

**MTNL PENSIONERS WELFARE ASSOCIATION-MUMBAI**  
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To  
Shri. RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD  
Hon. Minister for Communications and IT  
Sanchar Bhavan, 20, Asoka Road,  
NEW DELHI-110001

Respected Sir,

SUB:- PAYMENTS TO VRS-19 PENSIONERS OF MTNL

**EX-GRATIA :-**

The VRS-19 Scheme for MTNL/BSNL Employees was approved by the Union Government as a part of package for revival of MTNL/BSNL. As per the package the funds for payment of ex-gratia to those opted for VRS will be provided by the Union Government. .

As per para 6(1) f of the Scheme of VRS-19 as conveyed in MTNL Corporate Office order no. CO/(GM)HR/VRS/NE/2016-17 dated 4<sup>th</sup> Nov'2019, the ex-gratia is payable in two instalments of 50% each, the first instalment in the year 2019-2020 and the second instalment in the first quarter of 2020-2021. This is the commitment of Union Government.

VRS pensioners were shocked when this commitment to pay the first instalment of 50% was breached. Against the commitment of 50%, only about 31% was paid in March'2020. Therefore, **we request Hon'ble Minister to intervene and cause to provide funds to pay the balance of about 69% of ex-gratia at the earliest.**

**PAYMENT OF GPF, CPF, EPF GRATUITY, AND LEAVE ENCASHMENT: -**

The leave encashment and GPF were to be paid within a month of VRS. MTNL could not arrange for funds to pay these dues in full. A part of leave encashment, about 70% only, has been paid. GPF has been paid to a few VRS pensioners whose notional Superannuation date is nearer. CPF and EPF Gratuity have not been paid. It is learnt that MTNL is struggling to liquidate the investments of the Trusts which manage the funds of GPF, CPF etc., **We request Hon'ble Minister to intervene and cause to provide funds to MTNL for payment of these dues to the VRS-19 pensioners.**

**EXTENSION OF TIME LIMIT FOR RETENTION OF THE Qrs.: -**

Mumbai is severely affected by Covid-19 pandemic it is in red zone. Many localities are under containment. Under these circumstances it is not practical for the pensioners to find out alternate accommodation nor to shift the residence. Therefore, **we request the Hon'ble Minister to direct MTNL to extend the permissible period of retention of Qrs up to 31/12/2020 and to re-introduce the "Leasing Scheme" for retention thereafter.**

With high regards,

Yours Faithfully

  
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