

ALL INDIA RETIRED BSNL EXECUTIVES WELFARE ASSOCIATION

CENTRAL HEADQUATERS DELHI

Report of the General Secretary placed in the 1st All India Conference held on 11- 12 November 2013 at Sapkal Knowledge Hub, Kalyani Hills, Anjeneri Trambak Road , Nashik, Maharashtra .

Respective President and Dear Retired Executives,

We are meeting here at Nashik for 1st All India Conference of All India Retired BSNL Executives Welfare Association. It is my pleasure to Welcome You all at Nashik , The Temple Town of Trimbakeshwar. In the Report we may discuss the activities and achievements of the Association Since March 11 ,2010.

1 **FORMATION OF ASSOCIATION**

In the beginning of 2009 we Started a Monthly get- to-gather Programme of Retired colleagues in order to keep in touch with each other. During these Programmes apart from exchanging views with each other domestic and official problems and there solutions of, were being discussed. Later on, an idea for formation of a Welfare Association came into the minds of all friends. Ultimately, in a large gathering of Retired Executives on 11-03-2010 , a decision was taken to form an Association. In this Meeting Sh. Satya Narayan President, Sh. Prahlad Rai General Secretary of AIBSNLEA and Sh. Bagchi President and Sh. S.S .Nanda General Secretary of MTNL Retired Officer Association were present. Sh. Satya Narayan , Sh. Prahlad Rai, Sh. S.S. Nanda and Sh. Bagchi addressed the meeting.

Sh. Parhlad Rai assured to extend full support to this newly formed Association of Pensioners.

Immediately an adhoc body of CHQ office bearers was formed.

2 **ACTIVITES AND ACHIEVEMENTS**

2.1 Registration and opening saving accounts.

Registration Process of Assocaiton with the Registrar of Societies in Delhi was started on 12-06-2010. The case was sincerely persued with the Registrar Office and the Association was got Registered on 11-11-2010 wide registration No. S/00108/NE-/2010 DATED 11-11-2010

Saving Account of All India Retired BSNL Executives Welfare Association was opened on 20-12-2010 in Punjab National Bank, ECE House K.G Marg, New Delhi.

2.2 **REVISION OF PENSION**

The wage Committee Report was notified by Department of Public Enterprises vide No 2(70) /08-DPE(WC)-GL-XVI/08 DATED 26-11-2008 which was approved by DOT on 23-02-2009 and implemented by BSNL letter dated 05-03-2009. Upto this time there was no mention about Pension revision in any of these orders. DPE had categorically stated that they had nothing to do with Pensioners and it was upto the controlling Ministry to deal with this issue.

A delegation of our Association met Member (S) and Member (F) in department of Telecom, and gave them a representation for revision of pension of BSNL Retirees. They informed that there is no procedure for IDA Pension Revision in PSU. It was told to DOT authorities that Pension is being revised periodically in PSUs like Food Corporation

of India and also in Port Trust Organisation. The case of FCI was very similar to that of BSNL. Similarly Pension was being revised in PSUs like LIC and UPSEB etc, where pension is paid through a Trust.

However DOT authorities informed that a clearance will have to be taken from department of Public Enterprises , DOP &PW, Ministry of Finance. After obtaining Comments of these departments a cabinet note will be prepared and shall be sent to Union Cabinet for their approval.

We met many times with Member (S), Member (F) & others officers in DOT/ DOP/ Ministry of Law etc. to know the Status of Pension revision and expedite its early resolution. Finally DOT got the approval of Cabinet for IDA Pension Revision of BSNL Retirees and orders for IDA Pension revision were issued by DOT on 15-03-2011.

We again met Member (S) & Member (F) for early implementation of these orders. Thus it is an Historical achievement for BSNL Pensioners. The consistent efforts of our Association yielded results in getting released IDA Pension revision orders. More than 60000 Pensioners got benefited and it has become a Rule for the IDA Pension revision.

2.3 ATTENDING 3rd AIC OF AIBSNLEA AT KOLKOTA

General Secretary Sh. Kishan Singh along with Sh. K.N Mehra Finance Secretary and Sh. N.C Jain Auditor attended 3rd AIC of AIBSNLEA held on 30-12-2010 & 31-12-2010 in order to promote the scope of our Association . There we met delegates of AIBSNLEA who came from All over India. Kishan Singh General Secretary addressed the west Bengal Circle Branch of our Association.

2.4 MEDICAL REIMBURSEMENT

BSNL Stopped Payment of Medical Reimbursement without vouchers facility for OPD Treatment to its Employees and Pensioners. The BSNL Pensioners started facing difficulty in getting Medical Reimbursement Payment with vouchers. We have Written Letters to CMD, BSNL, Director (HR) & Director (F). A Delegation Comprising of Sh. Kishan Singh General Secretary, Sh. Rakesh Srivastava Vice President, Sh. K.N Mehra Finance Secretary, Sh. Hardas Singh Bhatia AGS met Director (HR) Sh. A.N RAI for restoring without vouchers Medical Reimbursement facility to at least to BSNL Retirees. We explained about the difficulties being faced by Pensioner and family Pensioners. A Representation was also given to him but a favourable decision is still awaited.

2.5 PENSION REVISION ON 78.2% IDA MERGER

This issue was being pursued with DOT/ DPE/ DOP for more than two years through written communication/ personal meetings and RTI Query. We also co-ordinated with other Association of Pensioners and Unions/ Associations of working employees like AIBSNLEA and BSNLU. Working Unions took up this item in their agitational agenda after BSNL decided to extend each and every benefit to ITS Officers, who were on indefinite deputation in BSNL. The moment this issue was taken up on record as an agenda item, both DOT & BSNL were on back foot before Chief Labour Commissioner and the issue had to be resolved in favour of the BSNL employees.

Ultimately, DOT / BSNL issued orders for Merger of 78.2% IDA w.e.f. 01-01-2007 for working employees but the Revised Pay is to be paid from 10-06-2013 onwards only. But there is no mention about revision of Pension of pre-2007 & post 2007 BSNL Retirees. In this connection KISHAN SINGH GS & Sh. Pralahad Rai GS of AIBSNLEA met Secretary (T), Additional Secretary, Member (S) , Member (F) on 13-06-2013 and a representation was also given to Secretary (T), Additional Secretary (T), Member (S) & Member (F) on the same day . Again on 22-07-2013 A delegation consisting of Sh. Kishan Singh G.S., K.N Mehra F.S, Sh HARDAS Singh AGS & Sh P.S.Venkataraman met Member (S) , Director (Estt), Director (PSU) in DOT on this issue. A letter is again written to Secry (T) DOT, Secretary (P) DOP &PW on 31-08-2013 for IDA Pension revision of Pre & Post 2007 BSNL Retirees on 78.2% IDA Merger.

This issue was also taken up in several SCOVA meetings under agenda item, wherein DOT had assured that benefit to pensioners shall be extended after grant of 78.2% IDA fixation to working Employees of BSNL.

This issue was again highlighted in SCOVA Meeting in September 2013 due to follow up action taken to by us to persue the case through Sri S.C.Maheswari, Secretary General, Bharat Pensioners Samaj, New Delhi who is a participant/ member in the SCOVA Meeting. Proposal for Pension revision has already been forwarded by DOT to DOP for approval and it is likely to be resolved at an early date.

2.6 **PENSION ANOMALLY OF THOSE WHO RETIED BETWEEN 31-10-2000 & 31-07-2001**

A letter was written to secretary (P) DOP &PW,Secretary (T) DOT &Member(S) DOT on 31-08-2013 to resolve this issue at the earliest. This issue was also taken up in several SCOVA Meetings under agenda item, wherein DOT had assured to resolve this issue in a time bound manner by 31/03/2013.

This issue being still unresolved, it was again highlighted in SCOVA Meeting in September 2013 through Sri S.C.Maheswari, Secretary Genral, Bharat Pensioners Samaj, New Delhi who is a participant/ member in in SCOVA Meeting. Proposal for resolution pf Pension anomaly has been cleared by Secretay(T) and forwarded to DOP for concurrence. It is also likely to be resolved at an early date after clearance from DOP.

2.7 **CONCLUSION**

Thus it may be seen that best possible efforts have been made in getting all the major issues affecting BSNL Retirees resolved through representation/ discussion and dialogue with competent authorities in DOT, DOP & BSNL etc. Individual cases/ grievances which are not being addressed by BSNL in a normal way in an acceptable time frame are also being taken up and persued with Competent authority for early resolution.

With this GS Report is concluded.

Long live DOT, Long live BSNL - Long live AIBSNLEA, Long live Retired BSNL Executives Welfare Association

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