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To
Sh K. Moses Chalai,
Secretary/ DPE, ND.

Subject: Profound resentment and anguish of this Association over continued inordinate and unacceptable delay in issuing IDA Orders- Strongest Protest and Demand for Immediate Action

Sir

On behalf of the Sanchar Nigam Pensioners' Welfare Association (SNPWA), representing thousands of retired employees who devoted the prime of their lives to nation-building, we write to register our strongest, unequivocal, and indignant protest against the inordinate delay in issuing the Dearness Relief (DR) orders due from 01.01.2026.

Nearly fifty days have elapsed since the relief became due. Yet, there is deafening silence from the Department of Public Enterprises. This delay is not a mere procedural lapse — it is a grave injustice inflicted upon elderly citizens who depend solely and entirely on their monthly pension for survival.

This prolonged inaction and failure is not merely an administrative lapse but is a direct manifestation of total apathy towards Pensioners and continued Bureaucratic Red tape that continues to plague the functioning of the Bureaucracy, despite persistent appeals by the Hon PM to end this Red Tape, and ensure transparent and and very quick administration of Justice.

Dearness Relief is not a concession. It is not a largesse. It is a statutory and moral obligation — a mechanism designed to neutralize the relentless erosion of purchasing power caused by inflation and price rise. When the cost of food, medicines, utilities, and essential commodities escalates without pause, how can the compensatory relief meant to offset that very escalation be held

Such indifference conveys a deeply disturbing message: that when it comes to pensioners and employees, administrative lethargy is tolerated, delays are normalized, and the lived realities of senior citizens are rendered invisible.

Many of our members are above seventy years of age. A significant number are battling chronic ailments. For them, even a modest increase in DR makes the difference between dignified sustenance and silent suffering.

Pushing aged citizens toward financial distress by withholding legitimate relief is neither humane nor defensible.

It reflects a shocking disconnect from ground realities, erodes trust and reflects an alarming imperviousness to the struggles of those who once powered public enterprises through their labor and loyalty.

We are constrained to state, with anguish and anger, that this prolonged silence from the DPE is unacceptable. The continued delay raises serious questions about sensitivity, accountability, erosion of trust and priority. Authorities would do well to remember that the passage of time spares none; those in office today will one day stand where today's pensioners stand.

We therefore:

- **Register our strongest protest against this unjustified delay.**
- **Demand the immediate issuance of DR orders due from 01.01.2026 without any further procrastination**
- **Urge expeditious transmission and implementation by all concerned departments, including BSNL/ MTNL so that pensioners are not subjected to cascading administrative delays**

We sincerely hope that wisdom and responsiveness will prevail.

However, if this apathy continues and pensioners are pushed to the wall, we shall be left with no alternative but to consider all democratic and constitutional forms of protest. Kindly do not compel senior citizens, in the evening of their lives, to take to the streets to secure what is rightfully theirs.

We expect immediate corrective action.

Yours faithfully,



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