



# 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/DOT-BSNL/MH/2020

14<sup>th</sup> December, 2021

To,

- |  |  |
|--|--|
| <p>(1) Shri K. Rajaraman<br/>Secretary,<br/>Department of Telecommunications,<br/>Sanchar Bhawan,<br/>New Delhi-110001</p> | <p>(2) Shri.P K Purwar,<br/>CMD, BSNL<br/>Bharat Sanchar Bhawan<br/>Janpath<br/>New Delhi-110001</p> |
|--|--|

Sir,

Sub: - **Denial of pension and pensionary benefits to VRS-2019 retirees belonging to ST category of Maharashtra-urgent settlement requested in accordance with the directive issued by the Department of Pension & Pensioners Welfare vide OM No. 38/09(02)/2020-P & PW (A)(6721) dated 30-11-2021 -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  
(3) This Association letter No. AIBDPA/ DOT-BSNL/MH/2020 dated 05-10-2020  
(4) This Association letter No.AIBDPA/DOT-BSNL/MH/2020 dated 09-11-2020  
(5) Special Secretary, Ministry of Finance F No.30013/27/2020-Ad IV A dated 16-10-2020.  
(6) Parliamentary Standing Committee on the Welfare of SC &ST OM No.57/1/1/SCTC/2019 dated 24-12-2020.  
(7) This Association letter No. AIBDPA/ DOT-BSNL/MH/2020 dated 15-01-2021.  
(8) This Association letter No.AIBDPA/DOT-BSNL/MH/ 2020 dated 07-04-2021.

A kind reference is invited to the long pending and genuine issue under reference.

This Association has been pursuing the issue continuously as may be seen from our letters referred to above, considering the genuiness of the issue and the miseries meted out to the affected pensioners.

We had pointed out the following most relevant factors for the settlement of the issue.

- (1) The affected VRS retirees were granted VRS-2019 having been fulfilled all the conditions of the VRS -2019.
- (2) They have availed the VRS for certain urgent need of money for the marriage of daughters, construction of house, treatment of serious ailments like kidney transplantation, heart bypass surgery and repayment of huge loans etc. So, non-payment of the retirement benefits has virtually defeated the very purpose of availing VRS.
- (3) BSNL utterly failed to verify the caste certificates at the initial period of the service according to the rules and procedures laid down by DOP&T and endorsed and circulated by the DOP&PW, DOT and BSNL from time to time. And asking the VRS retirees to revalidate the caste certificate after retirement is against the law and rather making them scapegoats for the serious lapse of the BSNL officers.
- (4) We had quoted the directives of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Welfare of Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe to settle such issues.

Unfortunately, there has been no positive action and on the contrary punitive actions were initiated against the hapless VRS retirees of Maharashtra belonging to ST category for no fault of theirs.

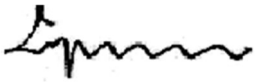
Now, Department of Pension & Pensioners Welfare issued the OM referred to above (copy enclosed for ready reference) vindicating our stand. The OM very clearly states that no retirement benefits could be withheld for non-revalidation of the caste certificate.

It is pertinent to point out that this OM is binding on all the departments including Telecommunications and BSNL. Therefore, the issue of Denial of retirement benefits to VRS retirees of Maharashtra belonging to ST category be settled without further delay implementing the OM of DOP&PW by

1. Paying all the retirement benefits including ex-gratia.
2. Interest be paid for delayed payment, wherever applicable.
3. Pension be regulated replacing provisional pension.

With kind regards,

*Yours sincerely,*



**K G Jayaraj**  
**General Secretary**

Encl: As above

- Copy to: (1) Shri. Dilip Padhye, Member (Finance), Department of Telecommunications, Sanchar Bhawan, New Delhi-110001.  
(2) Shri Arvind Vadnerkar, Director (HR), BSNL, Bharat Sanchar Bhawan, Janpath, New Delhi-110001.  
(3) Ms. Roshni Sohni, DDG(Estt.), Department of Telecommunications, Sanchar Bhawan, New Delhi-110001  
(4) Shri Sanjay Agrawal, Director (Esst-2- Pension), Department of Telecommunications Sanchar Bhawan, New Delhi-110001  
(5) Ms. Anita Johri, Sr.GM(SR), BSNL CO, Bharat Sanchar Bhawan, Janpath New Delhi-110001