



Editorial

THIRD PRC AND BSNL

Ever since the 3rd PRC recommendations were out, all stakeholders – specially the Executives of the CPSEs have been anxiously waiting to know the decision of the Government on those recommendations. The executives are mainly expecting implementation of the recommended revised IDA pay scales with the highest fitment benefit of 15%. The retired executives of few of these CPSEs, who are drawing pension from Government on their combined services in the Government and the PSU, are also patiently waiting for their turn to get their revised pension. Once the recommendations are accepted with or without modifications by the Government and the respective CPSEs get the pay scales implemented with the approval of their Administrative Ministries, the revision of pension has to follow.

Though the Department of Public Enterprises is yet to issue Orders implementing the recommendations, it appears that the ball is already set on motion. The Committee of Secretaries has already met to consider the recommendations and give their clearance. It is told that the Committee of Secretaries has already given their concurrence to the recommendations on revised pay scales and fitment formula. All that is now required is to get a Cabinet Note prepared and get approval of the same to issue the

much awaited Orders. May be, before doing so, DPE may examine the various communications received from the CPSEs/Ministries concerned.

It is reported that BSNL is keen to get the recommendations implemented for its executives and in the process CMD has addressed letters to Secretary (T). The Directors of BSNL Board have also met Minister of State for (C) whose response was said to be positive. There has been effort even by BSNL Management to ensure that the fitment benefit of 15% is allowed to its Executives. Fact remains that BSNL is showing signs of a turnaround. Its revenue has been continuously improving. Moreover, there is a precedence that MTNL, despite being a loss making CPSE, was granted same 30% fitment benefit as given to BSNL Executives at the time of implementation of second PRC recommendations. Therefore, BSNL and DOT can allow 15% fitment benefit while implementing the revised IDA pay scales to the BSNL executives without any hitch. It would also be interesting to note how DOT now deals with the pay revision of MTNL executives who are still enjoying one stage higher pay scales than the BSNL Executives. While allowing them pension by the Government, decision was taken that at the time of implementation of 3rd PRC recommendations, the disparity in pay

scales of BSNL and MTNL of Executives will be removed. This can only be done by raising the pay scales of BSNL Executives. But over and above the pay scale

implementation, it is more important to ensure 15% fitment benefit which BSNL and DOT can and must allow.

GUJARAT STATE BRANCH OF AIBSNLREA REACHES 1000 MEMBERS MARK

Gujarat State Branch of AIBSNLREA has reached the 1000 Life Members mark. Gujarat is the first Branch to reach this mark. Congratulations!

INCREASE IN IDA W.E.F. 1.7.2017

After recording reduction for last two consecutive occasions, the IDA has recorded an increase w.e.f. 1.7.2017. According to calculations based on All India Consumer Price Index for Industrial Workers, IDA has increased w.e.f. 1.7.2017 by 1.9% for CPSEs where last pay revision was implemented w.e.f. 1.1.2007 and by 3% where last pay revision was implemented w.e.f. 1.1.1997.

RESPONSE TO AIBSNLREA'S REPRESENTATIONS

DOT FORWARDS ANOTHER REPRESENTATION OF AIBSNLREA ON DELAY IN ISSUE OF REVISED PPOs TO THE DY.CCA, MAHARASHTRA TELECOM CIRCLE, MUMBAI FOR APPROPRIATE REMEDIAL ACTION: Department of Telecommunications has forwarded another representation of AIBSNLREA regarding abnormal delay in 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 to the Dy CCA, Controller of Communication Accounts, Maharashtra Telecom Circle, Mumbai for appropriate remedial action. View posting dated 08.06.2017 in this website to read the earlier DOT letter forwarding AIBSNLREA's representation. [View posting dated 25.06.2017 in this website to read the DOT letter](#)

PG CELL OF DOT INTIMATES THE STATUS OF "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' AS TAKEN UP BY AIBSNLREA: AIBSNLREA had sought the intervention of Secretary, Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances in the 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 (view posting dated 07.05.2017 in this website to read the representation). Now PG Cell of DOT has informed that, as intimated by AO (Pension) of CCA, UP (West), Gratuity has since been released on 21.04.2017 and the PPO has also been finalized on 30.05.2017. Thus the case stands settled. [View posting dated 14.06.2017 in this website to read the DOT PG Cell letter and other details](#)

BSNL REPLIES TO THE REPRESENTATION OF AIBSNLREA TO PRIME MINISTER OF INDIA TO ADVISE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS TO INTRODUCE DIGITAL LIFE CERTIFICATE SYSTEM OR SIMILAR ARRANGEMENT FOR SUBMISSION OF ANNUAL LIFE CERTIFICATE BY THE DOT/BSNL/MTNL PENSIONERS/FAMILY PENSIONERS TO AVAIL CONTINUATION OF CONCESSIONAL TELEPHONE FACILITY

AT THE RESIDENCE: AIBSNLREA had earlier represented to the Prime Minister of India to advise Ministry of Communications for introduction of Digital Life Certificate system or a similar arrangement to dispense with the need for the retired DOT/BSNL/MTNL pensioners/family pensioners to physically present themselves to the authorities for submission of annual Life Certificate to avail continuation of concessional telephone facility at their residence. [View posting dated 24.10.2016 in this website to read the representation]. Now BSNL has responded to the said representation and has stated in its reply that “your suggestion has been taken note of, as you are aware that employees of BSNL are spread all over India and its introduction also involves involvement of other organizations. Depending upon the feasibility, a methodology needs to be evolved for its implementation. The issue is being examined”. [View posting dated 10.06.2017 in this website to read the BSNL letter](#)

DEPARTMENT OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS (PG CELL) FORWARDS AIBSNLREA’S REPRESENTATION ON DELAY IN ISSUE OF REVISED PPOs TO THE DY.CCA, MAHARASHTRA, MUMBAI FOR APPROPRIATE REMEDIAL ACTION: Department of Telecommunications (PG Cell) has forwarded AIBSNLREA’s representation dated 19.05.2017 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 (view posting dated 21.05.2017 in this website to read the representation) to the Dy CCA, Controller of Communication Accounts, Maharashtra, Mumbai for appropriate remedial action. [View posting dated 08.06.2017 in this website to read the DOT letter](#)

DOT (DCA BRANCH) FORWARDS AIBSNLREA’S REPRESENTATIONS ON DELAY IN ISSUE OF REVISED PENSION PAYMENT ORDERS FOR THE BSNL PENSIONERS/FAMILY PENSIONERS TO THE PG CELL OF DOT: AIBSNLREA had represented to Secretary (Telecom) and others regarding the undue delay in issue of Revised PPOs to the BSNL pensioners/Family pensioners retired before 10.06.2013 (view posting dated 14.05.2017 and 22.05.2017 in this website to read the representations). DOT (DCA Branch), on their part, has sent those two representations to PG cell of DOT for uploading in PG Portal for further course of action/settlement with the concerned offices. [View posting dated 07.06.2017 in this website to read the DOT letter](#)

ISSUES TAKEN UP

AIBSNLREA TAKES UP THE CASES FOR ISSUE OF PRESIDENTIAL ORDERS FOR ABSORPTION IN BSNL IN RESPECT OF THREE EXECUTIVES OF GUJARAT TELECOM CIRCLE INCLUDING TWO RETIRED SDEs WITH DIRECTOR (STAFF), DOT: AIBSNLREA has since taken up the cases of S/Shri R R Garg, JTO, D P Bhatt, Retd SDE and M D Chaudhary, Retd SDE of Gujarat Telecom Circle, who were acquitted of charges as levelled against them by the CBI Court, for issue of Presidential Orders for their absorption in BSNL with Director (Staff), DOT. [View posting dated 29.06.2017 in this website to read the letter](#)

NON-CLEARANCE AND ISSUE OF FINAL RETIREMENT ORDER OF SHRI RAJ KUMAR KOCHHAR, RETD SDE (CIVIL), O/O PRINCIPAL CE (CIVIL), NTR BY PGM (BW), BSNL CORPORATE OFFICE – AIBSNLREA TAKES UP THE ISSUE WITH DIRECTOR (HR): AIBSNLREA has taken up the case of Raj Kumar Kochhar, Retd SDE (Civil), o/o Principal CE (Civil), NTR with Director (HR), BSNL regarding non-clearance of his final retirement order by PGM (BW). The Association has pointed out that “The issue of retirement Order is important since Shri Raj Kumar Kochhar, Retd SDE (Civil), NTR has not received his pensionary benefits and also few service benefits including financial upgradation etc from E-5 to E-6 grade”. [View posting dated 27.06.2017 in this website to read the letter](#)

GOVERNMENT/BSNL ORDERS

BSNL INTRODUCES ONLINE MONITORING SYSTEM TO CHECK THE PROGRESS OF REVISION OF PENSION OF PRE-2016 CDA PENSIONERS/FAMILY PENSIONERS AND IDA PENSIONERS AS PER 78.2% IDA FITMENT:

BSNL, vide its Order No. 48-10/2017-Pen(B) dated 28.06.2017, has introduced an online system to monitor the progress of revision of pension of pre-2016 CDA pensioners/family pensioners and IDA pensioners as per 78.2% IDA fitment. The Circles have been advised to enter data pertaining to their Circle every month to enable Corporate Office to monitor the progress of settlement of pension cases circle-wise. [View posting dated 30.06.2017 in this website to read the BSNL Order](#)

BRANCHES IN ACTION

WEST BENGAL STATE BRANCH OF AIBSNLREA MEETS CCA, WEST BENGAL: A delegation of AIBSNLREA, West Bengal State Branch comprising of S/Shri S.R.Palit, S.K.Maitra, S.C.Roy, C.R.Roy and Gopal Ghosh met CCA West Bengal on 20th June. The Joint CCA, Deputy CCA and Asst CCA were also present in the meeting. The association handed over a comprehensive list of 68 members whose revision cases are still pending. The association expressed dissatisfaction for delay in periodical updating of revision cases in the website with poor and incomplete presentation of data which is not at all helpful to the pensioners. The CCA agreed to take corrective measures. He also assured the Association to complete all revision cases pending with CCA by 30th June 2017. He also assured to look into the cases of missing Service Books matter provided BSNL forwards such cases duly certified by IFA/Head of the Circle. The CCA readily accepted the proposal of the Association for provision of a Help Line to help the aged Pensioners get all information over phone.

MEETING WITH PRINCIPAL, CCA, KOLKATA: The representatives of AIBSNLREA, West Bengal State Branch, comprising of S/Shri S.K.Maitra President, S.C.Roy Vice President, S.R.Palit, State Secretary and Kartick De, Asst. State Secretary met the Principal CCA Kolkata on 8th June, 2017. S/Shri D.Turwar, CCA and Pradip Pramanik Dy. CCA were also present in the meeting. The Association representatives expressed their concern over the delay in issue of revised PPOs by CCA Office, though DOT had instructed to complete the job by 10th April 2017. As per the information provided by the Pr.CCA, out of total 7675 cases, so far 5000 cases have been completed and duly uploaded in the website and another 700 completed cases will be uploaded by next week. 500 more cases are under process and will be completed by 30th June. Further, about 500 cases have been returned to BSNL for necessary compliance and re-submission. The balance of about 900 cases are still pending with CTD, BSNL. A detail list of 94 members retired from CTD but not received the Revised Memo till date was handed over to the Pr.CCA for early settlement. The association requested the Pr.CCA to explore and formulate ways to settle those cases where the service records of the Pensioners are not traceable. Other issues like issue of duplicate PPOs, holding of Pension Adalat and refund of Rs.1000/- deducted from the gratuity etc. were also discussed in the meeting. The meeting was held in a cordial atmosphere and lasted for one and half hours.

MEETING WITH DIRECTOR (ACCOUNTS), MAHARASHTRA POSTAL CIRCLE: In continuation to the telephonic discussion with Shri D S Jaini, Director (Accounts), Maharashtra Postal Circle on 29.05.2017, the representatives of AIBSNLREA comprising of S/Shri P R Bhujbal, CHQ Vice President, N G Talewar, Maharashtra State Vice President, U B Nikose, President Nagpur Branch and Bhola Kamble, Asst Secretary, Nagpur Visited the office of the Director (Accounts), Maharashtra Postal Circle, Nagpur on 9.6.2017. The

representatives submitted a memorandum to Shri D S Jaini DAP requesting for expeditious forwarding of revised PPOs of BSNL pensioners retired before 10.06.2017 and also disbursing of regular monthly pension/family pension by various post offices in Maharashtra Circle. DAP spoke to the Concerned SR Accounts Officer (Pension) on the issue. The Representatives also held discussion with SR AO (Pension). During the discussions, it was reported that nearly 4568 revised PPOs received by DAP office from PR CCA Mumbai/CCA Nagpur during 16.12.2016 to 08.06.2017 were forwarded to respective Head post offices in Maharashtra Postal circle for making payment of revised pension and arrears to BSNL pensioners. Only about 25 cases are still left out which will be completed without delay. All concerned officers of DAP office gave good response to our request and the Association thanked them all. This meeting was conducted as per earlier telephonic talk with MR D S Jaini Director Accounts on 29-05-2017.

ORGANISING SECRETARY (SOUTH), AIBSNLREA AGAIN MEETS JOINT CCA, HYDERABAD: Shri C H Gandhi, Organizing Secretary (South), AIBSNLREA again met Joint CCA, Hyderabad on 02.06.2017 regarding the pending pension revision cases. The status of the cases as on 31.05.2017 in regard to Andhra Pradesh and Telengana area were as follows:- Number of total cases settled: 9174, number of pending cases to be settled 2294. Out of which 657 pending cases pertain to Vijayawada. Joint CCA also informed that all the remaining cases will be settled before 30th June 2017. It was also informed that the cases for enhanced gratuity limit to 20 lakhs as DCRG for the eligible pensioners will be attended simultaneously after 30th June 2017

GB MEETING OF AIBSNLREA, SANGRUR BRANCH HELD: A General Body meeting of AIBSNLREA, Sangrur Branch (Punjab State) was held on 07.06.2017 in Kaula Park office of Shri Parshotam Das, SDE under the chairmanship of Shri Sohan Lal Garg Retd DET from Bhatinda SSA. Two new Life members viz. S/Shri Geta Singh, Retd Sr SDE and A L Garg, Retd SDE (Civil) also joined the Branch in the meeting. All cases relating to 78.2% IDA fixation and receipt of revised PPO letters with arrears have been settled as confirmed by each member. No medical claim was also reported to be pending for the FY 2016-17. The members also observed 2 minutes silence to pay homage to the departed soul of the mother of Shri H S Nijjar DET. Issues like revision of pension in the light of 7 CPC recommendations, increase in the number of free telephone calls and reimbursement of medical claims were also discussed in the meeting.

STATEMENT OF AMOUNT RECEIVED DURING JUNE 2017

Shri Ramsnehi Yadav, Retd JAO, Jabalpur has deposited Rupees five hundred (Rs.500.00) only in the S/B Account of CHQ with Syndicate Bank on 30.6.2017 as contribution for Legal remedy for pension arrears.

Shri Hosangadi S Heshagiri Kamath, Retd CAO, Bangaluru has deposited Rupees five hundred (Rs.500.00) only in the S/B Account of CHQ with Syndicate Bank on 29.6.2017 as contribution for Legal remedy for pension arrears.

Shri Ganesan S, Retd SDE, Chennai has deposited Rupees five hundred (Rs.500.00) only by Bank transfer in the S/B Account of CHQ with Syndicate Bank on 27.6.2017 as contribution for Legal remedy for pension arrears.

Coimbatore Branch (Tamilnadu State) has deposited Rupees One thousand (Rs.1000.00) only by Bank transfer in the S/B Account of CHQ with Syndicate Bank on 27.06.2017 as quota for 5 new Life Members.

Shri Subhash T Dalal, Retd DE, Bharuch, Gujarat and Life member of AIBSNLREA has deposited Rupees One thousand (Rs.1000.00) only by Bank transfer in the S/B Account of CHQ with Syndicate Bank on 24.6.2017 as contribution for Legal remedy for pension arrears.

Shri P Surya Prakasam, Retd DE, Hyderabad and a Life Member of Headquarters Branch has deposited Rupees One thousand one hundred one (Rs.1101.00) in the S/B Account of CHQ with Syndicate Bank on 23.06.2017 as donation on receiving his revised pension arrears.

Chennai Branch has deposited Rupees One thousand eight hundred (Rs.1800.00) only in the S/B Account of CHQ with Syndicate Bank on 23.06.2017 towards quota for 9 new Life Members.

Shri Virendra Kumar Gupta, Retd AGM and a Life Member of Lucknow Branch has deposited Rupees Five hundred (Rs 500/-) only in the S/B Account of CHQ with Syndicate Bank on 23.06.2017 through NEFT as contribution for Legal remedy for pension arrears.

Shri SubhasTewary, Retd DE Hoshiarpur and resident of Jalandhar City (Punjab) has deposited Rupees Five hundred (Rs 500/) only in the S/B Account of CHQ with Syndicate Bank on 23.06.2017 through NEFT as contribution for Legal remedy for pension arrears.

Smt P Indumathi, Retd SDE, Mysuru has deposited Rupees One thousand (Rs 1000/-) only in the S/B Account of CHQ with Syndicate Bank on 21.06.2017 through NEFT as contribution for Legal remedy for pension arrears.

Shri R K Tandon, Retd AGM and Life Member of Lucknow Branch has deposited Rupees Five hundred (Rs 500/-) only in the S/B Account of CHQ with Syndicate Bank on 21.06.2017 through NEFT as contribution for Legal remedy for pension arrears.

Chandigarh Branch has deposited Rupees One thousand (Rs 1000/-) only in the S/B Account of CHQ with Karur Vysya Bank on 13.06.2017 toward quota for 5 new Life Members.

Kolhapur Branch (Maharashtra State) has deposited Rupees Six thousand six hundred (Rs 6600/) only in the S/B Account of CHQ with Syndicate Bank on 13.06.2017 towards quota (Rs 1600/-) for 8 new Life Members and donation (Rs. 5000/-) from **Shri D K Joshi, Joint Secretary, CHQ** on receiving his revised pension arrears.

Sangrur Branch (Punjab State) has deposited Rupees One thousand five hundred (Rs 1,500/-) only in the S/B Account of CHQ with Syndicate Bank on 07.06.2017 as donation (Rs 1100/-) from members on receiving revised pension arrears and quota (Rs. 400/-) for two new life members.

Shri R R Balasubramanian, Retd SDE and Life Member of AIBSNLREA, Chennai Branch has deposited Rupees five thousand (Rs. 5000/-) only in the S/B Account of CHQ with Syndicate Bank on 02.06.2017 as donation on receiving his revised pension arrears.

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