

Committee of BSNL/MTNL Pensioners' Associations

(An Umbrella organization of BSNL/MTNL Pensioners)

To
Dr T V Somanathan,
Cabinet Secretary, Govt. of India,
New Delhi

Date: 07/04/2026

Respected sir,

**Sub: Immediate Implementation of DPE order dated 27/2/2026
granting IDA/DR to DoT (IDA) pensioners retired from BSNL/MTNL -reg**

We seek your urgent intervention in the matter of non-implementation of the **DPE order vide No.W-02/0037/2025-DPE(WC)/FTS-1450 dated 27/2/2026** in view of the following:-

2. As per the established practice, Industrial Dearness Allowance (IDA) is revised every quarter by DPE based on the Consumer Price Index (CPI). The above-mentioned order clearly notifies the revised IDA rates applicable from 1/1/2026 to CPSE employees under 1997, 2007 and 2017 pay scales. .

3. **BSNL/MTNL employees who were absorbed from DoT are getting their retirement benefits including Dearness Relief from the budgetary allocation of Govt. of India. Their Dearness Relief is – as applicable to 2007 pay scales and as per para 3 of DPE order cited above they are entitled for 236.7% IDA/DR from 1/1/2026.**

4. Para 5 of DPE order states “**DA rates are computed and notified by DPE as per the prescribed formula, their extension and implementation in respect of individual CPSEs including financial implications, shall rest with the concerned Administrative Ministry/Department**” (This order was sent to DoT under sl.37). Placing the responsibility on the concerned Administrative Ministry/Department for implementation including financial implications, is a deviation from the erstwhile practice of prompt and automatic implementation.

5. **It is pertinent to note that required information called for by DoT has been furnished by BSNL corporate office vide F.No.BSNLCO-A/11(18)/1/2024-ESTAB on 23/3/26. Yet no further tangible action by DoT.**

6. We are in April 2026 and another instalment of IDA/DR has become due.

7. This inordinate delay has caused widespread concern, anguish and resentment among nearly 4 lakh DoT (IDA) pensioners retired from BSNL/MTNL across the country. Therefore, we strongly urge:

*** To implement the DPE order dated 27/2/2026 without any further delay and**
*** To ensure prompt, automatic release of IDA/DR in future as was the practice earlier**

8. We earnestly hope that necessary order will be issued by DoT without further loss of time.

9. However if the delay continues, the following Associations have no other option but to launch agitational programmes as follows:-

- a) **16/4/26 - Demonstration in front of CCA/ BSNL offices throughout the country.**
- b) **30/4/26 - Massive Dharna in front of CCA/BSNL offices**

We hope that the Government shall not earn the wrath of senior/super senior citizens.

Yours faithfully,



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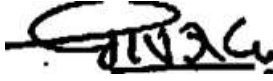
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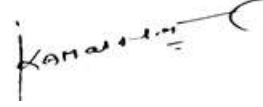
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