



**ALL INDIA
BHARAT SANCHAR NIGAM LIMITED
OFFICERS' ASSOCIATION
CENTRAL HEAD QUARTERS
37, Laxmibainagar, New Delhi – 110023**

General Secretary
V.P. ARYA
Mobile: 9868210478

No. AIBSNLOA/CHQ/2008/08

Dated: 14.03.2008

To
Shri Siddhartha Behura,
Secretary,
Department of Telecommunications,
Sanchar Bhavan,
New Delhi – 110 001.

Sub:- Grant of IDA Pay Scale to the Assistant Accounts Officers absorbed
in BSNL – reg.

Sir,

Consequent on the formation of BSNL, the erstwhile Officers and Employees of Department of Telecommunication were absorbed in BSNL/MTNL with effect from 01-10-2000.

As per the scheme of absorption, the DOT employees opting for absorption in BSNL/MTNL were granted an Industrial Dearness Allowance (IDA) Pay Scales corresponding to their Central Dearness Allowance (CDA) Pay Scales.

However, no such IDA pay scale was offered to the Assistant Accounts Officers who were in the CDA pay scale of Rs 7450-225-11500, but was assured that “IDA pay scale for replacement of existing executives in CDA pay scales of Rs 7450-225-11500 will be notified later.”

But, instead of announcing the corresponding IDA pay scale, the upgraded CDA pay scale of Rs 7450-225-11500 itself was sought to be denied to the Assistant Accounts Officers working in BSNL/MTNL, by the Ministry of Finance, on the plea that they do not belong to the Organized Accounts Cadre and thereby denying corresponding IDA pay scale. It is an irrefutable fact that the Assistant Accounts Officers of the Department of Telecommunication always belonged to the Organized Accounts Cadre and as such the upgraded CDA pay scale of Rs 7450-225-11500 could not be denied to them.


Based on the above, we learn that BSNL Board have proposed corresponding IDA pay scale viz Rs 11875-300-17275 for the Asst. Accounts Officer for the approval of Department of Telecommunications.

Although, the IDA pay scale for the Assistant Accounts Officers ought to have been announced at the time of absorption in September 2003, now it is more than four and half years that the issue is yet to be settled. The matter, therefore, does not brook any further delay.

Therefore, we request you to kindly cause approval of the IDA pay scale of Rs.11875-300-17275 proposed by BSNL for the Assistant Accounts Officers at the earliest and put an end to this vexatious issue once and for all.

Thanking you,

Yours sincerely


(V.P. Arya) 14.05.2008
General Secretary

Copy to:-

1. Ms S.A. Tirmizi, Member (Finance), Department of Telecommunications, Sanchar Bhavan, New Delhi-110 001 for information and necessary action.