



# ALL INDIA BSNL DOT PENSIONERS ASSOCIATION

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To,

**Dr. Jitendra Singh,**  
**Hon'ble Minister of State(Independent Charge) for Personnel,**  
**Public Grievances and Pensions.**  
**North Block**  
**New Delhi -110 001**

Respected Sir,

Sub: - **Request for Setting up of a Contributory Welfare Fund to extend Funeral Grant to the family during the death of the pensioner-req.**

We wish to bring to kind notice, a very genuine issue of the pensioners community, for sympathetic consideration and appropriate action.

We have experienced several instances in which the families of the deceased pensioner struggling to meet the expenditure for the last rites and cremation of the pensioner. In certain cases, it is heartbreaking to witness the agony and mental stress of the family. Though we had preferred a demand of Funeral Grant of Rs. 10,000 to the family, unfortunately it has not been conceded so far.

Now, we approach your good self for the creation of a Contributory Welfare Fund by the Department of Pension & Pensioners Welfare to extend Funeral Grant to the family during the death of the pensioner. An amount may be recovered monthly from the pension as contribution of the pensioner to the Welfare Fund and an equal amount also contributed by the Government.

In this connection, it is worth mentioning that, Tamil Nadu State Government is having a Family Security Fund since 1997. Initially, the monthly contribution of the pensioner was Rs.20 till his death and in return the government paid Rs.25,000 to the family. The monthly contribution was increased to Rs.80 from 2014 and financial assistance payable to the family also enhanced to Rs.50,000. The excerpts of this scheme is enclosed herewith for ready reference please.

We sincerely hope that your good self will initiate necessary action in this regard which would benefit the families of the pensioners in distress to a great extent.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

**K G Jayaraj**  
**General Secretary**

Encl: As above.

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