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Dated 29th October, 2021.

To:

Shri K. Rajaraman, (IAS),

Secretary,

Department of Telecommunications,

210, Sanchar Bhawan, 20, Ashoka Road,

NEW DELHI 110 001

Sub: Request to pay the arrears of I.D.A. to BSNL Pensioners at revised rates from 01.10.2020 up to 30.06.2021 as per rates mentioned in DPE OM. W-02/0002/2014-DEP(WC)-GL-III/2021 dated 02/08.2021.

Ref: BSNLCO-A11(18)/1/2020/ESTAB dated 27th October, 2021.

Hon'ble Sir,

1. We write to invite kind attention of your august office towards the eligibility of BSNL Pensioners to have benefit of IDA Arrears as per BSNLCO Order No: BSNLCO-A11(18)/1/2020/ESTAB dated 27th October, 2021 on following grounds.
2. That as per agreement envisaged between DoT Employees Unions and DoT made at the time of formation of BSNL, all the BSNL Employees who have opted for BSNL are drawing their Pension from Govt. Fund and the BSNL has to pay the Pension Contributions for the same and even if the BSNL fails to discharge its responsibility the BSNL Pensioners are paid their pension by the DoT from Government of India Consolidated Fund.
3. The Central Govt. has revised Pension for its employees as per recommendation of the 7th CPC and are governed as per its terms and conditions.
4. Simultaneously, BSNL Pensioners are given their pension as per BSNL Pay Scales and the BSNL Corporate office has so far not implemented recommendations of 3rd P.R.C. for PSU workers.
5. Recently, a formation of committee has been announced and it may take some time for finalization of the Pay scale of its Non-Executive Employees and for Revision of Pay Scales of Executives, a ball is in your court.
6. BSNL Employees Union filed a writ petition [WP(C) No.29212/2020(B)] in the Hon'ble Kerala High Court. After detailed hearing, the Hon'ble High Court

of Kerala issued an order on 17th February, 2021, wherein it is stated that, the letter of the DPE, freezing the IDA, is applicable only to the Executives and Non-Unionized Supervisors of the CPSEs and that, the benefit of Dearness Allowance should not be denied to the members of the Petitioner Union.

7. The Hon'ble Kerala High Court has already held that, the Non-Executives of BSNL are not covered by the 'IDA freezing order' of the DPE. Further, the DPE has already informed the DoT that, it has nothing to do with the payment of IDA of the Non-Executives of BSNL.
8. Above mentioned order is issued by the Hon'ble Kerala High Court, the DPE, vide it's letter addressed to the Secretary, Department of Telecommunication, has stated that, the DA rate for workmen/non-executives is governed by the Wage Settlement between the Trade Union/Association and the Management of the CPSE concerned. The DPE has further stated that, it has no role in Wage Negotiation and has requested the DoT, the administrative department of BSNL, to take necessary action.
9. In light of DPE's clarification of Kerala High Court's order, it is crystal clear that BSNL Pensioners are equally eligible and entitled for the similar treatment as they are also getting as per agreement made by DoT at that time.
10. Hitherto, wherever the IDA is revised from time to time for BSNL Employees, the benefit is extended to the BSNL IDA pensioners also.

In light of above averments, we write to point out that likewise BSNL Employees, BSNL Pensioners are not given any Pension Revision and as such depriving them for the similar benefit which is extended to Working Employees, will be clear discrimination and injustice to BSNL Pensioners.

We therefore request for your timely intervention and issuance of necessary orders and make Deepavali celebration very glittering for which you will have blessings of all elderly pensioners.

With Regards,

Yours Sincerely,


(D.D. MISTRY)

Secretary BSNL/PSU,
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