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SNPWA/CHQ/ Hon'ble M.O.C/3/22

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To

Respected Sh Ashwani Vaishnav Ji,
Hon'ble MOC,
Sanchar Bhawan, New Delhi.

Sub Response of this Association with regard to the reply conveyed to Respected Sh. Shanmugam, Hon'ble MP, on the issue of Pension Revision of Pensioners of BSNL/MTNL, vide D.O No34-35/2019-Pen(T) Dated 21st June, 22.

Hon'ble Sir

The reply conveyed to Hon'ble MP, Respected Sh. Shanmugam, vide above mentioned D.O, in response to his DO dated 25.5.22, wherein he has strongly pleaded for irrefutably legitimate Revision of Pension for BSNL/MTNL Pensioners, is entirely based on redundant Rule 5 of Rule 37 of CCS Pension Rules 21, completely ignoring crucial facts that fully justify Revision of Pension of BSNL/MTNL Pensioners.

Hon'ble Sir, while placing the entire emphasis on the said Rule 5 and making it the basis for rejecting our legitimate demand of Pension Revision, critical facts, that heavily and outrightly outweigh and defeat the application of the said Rule 5, particularly the most crucial and significant decision of the Union Cabinet , taken in Year the 2000, on the basis of which exclusively DOT employees took absorption in BSNL/MTNL, and which unambiguously stipulates that DOT employees taking absorption in BSNL/MTNL will be treated fully at par with Central Govt. Employees in all respects, is being undermined and suppressed. Trampling over the decision of the Union Cabinet and not highlighting it with huge significance that it requires and deserves to be reflected clearly amounts to

naked betrayal of more than 3 lakh pensioners of BSNL/MTNL who reposed unwavering faith and confidence in the decision of the Union Cabinet on the basis of which they entirely decided to get absorbed in BSNL/MTNL and which is being now blatantly violated and suppressed simply to deny them Pension Revision. This is nothing but total breach of trust and confidence reposed by the DOT employees in the decision of the Union Cabinet of year 2000 which envisages that they would be treated fully at par with Central Government Employees in all respects after getting absorbed in BSNL/MTNL.

And in order to ensure that DOT employees getting absorbed in BSNL/ MTNL were treated fully at par with Central Govt. Employees in all respects, appropriate provisions were put in place in erstwhile Rule 37(A) of CCS Pension Rules 1972 like payment of Pension contribution in accordance to FR (116), according to which Central Govt Employees also pay Pension Contribution to the exchequer, Sub Rules 26,27 and 28 etc. etc.

Hon'ble Sir, even assuming that there is an insignificant flaw in Rule 37 of CCS Pension Rules 21, which can be overcome through appropriate means, can that be made exclusive ground for subverting and overturning the crucial decision of the Union Cabinet which formed the crux of absorption of DOT employees to get absorbed in BSNL/MTNL. The decision of the Union Cabinet of the year 2000 is the fulcrum on the basis of which DOT employees exclusively and blindly took conscious decision of getting absorbed in BSNL/MTNL. But for the underlying and crucial decision of the Union Cabinet, DOT employees would not have ever got absorbed in BSNL/MTNL, even in their wildest dreams.

Hon'ble Sir, it is really unfortunate that the concerned officers of DOT, being fully conscious and apprised of the decision of the Union Cabinet, instead of working through to carve out an appropriate mechanism for Pension Revision to fully uphold the ethos and crux of the Cabinet decision have, instead, been holding on and unduly magnifying an irrelevant and insignificant loophole to overturn the entire decision of the Union Cabinet for last five years, during which thousands and thousands of pensioners have expired, simply to deprive us of our fully legitimate and just right of Pension Revision.

Hon'ble sir, we are definitely old and ageing but that has not diluted or undermined our determination, commitment and conviction to continue to

struggle to secure justice. We really are not going to give up and look back. We really don't know how many more pensioners will be allowed to die without getting their pension revision but then our struggle will continue formidably, in a sustained manner, without even remotely looking back.

We thus solicit benign intervention of your Hon'ble self by directing the concerned officers to start looking at resolution of the issue in the context of the decision of the Union Cabinet that unquestionably and undoubtedly makes us eligible for Pension Revision so as to pave the way for settlement of our legitimate and just issue whose resolution has been inordinately and incomprehensively delayed for last five years.

With regards

Sincerely Yours



(G.L.Jogi)

Copy to:

- 1. Respected Sh. Shanmugam, Hon'ble MP, for kind information and pursuing the issue further with Hon'ble MOC, on above cited facts.**
- 2. Sh. K.Rajaraman, Secy(T). He is kindly requested to direct the concerned officers to place facts relating to the issue in their entirety before a reply is given to the lawmakers by the Hon'ble M.O.C. This will help in not giving stereotyped replies to the lawmakers, not based on the facts.**
- 3. Sh. Harwesh Bhatiya, M(S)/DOT, for kind information & n/a please.**
- 4. Sh. Dilip Padhye, M(F)/DOT, for kind information please.**
- 5. Sh. V.L.Kantha Rao, AS(T), for kind information & n/a please.**
- 6. Sh. Sunil Kumar Verma, JS(A)/DOT, for kind information & n/a pl.**
- 7. Sh. P.K.Purwar, CMD/BSNL, for kind information please.**
- 8. Sh. Arvind Vadnerkar, Director(HR)/BSNL, for kind information pl.**
- 9. MS Yojana Das, Director(finance)/BSNL, for kind information pl.**