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Dated 22nd July'2024

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Chairman DCC & Secretary (T)
Department of Telecom,
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Respected Sir,

Subject:-Request to remove the discrimination inflicted upon the MTNL combined service pensioners retired before 01/01/2018.

Ref:- 1. DoT's memo No.11-1/2009-SU-II dated 19th June'2018 2. This Co-Ordination Committee's letters via email dated 10/12/2020, 03/01/2021, 17/02/2021, 27/05/2021, 18/06/2021, 24/05/2022 and dated 02/11/2023.

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This is to convey the anxiety of the MTNL pensioners caused by inordinate delay in settling the subject issue with a request to cause to remove the discrimination at once. Sorry to point out that the issue is still protracted even though six years are over since the discrimination was inflicted.

The inordinate delay of six years is due to illogical linking of two different issues viz., "sharing of liability" and "removal of disparity within the same set of pensioners." These two issues are altogether different. Why are these two issues linked? The pension of the MTNL combined service pensioners retired after 01/01/2018 is based on their revised pay on 01/01/2007 with IDA neutralisation of 73.8% while the pension of the pensioners retired prior to 01/01/2018 is based on their revised pay or pension 01/01/2007 with 68.8% IDA neutralisation. This is the disparity and discrimination.

This is a simple issue, can be solved within no time by issuing orders extending the same benefit to the pensioners retired before 01/01/2018. But DoT does not think in that way. DoT wants decision on 'sharing liability' prior to 'removal of disparity and discrimination'. Why are these two different issues linked? There is no clarity in DoT's approach. In what way the 'sharing liability' relates to extending the same benefit to the left-out pensioners?

Is the entitlement of the pensioners absolute or dependent upon 'sharing liability'? It is nowhere mentioned in Rule 37A of CCS Pension Rules which govern our pension that the pension is dependent upon 'sharing liability'. More than that, is It constitutional to create and to continue the disparity and discrimination within the same set of pensioners viz., the combined service pensioners of MTNL? DoT's memo No.11-1/2009-SU-II dated 19th June'2018 has caused this unconstitutional disparity and discrimination.

Therefore, it is requested to intervene in this issue and to cause to issue the orders at once removing the disparity and discrimination inflicted upon the MTNL combined service pensioners retired before 01/01/2018 delinking the 'discrimination' from 'sharing liability'.

With high regards,

Yours faithfully,

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Copy to the following officers with a request to cause to issue orders at once.

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- 3. Shri. Robert Jerard Ravi CMD MTNL/BSNL
- 4. Ms. Roshni Sohni DDG (E) DoT