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No. BPS/BDDPA(I)/Pension Disbursement/2024

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To Shri Manish Sinha, Member Finance, Sanchar Bhawan, New Delhi 110001.

Sub: A request to fix modus operandi for Pension Disbursement to BSNL Pensioners on due date.

Respected Sir,

1. Sir, kindly refer to to Rule 216 of P & T FHB Vol-I read with Rule 99 of FHB Vol-II and also Rule 217 and 339 of CTR Volume I wherein the due date for payment of pay and Allowances and pension of Central Government employees and Pensioners are defined. The last working day also defined in Explanation there under.

2. The Pension disbursement of BSNL Pensioners throughout country was delayed for the month of August 2024 and it was assured by virtually all the CCAs that it will be ensured in the next month that it will not be recurred in next months.

3. Sir, we are in receipt of complaints of non-receipt of pensioners on 31<sup>st</sup> August 2024 from Jammu, Tamilnadu, Kerala and Gujarat Circles.

4. The information received from the CCAs reveals that in order to avoid delay, this time it was processed much before the time but due to server issue, the delay was caused.

5. Sub rule (1) of Rule 216 of FHB, Vol-I says that the bills for payment of P & A may be signed at any time not earlier than 5 days before the last working day. This provision is also applicable to the bills for payment of pension and FP.

In order to ensure the payment of pension / FP on the morning of due date promptly this Association would like to request you to kindly send the pension payment cheques to the SBI - Hyderabad or any other RBI Agencies 5 days before the last working day instead of 2 or 3 days. This will avoid anxious moments to pensioners and Family pensioners besides the CCAs also.

Hope for necessary action in the matter,

Yours Sincerely,

(D.D. MISTRY) Secretary BSNL/PSU