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To,

Shri Narendra Modi Ji Hon'ble Prime Minister, Government of India South Block, Raisina Hill New Delhi – 110 001

Respected Sir,

Sub:- <u>Pension Revision of BSNL absorbed retirees from 01-01-2017 with 15% fitment based on revised pay</u> scales approved by the BSNL management - submitting memorandum there of.

We, the undersigned BSNL absorbed retirees, seek your kind intervention in the burning issue of pension revision with 15 %fitment from 01-01-2017 based on the revised pay scales, recommended by the 3rd PRC for the executives and for the non executives pay scales, after agreement with the recognised unions, are already approved by the BSNL management.

The Hon'ble Minister for Communications has stated in the Parliament that pension revision of BSNL absorbed retirees is linked to pay revision of BSNL employees, as pension is to be revised based on the revised pay scales. As wage revision is not possible due to the poor financial situation of BSNL, no proposal is initiated by his Ministry for pension revision as on date.

In this connection the following relevant points are brought to your kind notice and favourable decision.

- (1) Pay revision and pension revision are given once in 10 years and now it is 13 years and our counter parts in central government have already got it from 01-01-2016. Both the central government pensioners and BSNL absorbed pensioners are covered under the same CCS(Pension) Rules, 1972, the only difference being BSNL absorbed pensioners are entitled for pension on IDA pay scales as per Rule 37A of CCS(Pension) Rules, 1972, amended from time to time.
- (2) Pension revision is no way connected to affordability conditions or poor finance of BSNL as the entire liability lies with the Government as per provisions of the Rule 37A of CCS(Pension) Rules 1972.
- (3) Regarding condition of revised pay scales for pension revision BSNL management has approved the pay scales and pending for ratification by the Telecom Ministry.

(4) It is pertinent to point out that BSNL employees are not responsible for the losses incurred by BSNL. BSNL is made to comply with the social obligations of the Government to ensure telecom services in rural areas and hilly terrains incurring huge loss. BSNL is deprived of the spectrum for 4G services which has pushed back BSNL in the cut throat competition. Reliance Jio was allowed to resort to predatory pricing which is the main reason for the serious crisis in the entire telecom sector. Levying of pension contributions on the basis of the maximum of the pay scales from BSNL is costing it dearly. Such PSUs under central Government, implementing Government projects are exempted from the affordability conditions by the 3rd PRC itself and included in the DPE guidelines. Therefore BSNL is a fitting case for relaxation of affordability conditions as pointed out by the former CMD, BSNL. So BSNL employees cannot be denied the wage revision, particularly in the post VRS scenario.

In view of the forgoing it is most humbly requested that early action may please be caused to revise the pension / family pension with 15 %fitment based on pay scales approved by the BSNL management from 01-01-2017, delinking wage revision.

Thanking you.

Yours sincerely,

SI.No.	Name of the Pensioner/ Family Pensioner	Place	Signature