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To

**Shri Ashwini Vaishnaw**  
Hon'ble Minister for Railways, Communications &  
Electronics and Information Technology  
Government of India  
Sanchar Bhawan, 20, Ashoka Road  
New Delhi-110001

Respected Shri Ashwini Vaishnawji,

Sub:- Pension revision of BSNL absorbed pensioners – reg:

Ref:- 1. My letter dated 30.07.2021

2. Your letter DO. No.34-45/2019-Pen(T) dated 06-09-2021

Kind attention is invited to the captioned subject and references.

I thankfully acknowledge receipt of your letter referred 2<sup>nd</sup> above regarding pension revision of BSNL absorbed pensioners.

The letter ends with the sentence "Due to current financial condition of BSNL, it has not been possible for the Government to agree to the demand of pay revision."

BSNL absorbed employees have a combined service of Government service and BSNL service. According to the agreement reached between the recognised staff Federations and the Government at the time of absorption, they are entitled to get pension and pensionary benefits from the Government. Necessary amendment was made in the CCS( Pension) Rules ,1972 to ensure it. The pension contributions of BSNL absorbed pensioners were paid at the rate of maximum of the pay scales by Department of Telecommunications for the service rendered in Government service and BSNL for the service in BSNL. Thus the necessary fund to give pension and pensionary benefits is already with the Central Government. So pension revision of BSNL absorbed pensioners is not connected with wage revision in BSNL.

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The reason attributed for not considering pension revision by delinking wage revision is the possibility of anomaly in pension between present pensioners and future pensioners. In this connection, I would like to draw your attention to the fact that anomaly in pay/pension after pay revision and pension revision is a general phenomenon and used to be settled with different formulae deemed fit.

Hence I strongly feel that the issue of pension revision of BSNL absorbed pensioners delinking wage revision deserves active reconsideration for the following reasons:

1. The entire liability of payment of pension and pensionary benefits to BSNL absorbed pensioners lies with the Central Government by virtue of Rule 37A of CCA( Pension) Rules, 1972 and annulment of 60:40 conditions in 2016.
2. Their counter parts, the Central Government Pensioner, have got their pension revision from 01-01-2016 as per the 7th Pay Commission recommendations and another revision based on 3rd option.
3. The Government is committed to honour the assurance of better prospects to BSNL absorbed pensioners made at the time of formation of BSNL.

Therefore, pension revision of BSNL absorbed pensioners is in no way connected with wage revision of BSNL employees. I sincerely hope that you would kindly re-visit the issue and do the needful for an early settlement.

Thanking you,

Yours faithfully,

  
John Brittas