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To

Shri.P.J.Thomas,
Secretary,
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Subject: Merger of 50% Dearness Relief with Basic Pension and Revision of Pension consequent to Revision of IDA pay scales w.e.f. 1.1.2007 for the absorbed BSNL Executives retired between 1.10.2000 and 31.12.2006 - Request for immediate issue of orders.

Sir,

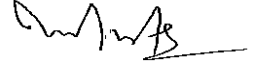
We regret to submit that Department of Telecommunication, which issues Pension Payment Orders and ensure their payment to the retired Government Employees absorbed in BSNL has not yet issued the Orders for merger of 50% Dearness Relief with Basic Pension of those absorbed BSNL Employees who retired between 1.10.2000 and 31.12.2006 and are eligible as per provision of Rule 37-A of CCS (Pension) Rules, 1972 to receive all pensionary benefits including terminal benefits and other relief under the same CCS (Pension) Rules/other norms and principles as applicable for the Government Pensioners. In pursuant to DPE OM No.2(7)/2005 DPE-(WC) GL.III dated 26.02.2008, the BSNL Employees were granted merger of 50% of IDA w.e.f. 01.01.2007 by the Department of Telecommunications vide its No. 79-38/2006-SU dated 01.05.2008. However, the absorbed BSNL employees who retired prior to 01.01.2007 were not granted the benefit. But in case of the Government pensioners, the benefit of merger of 50% DA w.e.f 01.04.2004 was simultaneously extended to them while Ordering the benefit to the serving employees. Similar benefit has also been extended to the Port & Dock Pensioners.

2. Similarly, revision of pension for BSNL Executives who retired prior to 1.1.2007 is still to be ordered by DoT which is over due. We understand that DOT is proposing to revise the pension on CDA pattern. Our Association is opposed to this. We are unable to appreciate the move. It sounds odd that the absorbed employees get their pay and even the pension on IDA pattern, but revision is proposed on presumptive CDA pay scale.

3. After your taking over as Secretary, DoT, we appeal to you with renewed hopes to bestow your kind attention to the above two issues, considering the predicament faced by BSNL absorbed pensioners and to cause issue of orders at the earliest

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

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(V.P.Arya)
General Secretary