

THEY ARE AT IT AGAIN – DO NOT FALL PREY TO THEIR MISCHIEVIOUS AGENDA

A particular group of people are now busy in sending sms to our members asking them to join in a stated court case “against denied pension and other arrears” by sending them a wakalatnama and also money to join the case. These are the same people who once termed the DOT’s Presidential Order on 78.2% IDA as “notional” and even suggested to DOT to fix the pay on the last day of retirement so that no pay and pension arrears are to be paid. Moreover, they also welcomed the DOT’s defective order dated 18.7.2016 on pension revision with fitment benefit by merger of 78.2% IDA, called this a historic victory and went for wild celebrations. They even expressed their gratitude to Secretary, Telecom on issue of this defective order. Now they are again trying to deceive the retired BSNL executives in the name of going to court to fight for arrears and extract money and raise fund for themselves. Perhaps, they expected after the order for pension revision was issued, they would be flooded with huge donations. Maybe it did not happen and they have now found an alternative way to collect money.

On the other hand, AIBSNLREA’s stand on the issue had always been consistent based on strong logic. The Association tried its best to ensure that the revised fitment benefit on actual basis is allowed to all those who were in service on 01.01.2007. Unfortunately, in the face of betrayal by some groups who took damaging views, the efforts of AIBSNLREA was not successful. The Association knew what was coming and decided to accept whatever comes and then knock the door of the court to get justice. In the recently concluded All India Conference of AIBSNLREA held at Bhubaneswar, even before the Cabinet approval was known, the proposal to go to the court was approved in one voice. The Association was for long preparing itself for this and it was decided to move the court once the order for pension revision gets implemented, not only to get revised pay-fixation w.e.f. 01.01.2007, payment of DCRG, Leave Encashment, Commuted Value of Pension and even payment of arrears of pay which were due to the pensioners who were in service on 01.01.2007 but retired before 10.06.2013, pension arrears w.e.f 01.01.2007 to the pre-2007 BSNL pensioners and also pay arrears for those who retired/retiring after 09.06.2013. The Association will move the Court just at the appropriate time. Since the case will be filed by AIBSNLREA on representative capacity, there will be no need for affected members/pensioners to join the case individually and send wakalatnama. The judgment will be applicable to one and all.

The Association calls upon its members and others not to fall prey to the mischievous propaganda and agenda of any group who, till the other day, had been supporting the Administration against the interests of the BSNL pensioners.

[Please also read the Article “BSNL Pensioners Bleed” and the editorial titled “Is it really a victory or defeat” in the August 2016 issue of e-journal of the Association uploaded in this website]