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To,

Shri Prakash Javadekar,
Hon'ble Minister for Heavy Industries and Public Enterprises
Public Enterprises Bhawan,
Block No.14, CGO Complex
Lodhi Road, New Delhi -110003.

Respected Sir,

Sub: - **Payment of 5.5% IDA due from 01-10-2020 to IDA Pensioners - request for issuing orders - req.**

Ref: **DPE No.W-02/0039/2017-DPE (WC) GL XVI/20 dated 19-11-2020.**

All India BSNL DOT Pensioners Association is the major pensioners organization having a membership of 1,20,000. We are approaching you through this email to draw your kind attention to one of the most genuine issues for favour of consideration and early settlement.

There has been a 5.5% hike in the IDA from 01-10-2020 according to the Consumer Price Index released by the Labour Bureau. Usually the orders are issued by the DPE within one week of release of the quantum of IDA by Labour Bureau. However, for the last two occasions, there have been unwarranted delay in issuing the orders.

As you are aware, IDA is being paid to compensate the erosion in the wages/pension due to increase in the cost of essential commodities. This time Diwali, the biggest festival of the country was on 13-11-2020 and the pensioners were eagerly waiting to get the hike in IDA before Diwali. Almost all sections of workers are paid bonus or festival allowance to celebrate Diwali. But the pensioners have no other source of income other than pension. BSNL pensioners have not been granted pension revision due from 01-01-2017 and most of the pensioners are compelled to incur their medical expenditure from their pension as BSNL management is not paying their medical claims for the last two and half years.

Now, your esteemed department has issued an order referred to above, freezing three installments of IDA due from 01-10-2020, 01-01-2021 and 01-04-2021 to the executives and employees of CPSEs. However, this has not been made applicable to the pensioners in this order, may be considering the plight of the pensioners during this Covid-19 pandemic period. Moreover, the number of eligible pensioners for IDA pension among the CPSE pensioners is less and the expenditure meager.

Therefore, we fervently request your good self, to kindly cause necessary action to issue the orders for payment of 5.5% hike in IDA from 01-10-2020 to the pensioners drawing IDA pension from the civil estimates.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

K G Jayaraj

General Secretary

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