanced since the progress in issue of revised PPOs was found far from satisfactory. But even now, complaints are pouring in that many Pensioners/Family Pensioners are yet to receive their revised PPOs. The cases are now mostly pending at the CCA Offices. Many pensioners/family pensioners, who receive their pension from Post Offices, are also suffering due to delay in the offices of Director (Postal Services) in sending the revised PPOs received from the CCA Offices to their selected main Post Offices. In addition, certain cases are getting delayed on the stated ground of non-availability of their records. Further, CCA Offices are now expressing helplessness citing acute shortage of staff and non-availability of infrastructure.

AIBSNLREA is taking up these issues with the authorities as and when reported. But there needs to be some real streamlining of the present arrangement. Pension revision is not a one-time job. No doubt this time, the revision work was a little complex in regard to those who retired between 1.1.2007 and 10.06.2013 since in most of their cases pay was also required to be re-fixed - specially with the order for re-fixation of pay/pension of post 2007-retirees in executive cadres allowing "One notional increment equal to the increment being drawn by the executive in the pay scale, before such promotion\_would be granted and pay fixed in the promoted pay scale and rounded off to the next multiple of Rs.10." But this does not justify the failure on the part of DOT/BSNL to allow creation of such a mess that the hapless BSNL pensioners/family pensioners have been forced to suffer. If CCAs have got some genuine problems regarding staffing, DOT has to get it settled. They look to BSNL for additional staff, but it is said that DOT does not release the payment for such staff. The CCAs have also failed to present their problems with the DOT. More importantly, it is the duty of the administration to maintain the personal records of the pensioners/family pensioners. The

pensioners/family pensioners should not suffer for the failure of the administration to do its duties. Further, Postal Department needs to be told to be more efficient in discharging their duties in respect of the pensioners/family pensioners whose pension/family pension are paid from Post Offices. More importantly, it is necessary to streamline the entire process for revision of

pension so that duplicity of work at BSNL and CCA Offices are avoided.

In view another pension revision in sight, sooner the DOT takes note of the present state of affairs and orders corrective actions, the better it would be for the BSNL pensioners/family pensioners in future.

## ISSUES TAKEN UP

**ABNORMAL DELAY IN THE OFFICES OF DIRECTOR (POSTAL SERVICES) ALL OVER INDIA IN FORWARDING THE REVISED PPOs TO THE CONCERNED POST OFFICES - AIBSNLREA TAKES UP THE ISSUE WITH SECRETARY (TELECOM) AND OTHERS:** AIBSNLREA has addressed a letter to Secretary (T) with copy endorsed to others concerned regarding the abnormal delay in all the offices of Director (Postal Services) in disposing off the Revised PPOs of the absorbed BSNL pensioners who retired prior to 10.06.2013 – thus further delaying payment. The Association has requested to take up the matter up with Department of Posts” so that all the Offices of the Directors (Postal Services) take immediate action to expeditiously forward the revised PPOs received at their end to the concerned Post Offices”. [View posting dated 28.05.2017 in this website to read the letter](#)

**AIBSNLREA AGAIN WRITES TO DIRECTOR (HR), BSNL REGARDING REFUSAL BY THE CGHS OFFICES IN KOLKATA AND CHENNAI TO EXTEND THE BENEFIT OF CGHS FACILITIES TO THE RETIRED BSNL EMPLOYEES AS ORDERED BY DOT:** In continuation to its earlier representation dated 18.03.2017 on the above issue seeking intervention of DOT/BSNL in the matter, AIBSNLREA has written to Director (HR), BSNL “ ..... In view of the above, the issue has to be taken up with Ministry of Health & Family Welfare for issue of suitable instructions to its all concerned Offices and thus resolve the matter so that the retired BSNL employees are not denied the benefit. We shall be extremely thankful if the issue is taken up with DOT and Ministry of Health & Family Welfare immediately”. [View posting dated 26.05.2017 in this website to read the letter](#)

**AIBSNLREA AGAIN TAKES UP THE CASE OF WITHDRAWAL OF 2<sup>nd</sup> ACP FROM 16 SDEs (CIVIL) OF WEST BENGAL CIVIL ZONE AND NON-GRANT OF THE BENEFIT TO THE SIMILARLY PLACED SDEs (CIVIL) – REQUESTS BSNL TO CALL FOR ALL RECORDS FROM WEST BENGAL CIVIL ZONE TO EXAMINE THE MATTER AT ITS END:** In response to the earlier representation of AIBSNLREA (view posting dated 30.01.2017 to read the letter), BSNL Corporate Office (Personnel Branch) had called for reports from the West Bengal Civil Zone on the above matter. The Association has now pleaded that “We would therefore request you to kindly call for the records related to the present case from the West Bengal Civil Zone and examine the case with reference to the Orders/Rules on the subject s quoted above and render justice to the affected retired SDEs (Civil) of West Bengal Civil Zone by restoring/allowing the 2<sup>nd</sup> ACP to them”. [View posting dated 23.05.2017 in this website to read the letter](#)

**AIBSNLREA AGAIN RAISES THE ISSUE OF ABNORMAL DELAY IN ISSUING REVISED PPOs TO THE PENSIONERS/FAMILY PENSIONERS, WHO RETIRED PRIOR TO 10.06.2013, ALLOWING FITMENT BENEFIT BY MERGER OF 78.2% DA/DR TO THEIR BASIC PAY/PENSION – REFERS TO TOTAL MESS CREATED IN THE OFFICES OF PRINCIPAL CCA, MAHARASHTRA:** In continuation to its earlier representation to Member (Finance), Telecom Commission (view posting dated 14.05.2017), AIBSNLREA has again taken up the matter regarding issue of revised PPOs to the BSNL pensioners/family pensioners, who retired before 10.6.2013, allowing fitment benefit by merger of 78.2% DA/DR with basic pay/pension with Secretary (Telecom) and others. The Association has pointed out to the inaction of the Principal CCA, Maharashtra to issue the revised PPOs at his end. The Association has further pleaded that “Under the above grave situation, we earnestly request you to kindly intervene in the matter and direct the Principal Controller of Communication Accounts, Maharashtra to take all possible measures to issue the revised PPOs of the eligible pensioners/family pensioners immediately. If need be, additional staff from BSNL may immediately be deputed for a short period to the CCA Offices and the Pr. CCA, Maharashtra must get his website operational to upload the status of cases for revision of pension without any further delay”. [View posting dated 22.05.2017 in this website to read the letter](#)

**AIBSNLREA WRITES TO MEMBER (FINANCE) REGARDING CONTINUED DELAY IN ISSUE OF REVISED PPOs TO THE BSNL PENSIONERS/FAMILY PENSIONERS, WHO RETIRED BEFORE 10.06.2013, ALLOWING FITMENT BENEFIT BY MERGER OF 78.2% DA/DR WITH BASIC PAY/PENSION:** AIBSNLREA has sought for the intervention of Member (Finance) once again in the matter of settlement of revision of pension cases of the BSNL pensioners/family pensioners, who retired before 10.06.2013, allowing fitment benefit by merger of 78.2% DA/DR with basic pay/pension. The Association has pleaded that ... “We shall, therefore, request you to kindly once again intervene in the matter and advice all CCAs to issue all the pending revised PPOs and also upload the details of the settled cases in their websites”. [View posting dated 14.05.2017 in this website to read the letter](#)

**NON-SETTLEMENT OF PENSION AND OTHER PENSIONARY BENEFITS EVEN AFTER SEVEN MONTHS OF RETIREMENT - CASE OF SHRI SOM PRAKASH SHARMA, RETD SUB DIVISIONAL ENGINEER, GMTD, SAHARANPUR (BSNL) BY CCA(UP-WEST), MEERUT– AIBSNLREA TAKES UP THE ISSUE WITH SECRETARY, DEPTT OF ADMINISTRATIVE REFORMS AND PUBLIC GRIEVANCES:** AIBSNLREA has sought the intervention of Secretary, Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances in the above matter wherein Shri Som Prakash Sharma, who retired as SDE on 30.09.2016 from GMTD, Saharanpur and also a life member of AIBSNLREA was not issued his PPO resulting in non-payment of his pension and other pensionary benefits. The Association has requested him “to kindly intervene in the matter so that Department of Telecommunication directs its Controller of Communication Accounts, UP(West) at Meerut to issue the PPO and release other pensionary benefits along with due interest to Shri Som Prakash Sharma, Retd SDE, GMTD, BSNL, Saharanpur at the earliest”. [View posting dated 07.05.2017 in this website to read the letter](#)

## GOVERNMENT/BSNL ORDER

**REVISION OF PENSION OF PRE-2006 PENSIONERS - DELINKING OF REVISED PENSION FROM QUALIFYING SERVICE OF 33 YEARS – DOP&PW ORDER DATED 6.4.2016 CLARIFIED:** Shri S.Ratnasubramanian, AGS, CHQ, in his analysis published in this site on 8.4.2017 had mentioned that “according to the DoP&PW OM dated 6.4.2016, the pension will get stepped up only in respect of those whose pre revised pension was less than 50 % of the minimum pay of the pre revised scale due to grant of pro rata pension. Even in their case, their pension gets revised and is just stepped up to minimum pension i.e. being 50 % of the minimum pay of the revised pay scale. This does not in reality delink the requirement of 33 years of service for pre -2006 pensioners as mentioned in the subject of the DoP&PW OM dated 06/04/2016.”

In order to remove doubts still being raised on the applicability of the DoP&PW OM dated 6.4.2016, a letter from Central Pension Accounting Office (CPAO) which authorises Central (Civil) Pensions, is published here. This letter points out that “it has also been clarified in para 3 of the OM dated 06.04.2016 that in case the consolidated pension/family pension calculated as per para 4.1 of OM No. 38/37/DoP&PW (A) dated 01.09.2008 is higher than the pension/family pension calculated in the manner indicated in the OM dated 28.01.2013, the same (higher consolidated pension/family pension) will continue to be treated as basic pension/family pension” and states that “In view of the above it is clear enough that only those pension cases are to be revised in which pension calculated as per order dated 06.04.2016 works out to be more than that of para 4.1 of DP&PW OM dated 01.09.2008.”

**DELAY IN PENSION REVISION ALLOWING BENEFIT OF MERGER OF 50% DA/DR WITH BASIC PAY/PENSION TO 78.2% DA/DR FOR BSNL PENSIONERS/FAMILY PENSIONERS, WHO RETIRED PRIOR TO 10.06.2013:** In the background of numerous complaints for non-settlement of their pension revision with fitment benefit by merger of 78.2% DA/DR with basic pay/pension from those who retired prior to 10.6.2013 and the revised target dates fixed by Member(Finance), BSNL Corporate Office has asked all its Nodal Officers in Circles to furnish a report on the number of complete cases of pension paper and Service Book submitted. [View posting dated 20.05.2017 in this website to get the BSNL order](#)

**BSNL CORPORATE OFFICE ADVISES CIRCLE HEADS TO EXPLORE THE POSSIBILITY OF EMPANELMENT OF MORE RENOWNED PRIVATE HOSPITALS AT CGHS RATES:** BSNL Corporate Office, vide its No. BSNL/Admn.l/15-3/2017(ii) dated 15.05.2017, has advised all Circle Heads to ensure empanelment of sufficient number of renowned private hospitals, in addition to CGHS approved hospitals, who can extend the services in CGHS rates on cash payment. [View posting dated 19.05.2017 in this website to get the BSNL order](#)

**REVISION OF PENSION/FAMILY PENSION OF PRE-2016 PENSIONERS/FAMILY PENSIONERS - DOP&PW ISSUES ORDERS IMPLEMENTING CABINET DECISION ON 7TH CPC RECOMMENDATION REGARDING SECOND OPTION FOR REVISION OF PENSION:** DOP&PW has

finally issued the detailed Orders allowing second option for fixation of pension and family pension of pre-2016 pensioners/family pensioners drawing pension from Central Civil Estimate effective from 1.1.2016. In this respect please also refer to posting dated 04.05.2017 in this website. [View posting dated 15.05.2017 in this website to get the DoP&PW order](#)

## BRANCH ACTIVITIES

**ANNUAL GB MEETING OF GUJARAT STATE BRANCH HELD:** AIBSNLREA, Gujarat State Branch held its Annual General Body Meeting cum Get together Meeting in Ahmedabad Medical Association Hall, Ahmedabad on 25.5.2017 at 2.30 PM. About 275 members attended the meeting. 29 new members were also enrolled. Total strength of State Branch reached 1055 members. S/Shri R.S.Agrawal State vice President presided over the function. He welcomed the members and appraised the members with current problem of 78.2 IDA merger pension revisions. The meeting started with lighting of the lamp. It was followed with observance of two minutes silence in memory of the departed members. Senior members who completed 70 years of age as on 31.03.2017 were honoured with Shawl and Bouquet. A. B. Patel State Secretary addressed the gathering with details of work done by state branch during the last year. He appraised the members regarding medical bills, free night calling facility, medical reimbursement option without vouchers. He told that he along with other office bearers attended various meetings conducted by District Branches. Shri D M Patel, State Vice President also addressed the gathering and gave details about 2nd option of 7<sup>th</sup> CPC as well as the necessity to conduct type get-together meetings 3 to 4 times a year instead of twice a year. Shri B.M.Bhavsar, Org. Secretary(W),CHQ also addressed the members and discussed the current problems including effect of 3<sup>rd</sup> PRC. He put some resolutions before the house, which were passed unanimously. Shri M T Patel, State Financial Secretary placed the accounts for the financial year 2016-17 which was passed by the house unanimously. Existing executive body was dissolved by the president of function Shri S.R.Agrawal. New executive body was elected with minor alterations in existing executive body unanimously. Main office bearers were re-elected were: Shri P.B.Parmar as State President, Shri A B Patel as State Secretary and Shri M T Patel as State Financial Secretary. CWC members were also elected as per norms. Shri R.M.Nayi presented the vote of thanks. The whole meeting was well conducted Shri R H Barot. The meeting was followed by dinner.

**OFFICE BEARERS OF AIBSNLREA COIMBATORE BRANCH MEET PRINCIPAL GENERAL MANAGER, BSNL, COIMBATORE:** S/Shri R.Damodaran, Secretary and K.Sivakumaran, Asst. Secretary of AIBSNLREA Coimbatore Branch met PGM, BSNL, Coimbatore on 24.05.2017 and requested early settlement of 3% fixation benefit on promotion cases in respect of the 58 executives who retired after 10-06-2013, drawal of arrears of enhanced DCRG to the executives who retired after 1-1-2016, implementation of BSNL orders protecting pay fixed during local officiating prior to notification of Executive Promotion Policy and settlement of pension cases of voluntarily retired executives pending for months. The meeting lasted for nearly half an hour and after discussions, the PGM assured to settle enhanced DCRG cases first and then the 3% fitment cases. He also assured that the representations received regarding pay protection for officiating period will be dealt with by the Establishment section. PGM said he will post one more clerk immediately so that all the pension cases of voluntarily retired people are settled without further delay. PGM

then requested the assistance of the retired executives in clearing the pending Optical Fibre cable faults and putting through FTTH connections. The office bearers informed PGM that they will discuss with interested members and arrange to take up atleast one route to clear the pending faults. They thanked the PGM and AGM (Admin) who was present, for their positive response.

**AGS(HQ) AND JOINT SECRETARY (NORTH) VISITS PR. CCA OFFICE, DELHI:** S/Shri V P Arya, AGS and R K Sinha, Joint Secretary (North) visited the Pr. CCA Office in Delhi on 24.05.2017 and met the concerned Officers to pursue some specific long pending pension revision cases. They received positive response from the Officers and also collected the status of the cases.

**NADIAD BRANCH OF AIBSNLREA HELD A GB MEETING:** Nadiad branch of AIBSNLREA held its bi-monthly meeting on 18.05.2017 at Lions Club Hall at Anand. S/Shri P. B. Parmar State President and A. B. Patel State Secretary attended the meeting who later addressed the gathering. The meeting was started with observance of one minute silence in memory of the departed members. There was discussions mainly on the issues like night calling, facility, medical reimbursement option etc. A presentation was also made on New Diet Method. Shri B.M.Patel presented vote of thanks. The meeting was followed by dinner.

**GB MEETING OF UDAIPUR BRANCH OF AIBSNLREA HELD:** A General Body meeting of AIBSNLREA, Udaipur Branch (Rajasthan State) was held on 13.5.2017 in Town Hall, Udaipur. 26 members attended the meeting. Discussions were mainly held regarding payment of revised pension arrears. Most of the members received their arrears, but a few members did not receive even their revised PPOs. These members were requested to contact CCA Jaipur. Branch President Shri G.M Avasthi submitted his resignation from the post of President on Medical grounds. His resignation was accepted and Shri M.P Vyas DGM (Rtd.) was elected unanimously as president of AIBSNLREA Udaipur Branch. Shri Sharma X En Civil, who retired recently, joined as Life Member of the Association and was welcomed by the Secretary on behalf of the Branch.

**RAIPUR BRANCH OF AIBSNLREA HOLD GB MEETING:** General Body Meeting of AIBSNLREA, RAIPUR BRANCH (Chattisgarh State) was held on 11th May 2017, under the chairmanship of Shri P.Z. Choradia, Retd AGM and the Branch President. Shri G P Pande, Branch Secretary informed the house regarding the sad demise of S/Shri R S.Baiwade Retd SDE and S.M. Chaturvedi Retd AGM in the month of April 2017. All the members observed two minutes silence to pay homage to the departed souls. Then Branch Secretary informed the members about the restoration of BSNLMRS facility without voucher to Retired BSNL employees and to submit the option to the concerned units early. Regarding receipt of revised PPO'S and pension arrears, some remembers retired from WTR Circle complaint that they have not received their PPO's/arrears. Branch Secretary who collected information from Maharashtra Circle stated that these may be delayed for some time more since the CCA Office has been found wanting. Other issues of importance were also discussed and the meeting was concluded with the presentation of vote of thanks.

**QUARTERLY GB MEETING OF AIBSNLREA, KOLHAPUR BRANCH:** Quarterly meeting of AIBSNLREA, Kolhapur Branch was conducted with Shri L M Godi, President, on the Chair. After Prayer, the President informed the house about the sad demise of Shri P C Dube, Maharashtra

State President on 21.02.2017 and observed that the Association has lost a very good leader who worked selflessly for the organization. The members, thereafter, observed two minute silence to pay homage to the departed soul. Shri D K Joshi, the Branch Secretary then informed the members about the developments after the last meeting held in January 2017. He reported in detail the developments of the issue of revision of Pension after merger with 78.2% of IDA and status of the pensioners in Maharashtra circle. Only 50% of the total 13393 cases i.e about 6800 cases are settled and still 6500 another are to be settled. He informed the action taken by the CHQ as well as at the local level. He stated that the issue will be taken up with CGMT, Mubmai since CCA office is telling that the staff strength is less to cope up with the work. He gave the status of other issues like recent MRS payment of Medical allowance without Voucher, Issue of new Pensioners ID cards with Adhaar No, 3<sup>rd</sup> PRC report, VII CPC's change in fitment formula and BSNL's latest Developments etc. He also replied to the queries raised by the members. Shri PS Kulkarni then gave the details of the trip that was conducted in March to Bijapur, Badami etc, and informed that next trip details will be worked out and informed in the month of July. He then introduced Shri Kapil Hiremath, Manger, Capital Investment and Shri Parameshwar, Regional Manager Sundarm Mutual Fund, Kolhapur who sponsored the meeting. Both of them gave very informative presentation on Investments Opportunities in Sundarm Funds and others also. They gave details of various schemes suitable to Sr. Citizens and Tax gain schemes comparing the existing Post office and other Banks' schemes. They replied to all queries raised by the Members Shri PS Kulkarni then presented of Vote of thanks to the Guests and others. The President thanked all members for making the meeting very lively and purposeful. The meeting ended with Lunch at 13.30Hrs.

## STATEMENT OF AMOUNT RECEIVED DURING MAY 2017

**Sangrur Branch (Punjab State)** has deposited Rupees two hundred (Rs. 200.00) only as quota for one new life member in the S/B Account of AIBSNLREA with Syndicate Bank on 09.05.2017.

**Madurai Branch (Tamilnadu State)** has deposited Rupees two hundred (Rs. 200.00) only as quota for one new life member in the S/B Account of AIBSNLREA with Syndicate Bank on 08.05.2017.

**Ballia Branch (UP State)** has deposited Rupees one thousand (Rs. 1000.00) only as quota for 5 new life member in the S/B Account of AIBSNLREA with Syndicate Bank on 04.05.2017.

**Tiruchirapalli Branch (Tamilnadu State)** has deposited Rupees two hundred (Rs. 200.00) only as quota for 1 new life members in the S/B Account of AIBSNLREA with Karur Vysya Bank on 02.05.2017.

**Lucknow Branch (UP State)** has deposited Rupees one thousand four hundred (Rs. 1400.00) only as quota for 7 new life members in the S/B Account of AIBSNLREA with Syndicate Bank on 02.05.2017.

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