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To,

Shri Anshu Prakash,
Secretary, Telecom,
Department of Telecommunications,
Sanchar Bhawan, 20, Asoka Road,
New Delhi -110 001.

Sir,

Sub: - **Unauthorised withholding of Dearness Relief to the BSNL pensioners – req.**

Ref: - **DoT letter no.1/Misc/Pen/Issue/BSNL/DDG(Accounts)/2019-Part-1/1407-1439 dated 28.04.2020.**

With reference to the letter cited above, we wish to draw the following to your kind notice and for appropriate action.

The Government of India has taken decision to freeze the Dearness Relief of the Central government pensioners for the period from 01.01.2020 to 01.07.2021. This decision of the Central government applies only to the pensioners of the Central government and not to the pensioners of BSNL.

So far as the BSNL pensioners are concerned, the DPE is the appropriate authority to take decision on the payment of Dear Relief to the BSNL pensioners. The DPE vide it's letter no.F.No.W-02/0002/2014-DPE(WC)/GL-VI./2020 dated 3rd April, 2020, has already issued letter approving Dearness Relief @ 160.7%, w.e.f. 01.04.2020. According to this letter, from 01.04.2020, Dearness Relief is to be paid to all the BSNL pensioners only @ 160.7%. However, when this being the situation, the DoT, vide it's letter no. cited under reference, has issued office memorandum stating that Dearness Relief is to be paid @ 160.7% to all the pensioners retired prior to 01.04.2020. However, the letter states that Dearness Relief is to be paid only at the old rate which existed as on 01.01.2020, in respect of all those who retire in April, 2020.

We wish to firmly states this decision of the DoT to pay Dearness Relief to those who retire in April, at the old rate is arbitrary and unauthorised. The DoT has no authority to deny whatever Dearness Relief already approved to the BSNL pensioners, by the DPE.

Further, it has also been brought to our notice from many circles that, even in respect of the employees who retired prior to April, 2020, the new Dearness Relief @ 160.7%, has not been paid for the month of April, 2020. They are paid Dearness Relief only @ 157.3%, i.e., the rate of Dearness Relief approved by the DPE as on 01-01-2020. After the DPE has already approved payment of Dearness Relief @ 160.7%, no one is having the authority to deny it and to continue with the old rate of Dearness Relief, i.e., @ 157.3%. We are not aware whether this has happened throughout the country, or only in a few circles, due to some over enthusiastic CCAs. BSNLEU wishes to emphatically state that these are all violations of Rules.

In view of the foregoing, BSNLEU emphatically demands the DoT to withdraw it's instructions contained in the letter number cited under reference and to implement the instructions contained in the aforementioned DPE letter, in respect of payment of Dearness Relief to BSNL pensioners.

Thanking you,

Yours sincerely,

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