

Joint Forum of BSNL-MTNL Pensioners Associations.

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To

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Memorandum on Pension Revision of BSNL MTNL absorbed pensioners from 01-01-2017, delinking Wage revision.

Sir,

Hearty Congratulations and welcome for assuming charge as the Cabinet Minister of Communications. We earnestly hope that under your able stewardship telecom sector would grow to new heights and BSNL and MTNL advance to its past glory.

The Joint Forum of BSNL-MTNL Pensioners Associations consisting of 8 organizations and representing more than 2.5 lakh pensioners wish to bring the following facts regarding our legitimate demand of pension revision pending unresolved for the last seven and half years.

The Department of Telecommunications in the meeting held with 17 pensioners associations on 17th October, 2022 had intimated the following decisions;

- (1) Pension revision will be delinked from wage revision.
- (2) 7th CPC fitment is not possible and revision will be based on 3rd PRC.
- (3) Notional Fixation on new pay scales will be given to post 2017 retirees with effect from 01-01-2017 to avoid anomaly.

Upon rejection of zero percent fitment offered by Member (Services), it was assured that DoT will consider higher fitment in consultation with the competent authority. Accordingly financial implications for 5, 10 and 15 percent fitment was calculated by the CGCA and finalized by the Internal Finance of DoT. Thereafter, Member (Services) assured the Joint Forum representatives when they met him on 21-03-2023, that all the internal consultations are over and final decision on fitment will be taken in the meeting with Hon'ble Minister of Communications, probably in the first week of April, 2023. Unfortunately, nothing has happened thereafter and the file was kept under the carpet by the then Secretary, DoT reflecting the bureaucratic apathy and prejudice to the legitimate and undeniable demand of pension revision.

Sir, the issue is being prolonged indefinitely putting the pensioners to utter miseries and distress. This has naturally caused much resentment and protest among the pensioners as thousands of pensioners being 70 plus and ailing too have passed away without getting their legitimate benefits and this phenomenon is continuing.

Therefore we would request your goodself to kindly spare few minutes of your valuable time to this burning issue of five lakh hapless pensioners by taking appropriate action for a reasonable settlement.

With warm regards,

On behalf of the Joint Forum.



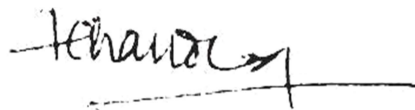
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