



RETIRED TELECOM OFFICERS' WELFARE ASSOCIATION

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To

Hon'ble Prime Minister of India
Thro' pmopg.gov.in

Hon'ble Sir,

Sub: - Request to cause to direct Department of Telecom to grant 73.8% IDA (addl. 5%) in the fitment formula of revision of pay/pension notionally on 01/01/2007 and with payment from 01/01/2018 to the MTNL pensioners retired prior to 01/01/2018.

As per the Department of Telecom's Memo No.11-1/2009-SU-II dated 19/06/2018, the benefit of 73.8% IDA (in lieu of 68.8%) in the fitment for revision of pay notionally on 01/01/2007 and with payment from 01/01/2018 was given to the MTNL employees. Consequently, the pensioners retired after 01/01/2018 have got this benefit in their pensionary benefits. The same benefit should have been extended simultaneously to the pensioners retired prior to 01/01/2018 also, as **there cannot be any such discrimination between the pensioners retired before and after 01/01/2018 which is untenable.**

Even though nearly three years have passed, DoT is at snail pace to issue the orders extending the benefit to those retired prior to 01/01/2018. It is learnt that considerable time has taken to arrive at a decision upon the arrangement of sharing the incremental liability between DoT and MTNL. In this regard Associations hold the view that the entitlement of the pensioners is absolute regardless of any sharing arrangement. Due to this inordinate delay, the pensioners are deprived off their legitimate entitlement and are frustrated. It is pathetic to observe that every day a few pensioners are passing away without getting this entitled benefit.

DoT is not waking up to the issue despite this Association's letters dated 07/03/19, 15/03/19, 23/04/19, 18/05/19, 02/08/19, 13/11/19, 16/03/20, 14/05/20, 24/06/20, 10/12/20, 02/01/21 and 16/02/21. Similar letters have been sent by our sister Associations viz., RTOWA Delhi and MTNL Pensioners Welfare Association Mumbai. Office bearers of RTOWA Mumbai, RTOWA Delhi and MPWA have requested the higher officers of DoT many times in their meetings with them.

In this background, the Executive Committee of this Association in the virtual meeting on 26/03/2021 reviewed the pursuits and progress made so far by all the Associations. Keeping in view of all the factors including the present pandemic scenario the following resolution was passed.



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“The insensitive attitude of DoT in granting 5% additional IDA benefit in the fitment of revision of pay/pension notionally on 01/01/2007 with payment from 01/01/2018 to the pensioners retired prior to 01/01/2018 has caused frustration and bitter indignation among the pensioners of MTNL. Hence unanimously resolved to seek the intervention of Hon’ble Prime Minister”.

Therefore, respected Hon’ble Prime Minister is requested to intervene and cause to direct DoT to issue the orders extending the aforesaid benefit to MTNL Pensioners retired prior to 01/01/2018 at the earliest.

With highest regards,

Yours Sincerely,

(J.S. YADAV)
Joint General Secretary
RTOWA Mumbai