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To:

Hon'ble Shri Ashwini Vaishnaw,

Minister for Communications & Information Technology,

Sanchar Bhawan, 20, Ashoka Road, New Delhi 110001

Sub: Request to consider 15% fitment while finalizing proposal of the Department of Telecommunication for Pension Revision of BSNL-MTNL Pensioners as per 3rd PRC Recommendations since justified in view of Pension Contribution given by the BSNL/MTNL on maximum of pay scale.

Honoured Sir,

1. Sir, with much gratitude; we would like to recall here the situations under which a Govt. lead by **Late Shri Hon'ble Atal Bihari Vajpayee Ji** for accepting the demand of Employees Associations to bear responsibility to give pension by the Govt. and incorporating necessary changes in Rule-37A for smooth creation of Company in the broad view to serve the remote areas of the country providing them new Technology at cheapest and affordable rates keeping in view only national interest.
2. To meet with legal formality, DOT employees were asked to give their option for absorption in BSNL/ MTNL consequent upon privatization of Telecom Sector by Govt. with 100% Share; permitting them extending counting their DoT period service for their Pension Fixation.
3. There was clear understanding that wherever the Company is asked to provide infrastructure to implement welfare measures-oriented activities in remote places incurring loss; the loss incurred by the company will be exclusively borne by the Govt. Written Agreement was also signed.
4. In accordance with the decision of the Union Cabinet taken in the year 2000 that unambiguously envisages that absorbed in BSNL/ MTNL would be fully treated at par with Central Govt. Employees and their pension would be paid by Govt. in accordance to then 1972 CCS Pension Rules; incorporating Rule-37A.
5. The employees in turn trusting the decision of their bread-provider - we the then DoT workers - gave option for absorption in Company with least resistance; Obediently, faithfully and in a highly disciplined manner, keeping in view the spirit of the decision of the Union Cabinet, for paramount National interest of Govt. to have its own operators. We got absorbed in BSNL/MTNL, without challenging the decision of the Union Cabinet and rightly understanding the compulsions of Govt.
6. *Considering the ground realities that to get us absorbed in IDA scales and **give us Higher Govt. Pension; not comparing that one with other Govt. Pensioners; was exclusively the decision of the Union Cabinet and not of workers volition.***

7. And to justify rather balancing exchequer's fiscal condition; much higher Pension Contribution on maximum of IDA scales was recovered and is being continued till date.
8. We are now not citing the stressful and cumbersome struggle we have had to go through to get benefit of 2nd P.R.C. recommendations for us; as it is over with sour memories.
9. *We also appreciate that Hon'ble P.M. Shri Narendrabhai, taking notice of the critical fiscal conditions of the MTNL-BSNL took some strategic and bold decisions and bringing the company on its track saving it from the danger of derailment offering fiscal packages which are now showing fruitful result of prudent decisions of the Govt.*
10. Having painfully waited for virtually six years to get our Pension revision due since 1st January, 2017, we approached your august office requesting to hear our say in the matter as we were deprived of opportunity to represent our view – which is given to all other C.G. Govt. Pensioners Association to have their say before Central Pay Commission.
11. Sir, we are thankful to you for giving us opportunity to have our say before the authorities in a meeting convened by Shri Mahesh Shukla, Member Services, DoT.
12. We also appreciate continuing interaction of the authorities since then and now seemingly arriving at decision to delink Pension Revision for MTNL-BSNL Pensioners; preparing final note with all justification considering proposed new pay scales by the Corporate Office.
13. Sir, now your good self is fully aware of the ironical fact that lakhs of pensioners were helplessly trampled passing through very crucial pandemic period of Covid-19 and thousands have died with despair and many are eagerly awaiting.
14. We. Therefore, implore upon you to get incorporated an appropriate and foolproof mechanism in the Cabinet note that is expected to be sent in near future for Cabinet Approval.

Hon'ble Sir, we now while appreciating your concern for providing us living respectable life; earnestly wish that taking into our long sufferings and agonies we have passed through this crucial period will bless the entire community of Pensioners of BSNL/MTNL, as their Custodian; to keep up their unwavering and unshakeable faith and trust that under your benign, unprejudiced and completely impartial leadership – our long cherished and justified demand of 15% fitment would be extended on 3rd PRC IDA scales; as less than that would tantamount to inflicting severe and gravest injustice to them.

We look forward for your nod for 15% fitment and early move to have our hopes blessed with by you.

With regards,

Yours Sincerely,
(D.D. MISTRY)
Secretary BSNL/PSU
Bharat Pensioner Samaj.

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