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Sub:- Request for intervention to expedite early settlement of long pending issue of 50% IDA Merger for BSNL Pensioners amounting to 78.2% IDA as on 1/1/2007 for all the BSNL Pensioners retiring between 1/10/2000 and 09/06/2013, as granted to BSNL Employees w.e.f. 10th June 2013 and suitable action for annulment of Cabinet Decision dated 27-1-2005, which limits liability of the Government on pension to 60% of the collection from BSNL.

Dear Comrades,

It is brought to your kind notice that all the BSNL Employees retiring after 10th June 2013 have been granted benefit of 50% IDA merger amounting to 78.2% IDA (as on 1/1/2007) vide Presidential Order issued under DOT Memo No. 61-01/2012-SU dated 10th June 2013, but even after lapse of two and a half years the same benefit of 50% IDA Merger has not been extended to BSNL Pensioners retiring between 1/10/2000 and 09/06/2013 inspite of repeated assurances given by DoT in various SCOVA meetings and other Union/ Association forums as detailed below:-

1. Proposal to extend the benefit of 50% IDA merger to BSNL Pensioners amounting to 78.2% IDA (as on 1/1/2007) was moved by DOT in January/ February for 2014 for approval from DOP, DPE and Deptt. Of Expenditure. After several rounds of consultations / clarifications the proposal moved by DoT was approved by DOP/ DPE / Deptt. Of Expenditure vide DOE OM No. 682/EV/2014 dated 15/10/2014 with a caveat that DOT should seek Cabinet Approval as well for granting benefit of 50% IDA merger w.e.f. 1/1/2007 to all BSNL Pensioners retiring between 1/10/2000 and 09/06/2013 as granted to working Employees of BSNL vide DOT Memo no.61-01/2012-SU dated 10th June 2013.

2. In proposed Cabinet Note DOT Finance included the issue of annulment of the Cabinet decision dated 27/1/2005 circulated vide DoT OM No.1-45/2003-B dated 15/6/2006 regarding pensionary liability of BSNL, because DOT Finance observed that over a period of last two years or so the expenses incurred towards payment of pension to DOT/ BSNL Pensioners exceeded the 60% limit of TAX Receipts by the Government from BSNL/ MTNL and BSNL was liable/ supposed to pay the excess expenditure as per DOT OM No.1-45/2003-B dated 15/6/2006..



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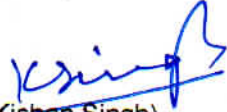
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3. The proposed annulment of Cabinet Decision dated 27/1/2005 is not readily acceptable to Deptt. of Expenditure and it has raised many queries on 05/08/2015 in response to DoT's proposal and seeks detailed justification for annulment of Cabinet Decision dated 27/1/2005,

The case is held up in DoT for want of proper justification on this issue even though two previous Secretaries(Telecom.) have supported the case that liability of BSNL was limited to payment of Pension Contribution only as can be seen from DO letter issued by Shri Nripendra Misra, then Secretary DOT vide letter No.1-45/2003-B dated 15/03/2005 addressed to CMD, BSNL. This was again reiterated vide OM no.40-12/2007-Pen(T) dated 5th January 2009 was issued by then Secretary(T), Sri Siddhartha Behura, after holding meeting with all the nodal Ministries as disclosed under RTI queries. It was also learnt under RTI Query that then Member(F) while agreeing to proposed clarification dated 5/1/2009 also advised vide notings dated 24/12/2008 that case for annulment of Cabinet Decision dated 27/01/2005 should also be processed simultaneously because the said Cabinet Decision should not be left unattended. Present Member(F) has also proposed annulment of Cabinet Decision dated 27/01/2005, while moving the case for 50% IDA Merger amounting to 78.2% IDA as on 1/1/2007 for BSNL Pensioners. But Department of Expenditure is seriously questioning and seeking justification for review of the Cabinet Decision dated 27/01/2005 regarding Pensionary Liability of BSNL. Process is held up and delayed in various sections of DoT, who are finding it difficult to offer proper reply/justification in this matter.

Your kind intervention is sought to expedite settlement of revision of Pension Issue of the BSNL Pensioners retiring between 1/10/2000 and 0/06/2013 as detailed above and for annulment of Cabinet Decision dated 27-1-2005 limiting responsibility of the Government on pension to 60% of the collection from BSNL. The issues may kindly be discussed in the Forum meeting scheduled to be held on 12-10-2015 for initiating suitable action to resolve the issues. Forum may also include all Pensioners Associations for any demonstrative actions/Strike etc as may be decided.

Thanking you.


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