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To

Shri Narendra Modiji,
Hon'ble Prime Minister,
Govt of India, New Delhi-110001

Subject: Withdrawal of Arbitrary and Retrograde recent amendments to the CCS (Pension) Rules 1972, 2021 and 2023 – Betraying Pensioners

Hon'ble Sir,

We regret to mention that recent amendments to the Central Civil Services (Pension) Rules 1972 which exclude existing pensioners from the benefits of the new Pay commission while making them applicable only to future retirees has created lot of panic and uncertainty among all the pensioners. This amendment passed by the Loksabha will freeze the pension of all the existing pensioners who retired before these recommendations. This arbitrary decision has created lot of panic and distress among elderly pensioners. The continuous inflation and the high cost of living becoming unbearable. This amendment of CCS Pension Rules has put questions mark on the intentions of Government towards those who have served the Nation for decades and their social security. As per the 8th CPC, the pay of the existing employees will be revising, but the pension of the existing pensioners will not take place, it will cause lot of discrimination and glaring disparity. Thus, Government has prefer to isolate entire retired workforce from the benefits of economic growth of the country. It's an attack on the dignity of the pensioners who had contributed for the growth of this nation throughout their life. Pension is not only a post retirement benefits, but it's a social security of a senior citizen and a recognition as a legacy, pensioners were assured their financial security would be adjusted to keep pace with inflation and economic fluctuations. In view of this, 6th and 7th recommendations were implemented to these pensioners. The recent amendments of CCS Pension Rules 1972, 2021 and 2023 is dividing pensioners into two classes, those who retired before the new effective date and those who retire after with the later enhanced. Whereas, the Bombay high court ruled that pension is a form of property under Article 309-A and the Govt. cannot arbitrarily deprive retirees of their pension adjustments. By refusing to align pension with inflation, the Government is betraying its constitutional oath and failing in its duty as a welfare state. It is a moral and constitutional failure.

Already 4.0 lakhs BSNL / MTNL pensioners are waiting for their pension revision for the last 8 years i.e. w.e.f. 1.1.2017. These BSNL / MTNL pensioners on 1.10.2000 were absorbed in BSNL / MTNL from DoT/DTS/DTO a Government department to PSU after the amendment of CCS Pension Rules 37 to 37A ensuring Govt. scheme of pension to these absorbees in BSNL and MTNL even after their absorption in BSNL and MTNL. During their service period the pension contribution on the maximum of the pay scales have been paid to DoT from employees. Now DoT is not revising the pension of these pensioners on the pretext that the pay revision of BSNL / MTNL employees have not taken place as per 3rd PRC recommendations. As the Affordability clause of 3rd PRC does not allow pay revision of BSNL / MTNL employees. But, the BSNL / MTNL pensioners are not governed with 3rd PRC affordability clause. Since, these BSNL / MTNL pensioners are not playing any role after their retirement in the profit and losses of the BSNL / MTNL. Thus, delaying pension revision of BSNL / MTNL pensioners is illegal and against the Rule- 37A of CCS pension rules 1972.

We would, therefore, earnestly request your kind honour to kindly intervene in the matter and direct the Ho'ble Financial Minister to withdraw this arbitrary amendments bill of CCS pension rules 1972, 2021 and 2023. Also direct to revise the pension of BSNL / MTNL pensioners at the earliest, so that Justice is given to these Senior Citizens and present unrest caused is avoided.

We shall be highly grateful to your kind honour for your kind consideration of our requests.

With kind regards,

Yours Faithfully

**(Prahlad Rai)
General Secretary**

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