

BSNL Pensioners Pension Revision

A Herculean task

A proverb says....

**Nothing is impossible - means -
everything possible...**

United Struggle always pay in long run...

Having passed through very cumbersome procedure, we have been able to cut ice to some extent convincing all those who are in chair towards justification of our demand and urgency of quickest essentiality to quench thirst of lacs of BSNL Pensioners; painfully to state that many of us are passing through their painful life of more than two decades and waiting for their final fulfilment of life dream with a hope to have final sweet water.

During our representations to them we have tried our best to convince them that whatever quantum of Pension we are getting is price paid by the exchequer to implement its socioeconomic design to expand its high-tech to remote part of country and was price paid by us to cooperate with Govt. sacrificing our Govt. status and multiple benefits. So, to say that-even now without Pension Revision BSNL-MTNL Pensioners are receiving comparatively higher pension-is totally unethical.

There is no discussion/debate on fixation formula of 7th CPC as its recommendation are approved/accepted and adopted by the Cabinet and then why different yardstick for implementation of 3rd P.R.C. recommendation on its fixation formula; which is also approved/accepted and adopted by the Cabinet?

Should we mention here the sacrifice given by MTNL Employees; who in order to get their Pension as Govt. Pension alike BSNL Employees; have agreed/signed agreement for similar pay scales which will be offered to BSNL Employees which will be lesser that what they are receiving now while opting for their merger in BSNL – which include their Pension too? To be clearer, if they were not ready to sacrifice; they might have been compelled to pass through inexpressible situation.

Now, we have come to know from reliable sources that the Establishment Section of DoT the has finally submitted proposal for Pension Revision based on 3rd PRC to concerned authorities which includes comparative figure of expenditure, based upon finalization of fixation formula giving weightage of 5%, 10% and 15%.

So now, when there is no further option as the proposal is being forwarded to Hon'ble MoC for his final decision on fate of lacs of BSNL-MTNL Pensioners, we have addressed him a detailed representation on 9th April, 2023 (Printed in this issue) fully justifying on demand on logical and legal grounds.

We have specially stated therein that - 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. 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.

Let us be clear ourself that we will never be disappointed and continue our struggle to achieve our goal of BSNL-MTNL Pensioners Pension Revision with 15% Fitment as per 3rd PRC Recommendations but; will never revert to threat of judicial process while discussing and debating issue to avoid building up of negative stand in the minds of authorities.

Let us hope that a Cabinet note prepared by Establishment Section of DoT which will be travelling through Member Finance, Services and Chairman DoT is favorable but for one element will pave our way to success through hon'ble Communication Minister Shri Ashwini Vaishnav Ji.

So now the task before Joint Forum of BSNL-MTNL Pensioners Association is to closely monitor the process and to minimize the expected time period of three months for final decision.

We assure our Pensioners Fraternity that we will vouch safe Pensioners interest with precise care and concern and take all the necessary steps to achieve our goal.

BSNL MEDICAL ADALAT : During our meeting with Dr. Pravin Kumar Purwar, CMD BSNL on 24.03.2023, we have highlighted agonies of BSNL Pensioners towards their pending indoor/outdoor and Fixed medical allowance cases. As a result-thereof, instructions have already been given to all heads to Circles to once again look into the issue by directing all SSA/Business Heads to finalize the pending bills, and to held Medical Adalat to resolve the issues.

Wish you all Seasonal Festivals,

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General Secretary

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