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MTNL-BSNL Pensioners Pension Revision Present Status...

For all the BSNL Pensioners Associations who reverted seeking legal remedy and got justice, feels themselves sorry that their trust in authorities have thrown them into a deep well of agonies and despair and have been rather hinted by the High Court to file contempt petition or to wait till 12.07.2024 and ready to halt the relief sought by the DoE, DOPPW & DoT; which will not be a easy cake.

Had we all in a Joint Meeting of all the BSNL / MTNL Pensioners held on 19.10.2022 in Kidwai Bhawan Telephone Exchange, New Delhi; came to unanimous decision to demand BSNL / MTNL Pensioners Pension Revision as per 3rd P.R.C. Recommendations, to-day the situations would have been quite different. Failing to know inkling of DoT, is like a missing trains to reach our destination in time, and making the pensioners to suffer fiscally for longer period for which pensioners' fraternity will never pardon us.

We also failed to fathom what had been clearly said by the MoC in his Cuttack interaction with Pensioners Association to come with one clear stand and say on their demand; which would have stopped the Govt. to think seriously and decide the issue avoiding filing of appeal.

If we go on reading the contents of Appeal filed in the High Court by Petitioners, there is nothing more than what they clearly said before the 17th Pensioner Association in their meeting on 17.10.2022 by DoT, clearing their stand by slide show – we have reproduced in brief in GS Diary – adding virtually all the legal judgments and seeking the relief not only to get relief from what have been prayed by the Present Respondents but including other verdicts as well.

We had written in our January 2024 editorial "Let us hope that we get positive outcome on our issue of Pension Revision and not forced to continue our struggle for longer period and the settlement will not open Pandora box' has now become the fact.

We should be aware of the fact that Ministry of Finance, Department of Expenditure Resolution decided to appoint 7th CPC with the term of reference for pension and pension revision vide Para 2(f) of the notification dated 28 Feb 2014 as **"To examine the principle which should govern the structure of Pension and other retirement benefit including revision of pension in the case of Employees who have retired prior to the Date of effect (01.01.2006) of these recommendation"**.

Similarly, PRC is appointed by Ministry of Heavy industries and Public Enterprise (Department of Public Enterprise) and the recommendation are accepted by the Ministry; where pay scales are revised by Ministry and their implementation is done by different CPSE,s on the basis of their affordability. In 3rd PRC the pay scales of BSNL has also been revised by Department of Public Enterprise but are not implemented by BSNL due to affordability clause in the 3rd PRC.

The Pensioners Association should know that "Rule 66 (1) of CCS (Pension) Rule 2021 which says **"Pension authorized under rule 44 and family pension authorized under rule 50 may be revised by the Government in accordance with any general order issued in implementation of decision taken on the recommendation of the CPC or otherwise.**

Rule 66 (1) of CCS pension Rule 2021(Revision of pension after authorization) clearly says that the pension authorized under rule 44 of CCS Pension rule 21 and family pension authorized under rule 50 may be revised by Government in accordance with any general order issued in implementation of decision taken on recommendation of the CPC or otherwise. Rule 44 of the pension Rule 2021 says that any Government servant who retires under rule 33, 34 35,36,37,38 or rule 39 becomes entitled for 50 % of last pay. As we combined service pensioner retires of BSNL at par with Government servants under rule 37 A, our amount is calculated as per rule 44 so under rule 66 of CCS (Pension) rule 2021 we are entitled for pension revision.

Last but not the least all the pensioners covered under CCS (Pension) Rule form a group whether they are CDA or IDA pensioner. Depriving IDA pensioner for pension revision on the ground that they are IDA pensioner; **it is against D. S. Nakara Case because it form a sub group in the group.** Their pension revision right cannot be linked with BSNL affordability which is based on pay and pension revision of BSNL combined service employees and pensioners then it will be a dream for then for Pay and pension revision.

Let us consider reality and try to get united to have befitting forceful representation before the authorities to reach to amicable and practicable solution in the larger interest of our pensioners leaving aside our egoistic attitude of safeguarding them against future pension revision in future.

Dinesh D. Mistry
General Secretary

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Wife of Shri Salunke Bhimabhai Govindbhai, District Secretary, BDPA (INDIA) and ex Secretary of Maratha Samaj, Surat expired on 25.01.2024.



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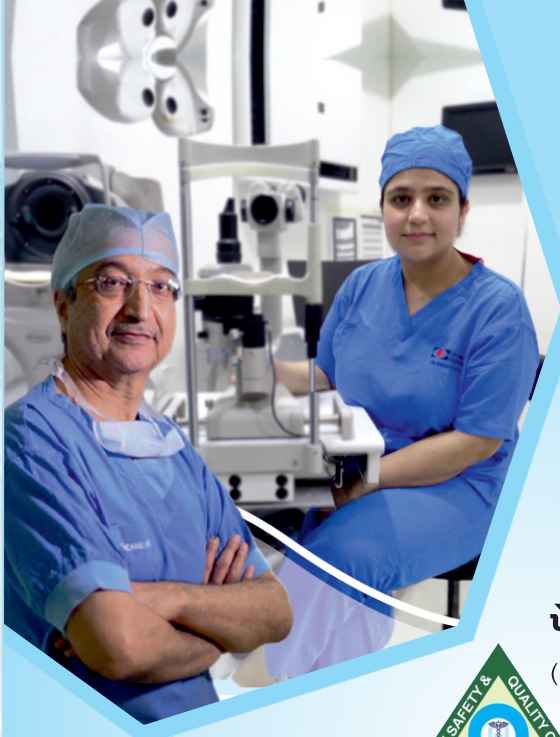
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Celebration of International women's day 2024 at Rajkot & Surat



52nd Get-to-Gather held on 28th February, 2024



Navsari Get-to-Gather held on 29-2-2024



Honouring +75 elders by Laughing Club, Rajkot on 27.01.2024 with Mrs Nayanaben Mayor



Rajkot Pension Adalat held on 15-3-2024



Meeting with Shri V. Srinivas, Secretary, DOPPW New Delhi in Ahmedabad on 05-03-2024



Shri V. Srinivas,
Secretary, DOPPW
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Republic Day Celebration at Surat held on 26-1-2024



BDPA (I) Office bearers Visit to Salunke House (Surat) on 20.02.2024



BDPA (I) Office bearers Visit to Ashokbhai Thakkar House (Vadodara) on 10.04.2024



BDPA (I) Vadodara District Laptop & Tablet for Working on 26-1-2024



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