



ALL INDIA BSNL DOT PENSIONERS ASSOCIATION

[Registered No. S/68836/2010]

Central Head Quarters

Dada Ghosh Bhawan, 2151/1, New Patel Nagar, New Delhi - 110 008

E-mail : mail.aibdpa@gmail.com, Website : www.aibdpa.com

General Secretary:

K.G. Jayaraj

+91-9447455633, +91-9946715983

Advisor : V.A.N. Namboodiri

Patron : P.V. Chandrasekharan

President: A.K. Bhattacharjee

AIBDPA/ DOP&PW/VRS-PPO/2021

6th February, 2021

To,

**Shri Kshatrapati Shivaji
Secretary (Pension),
Department of Pension & Pensioners Welfare,
Lok Nayak Bhawan, Khan Market
New Delhi-110001**

Sir,

Sub: - **Wrong entry in the PPOs of BSNL absorbed VRS retirees, retired under BSNL VRS 2019 scheme- remedial action sought- reg.**

We are constrained to bring to your kind notice the issue under reference which is disturbing the minds of the VRS retirees for favourable action and settlement.

78,569 BSNL employees have availed the VRS on 31-01-2020, as part of BSNL revival package approved by the government on 23-10-2019. BSNL absorbed employees are entitled to get pension and pensionary benefits as per Rule 37A of the CCS(Pension) Rules, 1972 and the same has been reiterated in para 6-2 of Annexure A of BSNL VRS Order issued on 04-11-2019;

“ VRS opted employee is entitled to terminal benefits and other benefits as per the existing rules.” The existing rules are CCS (Pension) Rules, 1972. Surprisingly, in the relevant column of PPOs of the VRS retirees, Rules under which pension sanctioned, it is stated “BSNL VRS 2019” instead of CCS (Pension) Rules, 1972.

Naturally, this has caused concerns and mental agony to the VRS retirees. This Association took up the issue with DoT and discussions had with the Member (Finance) who took the stand that nothing wrong in the entry and VRS retirees would get all the benefits similar to the superannuation retirees. But this was not enough to allay the apprehensions and concerns of the BSNL VRS retirees in the absence of a written assurance. Therefore, we wrote to the Secretary, DoT, repeatedly for remedial action, either by replacing the entry with CCS (Pension) Rules, 1972 or by amending the pension rules to this effect. Unfortunately, there has been no response or positive action so far.

Hence, we fervently request your favour of intervention in the matter to cause appropriate action to settle the issue satisfactorily so that the mental agony of the VRS retirees could be dispelled.

With kind regards,

K G Jayaraj

General Secretary

- Copy to: (1) Shri. Anshu Prakash, Secretary, DoT, Sanchar Bhawan, New Delhi-110001
(2) Shri. P K Sinha, Member (Finance) DoT, Sanchar Bhawan, New Delhi-110001
(3) Shri. P K Purwar, CMD, BSNL, Bharat Sanchar Bhawan, Janpath, New Delhi-110001
(4) Smt. Seema Gupta, Director (PW), DOP&PW, Lok Nayak Bhawan, Khan Market, New Delhi-110001