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Dated 19th March'2021

To

Shri. Anshu Prakash Ji,
Secretary (T),
Department of Telecom,
Sanchar Bhavan
New Delhi=110001

Respected Sir,

Sub:- Request to cause to draw additional instalments of IDA which have fallen due on 01/10/2020 and on 01/01/2021 to IDA pensioners of MTNL / BSNL

Ref:- 1. DPE's OM No. W-02/0039/2017-DPE(WC)-GL-XVI/20 dated 19/11/2020
2. This Co-Ordination Committee's letter dated 20/11/2020 addressed to Hon'ble Minister Sh. Prakash Javadekar ji
3. DPE's OM No. W-02/0045/2020-DPE(WL) dated 08/01/2021
4. DPE's OM No.W-02/0045/2020-DPE(WC) dated 04/02/2021

Request to refer to the above references, copies of which are attached. Our plea in brief is as under :-

The pensioners of MTNL / BSNL on combined service are paid IDA towards neutralisation of price rise. As per DPE's OM dated 19th Nov'2020, **the additional instalments of IDA which become due from 01/10/2020, 01/01/2021 and 01/04/2021 are frozen in case of executives and non unionised supervisors of CPSEs. This has been reiterated by the DPE in the OM dated 08/01/2021 mentioning the subject as "WP No. 5394/2020 before the Hon'ble High Court of Guwahati", in the matter of "Assailing the OM dated 19/11/2020 issued by respondent No.2 (DPE) suspending payment of DA..."** **Thus it is clear that DPE's OM dated 19/11/2020 freezing instalments of IDA is not applicable to the pensioners of MTNL/BSNL who are getting IDA.**

This Co-Ordination Committee requested Hon'ble Minister Shri. Prakash Javadekar Ji vide letter dated 20/11/2020 to cause to release the IDA instalment due on 01/10/2020. DPE has forwarded this letter to DOT vide OM dated 04/02/2021 for necessary action, but **no action seems to have been taken by DoT so far.**

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IDA is granted to cope with the price rise due to inflation. Freezing of IDA is a blow to the pensioners who spend heavily to maintain their health in their old age. The DPE's OMs referred to above do not mean to freeze the IDA instalments of the pensioners retired from PSUs. DPE has forwarded the letter of this Co-ordination Committee requesting to release the IDA instalments to DoT for necessary action.

Therefore in view of the above facts it is requested to cause to draw the instalments of IDA which have become due from 01/10/2020 and from 01/01/2021 to the IDA pensioners of MTNL and BSNL

With high regards,

Yours faithfully,



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Copy to the following dignitaries with a request to do the needful to release the IDA instalments due from 01/10/2020 and 01/01/2021 to IDA Pensioners of MTNL/BSNL.

1. Shri. T.V. Somanathan Ji Secretary (Expenditure) Ministry of Finance,
2. Shri. Sailesh ji Secretary DPE, It is requested to cause to issue orders prescribing the rates of additional IDA instalments due from 01/10/2020 and from 01//2021
3. Ms. Anita Praveen Ji, Addl. Secretary (T), Department of Telecom.
4. Shri.P.K. Sinha ji, Member (Finance), Department of Telecom
5. Ms. Roshni Sohni Ji DDG (Estt), Department of Telecom