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To

Shri M.F. Farooqui, Chairman Telecom. Commission & Secretary (T) Sanchar Bhavan, 20, Ashoka Road, New Delhi – 110001

Subject:

Resolution of stalemate created by Pension Cell of DoT in Granting benefit of 50% IDA merger, (as on 1/1/2007). to BSNL Pensioners retiring before 10th June 2013 as granted to BSNL Employees vide DOT Memo no.61-01/2012-SU dated 10th June 2013

Respected Sir,

Respectfully it is brought to your kind notice that all the BSNL Employees retiring after 10th June 2013 have been granted benefit of 50% IDA merger amounting to 78.2% IDA (as on 1/1/2007) vide Presidential Order issued under DOT Memo No. 61-01/2012-SU dated 10th June 2013, but even after lapse of almost one year the same has not been extended to BSNL Pensioners retiring between 1/10/2000 and 09/06/2013 inspite of repeated assurances given by DOT in various SCOVA meetings chaired by Hon'ble MOS, D.O.P. & Pensioners Welfare,

Proposal to extend the benefit of 50% IDA merger to BSNL Pensioners amounting to 78.2% IDA (as on 1/1/2007) was moved by DOT about three months ago and the same was approved by DOP with a rider that necessary approval from Deptt. of Expenditure may also be taken before issue of the order. Deptt. of Expenditure has raised some queries to which a fully satisfactory reply has reportedly been submitted by Establishment Wing. The same has also been approved by DDG(TPF) but the same remains held up with DDG(FEB)/ Member(F).

Hold up on the part of DDG(FEB)/ Member(F) is due to the comments of Pension Cell in this case, who opines that Presidential Order/ DOT Memo No. 61-01/2012-SU dated 10th June 2013, which granted benefit of 50% IDA merger to BSNL Employees amounting to 78.2% IDA (as on 1/1/2007) w.e.f. 10th June 2013, is not correct and needs to be rectified through Cabinet Note to be moved by BSNL, before extension of benefit of 50% IDA merger to BSNL Pensioners retiring between 1/10/2000 and 09/06/2013.

We would, therefore, request you to kindly look into the matter and arrange for a meeting of all the senior Officers in DOT dealing with this matter i,e. Member(F), Member(S), JS(T) and AS(T) to resolve this dispute at the earliest so that commitment made by DOT in various SCOVA meetings

chaired by Hon'ble MOS, Deptt. of Pension and Pensioners Welfare is fulfilled at the earliest wherein DOT had repeatedly assured that if at any stage the benefit of merger of 78.2% IDA with pay of serving employees is given, this benefit would also be extended to absorbed pensioners of BSNL.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely, -sd-(Prahlad Rai) General Secretary

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