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To

**Shri Anshu Prakash**

**Secretary, I.T.,**

Department of Telecommunications,

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**Sub: A request to convene one Joint Meeting on the issue of “Pension Revision for BSNL Pensioners w.e.f. 01.01.2017 as per 3<sup>rd</sup> P.R.C. Recommendations”.**

Respected Sir,

1. We write to convey our heartiest congratulations for taking over the reins of the Department of Telecommunications at critical juncture when a Government Enterprise BSNL with 100% Govt. owned is passing through its precarious conditions and you are making all endeavour to ensure that the Company survives and prosper well and gain its past glory and reputation. We are sure under your expertise it will overcome from its entire crisis sooner.
2. Sir, you are well aware of the fact that issue of Pension Revision for BSNL Pensioners w.e.f. 01.01.2017 is pending since long. The Dept. of Telecom Services (DTS) which was a part of DOT was converted as a Corporation by the then NDA Government as per the New Telecom Policy 1999 and the entire employees including Group-A and Group-B Officers were all transferred to the new Corporation which has been named as BSNL from 01.10.2000. Their pay was also refixed in IDA pay scales as per the Govt. Policy.
3. In the course of conversion after an agreement with the staff unions the Govt. agreed to give Government pension to all the employees including officers for the services rendered in DOT and also in BSNL by getting pension contribution from BSNL as in the case of deputation. For that Rule 37-A was introduced in CCS (Pension) Rules 1972. The employees retired from 01.10.2000 given pension for IDA pay under Rule 37-A of CCS (Pension) Rules 1972 by the DOT.
4. Their pension from 01.01.2007 also revised with cabinet approval while revising the pension of Central Govt. Pensioners as per the recommendations of VI CPC. Next revision is due from 01.01.2017 for BSNL retirees. The pension of Central Govt. Pensioner was revised from 01.01.2016 as per the recommendations of VII CPC. The

procedure followed for the revision of pension for the DOT employees absorbed in BSNL from 01.01.2007 is to be followed for the revision from 01.01.2017 also delinking the wage revision of BSNL employees for which the then HM(C) has agreed in a discussion on 23.02.2018.

5. Thereafter there is no progress delinking Pension Revision of BSNL Pensioners w.e.f. 01.01.2017 and as we understand the issue is under correspondence with Dept. of Expenditure. The delay in deciding the issue has resulted in to demanding the BSNL Pensioners Pension Revision as per 3<sup>rd</sup> P.R.C. AND some Associations are also placing demand for BSNL Pension Revision as per 7<sup>th</sup> C.P.C. converting it from IDA to CDA Pattern.
6. We have seen the demands multiply the work of your office as it has to examine all the demand made by different Pensioners Associations on their logical arguments.
7. We, therefore, request you to kindly convene one Joint Meeting of all the BSNL Pensioners Associations for discussing the issue once and for all. All Unions claiming as stakeholders of Pensioners may be asked to submit their demand in writing with supporting documents.
8. We have already submitted our proposal on the issue and can submit again for discussion in Joint Meeting of BSNL Pensioners Association.

A line in reply shall highly be obliged.

With kind regards,

Yours Sincerely

**(D. D. MISTRY)**

General Secretary

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4. Shri Dhotre, MOS(C), Sanchar Bhawan, New Delhi.
5. Shri P.K. Purwar, CMD BSNL, New Delhi