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Respected Sh. Ashwini Vaishnaw,
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Sub; Highly legitimate and just issue of pension revision of retired employees of BSNL/MTNL due w.e.f 1.1.2017 is being trampled upon ruthlessly by obdurate and perverse thinking bureaucracy in DOT on flimsy and baseless grounds resulting in unwarranted suffering and misery to lakhs and lakhs of retired employees because of deep rooted bureaucratic red tape. Dispassionate and humble request, as an extraordinary intellectual, and definitely not as a bureaucrat, for which you are being widely applauded, is to get the entire issue examined by an independent group of experts, completely free from deep prejudices that bureaucrats in DOT have cultivated against both employees of BSNL/MTNL as well as the growth of these versatile and robust organizations over the years.

Respected Sir,

Very frankly speaking, from the bottom of our hearts, we are encroaching upon your precious time, as an widely acclaimed intellectual, to get our highly legitimate issue of pension revision examined by an independent group of experts, certainly not from the existing stale thinking, prejudiced bureaucracy in DOT. Looking forward towards you more as an intellectual, rather than a typical bureaucrat, we expect independent examination and resolution of a highly legitimate issue on which hundreds of representations made from various quarters have been dumped. If you choose to refer the issue yet

again to those very bureaucrats who have been ruthlessly massacring lakhs and lakhs of retired employees of BSNL/MTNL by denying them their legitimate pension revision from 1.1.2017, on frivolous, flimsy and ridiculous grounds, then we shall be convinced that you are also one amongst them, not at all interested in resolving our issue.

Sir, we, the pensioners of BSNL/MTNL, are legitimately eligible for pension revision strictly in conformity with 1972 CCS pension Rules and our pension and all retirement benefits are paid by the Central Govt. in accordance to the decision of the Union Cabinet taken at the time of Corporatization of DOT in the year 2000. Retired Central Govt. employees got their pension revision after 7th CPC recommendations 1.1.2016. Similarly, we should have got our pension revision after 3rd PRC report for wage revision for CPSUs by giving us legitimate increase of 15% on our IDA w.e.f. 1.1.2017.

Sir, you can very easily conclude highly perverse and polluted attitude and thinking of DOT officials by irrationally and ridiculously asserting their perverse argument for the last four years that unless wage revision of BSNL/MTNL employees is done, Pension revision of retired BSNL/MTNL cannot be done since, according to their contemptuous thinking, it will lead to an anomaly between would be retirees after 1.1.2017 and already retired employees.

Here it is extremely pertinent to mention two critical and relevant facts.

1. Pension revision of retired employees of BSNL/MTNL has absolutely nothing to do with profits or losses of BSNL/MTNL since the entire expenditure is to be borne by the Central Govt. So, on what grounds our pension revision is being linked to the wage revision of working employees of BSNL/MTNL which is to be borne by their respective Organizations. This is simply completely incomprehensible.
2. The stale, prejudiced, frivolous, baseless argument of DOT, based on completely misleading, untenable and flimsy grounds is that if pension revision of retired employees is done, it would lead to hell and the hell, according to them, is an anomaly in pension between retired employees

and those who would retire after 1.1.20017. Sir, whenever, CPC gives its recommendations, it simultaneously sets up an anomaly committee which addresses thousands of anomalies that naturally are bound to crop up and are resolved by the anomaly committee within reasonable time. But in the instant case, plethora of bureaucrats in DOT have been singing the same song for last four years i.e pension revision of retired employees will lead to an anomaly, which, according to their perverse thinking, cannot be resolved. This argument beyond any doubt fully exposes their ulterior and devious motives of not resolving the issue at all. Just one single anomaly could not be addressed by dozens of bureaucrats in DOT for four years because they are simply interested in sabotaging the issue of pension revision and they have been allowed to succeed in their ulterior motives only because your predecessors never got involved in resolution of this vital issue and they also sang the song of DOT bureaucracy. What a pity on their administrative capabilities. **It is precisely here where our Hon'ble PM is absolutely right by exhorting time and again that bureaucracy lies at the very root of ills afflicting the Nation and here is a classic case of what the Hon'ble PM has been time and again been emphasizing upon bureaucrats to come out of the clutches of their highly perverse and counterproductive thinking and render their services in a truly professional way, not in any way getting influenced by any kind of prejudices or bureaucratic red tape.**

Sir, the modus operandi of DOT bureaucracy is very simple and not at all difficult to understand. Inordinately keep on denying senior citizens of their legitimate rights so that eventually they are forced to go to Court of law where resolution of this issue will take at least 15-20 years and by that time most of us will not be existing. Why 15-20 years because first channel is CAT where it will take 4 to 5 years, then High Court and finally Supreme Court, and by that time majority of us would have travelled to the next world. Respected Sir, this is without any exaggeration, the strategy of bureaucrats in DOT, on this issue which can be otherwise resolved within a few days if there is willingness and interest to resolve, not to sabotage the issue as is being done now

Frankly and fearlessly speaking, Sir, DOT /Finance and non - absorbed ITS in DOT, have an inherent and age old bias against absorbed employees of BSNL because they have a feeling that they are drawing higher salaries and pension than them because of theirs being in IDA scales. But this inherent bias was successfully contained, dereated and crushed by ex- DOT Secretaries like, Late Dr Sharma sir, D.P. Mishra sir, Farooqui sir, Garg Sir who made lot of improvisations in our pension rules like doing away with deadly 60:40% provision that was contained in the previous pension rules, besides resolving our innumerable career growth issues that were being bulldozed by non absorbed ITS in DOT at the policy making. But, to say the least, present Telecom Secy has been an integral part of this larger and well calculated conspiracy to scuttle and blatantly deny our legitimate right. **We have absolutely no hesitation in mentioning that it is sheer callousness of an unprecedented kind and extreme sadistic approach that has motivated them to take such a ridiculous, funny, perverse stand i.e just for the sake of a simple anomaly arising, pension to lakhs and lakhs of retired employees of BSNL/MTNL is being denied for four years. Making mockery of issues and humiliating on their part. This fabricated and well calculated stand of bureaucracy in DOT on such a crucial issue affecting adversely lakhs and lakhs of senior citizens is not only unpardonable but highly deplorable and condemnable in strongest possible manner.**

Finally, sir, as an intellectual, definitely not as a bureaucrat, if you are serious, sincere and honest to render immediate justice to lakhs and lakhs of pensioners of BSNL/MTNL who are languishing in various Courts throughout the Country and a good number of whom have already passed away, **you will have to be extremely proactive and adopt an entirely different route by setting up an committee of experts (not from DOT), we are hundred percent confident they will be easily able to resolve the so called fabricated anomaly issue, just within days, to enable us to get us justice which is being blatantly denied to us for last four years on purely extraneous and non- existent grounds. However, if you prefer to go with the tide, like your predecessors did, which we are quite**

confident you will not, then we are left to our fate. By doing this, more than anything else, you shall be fulfilling the great dream of Hon'ble PM with regard to what he feels should the model role of bureaucracy in resolution of issues. Sir, this crucial decision of resolution of this significant and legitimate issue by way of your benign immediate intervention to render legitimate justice to lakhs and lakhs of pensioners or to continue to languish them for decades and decades in Courts to get justice, and in the process allow majority of them to die, we leave it to you to decide.

With kind regards,

Sincerely yours



(G.L.Jogi)

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1. Respected Sh. Narendra Modi Ji, Hon'ble PM. Respected Sir, your kind personal immediate intervention on this significant and crucial issue has become absolutely unavoidable since bureaucracy in DOT has been butchering lakhs and lakhs of pensioners of BSNL/MTNL by denying them their legitimate pension revision for the last four years, on purely flimsy and frivolous grounds, which is to be paid by the Central Govt. Sir, unless, your office intervenes immediately, proactively and effectively to get this simple issue which is being denied on flimsy and baseless grounds, lakhs and lakhs of pensioners of BSNL/MTNL will have to continue to suffer miserably the way they are being made to suffer for last four years by nasty and perverse thinking bureaucracy in D.O.T. We are confident that our dispassionate appeal to secure justice from highest authority in the Country will be considered and resolved with the kind of seriousness and urgency that it deserves, and not ignored under any circumstances whatsoever.
2. Respected MS Nirmala Sitharaman, Honble Finance Minister for immediate n/a please please.

3. Respected Sh. Devusinh Prasad, M.O.S/Telecom, for kind information and n/a please.
4. Dr T.V. Swaminathan, Secy/D.O.E, Ministry of Finance for kind information and n/a please.
5. Respected Sh. Jitendra Prasad, M.O.S/PP for kind information and n/a please..
6. Respected Sh Sanjay Singh, Secy/Department of pension, for immediate n/a please.
7. Respected Sh Anshu Prakash, Secy/DOT, for simply information only.
8. Respected Sh. P.K.Sinha, M(F)/DOT, simply for information only..
9. DDG(Estt)/DOT, for information only.
10. Sh P.K.Purwar, CMD/BSNL, for information and n/a please.
11. Sh. Arvind Vadnerkar, Dir(HR), for information &n/a please.
12. MS Yojana Das, Director(finance)/BSNL, for information & n/a please.