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To,

Shri Aravind Vadnerkar Director (HR), BSNL, Bharat Sanchar Bhawan, Janpath, New Delhi-110001

Sir,

Sub: - <u>Denial of Family Pension- case of Smt. Urmila Laxman Naware widow of Shri. Laxman Sitaram Neware,</u>
Ex Regular Mazdoor, Nagpur, Maharashtra- reg.

We wholeheartedly appreciate your earnest efforts for settlement of family pension cases timely which is evident from your DO letter dated 15th September, 2021 to the Circle Heads.

In this connection, we are constrained to bring the issue under reference for your sympathetic consideration and early intervention for the settlement.

We are enclosing herewith the copy of the letter written by our District Secretary, Nagpur to CGMT, Maharashtra on 15-09-2021 in this regard which is self-explanatory. All the relevant documents for sanction of family pension are also enclosed for ready reference.

The synopsis of the case is as follows;

Shri Laxman Sitaram Neware was appointed as a Regular Mazdoor, Nagpur Maharashtra with effect from 30-03-1979. He was suspended from service on 12-02-1991 pending disciplinary proceedings. Though suspension was revoked on 01-07-1991, he didn't join duty and remained absconding.

He was due for superannuation retirement in 2010. Pension papers sent from Nagpur SSA to his address were not returned. Thereupon an enquiry made at his home revealed that Shri. Laxman Sitaram Neware had expired on 25-05-2005.

The family of the late Laxman Sitaram Neware consisting of his illiterate wife and two children had no knowledge about the retirement benefits or its procedure. However, guided by somebody, the widow of the deceased employee, Smt. Urmila Laxman Naware represented to the GM, Nagpur for family pension and other eligible retirement benefits. The GM Nagpur recommended the case for the eligible service of Shri. Laxman Sitaram Neware from 30-03-1979 to 12-02-1991 and sent to CGMT, Maharashtra. The late employee had not applied for absorption in BSNL and remained as a DoT employee. The Circle Office is reported to have written to the BSNL Corporate Office for further necessary action vide letter dated 28-10-2017. Unfortunately, the case is still pending unsettled.

Sir, you can just imagine the plight of the poor family without any source of income to pull on. Enquiries made through our District Branch, Nagpur have some startling revelation that the widow has been looking after the family with the meagre amount she earned from working as a maid servant at certain homes in the neighborhood. The two sons had to stop their education at an early stage due to the poverty of the family. In these pitiable circumstances, the family needs urgent help and support.

Sir, the issue may kindly be taken up with the Department of Telecommunications for sanction of family pension and other eligible retirement benefits at the earliest so that the poor family is saved from the distress.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

K G Jayaraj

General Secretary.

Encl: as above.

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