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<u>Subject:</u> Request to kindly consider sending a reference as expeditiously as possible to DPE to get issue of pension revision of Retd/Retiring employees of MTNL included in the terms of reference of 3rd PRC expected to be constituted by the govt. very shortly.

Respected Sir

This relates to revision of payment/revision of pension of Retd/Retiring employees of MTNL whose payment of pension and other issues connected to it have been brought at par with BSNL employees just about a year before by the Union Cabinet by regulating it in terms of provisions of 1972 CCS Pension Rules. This decision of payment of pension and its regulation was taken by the Union Cabinet in Oct 2000 when BSNL came into existence and DOT employees opting for BSNL got absorbed in BSNL. Thus provisions which regulate payment of pension and its revision from time to time in case of BSNL employees stand extended to Retd/Retiring employees of MTNL also after government decided last year to regulate pension of MTNL employees also in conformity with the provisions contained in the 1972 CCS pension Rules, amended from time .

We understand that you have recently assured Associations/Unions of BSNL that DOT would be sending a reference to DPE to get pension revision of BSNL employees contained in the terms of reference of 3rd PRC. While we gratefully acknowledge your profound concern in this regard, it would not be inappropriate or out of context for us to request you to send similar reference to DPE to get the issue of pension revision of MTNL employees too included in the terms of reference of 3rd PRC since the provisions of pension revision are identical in case of BSNL and MTNL employees after government took the decision to extend 1972CCS pension Rules to MTNL employees also.

It would surely be not yet again out of context to state that pension revision of MTNL employees is in no way connected to profitability of MTNL and is completely independent of what are the profit/loss margins of the Company. Based on the fundamental fact and decision of the government that pension liability entirety rests with the government in case of both BSNL and MTNL, we urge upon you to kindly send reference of inclusion of pension revision of MTNL employees in the terms of reference of 3rd PRC to the nodal ministry, DPE, as expeditiously as possible to facilitate and enable 3rd PRC to recommend pension revision of MTNL employees in a manner pension revision of central government employees is recommended by CPC.

Since the government is expected to accord its approval to the proposal of DPE regarding finalization of terms of reference of 3rd PRC, we fervently and humbly urge upon you to kindly treat this issue on priority. We are quite confident that DOT will fully appreciate and recognize the significance and extreme compulsions of Retd/Retiring employees of MTNL, who have been recruited by DOT and whose pension and pension revision is the sole responsibility of the government, in getting this critical issue of pension revision included in the terms of reference of 3rd PRC through DPE.

With kind regards

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ours sincerely

(VK Tomar)

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- 3. Smt Anne Moraes, Member (Fin), DOT
- 4. Shri P K Purwar, CMD, MTNL
- 5. Shri Umashankar, Jt Secretary(T), DOT
- 6. Shri Sunil Kumar, Director (HR) MTNL
- 7. Shri P K Purwar, Director (Fin), MTNL