

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS
DEPARTMENT OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS**

**RAJYA SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. 265
TO BE ANSWERED ON 12TH DECEMBER, 2019**

WAGE REVISION OF BSNL RETIRED EMPLOYEES

***265. SHRI M. SHANMUGAM:**

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether after retirement the Department of Telecommunications is responsible to revise the pension of the retired BSNL employees;
- (b) whether the revision of pension has been kept pending for the wage revision due to which the pensioners are put to hardship; and
- (c) whether the Ministry would expedite the wage revision and accordingly address this grievance?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS, LAW & JUSTICE AND
ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
(SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD)**

- (a) to (c) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT TO BE LAID ON THE TABLE OF RAJYA SABHA IN RESPECT OF PARTS (a) TO (c) OF THE RAJYA SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. *265 FOR 12TH DECEMBER, 2019 REGARDING “WAGE REVISION OF BSNL RETIRED EMPLOYEES”.

(a) to (c) Sir, Pension revision of retired Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) employees gets linked to the pay-revision of the serving employees inasmuch as pension is calculated on the basic pay which the retired employee was earning at the time of retirement. Pension may be revised if the said basic pay is revised on account of pay revision of serving employees.

Since, Department of Telecommunications is the Administrative Department for BSNL, any pension revision proposal is to be piloted by the Department of Telecommunications for approval of the competent authority.

Due to poor financial condition of BSNL, it has not been possible for the Government to agree to the demand of pay revision. Hence, the issue of pension revision has also not been agreed to as on date.
