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5th October, 2020

To,

(1) Shri Anshu Prakash,
Secretary,

Department of Telecommunications,
Sanchar Bhawan, 20, Asoka Road,
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Shri P.K. Purwar,
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Bharat Sanchar Bhawan,
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Sir,

Sub: - **Withholding of pension and threat of disciplinary proceedings- case of 199 VRS retirees of Maharashtra Circle belonging to ST category - req.**

Ref: (1) This Association letter No.AIBDPA /DOT-BSNL/MH/2020 dated 03-08-2020.

(2) This Association letter No.AIBDPA/DOT-BSNL/MH/2020 dated 21-08-2020.

1. In continuation of the above referred letters, we are compelled to once again approach your goodself as the pension of the 199 VRS retirees of Maharashtra belonging to ST category is being withheld time and again putting them to untold miseries and hardships. Now, the pension for September, 2020 is not yet paid. Further the BSNL administration is threatening these VRS retirees of disciplinary proceedings for not confirming the caste certificate as per the directive of BSNL Corporate Office. There is absolutely no justification in withholding the pension and request your kind intervention for immediate payment of pension for September, 2020 and to ensure timely payment of pension in future.
2. In this connection we have already pointed out in our earlier letters that verifying the caste certificate produced by the employee is the responsibility of the concerned recruitment authorities according to the procedure laid down by DOPT. As such, it is requested to direct the concerned recruitment authorities of BSNL to take necessary action to verify the genuineness of the caste certificate produced by the employees under its jurisdiction.
3. Initiating disciplinary proceedings against retirees will be a futile exercise and will be untenable. Rule 9 of CCS (Pension) Rules, 1972 clearly states that no disciplinary proceedings can be taken against retiree for any event took place before 4 years of issuing charge sheet.
4. Many similarly placed ST employees have retired in the past on superannuation and continue to avail all retirement benefits including pension without any impediment.
5. Therefore, it is once again requested that considering all the above facts, the issue be kindly settled as a onetime measure and all the retirement benefits be released to the 199 VRS retirees of Maharashtra belonging to ST category.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

K.G. Jayaraj

General Secretary

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