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Dated 1st Nov'2023

To

Dr. Neeraj Mittal ji,
Secretary (T),
DoT, Sanchar Bhavan,
New Delhi-110001.

Immediate kind intervention requested

A simple issue pending since June '2018, Pensioners frustrated

Respected Sir,

Sub:- Removal of disparity in Pension of MTNL employees retired prior to 01/01/2018 and retired after 01/01/2018.

Ref:- 1. DoT's memo No. 11-1/2009-SU-II dated 19th June'2018

2. Letters of Co-ordination Committee via emails dated 10/12/2000, 02/01/2001, 15/02/2001. 27/05/2001. 18/06/2021, 24/05/2022, and email of RTOWA Mumbai dated 23/05/2023 and many informal meetings with the officers of DoT since June'2018.

A brief background of the issue is as under :-

Disparity in the pension of MTNL employees retired prior to 01/01/2018 and the employees retired after 01/01/2018 arose due to DoT's memo dated 19th June'2018 referred to above. As per this memo, the MTNL employees on roll on 01/01/2018 were given additional neutralisation of 5% IDA (73.8% in lieu of 68.8% IDA) in the fitment factor of pay revision, notionally from 01/01/2007 but with actual payment from 01/01/2018. As the said memo dated 19th June'2018 is silent about extending this additional neutralisation of 5% IDA to the pensioners retired prior to 01/01/2018, the disparity in pension of those retired prior to and after 01/01/2018 has arisen.

The real issue of extending the additional neutralisation of IDA was sidelined by DoT and MTNL by protracted correspondences between them for about **four** years on the modalities of sharing the liability. The issue of modality of sharing liability was referred by DoT to Department of Expenditure during June'22 and even today it seems it is unsettled.

In this regard we would like to point out that the modalities of sharing the liability has no bearing on the entitlement of pensioners to this additional neutralisation of 5% IDA. The entitlement of pensioners is absolute and legitimate.

Pensioners are already deprived off this absolute legitimate entitlement for about six years and hence are frustrated. All the aggrieved pensioners are senior citizens of age 65+ and most of them are 70+. Moreover It is pathetic to note that daily a few pensioners pass away without getting this benefit.

Therefore, we would request you to kindly cause to issue the orders extending this additional IDA neutralisation of 5% straightway to the pensioners retired prior to 01/01/2018, delinking it from the issue of modalities of sharing the liability. Any fall out issue such as sharing of liability etc., if persists, that could be sorted out by DoT in discussion with the concerned departments/entity.

With high regards,

Sincerely Yours,



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Copy to the following officers with a request to cause to expedite the issue of orders.

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3. Ms. Roshni Sohni DDG (Estt)
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