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To
Shri Pranab Mukherjee,
Minister of Finance,
Government of India,
New Delhi 110 001.

Subject: Proposal for payment of pension to the absorbed Employees of MTNL by the Government on similar lines it is being paid to absorbed BSNL Employees – Request for retrospective fixation in higher IDA scales for BSNL Executives at par with what was paid to MTNL Executives

Hon'ble Sir,

We are happy to learn that Department of Telecommunications has sent a proposal for approval by the cabinet for payment of pension to the absorbed Employees and Officers of MTNL by the Government, on the same lines it is being paid to the absorbed BSNL Employees and Officers, under Rule 37-A of CCS (Pension) Rules 1972.

2. As per relevant sub rules of Rule 37-A of CCS (Pension) Rules 1972, the Government makes pension payment to the absorbed BSNL pensioners, for which BSNL has to pay pension contribution. To meet the liability of paying pension, there is some financial arrangement between the DoT and BSNL. In respect of MTNL and similarly placed PSUs, pension is being paid by a Trust constituted for the purpose.

3. We would like to bring to your kind attention, the fact that **some Executive cadres in BSNL**, viz. Junior Telecom Officers/Junior Accounts Officers/equivalent cadres, Sub Divisional Engineer/Accounts Officers/equivalent cadres, Sr.Sub Divisional Engineers/Sr.Accounts Officers/equivalent cadres, Divisional Engineers/Chief Accounts officers/equivalent cadres and Dy.General Managers/equivalent cadres, **were granted IDA pays scales w.e.f. 1.10.2000, at one stage below the IDA scales given to equivalent cadres in MTNL.** BSNL and DoT officers justified these lower scales on the plea that BSNL will have to pay pension contribution to DoT and will not be able to pay higher scales at par with MTNL. Since now DoT has proposed to pay pension to the MTNL employees/officers also on the same lines as is being paid to BSNL employees/officers, it will not be fair and just to deny the higher scales to BSNL Executives w.e.f. 1.10.2000 retrospectively.

4. We would therefore request you to kindly grant retrospective fixation in higher IDA scales for the BSNL Executives mentioned above w.e.f. 1.10.2000 at par with the pay scales then granted to the MTNL Executives.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,



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