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No: BPS/BDPA(I)/Gratuity/VRs/I-Tax

Dated 7th September, 2024

To:

Shri Manish Sinha,

Member (Finance),

O/o DoT, New Delhi 110001

Sub: A request to stop recovery of interest on Payment of Deferred Gratuity to VRs Retirees of BSNL – Case of Telengana Telecom Circle.

Sir,

1. We enclose herewith a copy of letter No: BDPA (I)/TTC/2024-25/26 dated 09.07.2024 on the captioned subject.
2. It has been mentioned therein that AO (PDA) % CCA Secunderabad has started to recover Income Tax from June 2024, from VRS Retirees on accrued interest from *Deferred Gratuity*.
3. We enclose herewith a copy of letter No: 28/91/2022-P&PW (W)(1) dated 20th October, 2023 on the subject "Adjustment and recovery of Government dues from gratuity payable under the Central Civil Services (Pension) Rules, 2021- reg."
4. Its Para 2. Clarifies Govt. Dues

2. As per Rule 67 of the Central Civil Services (Pension) Rules, 2021, it shall be the duty of the Head of Office to ascertain and assess Government dues payable by a Government servant due for retirement on superannuation / retiring otherwise than superannuation/ retired from service. The Government dues which remain outstanding till the date of retirement of the Government servant, shall be adjusted against the amount of the retirement gratuity becoming payable.

5. Its last Para reads –

5. All Ministries/Departments are requested that the above provisions regarding Government dues which can be recovered from Gratuity payable under the Central Civil Services (Pension) Rules, 2021 may be brought to the notice of the personnel dealing with the pensionary benefits in the Ministry/Department and attached/subordinate offices there under, for strict implementation.
6. Its Para 3, defines Govt. Dues, means on accommodation etc. And does not permit recovery of Income Tax which comes in other dues, cannot be recovered.
7. Since the interest on deferred gratuity is not drawn separately, merely on presumption it cannot be recovered, unless it is actually paid.
8. Recovering amount on presumed accrued interest creates financial hardship to Pensioners in their retired life.
9. We will not mind it the accrued interest is counted and liabilities created and recovered at the time of actual payment of gratuity.

Hope for your kind intervention.

With regards,

Yours Sincerely,


(D.D. MISTRY)
Secretary BSNL/PSU BPS

Encls: As stated.

Copy to:

1. The CCA Secunderabad.
2. Dr. Kalyan Sagar, Dir (HR), Corporate Office, New Delhi
3. Shri S.C Maheshwari, SG BPS New Delhi
4. The CS Telengana Circle.