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Respected Smt. Aruna Sunderrajan ji

With reference to your D.O. letter no 6023/2018-SU-IV dated 07 March 2018, I sincerely thank and appreciate your promptness in responding to my letter and also for having directed MTNL to implement the remedial measures for revival in addition to resolve the long pending issues of employees such as “ merger of 50% DA.”

The Government entrusted the Delloite Company for chalking out the plans for revival of MTNL. Which was further recommended by you. In fact I feel proud and sorry too, for I have made these suggestions except the reduction of retirement age long before the Delloite Company submitted. Also I have raised the issue of Revival of MTNL on the floor of the Parliament and by virtue of several letters, which have fallen on deaf years. Had it been implemented at that time, the company would have been revived by this time. MTNL has a huge land bank and also dedicated work force as its assets and support for the revival of the company.

Since, the MTNL management has not heeded to the directives of DoT for implementing the “Revival and DA merger”, the “Notice of Strike” Dated 08th March, 2018 has been given by the Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Kamgar Sangh and MTNL Officers Association Mumbai and also Forum of MTNL Union & Associations New Delhi regarding the settlement of their long pending legitimate demands, the copy of which is enclosed herewith for your kind reference.

Kindly refer 1st demand of the MTNL Employees i.e. “Benefit of merger of 50% DA effectively amounting to 78.2% as on 01/01/2007”, which was also raised by me on the floor of Parliament on 9th August, 2015 in “Zero Hour”. In this connection I hereby convey my sincere thanks to your good self for issuance of approval by the Ministry of Communication vide **letter No. 11-1/2009-SU Dated 08.02.2018 to extend the benefit of Merger of 50% DA to have eventual effect of 78.2% w. e. f. 01.01.2007**, for MTNL employees in context of DPE OM Dated 26/11/2008 & 02/04/2009, with a condition that MTNL has to bear the additional financial implication on account of pay revision from its own resources and no budgetary support shall be provided by DoT.

Unions and Association have also written a letter to CMD, MTNL requesting to implement the decision of DOT immediately. But MTNL management has turned deaf ears, on the issues and the request made by the Unions & Associations in this regard..

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The 7th Central Pay Commission was implemented in TOTO immediately to the ITS Officers who are non-optees of MTNL without seeking any financial support from the DoT by the CMD, MTNL and whereas, for implementing the legitimate demands of those employees who are belonging to MTNL, financial support is sought from DOT which is totally unfair and unjust.

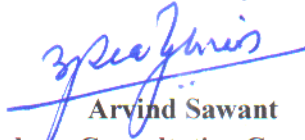
It is true that the MTNL Recognized Unions behaved always in a responsible and responsive manner but were always given a stepmotherly treatment since its inception in the year 1986. The recent example is BSNL which was actually formed in the year 2000 too went into conscious wage agreement accepting 68.8% but thereafter on 10th June, 2013 DOT has granted the benefit of merger of 50% DA effectively amounting to 78.2% to BSNL Employees without any financial support from the DoT and BSNL Management also implemented the decision of DoT without any hassle, even when BSNL was and is in losses.

As per the "Notice of Strike", on 28th March, 2018, MTNL Executives and Non - Executives will gather at **PMO Office at New Delhi and Azad Maidan, Mumbai through Mass Rally** and will submit the **"Memorandum signed collectively by Non-Executives & Executives of MTNL"** and from 3rd May, 2018, MTNL Executives and Non - Executives will go on **"indefinite strike"**.

Hence, I request your good self to intervene in the matter and bestow the justice to these employees by causing necessary instructions to the CMD of MTNL to implement the Decision of the DoT issued **vide letter No. 11-1/2009-SU Dated 08.02.2018 regarding the benefit of merger of 50% DA effectively amounting to 78.2% to MTNL Employees and other just demands before they enter into their Trade Union Action and oblige.**

With Regards !

Yours Sincerely,


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