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No. RTOWA/Secy-T/5% IDA Neutralisation/2020-21

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To
Sh. Anshu Prakash, Secy. (T),
Sanchar Bhawan, Ashoka Road,
New Delhi.

Subject: Regarding payment of 5% IDA neutralization wef 1/1/2018 to the MTNL pensioners, retired before 1/1/2018 -- The case file has become shuttlecock in between DOT and MTNL for the last two years.

Respected Sir,

Sir, After a long struggle of about 10 years right from bottom to top brass, ultimately with the kind intervention of the then MOC, in the month of January, 2018, it was decided to neutralize 5% IDA instead of 9.4% IDA for working MTNL employees and for the pensioners notionally wef 1/1/2007 and payments to be released wef 1/1/2018 on actual basis. This payment along with their arrears has already been released by MTNL to its working employees and the pensioners retired after 1/1/2018.

Whereas the pensioners retired before 1/1/2018 are eagerly waiting for the said payment because it is to be paid by DOT yet no one is serious to see the pathetic situation of the MTNL pensioners retired before 1/1/2018 who have served the department for 35-40 years.

Sir, instead of taking the decision in the said case seriously, the system has made the file a shuttlecock in between DOT and MTNL for the last 2 years. It has become so lethargic and insensitive that at each and every level, file does not move for 3-4 months from any unit till it is pursued or pushed by the association representatives. Number of times the said case has been sent to MTNL, every time with new query/objection /demand. 3-4 times, MTNL has given the calculations about the liability of MTNL in the required format and also gave confirmation to own its liability etc.

Sir, during this two years period of struggle, we had held number of meetings with all the concerned officers of DOT (right from Directors level to Add. Secy.) And the officers of MTNL to pursue the issue under subject. In February, 2020, we met advisor finance on this issue. DDG (A/Cs) was also present in the meeting who told that he has already cleared the file and now the case is with DDG (LFA). Advisor (Fin.) talked to DDG (LFA) and asked him to put up the file

immediately and he assured us that very shortly the orders will be issued in the subject matter. But we regret to say that when we enquired about the status of the case in DOT on 2/3/2020, we were shocked to hear that again Pen-T section of DOT has sent the case to CMD MTNL on 28th February 2020 with new demand about calculating financial implication of MTNL to use IDA @ 78.2% wef 10/6/ 2013 equivalent to BSNL liability in place of 68.8%, whereas BSNL employees and pensioners are already getting the benefit of 9.4% IDA merger wef 10/6/2013. At present, the said case is pending in MTNL for nearly 2 months for want of new financial calculations, asked by DOT's Pen-T section on dated 28/2/2020.

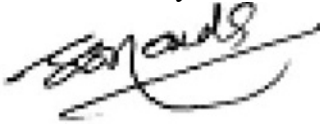
Sir, there are no words to express the grievances of the pensioners (senior citizens) retired before 1/1/2018. Some are alive and some have left for heaven with their never ending wait. There is no nodal officer who could monitor or check the status of the case. We have to rush from pillar to post but all in vain.

Sir, you are the last hope for us. We earnestly request your good self to personally look into the matter and see that the orders for the said payments in the subject matter are issued in time frame manner and also fix up the responsibility for this abnormal delay for which the pensioners are deprived of their dues till date.

An earliest action in the subject matter is eagerly awaited Sir.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,



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