

RETIRED TELECOM OFFICERS' WELFARE ASSOCIATION

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Email dated

Dated 23rd March'23

To

The Secretary (T), DoT, Sanchar Bhavan, New Delhi-110001.

A simple issue pending since June '2018, MTNL Pensioners utterly frustrated Immediate kind intervention requested

Respected Sir,

Sub:- Removal of disparity in Pension of MTNL employees retired prior to 01/01/2018 and retired after 01/01/2018.

Ref:- 1. DoT's memo No. 11-1/2009-SU-II dated 19th June'2018

2. Letters of Co-ordination Committee of RTOWA Mumbai and RTOWA Delhi via email dated 10/12/2000, 02/01/2001. 15/02/2001. 27/05/2001. 18/06/2021 and 24/05/2022 and many separate letters by Pensioners' Associations and many informal meetings with the officers of DoT since June'2018.

The disparity in the pension of MTNL employees retired prior to 01/01/2018 and the employees retired after 01/01/2018 arose due to DoT's memo dated 19^{th} June'2018 referred to above. As per this memo, the MTNL employees on roll on 01/01/2018 were given a benefit of additional 5% IDA (73.8% instead of already given 68.8% IDA) in the fitment factor of pay revision on 01/01/2007 notionally from 01/01/2007 but with actual payment from 01/01/2018, excluding the pensioners on 01/01/2018.

The aforesaid benefit should have been simultaneously extended to the pensioners as on 01/01/2018 too as both the pay and pension revision on 01/01/2007 had the same fitment factor on revision of pay/pension. As the pensioners are excluded in the said orders dated 19/06/2018, the pension of the employees retired prior to 01/01/2018



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does not include this benefit of additional 5% IDA whereas the pension of those employees retired after 01/01/2018 include this benefit resulting in disparity in their pension.

Since June'2018, this issue has been pursued by the Associations thro letters and informal meetings with the offices of DoT numerous times without any fruitful outcome. It is said that the issue was referred by DoT to Dept. Of Expenditure during June'22 and nothing is heard afterwards regarding this issue.

All the aggrieved pensioners are senior citizens of age 65+ and most of them are 70 +. It is pathetic to note that daily a few pensioners pass away without getting this benefit.

Therefore it is earnestly requested to intervene personally and to cause to issue orders extending the said benefit to the MTNL employees on combined service pension retired prior to 01/01/2018 removing the disparity in their pension.

With high regards,

Yours Sincerely,

General Secretary

Copy to the following officers with an earnest request to intervene and cause to issue the orders.

- 1. Additional Secretary DoT
- 2. Member (S) DoT
- 3. Member (Fin) DoT
- 4. DDG (Estt) DoT
- 5. Director (Estt) DoT