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Dated 14th July, 2023

Case pending since 22.12.2010 - Pr.CCA Hyderabad to issue PPO.

To:

Sh. Sanjiv Narain Mathur,

Additional Secretary (Pension),
Department of Pension & Pensioners Welfare,
Janpath Bhawan, B Wing, 8th Floor
New Delhi - 110001

Subject: A request to expedite Family Pension Case of Selvi. Edna Shirley D/o A.Dhanaraj, Retd., AE Secunderabad in Hyderabad Telephone District for Reauthorization of FP.

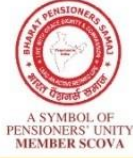
Respected Sir,

1. Our Circle Secretary, Tamilnadu Circle is pursuing the case with complete details and supporting documents, but unfortunately till date there is no progress and poor daughter of the Pensioner is suffering heavily. We therefore approach your august office with fervent hope that the Daughter of Pensioner will get justice. The details of the case in brief are given as under.
2. That One Sri. A. Dhanaraj was working as Asst. Engineer in Secunderabad Telephone Exchange and retired on 30.04.1971. Probably he would have been appointed as Engineering Supervisor in the then Dept. of Telecom now designated as Junior Telecom Officer.
3. Consequently he was drawing his service pension from the Head Post Office, Tiruchirappalli in Tamilnadu Circle. The PPO was issued by the GM of the then A.P. Circle. **The PPO number is CCS/12/G0-16/PEN** later renumbered as 210000901 by the CCA, T.N. Circle.
4. The Pensioner died on 28.11.1976. Consequently his spouse Smt. Kamala Periyanyagan was given family pension from 29.11.1976 and she too died on 14.03.2008 leaving the following as legal heirs.

Sr.No.	Name	Relationship	Date of Birth
1	Antony Leo	Son	12.06.1958
2	Abraham Felix	Son	10.08.1959
3	Edna Shirley (Unmarried & Unemployed)	Daughter	19.0.1961
4	Cyril Stanley	Son	09.0.1963



5. Out of these four, sons are not eligible for family Pension as per standing instructions of the DOPPW as they are more than 25 years of age.
6. So, now only Unmarried and unemployed daughter Edna Shirley is eligible and being so, she had applied for Family Pension on 22.10.2010 by submitting applications to the GM Postal Accounts through the Post Master Trichy; followed with reminders dated 12.07.2012 and 07.09.2012.
7. The GM Postal Accounts in turn has forwarded the pension papers for family pensioner to the Dy.CCA, TN Circle on 21.08.2012.
8. The Dy. CCA, O/o The CCA, T.N. Circle, Chennai-8 has not taken any action on the representation till 23.04.2019 i.e. even after the lapse of 7 years and after this Association brought the lapse to his notice the representation and other claim papers were forwarded to AO (Pension), O/o Pr. CCA, A.P. Circle, DOT, Hyderabad on 23.04.2019. In this connection this Association's letter dated 16.04.2019 addressed to the Dy. CCA, T.N. Circle may kindly be looked into.(copy enclosed for ready reference as Annexure-1).
9. Both halves of the PPO were returned to the DOT-Cell i.e. CCA Office, Chennai-8 on 25.08.2011 by the GM Postal Accounts vide OW No : 1177. They are also reportedly not traceable in CCA Office, T.N. Circle and not returned to the Pr. CCA, A.P. Circle, Hyderabad.
10. The Pr. CCA, T.S. Circle wanted the claims for family pension should be processed by the PGM, Hyderabad Telephone District as he is the Head of the Office competent to sanction FP. The PGM-HYD TD replied to this Association on a RTI quarry that no records such as pay bill, service book etc of the retired officer are available in his office and therefore they could not process the claim for family pension.
11. On a reference by this Association to the CGM, T.S. Circle we were informed that all pension files were handed over to CCA Office at the time of formation from 01.10.2000 consequent on the formation of BSNL. The service books of all retired DOT employees were also handed over to CCA office, Telengana Circle for safe custody at the time of VRS-19. As such the SB of the above officer for whom the PPO was issued by the CGM, of the then A.P. Circle should be available with CCA, T.S. Circle only.
12. In the absence of service records the PGM, HYD.TD has raised a doubt about the retired officers employment in Hyderabad Telephone District itself and suggested he might have been employed under GMM, STR which is not correct. He was recruited and worked in AP Telecom Circle only. The family of the deceased officer has produced copies of the following documents to prove that he was employed in Hyderabad Telephone District only.
13. GPF balance slip for the year 1966-1967 in which the name of the subscriber is mentioned as Sri.A. Dhanraj, SDO, O/o DMT, HYD.
14. Farewell party photo dated 20.09.1957 taken by the staff in Telephone Exchange in Khammameth - Hyderabad where his name is printed.



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15. His marriage invitation which took place on 02.07.1956 at Sacred Heart Church, Thanjavur in which his designation is noted as Engineering Supervisor, Phones, Secunderabad. His wife's name also tallies with the spouse for whom family pension is authorised on his demise.
16. For fixing the family pension, the last pay drawn particulars are needed to the PGM, BSNL, HYD-Telephone District. On an application under RTI from this Association, the DMT HYD has replied in its letter No : SL/RTI/929/DC/2018-19/4 dated 11.11.2018 that "No record pertaining to Sri.A.Dhanaraj could be traced out, inspite of best efforts". They say that no pay bill for the period of April 1971 is available to find out the LPD. Even the service book is also reportedly not available.
17. In order to settle long pending case, we had suggested to the Pr. CCA, T.S. Circle on 04.08.2020 to calculate the pension taking into account the minimum of the pay scale of Group B officer as LPD. A copy of the calculation sheet was also given to the Pr. CCA, T.N. Circle. The calculation is based on the notional fixation / revision as per DOP & PW OM dated 12.05.2017.
18. Sir, we would like to say that the whole history of the case is available with the DMT, Hyderabad and Pr. CCA, T.S. Circle, Hyderabad.

NOW OUR SUBMISSION

Sir, since the case is being prolonged beyond reasonable period and aiming to help poor and need daughter, we request you to kindly cause issuance of clear instructions to the Pr. C.C.A. TN to coordinate with the CGM T.S. and authorize Family Pension to Edna Shirley, daughter of the Pensioner. Sir, as per the motto of DOPPW we desire for ease of living of pensioners by spiritually true implementation of Pension Rules.

Hoping for your kindly intervention so as to help need daughter of Pensioner who is ironically waiting for her family pension since last 15 years.

Yours Sincerely,

(D.D. MISTRY)
Secretary BSNL/PSU-
Bharat Pensioner Samaj

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Copy to:

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