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Member of Parliament (Lok Sabha), Thiruvananthapuram Chairman, External Affairs Committee of Parliament

No. ST/1197/2024/GOI

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Dear Himita, my dear Adiga:

Subject: Recommendation for Pension Revision of BSNL Pensioners Effective from 01/01/2017-reg.

I am forwarding herewith the representation submitted by the BSNL & DOT Pensioners Association (India) regarding the long-pending issue of pension revision for BSNL pensioners, effective from 01/01/2017.

According to the representation, BSNL, being under the purview of the Department of Public Enterprises (DPE), qualifies for pension revision as per the DPE guidelines. Notably, all other companies under DPE have already implemented pension revisions effective from 01/01/2017. However, despite the Department of Telecommunications (DOT) having collected pension contributions from BSNL employees during their service period based on the maximum scale of pay, there has been no decisive action taken on this matter by DOT for the last seven years.

It is deeply disheartening to note that many senior pensioners have passed away without receiving their rightful pension revision, a situation that contradicts the Government's assurances and principles of fairness and justice.

In light of the above, I strongly recommend that your esteemed office take immediate and necessary steps to address this long-overdue matter. A timely resolution of this issue will provide justice to the pensioners who have served the nation through BSNL and will also reinforce faith in the Government's commitment to its assurances.

I trust that you will give this matter your utmost attention and ensure that pension revision for BSNL pensioners is expedited without further delay.

Yours sincerely

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Dr. Shashi Tharoor

To Shri. Jyotiraditya M Scindia Hon'ble Minister for Communications Government of India New Delhi



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Dr. SHASHI THAROOR HON'BLE MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT THIRUVANANTHAPURAM

Respected Sir,

Sub :- Pension revision of BSNL Pensioners wef 1/1/2017 reg.

BSNL comes under DPE. All the companies allowed pension revision wef 1/1/2017 as per DPE guidelines.

In BSNL pension is paid from the Consolidated fund of India by DOT.

DOT has already collected pension contribution from BSNL employees while they were in service at an exorbitant way maximum of scale of pay.

DOT has enough funds lying with it to meet expenses.

Only the quantum is to be decided by mutual discussion

IT IS UNFORTUNATE THAT DOT IS NOT TAKING ANY FRUITFUL MOVE TO DECIDE PENSION REVISION WHICH IS PENDING FOR THE LAST 7 YEARS, FOR REASONS BEST KNOWN TO DOT

MANY SENIOR CITIZENS LEFT THIS WORLD WITHOUT GETTING THEIR DUE. SHARE IN PENSION REVISION.

THIS LETHARGY IS AGAINST GOVERNMENT POLICY TO LOOK AFTER SENIOR CITIZENS & THEIR WELFARE.

OUR HON. P. M. SHRI NARENDRA MODIJY MADE IT CLEAR INSIDE & OUTSIDE PARLIAMENT THAT HIS GOVERNMENT WILL TAKE ALL STEPS TO HELP SENIOR CITIZENS TO LIVE A PEACEFUL, PLEASANT, SUCCESSFUL LIFE.

I take this opportunity to request your goodself to use your good offices to have a relook of the whole issue pending for the last 7 years.

Expecting a favourable reply

Yours faithfully

&Surendrn Circle Secretary