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To

Shri P.J.Thomas, Secretary, DoT, New Delhi – 110 001

Sub: Pay fixation in case of Group B officers who have opted for IDA pay scale from the date of promotion which happened to fall after 1.10.2000 – Reduction in pension - reg

Sir,

We would like to draw your kind attention to the above mentioned issue wherein many pensioners who were Group B officers and had opted for IDA pay scale from the date of promotion falling after 1.10.2000 are being paid less pension owing to the fact that CCAs of many Circles have questioned the fixation of pay on such option and have calculated the average emoluments for the purpose of pension by disallowing the benefit of such fixation.

- 2. We would like to submit that DoT vide its F.No.1-1(04)/2005-PAT (Pt.) dated 24.09.2008 addressed to the CCA, DoT Cell, Kerala Circle has stated that "Till any further clarification is issued by this office, CCA may decide the case provisionally based on existing instructions of BSNL in this regard." [Copy enclosed]
- 3. We would further like to point out that Rule 59 (1) (b) (iii) of CCS (Pension) Rules, 1972 has put a restriction that "..... In order to ensure that the emoluments during the last ten months of service, have been correctly shown in the service book, the Head of Office may verify the correctness of emoluments for the period of twenty four months only preceding the date of retirement of a Government servant, and not for any period prior to that date" [Copy enclosed]. Hence arbitrary action of the CCAs to go beyond this limit of last 24 months to verify the correctness of the emoluments and questioning the pay fixation is neither fair nor justified.

- 4. Further, as per the revised Pension Rules, the retiree can opt for the last pay drawn for calculating the pension instead of 10 months average emoluments and therefore even the question of verifying the emoluments for a period of twenty four months does not arise now.
- 5. We therefore request that CCAs of all Circles be directed to decide the case of payment of pension based on existing instructions of BSNL as already advised by DOT vide No 1-1(04)/2005-PAT(Pt) dated 24.09.2008 and not to resort to the practice of reducing the quantum of pension.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

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