



ALL INDIA BSNL DOT PENSIONERS ASSOCIATION

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To,

**All CHQ Office Bearers, Circle Secretaries
Affiliates and District Secretaries.**

Dear Comrade,

Organise the following two phased agitation successfully.

As you are aware the Central Executive Committee Meeting was held online on 23-01-2021. Com. V A N Namboodiri inaugurated the CEC with a brief but inspiring speech. Com.A K Bhattacharjee, President presided and delivered the presidential address. Com.K.G. Jayaraj, General Secretary presented the report and Com.R.A. Nair, Treasurer submitted the unaudited accounts. There was very good participation and all the circles, barring UP(E) were represented. The CEC reviewed the issues and the agitations conducted as per the decision of Guwahati CEC and present position. Almost all the comrades participated in the discussion strongly opined that another phased programme of agitation has to be launched on important issues, including pension revision and denial of medical claims. The CEC authorized CHQ to decide the form of agitation and suitable dates.

Accordingly, CHQ has decided a two phased agitation raising Pension Revision, Non-Payment of medical benefits, Freezing of DR and non-payment of IDAs and the issues of VRS retirees including non-payment of balance 8% Ex-gratia.

(I) CALL ATTENTION DAY ON 26-02-2021.

E-mail campaign by all the units on 26-02-2021 to Minister of Communications (moc-office@gov.in), Secretary, DoT(secy-dot@nic.in) and CMD, BSNL (cmdbsnl@bsnl.co.in).

Text of the email.

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Hon'ble Minister of Communications & IT
Sanchar Bhawan,
New Delhi – 110001

Shri. Anshu Prakash
Secretary,
Department of Telecommunications
Sanchar Bhawan,
New Delhi -110001

Shri. P K Purwar
CMD, BSNL,
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Respected Sir,

We request you to kindly cause necessary action for early settlement of the following issues of the BSNL and DoT retirees, pending for long time, without further delay.

- 1) Pension Revision of absorbed BSNL retirees with 15% fitment on IDA scales from 01-01-2017, delinking wage revision.
- 2) Payment of Medical allowance (without voucher) is pending from 2018 and with voucher medical claims pending from 01-04-2019. Onetime payment paid for CGHS subscription is also pending in many circles.
- 3) Issues of VRS retirees.
 - (i) Non- payment of balance 8% Ex-gratia in violation of assurance.

- (ii) Settle the LPD issue based on the clarification of DOP&PW and dispute of caste certificate as per the directive issued by Parliamentary Committee on the Welfare of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes.
 - (iii) Immediate intervention to withdraw the notices under section 154 of the Income Tax Department for levying income tax for the leave earned during government service, contrary to the procedure being followed hitherto.
- 4) Immediate intervention to restore the DR frozen from 01-01-2020 and Release of Two installments of IDA due from 01-10-2020 and 01-01-2021.

With kind regards,
Yours sincerely,

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Circle/District/Area Secretary
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(II) TWO HOUR DHARNA ON 16-03-2021

The Dharna to be staged at maximum centers, minimum one center in an SSA/District, with good participation of pensioners, maintaining Covid-19 protocol, preferably from 1030 to 1230 before any of the BSNL office. Please give wide publicity of the Dharna highlighting the demands prominently by exhibiting banners/ posters, press statements to print and visual media. CHQ is trying to raise the issue in the Parliament through some MPs, as the Parliament will be in session during this time.

(III) MEMBERSHIP AND TELEPENSIONER CAMPAIGN.

The Central Executive Committee, after the report from the circles, has noticed that in many circles membership campaign, particularly among VRS retirees, could not be conducted effectively according to our potential. Main reason attributed is Covid-19 break out and the resultant lockdown. However, CHQ had issued a special circular along with an appeal to the VRS retirees well in advance, on 08.11.2019 to all the CHQ Office Bearers and Circle Secretaries highlighting the importance of enrolling VRS retirees. Now, the situation in the country is improving and we have to seize the opportunity for conducting an effective Membership Campaign. The subscription of Tele-Pensioner has come down drastically and the CEC has decided to have a Tele-Pensioner campaign also along with the Membership campaign. March/ April will be better time, climate wise, to undertake this important task. Let us collect Life Membership of Rs.1020 and for Tele-Pensioner, the Life Subscription is only Rs.500. Please discourage collecting annual membership as it will be difficult to get it renewed due to various reasons.

(IV) TELE-PENSIONER.

As you are aware, Tele Pensioner could not be printed in the year 2020 due to the Covid-19 pandemic situation. However, three issues, January-June combined, July-September and October-December,2020 were published digitally and forwarded to circles for circulation to all. CHQ is hoping to revert to print mode from the first quarter of 2021.

(V) UTILIZE WHATSAPP GROUPS FOR EFFECTIVE COMMUNICATION.

CHQ had pointed out the importance of maintaining WhatsApp groups at Circle and District levels for instant and effective communication in the earlier circulars. Accordingly, most of the circles have started the WhatsApp groups, some of the circles are having WhatsApp groups at the district level also. CHQ had specifically directed that the WhatsApp groups should be named AIBDPA-----Circle/ District. CHQ cannot recognize WhatsApp groups in some other names. Unless General Secretary is added to the group, he will not able to see these groups. At present, CHQ has observed that Punjab, NE-1, NE-II, Assam, Rajasthan, NTR Delhi, J&K, ALTTC, Chennai Telephones and Chhattisgarh Circles are not maintaining the WhatsApp groups and once again request these circles to start the WhatsApp groups urgently. It would be better, if General Secretary is made one of the Admins. It is also reminded that all our important functionaries should visit our website and AIBDPA CHQ WhatsApp regularly which would enable access to latest news and developments and pass on to their respective website/WhatsApp groups without delay.

(VI) FARMERS AGITATION.

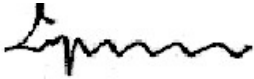
The agitation started on 26th November, 2020 is still continuing strongly. All the repressive measures and conspiracy to weaken the struggle by the Modi government are being resisted heroically. Modi government, wary of the international support to the farmers' agitation, is resorting to frame some of the activists in sedition charges.

As decided by the CEC, CHQ has donated Rs.5 lakh to the fighting farmers on 25-01-2021 from the CHQ fund. 50% of this amount is to be collected from the Circles and quota was fixed to all the Circles and affiliates. Most of the Circles and CORTO, affiliate, have already paid their share. Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Rajasthan, NE-I, NTR Delhi and Odisha are yet to pay and request for early remittance.

Comrades, we are passing through a very critical and crucial period. The government and the authorities are least concerned about the serious issues of the pensioners, as in the case of workers, farmers and common people. We have no other option other than intensifying the struggle to achieve our genuine demands. So, let us strengthen the organisation and fight it out. Victory shall be ours..!

With warm greetings,

Fraternally yours,



**K G Jayaraj
General Secretary.**