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No. 7-1/2018/PFP-Policy/236 - 266

Dated: 16 /01/2020

To,

Pr. CCA/ CCA Director (Accounts-II), DoT Hq

Sub: Final Settlement of GPF Claim- BSNL retirees.

It has come to notice that BSNL has remitted the GPF Credit for only BSNL retirees and BSNL VRS 2019 retirees, that too without interest, from April 2019 onwards. In respect of delayed/non receipt of credits with interest, this office letter No. 7-1/2018/PFP-Policy/22/Pt. dated 11/02/2019, Point No. (ii) mentioned the following:

"GPF Claims in respect of employees who are retiring on superannuation etc. and also death claims shall be processed to the extent of credits actually received in individual cases and settled within due dates prescribed under rules. Any subsequent claims for supplementary credits may be processed separately after full payment including interest has been received from the PSU."

The above mentioned provision made the final settlement contingent upon receipt of penal interest due on delayed credits from BSNL. The matter has been reviewed in DoT HQ and it has been decided that to avoid causing any hardship to the beneficiaries, GPF final payment be settled to the extent of credit received in individual cases along with interest due upto the date of retirement, within the due dates as per rules on the subject.

The above modification has been made solely to avoid hardship to the beneficiaries and is without prejudice to the Government's claims of interest from BSNL on the delayed credits as per extant orders / instructions on the subject. All the concerned CCA units shall raise due penal interest claims with the respective BSNL units within 3 working days under intimation to DoT HQ. CCA offices must ensure that the penal interest in respect of VRS retirees is maintained and raised separately.

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Copy to: Addl. CGCA for monitoring the GPF settlements and raising of interest claims with respective BSNL units by the CCA offices