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To
Shri. Ravi Shankar Prasad ji,
Hon'ble Minister of Communications,
Sanchar Bhavan, New Delhi-110001.

Sub:- Neutralization of 73.8% IDA (earlier it was 68.8%, now additional 5%) with effect from 01/01/2007 but payment from 01/01/2018 to the MTNL Pensioners on Combined Service Option, retired prior to 01/01/2018.

Respected Sir,

Kindly refer to DoT's Memo No.11-1/2009-SU-II dated 19/06/2018. According to this memo of DoT, the aforesaid benefit was given to the MTNL employees on 01/01/2018. Thus, the retirees after 01/01/2018 have got this benefit in the pension. The benefit should have been extended simultaneously to the pensioners retired prior to 01/01/2018 also, but was not done. The reason for this long delay is that DOT called for information with calculations from MTNL three to four times, regarding the incremental liability under different assumptions every time. **On this score DoT and MTNL are tossing the issue between them since June'2018.**

The issue is simple. The benefit that is being given to the pensioners retired after 01/01/2018 is not given to the pensioners retired prior to 01/01/2018. It is a well settled law that such discrimination cannot exist. The entitlement of the pensioners retired prior to 01/01/2018 is absolute. Pensioners have nothing to do with the sharing arrangement of liability between DoT and MTNL. Pensioners should not suffer on this score. During the last two years the Associations have approached all the higher officers of

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MTNL and DoT in this regard with assurance by them that the issue will be settled soon but not settled till date.

During the last two years many pensioners have left for heavenly abode and every day a few pensioners are passing away without getting this benefit.

Sir, kindly intervene and cause to issue the orders extending the said benefit to MTNL Pensioners on combined service pension retired prior to 01/10/2018 at the earliest.

With high regards,

Yours Sincerely



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