

ALL INDIA Registration No. S/00108/NE-/2010 RETIRED BHARAT SANCHAR NIGAM LIMITED EXECUTIVES' WELFARE ASSOCIATION CENTRAL HEAD QUARTERS, NEW DELHI

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Shri Jyotiraditya Scindia Ji, Hon. Minister of Communications Govt. of India, Sanchar Bhavan, New Delhi-110001

Sub: Grant of meeting to discuss on Inclusion of BSNL/MTNL Pensioners pension revision in the 8th CPC as Terms of Reference – regarding;

Respected Sir,

Kindly refer to our various letters regarding revision of pension of BSNL / MTNL pensioners. We had also requested your goodself for granting a meeting to discuss the Pension Revision of BSNL / MTNL Pensioners, drawing pension from the Consolidated Fund of Government of India (CFI) under Rule-37A of CCS Pension Rules 1972 would like to submit the following. Now, the Govt has announced 8th CPC for the central Govt pensioners and even 7th CPC is not implemented to the BSNL / MTNL Pensioners except the pension revision clause of 7th CPC.

We would like to seek your kind help in ensuring that the pension revision of BSNL/MTNL retirees, who were absorbed from the Department of Telecommunications and opted for a government pension based on combined service (which was the only option for these pensioners as 01-10-2000), is included in the Terms of Reference of the 8th CPC.

"To examine the principles which should govern the structure of pension and other retirement benefits, including revision of pension in the case of employees who are retired from BSNL and MTNL and are getting pension on IDA from Central Civil Estimate and covered under CCS (Pension) Rules, 1972 (now 2021)".

The justification for our request is given below:-

- 1. These pensioners are governed by CCS (Pension) Rules, 1972 (now 2021).
- 2. The quantum of pension, gratuity (as per Rule 51(5) and commutation is as per CCS (Pension) Rules
- 3. Explanation under sub-rule 8 of Rule 37-A of CCS (Pension) Rules, 1972 states "The amount of pension or family pension in respect of the absorbed employees on retirement from the Public Sector Undertaking or on death shall be calculated in the same way as calculated in the case of a Central Government servant retiring or dying, on the same day"
- 4. Sub-rule 9 of Rule 37-A of CCS (Pension) Rules, 1972 states "pension shall be calculated on the basis of IDA pay drawn in PSU"
- 5. 100% Liability of paying pension and family pension lies with Gol as per sub-rule 22 of Rule 37-A of CCS (Pension) Rules, 1972
- 6. As per sub-rule 23 of Rule 37-A of CCS (Pension) Rules, 1972 BSNL/MTNL paid pension contribution to Government, at the maximum of the scale and not even on actual pay.

- 7. Pension and family pension are paid from the Central Civil Estimate.
- 8. Pension and family pension is paid in accordance with Rule 37-A of CCS (Pension) Rules, 1972 (now 2021)
- 9. Pensioners are entitled to CGHS benefits, similar to Central Government retirees.
- 10. Most of the recommendations of 6th& 7th CPC were implemented to them viz. a) Enhanced family pension b) age-related additional pension etc.

The fact remains that, they are BSNL/MTNL retirees but Central Government pensioners and are being governed with the Govt. scheme of pension as per rule 37A of CCS pension rules 1972.

It may be noted that most of the absorbed employees of BSNL / MTNL will retire by 2027.

In this regard, we would like to once again request your goodself to kindly grant us a meeting with your honour in person to discuss the long pending issue of pension revision of BSNL/MTNL pensioners by including it in the Terms of Reference of the 8th CPC, at an early date, as per your convenience and oblige.

With kind regards;

Yours Faithfully

(Prahlad Rai) General Secretary