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To,

Shri K. Rajaraman,
Secretary, Telecom,
Department of Telecommunications,
Sanchar Bhawan,
20, Asoka Road
New Delhi – 110 001

Sir,

Sub: - **Payment of IDA instalments frozen from 01-10-2020 to 30-06-2021 to BSNL Pensioners honouring interim order of Kerala High Court – req.**

Ref: - (1) This Association letter No. AIBDPA/DOT-IDA/2021 dated 10-02-2021
(2) This Association letter No AIBDPA/DOT-IDA/2021 dated 01-03-2021
(3) This Association letter No.AIBDPA/DOT-IDA/2021 dated 20-03-2021
(4) This Association letter No AIBDPA/ DOT-IDA/2021 dated 23-04-2021
(5) This Association letter No AIBDPA/ DOT-IDA/2021 dated 30-07-2021
(6) DPE OM No.W-02/0045/2021-DPE(WC) dated 03-12-2021 addressed to Secretary DoT.

We wish to bring to your kind attention to the issue under reference and to bring to your kind notice the letters referred to above we wrote to your predecessor. We would further like to state the following for early settlement of the long pending issue.

- 1) The Department of Public Enterprises vide OM dated 19-11-2020 had frozen three IDA instalments due on 01-10-2020, 01-01-2021 and 01-04-2021 for employees of CPSEs drawing IDA pay scales of 2017,2007,1997,1992 and 1987. However, it was specifically mentioned in the OM that the freezing of IDA instalments is applicable to the Executives and Non-Unionised Supervisors of the CPSEs.
- 2) Accordingly, this Association had repeatedly requested Secretary, DoT and Secretary, Department of Public Enterprises for payment of IDA instalments to absorbed BSNL pensioners as the DPE OM does not cover the retirees. Unfortunately, there had been no response from DoT even after DPE forwarding our letter to DoT for necessary action.
- 3) Therefore, we were forced to seek legal remedy and a writ petition was filed in the High Court of Kerala. The Assistant Solicitor General appearing for the Central government also deposed that the DPE OM is applicable only to Executives and Non-Unionised Supervisors of CPSEs. Thus, Hon'ble High Court of Kerala was pleased to issue a favourable interim order on 26-02-2021. The copy of the order was promptly sent to DoT and DPE but it has not yet been implemented.
- 4) Now, DPE vide letter referred to (6) above (copy enclosed) has again clarified that DPE OM dated 19-11-2020 does not cover the pensioners and has asked DoT to take necessary action, being the administrative department of BSNL Pensioners.
- 5) Hence, we request you to kindly cause necessary action for payment of IDA instalments from 01-10-2020 to 30-06-2021, honouring the interim order of the High Court of Kerala.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

K G Jayaraj

General Secretary

Encl: As above.

Copy to: (1) Shri Ali Raza Rizvi, Secretary, Department of Public Enterprises, New Delhi.

(2) Shri Sanjay Kumar Singh, Secretary (Pension), Department of Pension & Pensioners Welfare, New Delhi.

(3) Shri Dilip Pandhye, Member (Finance), Department of Telecommunications, Sanchar Bhawan, New Delhi.