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**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,

This is with reference to letter received from Retired Telecom Officer's Welfare Association regarding 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 is self explanatory. Their Association represents officers of MTNL Mumbai, who are retired on Pension on combined service governed by CCS Pension Rules. They have requested your help to settle the following issue which is lingering on with DoT since June'2018.

The aforesaid benefit was given to the employees on roll on 01/01/2018 and thereby the retirees from 01/01/2018 onwards got this benefit in their pension as per DoT's Memo No.11-1/2009-SU-II dated 19/06/2018. The benefit should have been extended simultaneously to about twenty five thousand pensioners of MTNL Mumbai and Delhi together who are retired prior to 01/01/2018, but has not been done so far on the reason stated to be "the issue of sharing of liability between MTNL and DoT." as per enclosed letter.

The benefit that is being given to the pensioners retired after 01/01/2018 cannot be denied / delayed to the pensioners retired prior to 01/01/2018 on any grounds. 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 as the whole amount of pension is paid by DoT as per Rule 37A of CCS Pension Rules. Hence Pensioners should not suffer on this score. Enclosing their letter for ready reference.

So you are requested to look into it and do the needful as during the last two years many pensioners have left for heavenly abode without getting this benefit.

Thanking You ,

Yours Sincerely,

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