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To

Shri. K.Rajaraman,
Secretary (Telecom),
Sanchar Bhavan,
New Delhi-110001

Respected Sir,

Sub:- Revision of Pension from 01/01/2017 for absorbed MTNL/BSNL retirees on the basis of 7th CPC fitment factor.

We submit the following few lines for your benign consideration.

1. The MTNL and BSNL retirees (the absorbed employees of erstwhile Government employees) who retired prior to 01/01/2007 got their Pension Revision on 01/01/2007 vide DoT OM dated 15/03/2011 based on Cabinet note moved by DoT and approved by Cabinet.
2. After 10 years, their Pension revision has become due from 01/01/2017 and it is overdue..
3. The Pension Revision is pending as the decision to delink the pension revision from pay revision is not yet taken.
4. Almost all the Pensioners' Associations of MTNL and BSNL are of the firm view that pension revision should not be linked with pay revision of the employees. **As per the statutory rules all the pensionary benefits including family pension are paid by GOI and 100% of the liability lies with GOI whereas the pay revision depends upon the affordability clause of 3rd PRC report. So the incremental pension liability on Pension Revision has nothing to do with the financial viability of MTNL/BSNL. Hence the pension revision should not be linked with pay revision.**
5. Because of non revision of pension from 01/01/2017, some pensioners and many family pensioners are getting less than the minimum pension stipulated under Rule 49(2) of CCS (Pension) Rules'1972.

PENSIONERS' DEMAND

6. Seventh CPC has given a weightage of 32% on basic pension in the fitment for Revision. Considering this weightage the multiplying factor works out to 2.515 (Basic 100 + IDA 119.5 + weightage 32). We request for Pension Revision of MTNL/BSNL pensioners from 01/01/2017 by applying the 7th CPC fitment weightage for Pension Revision.


JUSTIFICATIONS

7. The entitlement, regulations and administration of all the pensionary benefits of both the Central Government Pensioners and the MTNL/BSNL pensioners are under the purview of CCS (Pension) Rules'1972.
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8. The pensionary benefits of both the C.G. Pensioners and the MTNL/BSNL Pensioners are debited to Civil Service Estimates.
 9. Both C.G. Pensioners and MTNL/BSNL Pensioners are entitled to CGHS benefits as the pension is debited to Civil Service Estimates.
 10. Both C.G. Pensioners and MTNL/BSNL pensioners are given almost all the benefits recommended by the 6th CPC and 7th CPC such as method of calculation of pension, calculation of average emoluments, enhanced family pension on death of pensioner, revised commutation table etc., in the same manner.
 11. The minimum pension and the maximum pension of MTNL/BSNL pensioners are linked to the minimum and maximum pension as applicable to the C.G. Pensioners, not linked to PSU pay scales on IDA.
 12. It would be a permanent solution to the Pension Revision issue in future too, i.e., whenever Pension Revision of C.G. Pensioners takes place the Pension Revision of MTNL/BSNL pensioners also would be revised automatically applying the same fitment factor.

DoP&PW vide their letter dated 08/03/2019 sought from DoT a concrete proposal for Pension Revision of MTNL/BSNL Pensioners with a proposal for solving any anomaly that may arise between the pension of those retired prior to and after 0/01/2017.

Therefore we request you Sir, to kindly cause to send a concrete proposal for Pension Revision to DoP&PW as sought by them, based on the 7th CPC fitment weightage for Pension Revision. We are eager to have any discussions on this issue.

With high regards,
Yours faithfully,



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