

Joint Forum of BSNL-MTNL Pensioners Associations.

JFBMPA/ Secy(T), M(S), M(F) /3/ 23 Dated 20th March, 23.

To,

1. Respected Sh K Rajaraman Ji, Secretary (T), DoT
2. Respected Sh Manish Sinha ji, Member (Finance), DoT
3. Respected Sh. U. S. Pandey ji, Member (Services), DoT

Sub: Pension Revision of BSNL/ MTNL absorbed pensioners from 01-01-2017 with 15% fitment recommended by 3rd PRC , delinking wage revision.

At the outset, we are thankful for the gesture of giving us an opportunity to discuss the most burning issue of pension revision of absorbed BSNL/ MTNL Pensioners due from 01-01-2017. We express our sincere gratitude for the efforts being taken by your good self to settle the pension revision issue.

In this connection, we draw your kind attention to the memorandum submitted by the Joint Forum (copy enclosed for ready reference) in which the justification for 15% fitment for pension revision has been explicitly explained.

Sir, we share the serious concerns, dismay and anguish of lakhs of pensioners on the huge delay in processing the issue at various levels. In the meeting held with Pensioners Associations on 17th October, 2022, Dr. Mahesh Shukla, then Member (Services) had assured to send another proposal in consultation with Secretary, DoT. Unfortunately, even after five months the revised proposal couldn't be finalized and sent. Altogether, 75 months are already elapsed and thousands of retirees have left this world without getting the benefits and it is continuing.

We can understand the normal official delay but on this particular issue we feel that a special mechanism be evolved to monitor the progress regularly so that unnecessary delay could be avoided. This may kindly be considered due to the genuineness and importance of the issue and the huge delay already occurred.

Sir, Finally, our humble, crucial and impassioned appeal is that while framing the Cabinet note for consideration of the Union Cabinet for Pension Revision of absorbed retired employees of BSNL/ MTNL, the Cabinet note must necessarily contain concrete suggestion for consideration of the Union Cabinet which stipulates that an appropriate and seamless mechanism for Pension Revision of retired absorbed employees of BSNL/ MTNL must be put in place by the Govt. to fully ensure that Pension Revision of retired absorbed employees of BSNL/ MTNL takes place uninterruptedly akin to Central Govt Pensioners. This could be either in terms of referring Pension Revision of absorbed retired employees to next PRC by including it in the terms of reference of PRC or any

other foolproof mechanism that assures hassle-free Pension Revision without any ambiguity which Govt. deems fit.

Otherwise, gory and distressing spectacle of thousands and thousands of retired employees of BSNL/ MTNL that died since 1.1.2017 without getting their Pension Revision will become a routine and usual affair. To get this crucial mechanism evolved and put in place for seamless Pension Revision of BSNL/ MTNL retired pensioners become exclusive, inescapable and inevitable responsibility of DOT. The onus of this entirely lies on D.O.T.

With kind regards,
Yours sincerely,



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