



Editorial

KNOW THYSELF

In our school/college days, we all have come across the phrase 'Know Thyself' the philosophical approach of the ancient Greek Philosopher Socrates. This phrase is said to be inscribed near the entrance to the temple of Apollo at Delphi, Greece that carries the meaning "Know your limitations". Today a section of the BSNL absorbed pensioners have been made to believe that they are Government Pensioners, due to continuous exposure to misinformation and half-truths. Some of our members too have fallen to these fallacies, despite our explaining in two AICs at Madurai and Kolkata, as to how these are misleading. New fallacies too are being advocated and it has therefore become necessary to re-state the facts in order to fight the lies being repeated every other moment and being perceived as truth by some BSNL absorbed pensioners.

To justify demanding pension revision on the basis of VI CPC and later VII CPC, faulty generalisations like 'we are getting pension from consolidated fund of India', 'we are being allowed to get CGHS benefits', 'we are covered by CCS Pension Rules' etc. are propagated, trying to theorize that we are all Government Pensioners. This is a clever tactic to influence the pensioners, arguing that because two things share some common feature, they are the same. But as a matter of fact, they need not be the same.

The mere fact that BSNL absorbed IDA pensioners get pension from Consolidated Fund of India and in that case from Central Civil Estimates, does not change their actual identity as Combined Service IDA Pensioners. The President of India, Vice-President of India, Chief Justice of India and many others get their salary from Consolidated Fund of India. Again, all the judges of Supreme Court and High Courts get pension from same Consolidated Fund of India – even though they are not Government employees. Further, Government pays old-age pension to the Senior Citizens from the same Consolidated Fund of India. They are also not Government pensioners i.e. 'Central Civil Service Pensioners'. Thus, mere receiving pension from Consolidated Fund of India does not make us Government pensioners.

Same is the case with CGHS facilities. CGHS facilities are not exclusively extended for Government employees or Government pensioners. If that is the case, the Members of Parliament, Judges of Supreme Court and High Courts, Freedom Fighters, PIB Accredited journalists in Delhi and others would not have got the CGHS facilities – even though they are neither Government employees nor are Government pensioners. On the other hand, Railway employees, though Central Government employees, are not covered under CGHS. Therefore, by getting mere CGHS benefit, the BSNL IDA

pensioners do not become Government pensioners.

CCS (Pension) Rules, 1972 has no provision that all those getting pension from Government under its various rules are to be treated as Government pensioners. Rule 37-A of CCS (Pension) Rules, 1972 only lays down the “conditions for payment of pension on absorption consequent upon conversion of a Government Department into a Public Sector Undertaking” in respect of the PSU absorbed employees for their “combined service” in Government and CPSEs and nothing more. We must not forget that we are not “Central Civil Service” retirees. We are ‘Combined Service’ retirees having served first in Central Civil Service and subsequently in CPSE. Neither Rule-37A nor does any of its sub rules say that the absorbed CPSE pensioners are Government pensioners.

On the other hand, Sub-rule 4 under Rule 37A of CCS (Pension) Rules 1972 clearly states that once absorbed in CPSE, one ceased to be a Government servant. Moreover, if the BSNL IDA pensioners are really the “Government Pensioners” i.e. “Central Civil Service pensioners”, as being claimed by some people, there was no need at all for special insertion of Rule-37-A in CCS (Pension) Rules, 1972. It is also a myth that CCS (Pension) Rules, 1972 is meant for all the Central Government pensioners. The Railway employees, who are also Central Government employees, and its pensioners who get their pay and pension/ pensionary benefits revised as per recommendations of Central Pay Commission are not covered under CCS(Pension) Rules, 1972 but are covered under Railway Services (Pension) Rules. Therefore, even being outside the ambit of CCS (Pension) Rules, 1972, other Central Government pensioners also enjoy the benefit of CPC

recommendations. Not only based on CPC recommendations, even otherwise, any changes that are made in the Pension Rules by the Government from time to time are also applicable to all those who are covered under CCS (Pension) rules, 1972. Thus, mere extension of pensionary benefits like enhanced gratuity ceiling, revised lower and upper ceiling on pension, change in qualifying service for full pension, quantum of pension, revised commutation table etc as recommended by the CPC to the “combined service pensioners” also under Rule-37A and Rule-37-B is no ground to claim that BSNL IDA pensioners covered under Rule-37A are Government pensioners.

Also there are three CAT judgements stating that BSNL combined service pensioners are not Government employees. [CAT Hyderabad on 18.12.2018 in OA No. 21/813/2017 & MA 355 of 2018, followed by the Review Application No. 021/02.2019](#) finally ruled that *“To sum-up, the applicant is not a Government employee and hence he does not come under the ambit of 7th CPC.”*

C[AT Bangalore in OA No. 170/00116-134/2018](#) filed by 19 individual pensioners ruled that *“having elected to be in BSNL, they are now estopped by the implied promise that they had given to go by the BSNL tenets and to grow on it. If the BSNL cannot grow on it, naturally the employees will suffer a little diminishment. At this point of time, they cannot turn around and say that the DOT employees may have stolen a march over them. As they have already made their choice, they have to abide by it. Therefore, there is no merit in the OA. OA is dismissed without cost”*. The essence of the above judgment is also that once absorbed in BSNL, former DoT employees cannot claim parity with Government pensioners.

CAT, Ernakulam in OA No. 180/00346/2018 filed by All India BSNL Pensioners' Welfare Association (Represented by its President, Shri P S Ramankutty), referring to the respondents (i.e DoT, DPE, DoP&PW, CCA Kerala) drawing attention to Sub Rule 4 of Rule 37A of CCS (Pension) Rules, which states that *"The permanent absorption of the Government servants as employees of the Public Sector Undertaking shall take effect from the date on which their options are accepted by the Government and on and from the date of such acceptance, such employees shall cease to be Government servants and they shall be deemed to have retired from Government service"*, observed that *"In the present case w.e.f. 1.10.2000 i.e. the date of the presidential order of absorption of the applicants in BSNL, they shall cease to be Government servants and shall be deemed to have retired from Government service. Therefore, w.e.f. 1.10.2000 the applicants are not Government servants after their absorption and shall be treated as employees of the public sector undertaking."* The court further referred to the respondents pointing out to the provisions in Sub Rule 8 of Rule 37 A and observed that *"The respondents in their reply statement submitted that Annexure A5 OM [i.e. DoP&PW OM dated 12.05.2017 for revision of pension for pre 2016 Central Government pensioners- explanation added by us for the sake of clarity] is meant for Central Government CDA pensioners and pro-rata pension optee of BSNL absorbees drawing pension on CDA pattern for Government service period only and not for combined service pension optee BSNL IDA pensioners like the applicants. This fact has not been denied by the applicants by filing any rejoinder [emphasis ours]. In view of the above, this Tribunal does not find any*

merit in the OA. Accordingly, the OA is dismissed. No order as to costs".

However, now, the Principal Bench of CAT, New Delhi has ruled that *"they shall continue to be treated as government servants for all intents and purposes"*, after observing that *"The facts of the case are not disputed, nor is questioned any documents relied upon by the respective parties."* Anyhow this judgement does not change the situation as three other CATs have ruled against the claim of being "Government Servants" and because there is no hierarchy among the CATs which includes the PCAT.

In this case in PCAT New Delhi too, respondents (DoT, BSNL, DoP&PW, DPE and MTNL) had submitted that *"After absorption in BSNL, these employees ceased to be Government servants and they were deemed to have retired from Government service from the date of their absorption as per Sub-rule 4 of Rule ibid"*. One of the applicants [which had not even filed any rejoinder countering this point in CAT Ernakulam] in its application had averred that *"equating of absorbees in CPSUs with persons who have been recruited by the CPSU, for the purpose of retirement benefits, on the ground that pursuant to absorption, the absorbees cease to be Government servants has been rejected by the Hon'ble Supreme Court vide judgment dated 15.12.1995 in WP (C) No.11855 of 1985, in the context of a similar provision incorporated in OM dated 05.03.1987 of the DoP&PW and the said judgment was implemented by the DoP&PW vide OM dated 30.09.1996"*, thus attempting to mislead the court.

The question before the [Supreme Court in WP \(C\) No.11855 of 1985](#) was **NOT** whether the Government employees absorbed in a PSU continue to be

Government Servants or not. The question before the Supreme Court was whether the persons (the petitioners) who had opted for and got commuted the full pension and therefore were not drawing any monthly pension are eligible for restoration of one-third commuted portion of the pension after 15 years as had been allowed to the persons who had opted for commutation of one-third of the pension and therefore were drawing a sliced monthly pension reduced to the extent of commuted amount, both the options available under the then existing (different) Rule 37 A of CCS (Pension) Rules, 1972. The Supreme Court had held that the petitioners who had commuted full pension are also entitled to the benefit, as given to those persons who had commuted only one-third of pension, *“so far as it related to restoration of one-third of the commuted pension.”* Needless to say that the Government would not have incorporated Rule 37A (4) of CCS (Pension) Rules 1972 in the year 2000, had the Supreme Court ruled way back in the year 1995, as what is being claimed by the said applicant association.

It is not known whether the respondents failed to contest this out-of-context quoting of Supreme Court judgement by the applicant and whether because of such failure, PCAT had assumed that Supreme Court had rejected the provision


that BSNL absorbees ceased to be Government Servants vide Sub rule 4 of Rule 37A of CCS (Pension) Rules, 1972.

According to the Nakara judgement, pensioners as a homogenous class cannot be further divided based on their date of retirement. But it was never required to be decided that all the retirees for all purposes formed one class and no further classification was permissible. This has been reiterated by many Supreme Court judgements after the Nakara decision. Those who retired from DoT before formation of BSNL ie prior to 1.10.2000 are Government Pensioners and form a homogenous class. Those who got absorbed in BSNL and opted for combined service pension are Combined Service IDA Pensioners and form a different homogenous class. Those who were recruited by BSNL and are covered by different pension rules form another homogenous class of retirees.

Knowing our limitations is as important as knowing our strengths. Let us be conscious about who we are – BSNL combined service IDA pensioners and not Government pensioners. Let us be honest to acknowledge it, as claiming ourselves to be Government pensioners will lead us nowhere.⊖ [\[Note: Those who are interested may follow the links to read the full judgments referred to in this Editorial\]](#)



Important Developments of the Month

-  A virtual meeting of AIBSNLREA CHQ office bearers was held on 09.10.2023. The meeting was Chaired by CHQ President Shri V Chinnappiah. After reviewing the CHQ activities during last month, all the CHQ office bearers appreciated the assessment about post-PCAT judgement on pension revision issue as conveyed in our write-up, projected the concern of post-1.1.2007 pensioners about applicability of the judgement in their case and expressed doubts about implementability of the

judgement in the absence of instructions to follow any specific rules. GS then explained in detail quoting from SC judgement in D S Nakara case on pensioners to be treated as homogenous class and they cannot be divided just by the date of retirement, the recommendations of V CPC on pension revision and the anomaly that will be created if pension revision is delinked from pay revision. He shared the details of discussions the CHQ office bearers had with CGCA on 25.09.2023 and the Member (S) DoT on 26.09.2023. Taking forward the decision taken in the last CHQ office bearer meeting regarding percolation of information up to the basic members, it was decided that the CHQ office bearers will guide branches in their area which have not yet opened WhatsApp group, to open one at the earliest. All Branch Secretaries shall add the CHQ OS of the region in their WhatsApp Groups. Wherever there is State formation, the State Secretaries shall create WhatsApp community including all Branch groups. Some individual cases were also brought up by some office bearers, which will be appropriately taken up by CHQ. The meeting concluded with the President thanking all the participants.

- ✚ AGS Shri Rakesh Sethi visited BSNL CO on 11.10.2023 and discussed some individual grievances with concerned authorities in different sections. In respect of grant of Financial upgradation to E-6 IDA scale to Shri Rajpal Singh, Retd SE (Civil), Ambala, we have been categorically informed that the issue is closed as he has already availed promotion under BSNL MSRR and cannot claim promotion/time bound upgradation under EPP. In respect of Shri Mukund Chavda, we were told that VC has been requested from CGMT Gujarat Circle and VC is awaited. On the request for expeditious final decision in the disciplinary case initiated against Shri A.G. Kamalwar, Retired DE, Bhandara, we were informed that there is no communication on the matter with Vigilance section, except for a letter from AIBSNLREA forwarded by the PG section.



Issues taken up

30.10.2023: AIBSNLREA WRITES TO THE DG CGHS REGARDING AN UNFAIR SITUATION WHEREIN THE PENSIONER OR HIS AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE IS COMPELLED TO BE PHYSICALLY PRESENT FOR COLLECTING SANCTION LETTER FOR PURCHASING HEARING AID:

AIBSNLREA has brought to the notice of DG CGHS an incident wherein a pensioner was directed to be physically present or send his authorized representative to collect the sanction letter from the AD East Zone for purchase of hearing aid, thereby causing delay in issue of approval as well as mental agony to the pensioner and has requested issue of necessary instructions to all ADs that physical presence of the pensioner for issue of sanction letter for purchase of hearing aids should not be insisted upon and that the sanction letter should be issued without any delay. [View the letter](#)

27.10.2023: AIBSNLREA WRITES TO THE DIRECTOR (HR) BSNL REGARDING NON-AVAILABILITY OF FACILITY TO LODGE GRIEVANCES BY BSNL PENSIONERS UNDER BSNL PENSIONERS' PORTAL:

AIBSNLREA has taken up the issue of non-availability of facility to lodge grievances by BSNL pensioners under BSNL Pensioners' Portal with Director (HR) BSNL, requesting him to ensure that the grievance portal is made available for lodging exclusively the grievances of the pensioners in order that the grievance can be lodged directly with BSNL and can be considered and resolved by BSNL, thus avoiding unnecessary delay. [View the letter](#)

26.10.2023: AIBSNLREA WRITES TO THE MEMBER (S) DOT REGARDING IMPLEMENTATION OF ORDERS OF SUPREME COURT OF INDIA IN CA NO. 4389 OF 2010 BY HOLDING OF REVIEW DPCS FOR PROMOTION TO DE GRADE BASED ON THE REVISED SENIORITY LISTS OF TES GROUP B IN RESPECT OF DE PROMOTIONS ORDERED BY DOT PRIOR TO FORMATION OF BSNL AND EXTENDING THE CONSEQUENTIAL BENEFITS :

In continuation of the discussions we had with Member (S) DoT on 26.09.2023, AIBSNLREA has requested him to bestow his personal attention to this issue with overriding priority, considering the advanced age of the beneficiaries and to direct BSNL to initiate the process of holding review DPCs in respect of the promotions ordered during DoT period so as to extend the consequential benefits as directed by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India. [View the letter](#)

19.10.2023: AIBSNLREA WRITES TO THE DIRECTOR (HR) BSNL REGARDING NON-PAYMENT OF MEDICAL CLAIMS FOR THE YEAR 2018-19 AND CLAIMS WITHOUT VOUCHER FOR 2019-20, 2020-21 AND 2021-22 - CASE OF SHRI RABINDRA NATH BHUNIA, RETD EE (E), KHARAGPUR:

AIBSNLREA has drawn the attention of Director (HR) BSNL to non-payment of medical claims for the year 2018-19 and claims without voucher for 2019-20, 2020-21 and 2021-22 in respect of Shri Rabindra Nath Bhunia, Retd EE (E), Kharagpur and has requested his intervention for early payment of the pending claims. [View the letter](#)

18.10.2023: AIBSNLREA WRITES TO THE PGM (CA/ERP-FICO) BSNL CO REGARDING NON-RECEIPT OF PAYMENT TOWARDS MEDICAL CLAIM WITHOUT VOUCHER DUE TO INCORRECT ENTRY OF BANK ACCOUNT NUMBER BY BSNL CO – CASE OF SHRI K. THANGAVELU, RETD SDE, COIMBATORE:

AIBSNLREA has taken up the issue of Non-receipt of payment towards medical claim without voucher due to incorrect entry of Bank Account Number by BSNL CO in respect of Shri K. Thangavelu, Retd SDE, Coimbatore, with PGM (CA/ERP-FICO) BSNL CO, requesting him to arrange for early payment of the amount. [View the letter](#)

17.10.2023: AIBSNLREA WRITES TO THE DIRECTOR GENERAL, CGHS ON NON-ISSUE OF PLASTIC CARDS FOR CGHS BENEFICIARIES UNDER CGHS NAGPUR:

AIBSNLREA has drawn the attention of DG CGHS to the issue of non- issue of plastic cards for CGHS beneficiaries under CGHS Nagpur for more than two years now, reportedly due to delay in printing and supplying plastic cards owing to vendor related issues and has requested her intervention and suitable instructions to the concerned authorities for early issue of the plastic cards to the CGHS beneficiaries of Nagpur. [View the letter](#)

13.10.2023: AIBSNLREA WRITES TO THE DIRECTOR (HR) BSNL REGARDING NON-PAYMENT OF MEDICAL CLAIMS FOR 2018-19, 2019-20 IN RESPECT OF EMERGENCY TREATMENTS UNDERGONE IN NON-EMPANELLED HOSPITAL – CASE OF SHRI BHAGWAN DAS, RETD DE, KURUKSHETRA AND HIS WIFE:

AIBSNLREA has written to the Director (HR) BSNL, regarding non-payment of medical claims for 2018-19, 2019-20 in respect of emergency treatments undergone in non-empanelled hospital – case of Shri Bhagwan Das, Retd DE, Kurukshetra and his wife and requesting his intervention and advice to the Haryana Circle administration to complete the process of approval by Circle Head, solely on the grounds of genuineness of the cases and to make payment of the medical claims without further delay. [View the letter](#)

12.10.2023: AIBSNLREA WRITES TO THE DIRECTOR (HR) BSNL REGARDING UNNECESSARY PENALISATION OF A PENSIONER DUE TO BSNL FAILING TO DEPOSIT THE TDS RECOVERED – CASE OF SHRI MADHUSUDHAN MUKHERJEE, RETD JTO, NSBTTC, KALYANI, KOLKATA:

AIBSNLREA has drawn the attention of the Director (HR) BSNL to the situation wherein BSNL had paid only Rs.1000/- to the IT department, out of Rs.30002/- recovered from Shri Madhusudhan Mukherjee as TDS during the AY 2009-10. This has resulted in the deduction of Rs.49880/- by the IT department from the refunds due to him, after nearly 12 years, which includes the default tax and penalty. Thus, Shri Madhusudhan Mukherjee has been put into financial distress for no fault of his. AIBSNLREA has requested the Director (HR) to intervene and cause necessary remedial action by the CGM, ALTTC, Ghaziabad, so as to relieve Shri Madhusudhan Mukherjee of his unwanted sufferings. [View the letter](#)

10.10.2023: AIBSNLREA WRITES TO CGCA REGARDING CO-AUTHORISATION OF PERMANENTLY DISABLED CHILD IN PPO FOR FAMILY PENSION – NEED TO ADD A HEADING IN THE PERSONAL DETAILS OF THE PENSIONER UNDER SAMPANN :

AIBSNLREA has drawn the attention of the CGCA, New Delhi to the issue pointing out that "There was a provision in the earlier PPO issued physically, to mention such authorisation. After migration to SAMPANN, copy of ePPO is yet to be issued to the pensioners. Till such time, the information about co-authorisation can be added in the Personal details page under SAMPANN portal, so as to avoid unnecessary difficulties in the unfortunate event of the death of the pensioner and then the spouse in a short period of time." AIBSNLREA has therefore suggested that such co-authorisation details may be made available in the Personal Details page, suitably by adding one more title under 'Family Member Details'. [View the letter](#)

09.10.2023: AIBSNLREA WRITES TO MEMBERS (S) DOT, IN CONTINUATION OF THE INFORMAL MEETING WITH HIM ON 26.09.2023, ON UNJUSTIFIABLY FORCING BSNL TO PAY PENSION CONTRIBUTION ON MAXIMUM OF PAY SCALE INSTEAD OF EXISTING PAY IN RESPECT OF THE BSNL ABSORBED EMPLOYEES:

In continuation of the informal discussions we had with Member (S), DoT on 26.09.2023, wherein we had drawn his attention to a major financial distress inflicted on BSNL by unjustly forcing it to pay Pension Contribution in respect of its absorbed employees on the basis of maximum of the pay scales under FR 116, while calculating

pension contribution under FR 116 which has been modified w.e.f. 1.1.2006 as “on the basis of existing pay of the Government servants on deputation”, AIBSNLREA has written to him providing the history of the issue with all supporting documents, requesting his intervention in this matter for impressing upon the Department of Expenditure, so that BSNL is also allowed to pay pension contribution in respect of its absorbed employees on ‘existing pay’ w.e.f. 1.1.2006 and the excess amount paid by BSNL all these years is refunded. This will not only improve the financial finances but also remove the hurdles in revising the pay scales of BSNL employees. [View the letter](#)



GOVERNMENT/BSNL ORDERS & LETTERS

07.10.2023: DPE ISSUES ORDERS ON REVISED IDA RATES DUE FROM 01.10.2023:

DPE has issued orders revising IDA rate to 215.6% w.e.f 01.07.2023 in respect of CPSEs where last pay revision was implemented w.e.f. 01.01.2007. [View the DPE OM](#)

07.10.2023: DPE ISSUES ORDERS ON REVISED IDA RATES DUE FROM 01.10.2023:

DPE has issued orders revising IDA rate to 432.8% w.e.f 01.10.2023, in respect of CPSEs where last pay revision was implemented w.e.f. 01.01.1997. [View the DPE OM](#)



BRANCHES IN ACTION

23.10.2023: BI-MONTHLY GENERAL BODY MEETING OF AIBSNLREA CHANDIGARH BRANCH HELD:

A bi-monthly meeting of Chandigarh Branch of AIBSNLREA was held on 21-10-2023 at 11:00 Hrs at Hotel Pearl Industrial Area II Chandigarh. The Branch Secretary Shri M.K. Kalra welcomed the members for attending the meeting by sparing their valuable time. Our two respected members Shri OP Guglani and Shri Jaswant Chawla aged above 80 years also attended the meeting. 15 members attended the meeting. Shri M.D. Bhasin President of the Branch presided over the meeting. Our respected member and advisor of branch Shri Lokesh Chopra was invited to apprise the house of latest developments at BSNL and DOT level going on in view of PB CAT judgement on delinking of pension revision from the pay revision of working employees of BSNL and revising the pension according to 7th CPC. Shri Lokesh Chopra asked members to wait and watch till BSNL/DOT gives any reaction. Some other issues regarding CGHS working and CCA office issues regarding Life Certificate and issue of Identity cards for pensioners were also explained by the President. The suggestion given by Shri Ashok Goyal to visit our very old and ailing members at their respective homes was welcomed and Shri Ashok Goyal was asked to work out further formalities for this noble cause. The meeting ended with serving of snacks and tea.

22.10.2023: AIBSNLREA JALANDHAR BRANCH (PUNJAB STATE) HOLDS ITS ANNUAL GENERAL BODY MEETING:

The Annual General body meeting of AIBSNLREA Jalandhar branch was held at Sagar Ratna, Jalandhar from 11.00 AM onwards on 21.10.2023. Following new office bearers were elected unanimously:

Shri Mohan Lal Sandi – President
Shri Paramjit Singh – Secretary
Shri Parmjit Singh - Finance Secretary
Shri Pritpal Singh - Executive Member
Shri Joginder Pal - Executive Member
Shri Nirmaljit Singh - Executive Member

19.10.2023: AIBSNLREA EAST VIDARBHA BRANCH (MAHARASHTRA STATE) HOLDS ITS GENERAL BODY MEETING:

AIBSNLREA East Vidarbha Branch (Nagpur) Branch conducted its Bi-Annual GB meeting on 14.10.2023 at 1530hrs. at Dr.Ambedkar hall, under the chairmanship of Shri.B.D.Nikam President of the Branch. Former CHQ VP Shri P.R.Bhujbal was the special guest. Secretary Shri N R Rachakondawar welcomed all the dignitaries on dias as well as all the participants. The house congratulated the newly elected Maharashtra State office bearers from Nagpur, Shri S.S.Lonkar (Asst Secretary), Shri G.N.Adsule (Jt.Secretary), Shri K.W.More (Asst.FS), Shri M.G.Waradkar (Org.Secretary), Shri R.K.Patil (Org.Secretary). Then two minutes silence was observed for paying tributes to departed members, Shri N.B.Sharma retd.DE NP and Shri R.P.Singh DE.RTTC Nagpur. Secretary read out the minutes of last GB and it was approved. [View Maharashtra Page of State News section to read full report]

11.10.2023: GENERAL BODY MEETING OF AIBSNLREA PALAKKAD BRANCH (KERALA STATE) HELD:

The General body meeting of Palakkad Branch was held on 9.10.2023 (Monday) at 11 AM at TOP In TOWN Auditorium, Palakkad. 43 members were present. As the President was unwell and could not attend the meeting, Shri K.Radhakrishnan, Vice President presided over the meeting. After silent prayer and obituary reference to the departed member Shri Chamiyar (JTO Retd), the Secretary Shri P Prabhakaran welcomed the participants. During the Presidential address, the President gave a brief account of the recent developments on all issues pertaining to the BSNL Pensioners. During discussions on organisational matters, there were active participation from the members and many doubts were raised regarding PCAT/New Delhi judgement and the method of implementation there on. The Secretary clearly stated the stand of our CHQ on pension revision case and explained all matters in detail. The meeting ended at 2 PM after vote of thanks by Shri M.P.Komaladas, Asst Financial Secretary. Lunch was served after the meeting.

03.10.2023: AIBSNLREA DELHI CIRCLE HOLDS ITS GENERAL BODY MEETING:

A general body meeting of Delhi Circle of AIBSNLREA was held on 26th September 2023 at Kidwai Bhawan New Delhi. The meeting was held under the Chairmanship of Shri Rakesh Tiwari, President, Delhi Circle and addressed by All India President and GS

who were on a private visit to Delhi. The meeting was also addressed by Shri Awadhesh Sharma CHQ FS, Shri Rakesh Sethi AGS, Shri Rakesh Chandra Branch Secretary Ghaziabad and Shri Devesh Kumar Circle Secretary Delhi Circle. Shri Devesh Kumar, Circle Secretary welcomed all the CHQ office Bearers and the members present in the meeting. Thereafter AGS Shri Rakesh Sethi briefed the members on various issues said that All India President and GS will enlighten the members about various activities of our Association and role of our Association in solving the various issues related to members and status of pension revision etc. Shri Chinnappiah, All India President in his address explained about the formation of AIBSNLREA in the year 2008 and its various activities since then. Com President appealed to the members for increasing the membership of the AIBSNLREA and encourage the members to attend the meeting so that we can know about the welfare of each member and help them if required. After that Shri R R Balasubramanian, GS, AIBSNLREA addressed the gathering and explained the various issues related to Happiness, CGHS and Pension revision in detail. GS informed the gathering about the issues raised by the association with the CGHS and about the positive responses received from the CGHS HQ. In reference to the recent judgment on Pension Revision given by Hon'ble PB CAT New Delhi, GS explained about the judgements of various CATs on the same issue with one of them filed by the same Association in Ernakulam CAT all of which had been dismissed. He also explained about the Hon'ble SCI judgement based on which the concept of pension revision was introduced to remove anomaly in pension between past and future pensioners and explained how anomalies will arise if revision of pension takes place without revision of pay of BSNL employees. GS informed the members about the discussions in the meeting held with CGCA and Member(S), DOT. GS also replied to the queries raised by the members during the meeting. All participants were happy and satisfied with the reply by the GS. The meeting ended with vote of thanks, followed by High Tea. [View the photos](#)



STATEMENT OF AMOUNT RECEIVED DURING OCTOBER 2023

01. Shimla Branch (Himachal Pradesh State) deposited Rupees Four hundred (Rs. 400/-) only on 26.10.2023 as CHQ Quota for 2 new Life Members, one joined before 31.03.2023 and another member joined after 01.04.2023 [Rs.100 short payment].

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