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28 October, 2023

Respected Shri (Dr.) Neeraj Mittal,

Subject: Request for the early implementation of PBCAT-ND Judgment Dt: 20-09-2023 in O A.no.1272/2020 in respect of revision of pension to BSNL/MTNL pensioners as per 7th CPC benefits - Regarding

Over 4 lakh BSNL/MTNL pensioners spread all over the country are eagerly awaiting implementation of the PBCAT, New Delhi pronounced judgment on 20-09-2023 in the OA.no.1272/2020 in respect of revision of pension (RP) of BSNL/MTNL pensioners/ family pensioners as per the 7th Central pay commission (CPC) benefits. I am sure the Department would have received and perused the above referred judgment.

The important operative part of the PBCAT-ND judgment order dt:20-09-2023 by Mr. Tarun Sridhar, Member(A) & Mrs. Pratima K Gupta, Member(J) on the revision of pension of BSNL/MTNL Pensioners is mentioned below:

- **PARA-21:** We have gone through the voluminous pleadings on record and also heard the detailed arguments put forth by the learned counsels on more than couple of occasions.
- **PARA-22:** There is no ambiguity that at the time of their placement & absorption in BSNL & MTNL, it was categorically stated that the erstwhile employees of DOT shall continue to be governed by their existing terms and conditions of the service which means that they shall continue to be treated as govt. servants for all intents & purposes. It is also not in dispute that from time to time the recommendations of CPC as accepted & notified by the govt. were made applicable in their case too. There is no ambiguity with respect to the general terms & conditions governing absorption as circulated and quoted in Para 5 of this order, stating categorically that provisions of Rule 37-A of CCS (Pension) Rules 1972 shall guide payment of pension to these employees.
- **PARA-23:** In this para very clearly observed the attribution of rule 37-A of CCS (Pension) Rules 1972.
- **PARA-26:** We are not inclined to consider the extended arguments on behalf of the respondents even though we acknowledge some merits in these.
- **PARA-27:** We have no hesitation in concluding that present application deserves positive consideration. The govt. had given promise & stated it in black & white. How could it now retract from the promise that too not by any law or rules but simply refused to honor it?

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- **PARA-28:** In view of the elaborate discussions above, the OA no -1272/2020 stands allowed. The competent authority amongst the respondents is directed to forth with revised the pension & family pension wherever applicable strictly in accordance with the relevant rules & entitlement governing pension to various sets of employees of Central Government maintaining strict parity.
- **PARA-30:** The OA no-1272/2020 stands allowed against the back ground of the aforesaid directions.

I would like to mention that most of the BSNL & MTNL pensioners/ Family Pensioners are well above the age of 65 plus years and are waiting for Pension Revision & Family Pension for the last 6 years i.e., w.e.f.01-1-2017. Any further delay in implementing the PBCAT. New Delhi judgment order will cause great discomfort to the BSNL/MTNL pensioners/family pensioners.

I therefore request you to look into the above long pending issue & take an early positive action in this regard.

With kind regards,

Yours Sincerely,



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