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## **URGENT SIR**

To Respected Sh. K.Rajaraman Ji, Secretary (Telecom), DoT, Sanchar Bhawan, New Delhi-110001

Sub: <u>Humble and dispassionate request for your very kind personal intervention to ensure that gravest and unprecedented injustice is not allowed to be inflicted on Pensioners of BSNL/ MTNL by extending them anything less than 15% fitment on their Pension Revision on following irrefutable and formidable grounds.</u>

Respected Sir,

- **A)** That DOT employees were asked to give their option for absorption in BSNL/ MTNL consequent upon privatization of Telecom Sector where Govt had compulsion to have its service providers in the Telecom Sector.
- B) In accordance with the decision of the Union Cabinet taken in the year 2000 that unambiguously envisages that absorbees in BSNL/ MTNL would be fully treated at par with Central Govt. Employees and their pension would be paid by Govt. In accordance to then 1972 CCS Pension Rules.
- **C)** Obediently, faithfully and in a highly disciplined manner, **keeping in view the spirit of the decision of the Union Cabinet**, and paramount National interest of Govt. to have its own operators, we got absorbed in BSNL/MTNL, without challenging the decision of the Union Cabinet and rightly understanding the compulsions of the Govt.
- D) That to get us absorbed in IDA scales and give us Pension was exclusively the decision of the Union Cabinet, not of our volition, even remotely. All along we have paid Pension Contribution on maximum of IDA scales. IDA scales are much higher and Pension Contribution on maximum of these scales is very very high. Keeping this formidable fact in consideration, there is absolutely nothing surprising that we are drawing Pension more than the Central Govt. Pensioners. It is obvious and based on very rational grounds. Thus building a narrative that IDA Pensioners are drawing Pension more than Central Govt. Pensioners is absolutely untenable and

irrational. No liability whatsoever accrues on the Govt. because of our unfailing Contribution of Pension on maximum of IDA scales all along.

- **E)** Fitment for Pension Revision has to be fixed for all retirees, not variable, based on scales etc. It is incomprehensible and inexplicable as to how variable fitment for Pension Revision can be considered.
- F) Sir, Your goodself is fully aware of how lakhs and lakhs of pensioners were ruthlessly trampled under their feet by Telecom Establishment for about five years by not even making any preliminary effort to address this crucial issue. During these five years thousands and thousands have died. fact, things started moving only after vour taking over. To avoid repetition of such ruthless treatment and ignominious situation in future, we earnestly and with humility implore upon you to get incorporated an appropriate and foolproof mechanism in the Cabinet note that is expected to be sent in near future that assures seamless and haslefree future Pension Revison.

Keeping these concrete and hard ground realities into consideration, the entire community of Pensioners of BSNL/MTNL, as their Custodian, have unwavering and unshakeable faith and trust that under your benign, unprejudiced and completely impartial leadership, Justice would prevail and that 15% fitment would be extended on 3rd PRC IDA scales. Anything less than that would tantamount to inflicting severe and gravest injustice to them.

Confident that your goodself will go into each and every crucial aspect mentioned above and duly acknowledge and appreciate it.

Warm Regards Sincerely yours

(G.L.Jogi)

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1. **Respected Manish Sinha ji, Member ( F),** Sir, your benign and gracious personal intervention is solicited, keeping in view your fairness, transparency and complete impartiality

2. **Respected Sh U.S. Pandey Ji, Member ( Services),** for kind information and n/a please.