

SANCHAR NIGAM EXECUTIVES' ASSOCIATION

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To

**Shri. Ravi Shankar Prasad,
Hon MOC & IT, Govt of India,
Sanchar Bhawan, New Delhi.**

Sub: Pensioners of BSNL and MTNL being abjectly neglected by DoT and DPE with regard to concrete commitments made to them at the time of their absorption in BSNL that they will be treated at par with central government employees in so far as pension and pension revision and other terminal benefits are concerned. Issue not contained in the terms of reference of 3rd PRC. DoT requested DPE to incorporate it as terms of reference but not happened so far. Kind intervention solicited.

Respected Sir,

Concrete commitments made by DoT in Oct 2000, and decisions and follow up actions taken thereupon by the Union Cabinet on those commitments, that pension, pension revision and other terminal benefits of erstwhile DoT personnel getting absorbed in BSNL would be identical to Central Govt. employees facilitated speedy and smooth absorption of DOT employees in BSNL in the year 2000. Based on these concrete commitments, Union Cabinet in Oct. 2000, when BSNL was formed, decided that pension and pension revision of DOT employees getting absorbed in BSNL would be strictly regulated in terms of 1972 CCS pension rules.

However, these commitments and the decision of the Union Cabinet have been and are being breached and pensioners of BSNL and of late of MTNL too who also are covered by similar provisions since the year 2014 when Govt. decided to extend these provisions to them also are subjected to hostile discrimination because of bureaucratic insensitivity and complete lack of concern and are being made to run from pillar to post to get these provisions extended to them. BSNL pensioners have had to suffer when Govt. took decision on the recommendations of 2nd PRC in 2008 and there was just no decision of pension revision of BSNL pensioners. Their pension revision should have been regulated the way pension of Central Govt. employees is revised after every CPC report. But BSNL pensioners have had to struggle for two years to get their pension revision.

Having experienced this awful situation, it was expected that DoT, whose sole responsibility it is to get the decisions of the Cabinet relating to pension revision implemented in totality, would be vigilant and on its toes to ensure that the issue of pension revision of BSNL/MTNL is incorporated in the terms of reference of 3rd PRC recently constituted by the Govt. But because of complete lack of involvement of bureaucracy in DoT/DPE, the issue of pension

