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To

**Shri Ravi Shankar Prasad,
Hon'ble Minister for Communication & IT,
Govt. of India,
Sanchar Bhawan,
New Delhi-110 001**

Respected Sir,

Sub: - **Inordinate delay in extending the benefit of 78.2% IDA merger to BSNL pensioners retired before 10.06.2013 – Request for intervention to settle the issue – req.**

The IDA merger of 78.2% was given to the BSNL employees vide DoT order No.61-01/2012-SU dated 10th June, 2013. The BSNL absorbed DoT employees retired after 10.06.2013 are also availing this benefit.

This association had taken up the issue of extending this benefit to the BSNL pensioners retired before 10.06.2013 as early on 12.06.2013 and is continuously pursuing. However, the issue remains unsettled even after 32 months for one or other reason. The inordinate delay in extending this benefit to BSNL pensioners retired before 10.06.2013 has naturally caused anguish, disappointment and resentment among the affected pensioners. It also amounts to discrimination that one section of pensioners are granted the benefit.

The cabinet note prepared in this connection after incorporating the clarifications sought by the Department of Expenditure, after a lot of delay, was presented to the Secretary, DoT in February, 2016. Meanwhile, Shri Rakesh Garg, Secretary, DoT was transferred and the new incumbent Secretary, Shri J.S. Deepak, initially wanted to have a discussion on the note with the Member (Services). The discussion took place on 01.03.2016 and it was expected that the Cabinet Note would be cleared by the Secretary. However, the Secretary has sought further clarification from the internal finance and it is again held up.

This way the file is being shuttled to section after section indefinitely. Now it is heard that there is a proposal of extending this benefit to the MTNL pensioners and that also to be included in the Cabinet Note. We appreciate the proposal but at the same time apprehend that it will definitely cause undue delay further in settling the issue.

Therefore, on behalf of the All India BSNL DoT Pensioners Association, I would request your early intervention to ensure settlement of the issue without further delay.

Thanking you,

Yours faithfully,

**K G Jayaraj
General Secretary**