

MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT (LOK SABHA), ERNAKULAM, KERALA

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To,

Shri Jyotiraditya M Scindia Ji, Hon'ble Union Minister of Communications.

Respected Shri Jyotiraditya M Scindia Ji,

Subject: Request for pension revision of BSNL pensioners w.e.f. 1/1/2017.

I am writing to bring to your attention the long-pending issue of pension revision for BSNL pensioners, which has been awaiting resolution since 1/1/2017.

As you are aware, BSNL falls under the Department of Public Enterprises (DPE). All other companies governed by DPE guidelines have implemented pension revisions effective from 1/1/2017. However, BSNL pensioners, whose pensions are paid from the Consolidated Fund of India through the Department of Telecommunications (DoT), continue to face undue delays.

The DoT has already collected pension contributions from BSNL employees during their service period at exorbitant rates, calculated at the maximum scale of pay. Adequate funds are available with the DoT to meet these pension obligations, and the only matter requiring resolution is the quantum of revision, which can be finalized through mutual discussions.

It is deeply unfortunate that the DoT has not taken any decisive steps in this regard for the past seven years. This inaction has led to many senior citizens passing away without receiving the benefits they rightfully deserved. Such apathy towards senior citizens is contrary to the government's commitment to their welfare.



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The government has consistently emphasized its commitment to ensuring a peaceful, dignified, and fulfilling life for senior citizens. It is imperative to uphold this principle by addressing this critical issue without further delay.

I respectfully request your kind intervention to expedite the pension revision process and bring justice to the BSNL pensioners who have been waiting for over seven years.

Expecting your favourable response,

Yours sincerely,

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