



Editorial

BREAKDOWN OF BSNLMRS

It is just in the last issue of our e-journal, we discussed how BSNLMRS is gradually failing to fulfill the very purpose for which the scheme was introduced and is also failing to deliver the much intended support to the BSNL employees in general and the retired BSNL employees in particular. But within a month, it is now observed that the system has practically broken down and consequently the retired employees have become its easy victims. On one hand, BSNL has imposed unreasonable cuts on the ceiling limit for reimbursement under the BSNLMRS for the retired employees and on the other hand is not making payment of their claims for months after months. In most of the cases, field Units have not cleared the claims even for the financial year 2017-18. This has put the retired employees in great hardship since they had to spend from their meagre pension for their treatment and non-reimbursement of their claims in time has just increased their mental agony and tension at their old age.

Gravity of the situation can be well appreciated from the fact that despite clear advice by BSNL Corporate Office vide BSNL OM No. BSNL/Admn.I/15-22/14 dated 25.04.2018 to the BSNL field units to immediately make payment of 3rd and 4th quarters of medical claims for without voucher facility for the year 2017-18, none of

the Units followed the advice. As a result, the concerned retired employees have not yet received the payment for the 3rd and 4th quarters of the last financial year i.e. 2017-18. In many cases, payments for even earlier quarters have also not been made. More surprisingly, Kerala Circle has been reported to have even deposited TDS to the Income Tax Department for the retired employees even though no payment was made to the concerned retired employees for the said quarters, under without voucher facility. This shows the non-seriousness of BSNL Management in handling the issue.

The field Units are taking the plea that adequate and timely funds are not being allocated by Corporate Office to clear medical claims of the retired employees. BSNL, on the other hand, is taking the plea of falling revenue collection. BSNL has to find alternatives and spare the medical facilities from being targeted for its stated financial control. BSNL has first to clear all pending medical claims of the retired employees for the financial year 2017-18 on priority basis. Similarly, the claims for the year 2018-2019 should also be expeditiously cleared since half of the current financial year is almost over. All that BSNL needs is to take the problems of the pensioners seriously and follow a human approach to address them.

ISSUES TAKEN UP

AIBSNLREA TAKES UP WITH MEMBER (FINANCE), TELECOM COMMISSION THE ISSUE REGARDING NON RELEASE OF ORIGINAL LAND DEED TO SHRI A B MURMU, RETD DGM, CMTS, KOLKATA DUE TO NON-FURNISHING OF HIS HBA RECOVERY PARTICULARS BY ACCOUNTS OFFICER (PAY), DOT TO CGM, INSPECTION & QA CIRCLE, JABALPUR: AIBSNLREA has sought the intervention of Member (Finance), Telecom Commission in the above case wherein the original Land Deed of Shri A B Murmu, Retd DGM has not been returned by CGM, Inspection & QA Circle despite full recovery of his HBA with interest due to stated non-furnishing of the recovery particulars for the period from September 2003 to July 2004 by the Accounts Officer (Pay), DOT when the said Executive worked in DOT Headquarters. [View posting dated 31.08.2018 in this website to read the letter](#)

AIBSNLREA WRITES TO SECRETARY (TELECOM) REGARDING DENIAL OF BENEFIT OF FIXATION OF PENSION BY TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THE EXTRA INCREMENT GRANTED UNDER BSNL EPP TO THE ABSORBED BSNL PENSIONERS BY PR CCA, TAMILNADU CIRCLE: AIBSNLREA has since addressed a letter in the case wherein a section of the BSNL Executives who were granted extra increment on their post based promotion under BSNL's Executive Promotion Policy, 2007 and retired between July 2017 and April, 2018 are being denied the benefit of fixation of pension by taking into account the said extra increment by the Principal CCA, Tamilnadu Circle. AIBSNLREA has urged that "we earnestly request you to kindly intervene in this case and cause issue of suitable clarification advising the Principal CCA, Tamilnadu Circle not to deny processing the pension cases of the absorbed BSNL pensioners, who retired between July 2017 and April 2018, by granting the extra increment on their post based promotion in the same manner as in other cases of the rest of the retired executives granted/being granted extra increment under BSNL's EPP". [View posting dated 30.08.2018 in this website to read the letter](#)

AIBSNLREA WRITES TO DIRECTOR (HR) REGARDING BSNL'S SURPRISING DECISION TO REVISE ALL DE(T)/DGM(T) PROMOTION ISSUED TO BSNL ABSORBED EXECUTIVES AFTER 2001 ONWARDS ONLY BASED ON REVISED SENIORITY LIST CIRCULATED ON 7/8/2018 - TAKES UP THE CASE OF BSNL ABSORBED EXECUTIVES PPROMOTED PRIOR TO 2001 FOR SIMILAR REVISION OF THEIR DE(T)/DGM(T) PROMOTION: BSNL's Office letter No. 56-04/2015-Pers(DPC)/Pt/10 dated 7.8.2018 circulating the revised Seniority List of the TES Group B Officers, re-casted based on the principle laid down in Rule 206 of P&T Manual Volume IV, has a mention that BSNL would revise all DEs(T)/DGM(T) promotions issued to BSNL absorbed Executives after 2001 onwards. The said letter does not speak about revision of DE(T)/DGM(T) promotion issued to the BSNL absorbed executives prior to 2001. The Association has requested Director (HR) to intervene and urged "to ensure that the judgments of the Supreme Court are implemented in their letters and spirits and in full and also no discrimination is made against those BSNL executives who were promoted to DE(T)/DGM(T) prior to 2001. [View posting dated 10.08.2018 in this website to read the letter](#)

GOVERNMENT/BSNL ORDERS

BSNL EMPLOYEES RETIRED FROM OTHER CIRCLES CANNOT OPT CORPORATE OFFICE FOR SETTLEMENT OF THEIR MEDICAL FACILITY IN DELHI– ORDERS BSNL: BSNL Corporate Office has issued an order stating that the retired BSNL employees, other than those retired from Corporate Office, who wish to settle and opt for medical facility in Delhi cannot opt for Corporate Office for this purpose. They may, however, avail BSNLMRS facility from any other Circle in Delhi. [View posting dated 28.08.2018 in this website to read the BSNL Order](#)

BSNL FINALLY CIRCULATES THE REVISED SENIORITY LISTS OF TES GROUP B OFFICERS RECASTED BASED ON THE PRINCIPLE OF RULE 206 OF P&T MANUAL VOLUME IV AS PER SUPREME COURT JUDGMENT – CALLS FOR MISSING PARTICULARS TO UPDATE THE LISTS AND REVISE ALL DE(T)/DGM(T) PROMOTIONS ISSUED TO BSNL ABSORBED EXECUTIVES AFTER 2001 ONWARDS: BSNL has finally circulated the revised Seniority List of the TES Group B Officers which were recasted based on the principle laid down in Rule 206 of P&T Manual Volume IV following the Supreme Court judgment dated 21.01.2015 and 14.12.2017. BSNL has asked the Circles to send consolidated list containing the missing particulars, if any, by 20.08.2018 so as to update/enter in the seniority list of TES Group B Officers and accordingly revise all DEs(T)/DGM(T) promotions issued to BSNL absorbed Executives after 2001 onwards. We request all to check the List and supply the missing personal information, if any, to the respective Circle. In this context, our representation to Director (HR) requesting to issue early order to extend the consequential benefits to all, which was posted on 12/07/2018 in this website, may be viewed. [View posting dated 09.08.2018 in this website to read the BSNL Orders and the Seniority List](#)

BRANCHES IN ACTION

AIBSNLREA, EAST VIDARBHA (NAGPUR) BRANCH CELEBRATES ITS 10th ANNIVERSARY DAY: AIBSNLREA, East Vidarbha Branch Nagpur celebrated its 10th Anniversary Day on Monday, the 20th August.2018 Dr Ambedkar Hall, Nagpur. Shri U B Nikose presided over the meeting .Shri A R Savatkar Retired PGM(Mobile) graced the occasion as Chief Guest . Shri P R Bhujbal CHQ Vice President along with S/Shri N G Talewar Vice President MH circle, Arun Deshpande Branch Secretary and V W Patil Sr member, were on the Dias. In the beginning, the Chief Guest and others garlanded the portrait of Bharat Ratna Dr Bababasaheb Ambedekar and afterwards tribute was paid to Late Prime Minister of India Shri Atal Bihari Vajpayee, victims of Kerala floods, and the departed members of the Branch and their family members.

Shri V W patil felicitated the Chief Guest by presenting shawl, shreefal and bouquet. Other dignitaries on the Dias were also welcomed by presenting bouquet. On this occasion, the seniors members in the age group of above 75years were felicitated by presenting shawl, shreefal and bouquets. Shri Arun Deshpande Branch Secretary, briefed the house about the Nagpur Branch since its formation in August, 2008. Key role played by various retired officers in formation of branch at Nagpur was reported. Number of issues and grievances of the members mainly related to pending payment of medical claims, pension revision cases taken with SSA head, CCA MH, CHQ were discussed in the house. Status of current membership, CHQ quota, and contribution paid for court case were also reported by him.

Shri P R Bhujbal Vice President CHQ addressed the gathering. He welcomed and congratulated the members on the occasion of 10th Anniversary Day of Nagpur Branch and narrated the history of AIBSNLREA CHQ since its formal launching in April, 2008 and its registration under Societies Registration Act 1860 on 29th August, 2014 after 6 years long struggle. Sincere efforts taken by GS CHQ to redress the grievances of BSNL retired executives were highlighted. He mainly focused the issues taken by CHQ regarding applicability of modified provisions in CCS Pension rules 1972 to BSNL retired employees in terms of 6th Pay commission benefit to CG employees/pensioners w.e.f 1.1.2006, Revision of IDA pension of Pre2007 BSNL pensioners consequent on revision of IDA pay scales of working BSNL employees with 68.8 % DA merging as per IInd PRC w.e.f. 1.1.2007, subsequent IDA pension revision of BSNL pensioners retired prior to 10.6.2013, with modified fitment method with 78.2% IDA merging, extension of CGHS facility to BSNL retired employees, and the important resolutions passed in AIC at Bhubaneswar held in July, 2016. Afterwards, status of OA filed in Pr CAT New Delhi for payment of denied pension/pay arrears and other pensionary benefits to BSNL pensioners w.e.f 1.1.2007 to 9.6.2013 after making attempts to file writ petition in Supreme court/and High Court New Delhi was highlighted before the house. He made earnest appeal to all members of the association to pay contribution on priority for court case being listed before Pr CAT New Delhi on 11 October, 2018. As the case is filed on representative capacity, benefit of judgments if and when ordered will be automatically extended to all affected members.

Shri A R Savatkar Chief Guest addressed the house. He welcomed and congratulated all the retired BSNL officers participating in the meeting on this occasion. He patiently listened the issues and grievances of the BSNL pensioners. He expressed his views regarding the growth of BSNL Company in the present fierce competition. He made fervent appeal to all retired BSNL officers to share their experiences in public for attraction of customers towards BSNL Company. He shared his experience about BSNL Company which always provided good services to the public during natural calamities and disasters. He cited the case of recent disaster in Kerala state due to severe flood. Shri U B Nikose in his presidential speech welcomed the newly enrolled members and requested all to enroll as many members as they can.

S/Shri V W Patil, N R Rachkondawa, B P Mazumdar, N G Talewar, Bhola Kamble and others took pains for the grand success of the occasion.

Shri Bhola Kamble ACS MH State extended vote of thanks to the Chief Guest Shri A R Savatka Retd PGM(Mob), Management body of the DR Ambedkar Hall and all participant members for attending the meeting in large numbers despite heavy rains in the city on the day. After this, the meeting concluded.

CENNAI BRANCH OF AIBSNLREA HELD ITS GB MEETING: A General Body meeting of AIBSNLREA, Chennai Branch was held on 14.08.2018 at Hotel B.R.Mathsaya,T.Nagar Chennai at 10.30 A.M which was presided over by Shri V.Dakshinamoorthy, President of the Branch. The meeting started with a prayer song by Shri G.Vijayendran followed by observance of one minute silence to mourn the demise of few BSNL retired staff, former Tamilnadu Chief Minister Dr. Kalaingar M.

Karunanidhi and former Lok Sabha Speaker Shri Somnath Chatterji. President welcomed all the members who assembled in large numbers. He informed the house about the present status of the move of the DOT to take over the existing pension payment arrangement through banks and post offices, by the respective CCAs of territorial circles and collection of data from pensioners in KYP form and discussed the pros and cons of the proposed arrangement and requested the members to express their opinion about KYP form submission. He also suggested that the number of years for the restoration of commuted pension must be reduced from the present 15 years to 12 years. He expressed his happiness in the growth of the membership of the branch. After self-introduction of members, Secretary Shri L. Sundararaman readout a brief report about the activities of the association after the last GB and informed the house, the increase of membership by 15 more members, collection of donation and sending to CHQ, the court case for getting 78.2 % benefits from 1.1.2007 and also about 3rd PRC. He also thanked all office bearers and the members for bringing more and more new members to the branch. In the meeting, 2 more new members joined the branch.

Shri V. Chinnappiah, President, CHQ in his address, appreciated the efforts taken by the branch, in increasing the membership and welcomed all the new members who joined on that day in the meeting. He also spoke about the efforts put forth by CHQ in filing the case in the supreme court of India / High court at New Delhi and now in CAT at New Delhi, and appealed to all the comrades to give additional donation to ease the financial position of the CHQ, to defend the court case. He also explained as to why the CHQ has protested against the pension processing and disbursement by CCAs. He said even in respect of one time work of pension revision arrears at 78.2%, the CCA TN has taken more than a year and how it would be possible by the CCAs, with less strength of staff and infrastructure, to ensure processing and payment of monthly pension and other related pensionery benefit to the pensioners. More importantly, submission of annual life certificate by the pensioners/family pensioners residing at far-off places will be a big problem and it has not been decided how CCAs will issue Form-16 and ensure its receipt by the pensioners paying income tax. He too wanted discussion on KYP.

Shri S. Ratnasubramanian, AGS, CHQ, in his address about 3rd PRC, informed that the Cabinet note is yet to be prepared by DOT and assured the members that if the pay of executives of BSNL is revised, then the Pension of BSNL pensioners also will be revised. He informed the house about BSNL's interest in implementation of 3rd PRC and reiterated that the possibility of demanding and getting pension based on 7th CPC recommendations, to BSNL pensioners is impracticable and against the basic concept of pension revision.

The members participated in the KYP discussion, expressed their opinion that the present arrangement of pension disbursement through Banks/Post office should continue. They even suggested that if DOT/BSNL is incurring any amount for the present arrangement for disbursement of pensioners can be borne by us, considering the difficulties now being experienced by the pensioners with the CCA, even for small work like address change and bank account number change of pensioners. The house after much discussion unanimously decided NOT TO SUBMIT KYP form for the present.

Shri C. Pradhan CCA TamilNadu Circle, who was invited as Special Invitee to our GB meeting could not attend the GB due to his official work at Bengaluru and had deputed Shri N. Mohan, Jt.CCA. The Secretary introduced and welcomed the Jt.CCA and the President presented a shawl to him. Shri N. Mohan in his address expressed his happiness to address the seniors and in a lighter vein told he too would join in the group next year after retirement. He explained in detail the working of CCA unit with regard pension process and disbursement.

In his address he dealt in detail about the KYP. Some of the points are:

- DOT has proposed to and initiated process for Disbursement of pension through CCAs
 - A CPMS (Central Pension Monitoring System) is to be launched shortly and CCAs will take the role of Pension processing and disbursing Authority.
 - It is being introduced on trial Basis in about ten circles initially and CCA Tamilnadu in one of the circles.
 - So, collection of data in KYP (know your pensioner) is started. It takes basic details along with Aadhar, PAN and mobile numbers.
 - SUBMISSION OF KYP IS NOT MANDATORY.
 - THERE IS NO TIME LIMIT FOR SUBMISSION OF KYP.
 - When an RTI is filed to know about KYP we have replied as above.
 - Completed KYP forms can be given in person or sent by post to CCA unit.
 - Change of address or bank accounts can be easily changed through CPMS.
 - Initially it is going to be implemented for future retirees.
 - For existing pensioners it will be introduced in a phased manner and Bank By Bank.
 - The staff strength is not full now but it is likely to get additional hands.
 - Once initial data is fed to CPMS, much manual work may not be there, we feel.
 - For DOT there would be some expenditure reduction as we now pay about Rs 50-60 for each disbursement.
 - In future, Life certificate has to be given to CCA office once CPMS is introduced. There are plans to install Kiosk for this purpose.
 - Even in CCA TN the implementation may take upto March 2019.
 - Any doubt about KYP or Pension related matters PRM (Pension Relations Manager) in CCA TN office at Ethiraj Salai office can be contacted or met in person.
- After his address, there was lively interaction also.

The issues relating to undue delay in payment of medical allowance, reduction in the quantum of medical allowance and submission of option were discussed by the members. It was informed by the President that the 3rd quarter (2017-18) Medical allowance payment is being made by Chennai Telephones and when funds received, the 4th quarter and for the current year will be paid. It was also informed that only those who wish to change their option already submitted (from with voucher to without voucher and vice versa) have to submit their revised options and others need not submit any options.

As was done in the last GB, five senior comrades present in the GB, namely S/Shri K.G.K. Menon, M.R. Murali, S. Upakaram, A. Hariharan and R. Sridharan were honoured in the meeting.

Overall, the participants expressed their happiness in attending the meeting and the manner in which issues were discussed and highlighted in our website and assured to offer their continued support to the association. Sixty two (62) members attended the GB meeting and it ended with vote of thanks resented by Shri D. T. Sambandam, Asst. Fin. Secretary and followed by Lunch.

AMRAVATI BRANCH OF AIBSNLREA (WEST VIDARBHA REGION) HELD ITS G.B. MEETING: A General Body Meeting of AIBSNLREA , Amravati Branch was held under the Chairmanship of Shri R. Y. Deshmukh, Vice-President of the Branch , at about 1400 hrs of 14th Aug. 2018 at the Conference hall of G. M. Telecom , BSNL , Amravati. The meeting was attended by 28 members of the Branch. Before the commencement of meeting , two minutes silence was observed in the memory of departed life member late Shri R. V. Bokade, Organizing Secretary of AIBSNLREA, Amravati Branch. The Branch Secretary, Shri D. V. Rokade informed the House about the developments taken place after the last meeting held in April, 2018. He elaborated the developments in respect of revised medical option and gave the latest status regarding the progress of medical facility without vouchers/with vouchers. Shri V. G. Dakhode, State Secretary, AIBSNLREA, Maharashtra State discussed about the latest position of the Court Case. He also apprised the members about the 3rd PRC developments and highlighted the important key issues pertaining to BSNL being processed at State and all India level. The queries raised by the members were duly replied by him. After this, the meeting was concluded with the presentation of Vote of Thanks by the Chair.

AIBSNLREA, LUCKNOW BRANCH HELD ITS GB MEETING: A General Body meeting of Lucknow Branch of AIBSNLREA held on 4-8-2018 in the meeting Hall of Door Sanchar Sadan at Laplace under the chairman ship of Sri Jagdish Prasad, Branch President. 58 members attended the meeting in which two new members were enrolled as Life Members. Report on the activities of the Branch from December 2017 to July 2018 was placed before the House by Shri S. P. Singh, Branch Secretary. Follow up action taken regarding submission of documents in connection with Legal case in Delhi High Court and Principal CAT was rigorously perused by the Branch. Till date an amount of Rs 1,35,000/- [Rs 1,31,500/- through Branch Financial Secretary and Rs 3,500/- directly by the members] to CHQ has been paid towards the Legal Contribution. This includes second contribution by 89 members. All information received through CHQ Newsletter dated 31.07.2018 were shared with the members. In spite of regular pursuance for passing of medical bills with Senior Officers of Lucknow Telecom District, pendency upto March 2018 could not be cleared. Shortage of funds under Medical head is also being cited as one of the reasons of delay in payments. Report of Financial Secretary for receipt and expenditure details up to 31.07.2018 was presented in the meeting. After brief discussions, the account was passed by the House. S/Sri A L Gianani , Vinod Kumar Shukla, M M Srivastava and Radhey Shyam participated in the discussions. Tea and snacks were also served to the participants. The meeting concluded after presentation of Vote of Thanks by the President.

STATEMENT OF PAYMENTS RECEIVED IN THE MONTH OF AUGUST 2018

An amount of Rupees one thousand four hundred (Rs. 1400/-) only stands deposited in the S/B Account of CHQ with Syndicate Bank on 27.08.2018.

Kurukshetra Branch (Haryana State) has deposited Rupees one thousand two hundred (Rs.1200/) only in the S/B Account of CHQ with Syndicate Bank on 21.08.2018 as CHQ quota for 6 new Life Members.

An amount of Rupees eight hundred (Rs.800/-) only stands deposited in the S/B Account of CHQ with Syndicate Bank on 14.08.2018.

Shri Ramakant Tiwary, Retd DGM from Lucknow has deposited Rupees five thousand (Rs.5000/-) only in the S/B Account of CHQ with Syndicate Bank on 14.08.2018 as donation on settlement of his old pending pension case.

Lucknow Branch (UP State) has deposited Rupees four hundred (Rs.400/-) only in the S/B Account of CHQ with Syndicate Bank on 08.08.2018 as CHQ quota for 2 new Life Members.

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