

**Committee of BSNL/MTNL Pensioners' Associations**  
**ALL INDIA BSNL PENSIONERS' WELFARE ASSOCIATION**  
**All India Retired BSNL Executive Welfare Association**  
**DoT-BSNL Pensioners' Association Kerala**  
**Retired Telecom Officers Welfare Association Delhi**  
**Retired Telecom Officers Welfare Association Mumbai**  
**Mahanagar Pensioners' Welfare Association Mumbai**

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Date: 17-04-2023

To  
Shri K Rajaraman,  
Secretary (Telecom),  
Sanchar Bhawan,  
New Delhi

Respected sir,

**Sub: Pension Revision to BSNL/MTNL pensioners with sustainable/logical/rational proposition is only 7<sup>th</sup> CPC fitment factor**

We represent more than 1.25 lakh pensioners. We submitted a letter to Shri S N Mathur, JS, DoP&PW on **14/02/2019** requesting for pension revision on the basis of 7<sup>th</sup> CPC fitment factor which was forwarded to DoT for its comments on **08/03/2019**.

2) AIBSNLPWA, biggest pensioners' organization of telecom which is a constituent of CBMPA submitted a memorandum to 7<sup>th</sup> CPC and tendered oral evidence. It was supported by various C.G pensioners' organizations like Bharat Pensioners' Samaj, C.G. Pensioners' Association of Karnataka, All India Federation of Pensioners' Associations etc. before the 7<sup>th</sup> CPC. **7<sup>th</sup> CPC chairman Justice A K Mathur felt that there is a 'prima-facie' in the demand and hence sought DoT's comments on 31/12/2014.** But unfortunately DoT, took 8 months and the reply was sent only on **17/08/2015** by which time 7<sup>th</sup> CPC almost finalized its recommendations.

3) On the other hand, DoT and some pensioners' organizations tried and approached the concerned authorities to include pension revision in the 'terms of reference' of 3<sup>rd</sup> PRC but could not succeed.

4) DoP&PW, the nodal department, has categorically stated in their ID note that DoT, the administrative ministry is competent to decide the formula and percentage of fitment.

5) During the meeting with Pensioners' Associations on 17/10/2022, then Member (S) Dr Mahesh Shukla has clearly stated that 15% fitment is ruled out. Now it is understood that DoT has calculated the financial implications with 0%, 5% & 10%. Various percentages were recommended by 3<sup>rd</sup> PRC based on profit of any CPSE for affordability to take on the additional financial burden for serving executives. These percentages have nothing to do with pension revision. So, it is not a logical/rational proposition.

6) Sustainable/ logical/rational proposition would only be 7<sup>th</sup> CPC fitment factor because combined service optees of BSNL/MTNL are having the proximity with Central Government pensioners only and the applicable rules are the same. IDA Pay is more than the CDA pay cannot be the reason to deny this demand. Even Gol have filed affidavits before the courts that DA on CDA pattern is more than DA on IDA pattern.

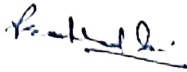
7) So, we request you, sir, to send this proposal also to Department of Expenditure for its consideration. If the Cabinet approves this proposal, then it would become a precedent that whenever next CPC gives its recommendation then it can be made applicable to absorbed BSNL/MTNL pensioners in future also. The number of absorbed BSNL/MTNL pensioners would be in the declining trend and all absorbed employees would retire by 2027.

Thanking you

Yours faithfully,



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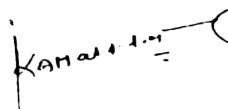
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