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To:

Shri Narendra Modi ji,
Hon'ble Prime Minister of India, Government of India
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Subject :- Revision of Pension of MTNL absorbed employees due to implementation of 7th Central Pay Commission drawing pension under CCS(Pension) rules 1972 from Department of Telecommunication.

References :

1. F.No.38/37/2016-P&PW(A)(ii), dated 4th August 2016 of Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances & Pensions, Department of Pension & Pensioners' Welfare
2. Concerned page of GOVT of India Circular on revenue head - 2071
3. CGHS Letter No 2/5025/36/2006/CGHS/III dated at ND 9th January 2014 issued by MOH.
4. FNo 47-63/2015-Pen(T)(pt) dated 16th March 2017 issued by DOT.

Hon'ble Sir,

We wish to bring to your kind notice regarding Non-implementation of the recommendations of the 7th CPC to the erstwhile DOT Employees who were absorbed in MTNL/BSNL and since retired and are drawing Pension under CCS(Pension) Rules 1972 as amended from time to time.

BACKGROUND

After formation of MTNL/BSNL, the erstwhile employees recruited by DOT, Govt of India, were absorbed in MTNL/BSNL. These absorbed employees, on their retirement were given pensionary benefits on combined service as per Govt. of India CCS(Pension) rules , 1972 , as amended from time to time. The pension and pensionary benefits of these absorbed employees are being paid by DOT, Govt. of India, as per the Gazette notification issued by GOVT. of India. Now, Govt. Of India, has issued orders for revision of Pension for those retirees drawing pension under CCS(Pension) rules 1972. But the same orders have not been implemented for MTNL/BSNL retirees falling under the same category.

Justification for revision of pension of MTNL/BSNL Combined Service pensioners

We wish to draw your kind attention on the following facts to justify our legitimate demand on pension revision wef 01-01-2016 as per implementation of 7th CPC –

1. **Payment of Pension under CCS(Pension) Rules 1972 -**

- (a) Government of India, Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances & Pensions, Department of Pension & Pensioners' Welfare, Lok Nayak Bhawan, ND-110003 has issued revision of pension orders vide letter No. F.No.38/37/2016-P&PW(A)

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dated 4th August 2016. Point 2.1 of this letter it is mentioned – “ These orders shall apply to all pensioners who were drawing Pension / Family pension before 01-01-2016 under the Central Civil Services (Pension) rules 1972.” (Copy of letter attached)

- (b) MTNL/BSNL retirees are being paid pension under the same rule i.e under the Central Civil Services (Pension) rules 1972. (Copy of PPO Book, issued by o/o Pr. CCA Delhi, of one of the pensioner is attached for ready reference as a sample case).
2. **Head of Account under which Pension is paid-**
- (a) The Pension of Govt. retirees is paid under Major Head of Account 2071, Sub major head 01, Minor head 101. (Copy of related page of these orders is attached for ready reference).
- (b) MTNL/BSNL retirees are being paid pension under the same Major Head of Account 2071, Sub major head 01, Minor head 101. (Copy of PPO Book, issued by o/o Pr. CCA Delhi, of one of the pensioner is attached for ready reference as a sample case).
3. **Eligibility for CGHS Medical Facility -**
- (a) CGHS facility is given to retired Govt. employees drawing Pension from Major head 2071.
- (b) Orders have been issued by Ministry of health to extend CGHS Medical facility to retired Combined pensioners of MTNL/BSNL as they are in receipt of central civil Pension from central Civil estimate under Major head 2071.
4. **Raising of DCRG limit as per 7th CPC-**
- (a) The 7th CPC has enhanced DCRG limit from Rs. 10 Lakh to Rs. 20 Lakh w.e.f 01-01-2016 for central Govt. pensioners drawing pension under CCS(Pension) rules 1972.
- (b) DOT vide its order No. F. No. 47-63/2015-Pen(T)(pt) dated 16-03-2017 has issued orders for enhancement of Death / retirement gratuity for MTNL/BSNL employees retired from 01-01-2016 onwards in pursuance of the Govt of India orders for revision of Pension referred at S.NO.1 above.
5. **All Pensionary benefits as per CCS(Pension) Rules 1972.**
- All pensionary benefits of MTNL/BSNL pensioners and family pensioners including eligibility of pension at various stages, mode of pension calculations and lower / upper limit of pension/family pension etc. are as per provisions of CCS(Pension) rules 1972.
6. **The Formula of Pension Revision recommended by 7th CPC as accepted by GOI.**
- The Formula of Pension Revision recommended by 7th CPC as accepted by GOI and implemented for the CG pensioners shall be applied for the revision of pension of MTNL/BSNL also by way of applying the same multiplying factor of 2.57 as recommended by 7th CPC. However, before revision of pension thus carried out for the

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Similarly placed pensioners in MTNL/BSNL, it must be ensured that the basic pension as on 01.01.2007 should be fixed after merger of 50% DA effectively amounting to 78.2% , which is still pending.

Appeal

1. The facts mentioned above at S. No. 1 to 4 , fully justifies that the MTNL/BSNL combined service pensioners are drawing their pension from DOT under the same pension rules as other retirees of Govt of India are getting their pension , as per the provisions contained in CCS(pension) rules 1972.
2. The pension of other Govt. of India pensioners has been revised in accordance to 7th CPC while the revision of pension orders for MTNL/BSNL combined pensioners has been left out.
Whereas, the combined service pensioners of MTNL/BSNL are eligible for revision of pension w.e.f 01-01-2016 as per the provisions contained in CCS(pension) rules 1972.
3. The pension is related to the social security aspects for the CG pensioners. So it is for the pensioners of MTNL/BSNL as they were basically CG employees absorbed in MTNL/BSNL due to Government's decision of restructuring the Department of Telecom.
4. The Central Govt. Pensioners whose pension is regulated under the same rule as ours, have already received revised pension w.e.f 01/01/2016. The pensioners of MTNL/BSNL also aspire to get revised pension. But without your kind and decisive intervention, this may not be possible. The pension revision is already abnormally delayed.

Therefore, it is our humble appeal to your goodself to direct the concerned Ministry/ Department to examine our appeal and do the needful to ensure justice to this section of senior citizens by way of laying standing provisions for pension revision in MTNL/BSNL for the erstwhile Central Govt. employees.

For this, we shall remain ever grateful to your good self.

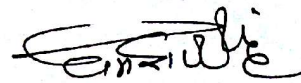
Thanking you in anticipation.

Yours sincerely



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Annexure of enclosures

S NO.	Letter No / Ministry /Department,	Subject of Letter.
1	F.No.38/37/2016-P&PW(A)(ii), dated 4 th August 2016 of Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances & Pensions, Department of Pension & Pensioners' Welfare	Implementation of Govt decision - Revision of pension of Pre-2016 pensioners / Family Pensioners.
2	Concerned page No. 117 of GOVT of India Circular on revenue head - 2071	The pension is paid Under head 2071.
3	CGHS Letter No 2/5025/36/2006/CGHS/III dated at ND 9 th January 2014 issued by MOH.	Extension of CGHS Facility to retired employees of MTNL / BSNL.
4	F. No 47-63/2015-Pen(T)(pt) dated 16 th March 2017 issued by DOT.	Enhancement of Retirement / death Gratuity on implementation of 7 th CPC.
5	Photocopy of PPO Book of MTNL Pensioners issued by CCA Office Delhi.	Indicating Pension to MTNL pensioners is paid (i) Under CCS Pension rules (ii) Pension is paid Under Major Head 2017, Sub Major head 01 and Minor Head 01.