



Editorial

THIRD PRC RECOMMENDATIONS – WE NEED TO WAIT AND SEE

There is nothing much new in the recommendations of 3rd PRC on the proposed pay scales of executives. Minimum pay of any recommended pay scale E 0 to E 9 is less than the aggregate of Pay+DA with 15 % fitment. As such there is no hike in any pay scale. This is in contrast to the report of the 2nd PRC wherein the pay scales of E 7 and above were substantially hiked. There is no such hike now for any pay scale.

As such while the pay revision takes place the serving employees would get a hike of 15 % of their Pay+DA plus the consequent increase in HRA and other allowances.

As far as the pensioners retired prior to 01-01-2017 are concerned the pay scales recommended would have no effect as such.

However, since the pension of the absorbed BSNL pensioners are to be revised w.e.f. 01-01-2017 with the same fitment formula as given for the serving employees the fitment benefit that is given to the serving employees, it is a matter of concern for the BSNL pensioners.

Here the 3rd PRC has suggested an affordability clause for the fitment benefit. Those CPSEs where the additional financial

impact is within 20 % of the average of the profit before TAX of the preceding 3 years the fitment benefit may be given as 15 %. In case the additional financial impact is 20 % to 30 % of average PBT then the fitment benefit is recommended as 10 %. And where the additional financial impact is 30 % to 40 % then the fitment benefit is to be 5 % and in case the additional financial impact is more than 40 % the fitment benefit would be NIL.

The above recommendations raise a serious concern among the serving executives and also among the BSNL pensioners. The BSNL has not been showing any profit for the last 3 years. As such there is an apprehension whether there would be any pay revision at all as on 01-01-2017.

This anxiety is not for the executives serving/ retired alone.

The Wage policy of DPE is that the negotiated wages for unionized workers should not come in conflict with the pay revision of officers. (Para 2.1.2.page 35). Further the 3rd PRC had also recommended that "Under no circumstances, the periodicity of wage / pay revision of unionized workmen should be lesser than the periodicity of executives, as applicable. That the

negotiated wage revision in respect of unionized workmen should not come in conflict with the pay revision of executives and non-unionized supervisors i.e. the pay-scales, fitment benefit, allowances, performance /incentive / bonus payment etc. of unionized workmen should not be higher than that of entry level of executives and non-unionized supervisors.” (Para 3.22.7. Page 114).

As such the consideration of the affordability clause though is proposed in the 3rd PRC report would very well affect the pay revision / fitment benefit of the non-executives also and as such they also would have the anxiety.

But it should be remembered that the affordability clause is nothing new. The 2nd PRC also had given the affordability clause in its recommendations. As per the recommendation of the 2nd PRC if there would be a dip of 20 % in the profit of CPSE due to the implementation then the pay package should not be implemented in full but in parts. Further the 2nd PRC had recommended a graded fitment formula for different categories of CPSEs and for different pay scales of executives. Whereas the DPE decided a uniform fitment rate @30% of BP+DA across all grades and all CPSEs. Regarding the affordability the DPE suggested that the CPSE can implement the pay package either with part PRP or no PRP. The CPSE which were not able to adopt the revised pay scales (2007) could offer a uniform lower fitment of

10 % or 20 % depending upon their affordability with the approval of their Ministry/Department.

As such the recommendation of 3rd PRC is subject to the decision of DPE and also further the decision of the concerned Ministry.

Now we all know the financial condition of BSNL in 2007-08. Though it was running in profit, the profit rapidly declined over the years even before implementation of the pay revision. However we were able to get the full fitment benefit of 30 %. Not only BSNL, even MTNL was incurring a loss continuously over the years then. The MTNL employees also were able to get 30 % pay fitment benefit.

Now what is the present scenario? Though BSNL is in red, the loss is declining and it is likely to have a turn around. The revenue over the past three years is also increasing. The year 2013-14 saw an increase in revenue of 3.2%. The year 2014-15 saw an increase of 2.32 %. Again in the year 2015-16, the increase in income is 14.92 % whereas in the same year the expenses decreased marginally by 1.47 %.

As such there is nothing to panic. It is upto the executives associations to start their negotiations earnestly and get the 15 % fitment benefit for the executives of BSNL. Now there is only one recognized executive association. It is for them now to prove themselves. But

given the track record of two major Associations in BSNL which continuously enjoyed the patronage of BSNL administration for last 10 years and even were given the opportunity to become the members of an Official Committee to solve the pay scales issue of JTOs and SDEs but failed to resolve the same, there is no other way but to keep our fingers crossed and pin hope only on the associations of large CPSEs in Oil Sectors etc.

There are some more points to be considered while applying the affordability clause. BSNL though a commercial CPSU and has to face competition it has an extra responsibility of providing telecommunication in rural areas and far flung areas which obviously result in a great loss. As such the loss of BSNL is due to its shouldering the social responsibility on behalf of the Govt. The employees should not be put into loss for this.

During absorption employees who opted for BSNL were offered pay scales

one scale lesser than their counterparts who opted for MTNL. The reason as stated by Govt. then was that the Govt. pays pension for BSNL pensioners whereas for MTNL pensioners their pension would be by a trust. But later the Government had agreed to pay pension for MTNL pensioners also with retrospective effect from Oct 2000 on the condition that during the pay revision in January 2017, the pay scales of MTNL employees would be made at par with their counterpart in BSNL. Now even if the pay scales of MTNL executives are brought at par with the pay scales of BSNL executives of equivalent grades the actual pay of a MTNL executives when fitted in the revised pay scale would be far higher than that of BSNL executive in the same scale since the MTNL executive was drawing a higher pay as he was in a higher pre revised scale. As such the fitment benefit given to BSNL executive should be the maximum of 15 % so as to get an equal pay (apart from equal pay scale) vis a vis his counterpart of the same grade and same service in MTNL.



ISSUES TAKEN UP

AIBSNLREA NOW TAKES UP THE ISSUE OF INORDINATE DELAY IN IMPLEMENTATION OF PENSION REVISION ORDERS DATED 18.07.2016 WITH DY. DIRECTOR GENERAL (ESTT), DOT: AIBSNLREA has now addressed a letter to Dy. Director General (Estt), DOT regarding inordinate delay in implementation of Pension revision orders by allowing the benefit of merger of 50% DA/DR with basic pay/pension effectively amounting to 78.2% DA/DR for the purpose of fitment. The Association has further requested DDG(Estt) “to kindly intervene in the matter and specially advise all the Controller of Communication Accounts Offices to complete the exercise immediately and issue the revised PPOs and also upload the details in their respective websites”.

[View posting dated 27.02.2017 in this website to read the letter](#)

AIBSNLREA WRITES TO DIRECTOR (HR) REGARDING ABNORMAL DELAY IN PROCESSING THE PENSION REVISION CASES IN BSNL CIRCLS DESPITE ISSUE OF CLEAR ADVICE TO EXPEDITE THE PENDING PENSION REVISION CASES AND ALSO FURNISH INFORMATION REGARDING THE CURRENT STATUS OF IMPLEMENTATION OF THE ORDER TO REVISE THE PENSION - CITES THE CASE OF CGM, TELECOM FACTORY, KOLKATA: Drawing the attention to BSNL Circle Office letter No. 40-06/2011-Pen(B)(Pt) dated 16/1/2017, wherein all Circles were advised to expedite the work for revision of remaining PPOs and also to furnish information regarding the current status of implementation of the said DOT Order dated 18.07.2016 to BSNL Corporate Office, AIBSNLREA has written to Director (HR) stating “that even after this clear advice from your Office, the Circles are not taking the issue seriously and revision of PPOs and payment of revised pension/arrears are getting abnormally delayed. In this respect, we may quote the case of CGM, Telecom Factory, and Kolkata, in which out of total 800 cases only about 80 pension revision cases have been processed. The CGM, Telecom Factory, Kolkata had actually outsourced the work to a private agency which has since stopped the work. As a result, the pensioners/family pensioners who retired from Telecom Factory, Kolkata are suffering for no fault on their part.” The Association has also sought for her intervention in the matter. [View posting dated 21.02.2017 in this website to read the letter](#)

29th SCOVA MEETING – EXTRACTS OF THE MINUTES ISSUED

Department of Pension & Pensioners’ Welfare, vide its F No. 42/16/2016-P&PW(G) dated 16.02.2017, has since issued the minutes of the 29th Meeting of SCOVA held on 12.01.2017. Extract of the minutes in respect of two important points discussed in the meeting are reproduced below:

“Item No. 5(ii) Health Insurance Scheme for pensioners including those residing in non-CGHS areas: Ministry of Health informed that the final EFC Memo is under submission to the Secretary. The proposal covers Central Government Civil employees and pensioners only and that too for indoor treatment. OPD and appliances would not be covered under the proposed scheme.

Disabled War Veteran (India) raised the issue of covering prosthesis under the scheme and stated that thgis will facilitate rehabilitation. The Hon’ble MOS(PP) observed that prosthesis good quality is now available. It was decided that Secretary (P&PW) will have a meeting with the Department of Empowerment of persons with Disabilities and Ministry of Health and Family Welfare to discuss the question of covering prosthesis for Civil Government employees/pensioners under CGHS/Medical Insurance.

Action: Ministry of Health & DOPPW

Item No. 5(v) Anomaly in fixation of pension of DOT employees absorbed in BSNL retired between 01.10.2000 and 31.07.2001: Department of Telecom informed that, as desired by Department of Expenditure, financial implication on the formula suggested by DOP&PW was being worked out in consultation with BSNL. Meanwhile, CAT Principal Bench has allowed a petition filed by

BSNL absorbed pensioners for fixing their pension only on the basis of IDA pay drawn after absorption in BSNL. Department of Telecom was requested to examine the judgment of CAT.

Action: Department of Telecom

[View posting dated 19.02.2017 in this website to read the complete minutes](#)

THIRD PRC REPORT FOR CPSE EXECUTIVES

The third CPC Report is now out. It is reported that, as is the normal practice, this Report is already being examined and processed in DPE to take a final view on the various recommendations. Thereafter, on obtaining the views/comments of the concerned Departments/Ministries, a Cabinet Note is to be submitted to the Cabinet for approval of the decisions to be taken on the various recommendations. It is said that that this exercise is now under process. Hopefully, the Orders may be issued without much delay. However, after the DPE issues the Order for revision of pay scales and other issues, the respective CPSEs will have to send proposals for revision of pay scales of their Executives to their respective Administrative Departments/Ministries seeking approval. Once the concerned Departments/Ministries issue their Orders, the same will get implemented by the respective CPSEs. The revision of pay scales of the non-executive employees, on the other hand, will be decided by a Pay Negotiation Committee. This may take some time, though BSNL has already announced constitution of the Committee for the same purpose. But the revision of pay scales of the Executives will not be held up on account of this.

In respect of fitment benefit and affordability, 3rd PRC has recommended the following:

Affordability: Additional financial impact in the year of implementing the revised pay-package for Board level executives, Below Board level executives and Non-Unionized Supervisors should not be more than 20% of the average Profit Before Tax (PBT) of the last three financial years preceding the year of implementation. If the additional financial impact in the year of implementing the revised paypackage is more than 20% of the average PBT of last 3 financial years, then the revised pay-package should not be implemented in full but only partly.

Categorisation of CPSEs: Existing categorization of CPSEs i.e. Schedule-A, B, C & D for determining the pay-scales of Board level executives as well as levels of pay-scales of below Board level executives should remain unaltered due to its wide ramifications and potential to disturb the internal equities existing within the CPSEs in terms of promotion policies, seniority, delegation of authorities, reservation policies, etc

Fitment Benefit: Committee recommends a uniform fitment benefit of 15% on sum of Basic Pay & Stagnation increment(s) and Industrial Dearness Allowance (IDA). Accordingly, the fitment methodology to arrive at the revised Basic Pay as on 1.1.2017 shall be as under:

A		B		C		D [Revised BP as on 1.1.17]
Basic Pay + Stagnation increment(s) as on 31.12.2016 (Personal Pay / Special Pay not to be included)	+	Industrial Dearness Allowance (IDA) as applicable on 1.1.2017 [under the IDA pattern computation methodology linked to All India Cumulative Price Index (AICPI) 2001=100 series]	+	15% of (A+B)	=	Aggregate amount rounded off to the next Rs.10/-.

If the additional financial impact in the year of implementing the revised pay package is more than 20% of the average PBT of last 3 financial years then the revised pay package with recommended fitment benefit of 15% of BP + DA should not be implemented in full but only partly, as per the part-stages recommended below:

Part stages	Additional financial impact of the full revised pay package as a % of average PBT of last 3 FYs	Fitment benefit (% of BP+DA)
I	More than 20% but upto 30% of average PBT of last 3 FYs	10%
II	More than 30% but upto 40% of average PBT of last 3 FYs	5%
III	More than 40% of average PBT of last 3 FYs	Nil

Revised pay scales recommended:

<u>Grade / Level</u>	<u>Pre-revised</u> w.e.f. 1.1.2007		<u>Revised</u> w.e.f. 1.1.2017	
	<i>Min.</i>	<i>Max.</i>	<i>Min.</i>	<i>Max.</i>
<u>Below Board Level Executives:</u>				
E0	12600	- 32500	30000	- 120000
E1	16400	- 40500	40000	- 140000
E2	20600	- 46500	50000	- 160000
E3	24900	- 50500	60000	- 180000
E4	29100	- 54500	70000	- 200000
E5	32900	- 58000	80000	- 220000
E6	36600	- 62000	90000	- 240000
E7	43200	- 66000	100000	- 260000
E8	51300	- 73000	120000	- 280000
E9	62000	- 80000	150000	- 300000

ACTION ON AIBSNLREA'S REPRESENTATIONS

DOT REPLIES TO AIBSNLREA'S REPRESENTATION REQUESTING TO INTRODUCE DIGITAL SYSTEM IN LIEU OF PHYSICAL PRESENCE FOR SUBMISSION OF ANNUAL LIFE CERTIFICATE TO AVAIL CONCESSIONAL TELEPHONE FACILITY BY DOT/BSNL/MTNL EMPLOYEES: AIBSNLREA had earlier requested to introduce a digital system, in the line of Digital Life Certificate as submitted to the Banks, to avail the concessional telephone facilities by the retired DOT/BSNL/MTNL employees who are required to physically present themselves annually to their offices. Now DOT has replied to that representation (posting dated 24.10.2016 in this website may be viewed to read the same). It has forwarded the report received from the concerned service provider which is an Annexure to a Government Order detailing the Process of getting digital life certificate issued for pensioners. Thus the issue that was taken up remains unresolved. The matter has again been taken up. [View posting dated 26.02.2017 in this website to read the DOT letter](#)

DEPARTMENT OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS SENDS POINT-WISE REPLY TO THE RESOLUTIONS ON DIFFERENT ISSUES WHICH WERE PASSED IN THE ALL INDIA CONFERENCE OF AIBSNLREA AT BHUBANESWAR: Department of Telecommunications has now sent a point-wise reply to the resolutions on different issues which were passed in the AIC of AIBSNLREA held at Bhubaneswar. The replies are not acceptable in most of the issues and shall have to be pursued further. [View posting dated 18.02.2017 in this website to read the DOP&PW letter](#)

DOP&PW FORWARDS REPRESENTATIONS FROM AIBSNLREA AND FOUR OTHERS ON DIFFERENT SUBJECTS TO DOT TO CONSIDER THE ISSUES: Department of Pension & Pensioners' Welfare has forwarded representations from AIBSNLREA and four others to Department of Telecommunications to consider the issues in accordance with the extant rules/instructions under intimation to the representationists. AIBSNLREA' representation dated 29.10.2016 was posted in this website on 31.10.2016 and may be viewed. [View posting dated 17.02.2017 in this website to read the DOP&PW letter](#)

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BSNL RESPONDS TO AIBSNLREA'S LETTER TO DIRECTOR (HR) POINTING OUT TO A FEW OMISSIONS IN DOT'S ORDER 31.08.2016 ON EXTENSION OF CGHS FACILITY TO THE RETIRED BSNL/MTNL EMPLOYEES: AIBSNLREA had earlier addressed a letter to Director (HR), BSNL on 1.9.2016 [view posting dated 02.09.2016 in this website to read the letter] pointing out to a few omissions in the DOT's order on extension of CGHS facility to the retired BSNL/MTNL employees.

BSNL has since responded to that letter and stated that as regards the “one time contribution” and the amount to be paid by different categories of retired BSNL employees, the quantum of contribution is to be decided by CGHS based on pay scale of employee. It has further stated that the retired employees will have to surrender BSNLMRS facility and subscribe to CGHS by paying one time contribution. The subscription paid for the same will be reimbursed by BSNL on producing the proof of payment and submission of final claim. [View posting dated 14.02.2017 in this website to read the BSNL letter](#)

PRIME MINISTER’S OFFICE (PMO) FORWARDS AIBSNLREA’S REPRESENTATION DATED 30.01.2017 AGAINST DENIAL/NON-RESTORATION OF SECOND ACP TO THE RETIRED CIVIL WING EXECUTIVES OF BSNL OF CIVIL ZONE, KOLKATA TO THE SECRETARY, DEPARTMENT OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS: AIBSNLREA had represented to the Prime Minister of India against denial/non-restoration of benefit of second ACP to the retired Civil Wing Executives of BSNL by West Bengal Civil Zone, BSNL, Kolkata (view posting dated 30.01.2017 in this website to read the representation). Now Prime Minister’s Office (PMO) has forwarded the said representation to the Secretary, Department of Telecommunications for action as appropriate. [View posting dated 12.02.2017 in this website to read the PMO letter](#)

DOP&PW FORWARDS AIBSNLREA’S REPRESENTATION REGARDING USE OF STATE EMBLEM ON THE IDENTITY CARDS ISSUED TO THE PENSIONERS’ RETIRED FROM CENTRAL GOVT. CIVIL SERVICE: Department of Pension & Pensioners’ Welfare has since forwarded the representation dated 27.10.2016 of AIBSNLREA seeking clarification on DOP&PW’s OM dated 26.10.2016 regarding its applicability (view posting dated 29.10.2016 in this website to read the letter) to the Department of Telecommunication to take necessary action on the matter as per DOP&PW OM dated 26.10.2016 and inform the applicant accordingly. [View posting dated 10.02.2017 in this website to read the DOP&PW letter](#)

GOVERNMENT/BSNL ORDERS

DISBURSEMENT OF PENSIONARY BENEFITS TO ALL THE COMBINED SERVICE PENSION OPTEE ABSORBED EMPLOYEES OF MTNL: DoT has stated that the payment of arrears of pensionary benefits such as DCRG, Commutation, Pension etc., to all categories of erstwhile employees of the Government, absorbed in MTNL who have opted for pension on Combined Service will be made by the O/o Pr.CCA Delhi and Pr.CCA Mumbai on behalf of the Government w.e.f.1.10.2000 without deviating from the decision taken by the Union Cabinet conveyed vide Gazette Notification G.S.R.No.138 (E) dated 3.3.2014 by the Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions amending Pension Rules. [View posting dated 04.02.2017 in this website to read the DOT Order](#)

BRANCHES IN ACTION

AIBSNLREA, PALAKKAD BRANCH HELD A GB MEETING: Palakkad Branch of AIBSNLREA held a General Body Meeting at Top in town conference hall on 21.2.17. The meeting started at 11.00 hrs. Very elaborate discussions took place on all the problems pertaining to the members. 43 members participated in the meeting. All were highly frustrated over the inordinate delay in getting 78.2% ida merger fixation benefits. Very few pre-2007 pensioners have so far received the revised PPOs. Two new members joined the Association taking the total life membership strength of the Branch to 68. Retired DGM (Fin) Mr Ramanathan narrated details of BSNL MRS . Meeting ended at 13.15 hours and the members disbursed after a lunch arranged in the complex.

BI-ANNUAL GENERAL BODY MEETING of AIBSNLREA, EAST VIDARBHA BRANCH HELD: East Vidarbha (Nagpur) Branch held its bi-annual GB Meeting on Saturday, the 11th February, 2017 at Amenity Block, CTO Compound, Nagpur under the Chairmanship of Shri U B Nikose President of the Branch. After paying tributes to the two departed members, Shri V W Patil Vice President of branch welcomed all the life members including the newly enrolled life members. Shri Arun Deshpande Branch Secretary briefed the house regarding the various meetings held with SSA/WTR/WTP units and CCA Nagpur for expeditious settlement of pension revision of BSNL pensioners retired prior to 10-06-2013. He also reported the current status of pension revision with revised fitment formula 78.2%. Shri P R Bhujbal CHQ Vice President addressed the house and highlighted the important key issues of the BSNL pensioners. Members were informed about the latest status of the applicability of modified provision in CCS pension Rules regarding enhancement of DCRG limit, Issue of Identity Cards to BSNL pensioners in revised format linking with aadhar number as per DOP&PW order12-08-2015, Revision of pension for the pre 2006 BSNL pensioners by delinking of revised pension from 33 years of qualifying service, Restoration of benefit of fixed medical allowance for outdoor medical treatment without vouchers, Development and implementation of “Web based program” to monitor the status of medical bills. Regarding extension of CGHS facilities to the BSNL pensioners who are in receipt of Government pension , details about the CGHS monthly rate of contribution and ward entitlement after corresponding mapping of pay and scale from IDA to CDA by DOT Order dated 31-8-2016 was elaborated to the members. In the background of stated court case against denied pension and other arrears campaign being propagated by other group of BSNL Retired Executives Association, by sending Wakaltnama and money, appeal was made to all members not to fall prey to the mischievous propaganda. 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 already approved in one voice.

The meeting was attended by 115 members. Six BSNL retired executives joined the association and enrolled as life members of AIBSNLREA Nagpur Branch. The total membership thus increased from 329 to 335. The House congratulated all the newly enrolled life members. Shri N G Talewar

Circle Vice president, Shri Bhola Kamble AS, B P Mazumdar FS took efforts for the grand success of the meeting. Shri U B Nikose President extended vote of thanks to all participants.

SPECIAL GENERAL BODY MEETING OF AIBSNLREA, WEST BENGAL STATE BRANCH HELD: A Special General Body meeting of AIBSNLREA, West Bengal State Branch was held at CTO auditorium Kolkata on 7th February with Sri Sanat Kumar Maitra, President of the Branch in the chair. The meeting was attended by more than 300 members. After observing one minute silence in memory of two departed members, the State Secretary Shri S K Palit placed his brief report along with status of Pension revision on date. He congratulated all the members to attend the meeting in large numbers despite negative propaganda launched by a leader of a so called pensioners' group. There was much enthusiasm in the members to listen to the address by General Secretary Shri S. Basu. The General Secretary, in his speech, narrated the history of beginning of Pension Revision following the judgment in D S Nakara & others case which became an important factor for 4th CPC to recommend pension revision even for those who retired decades back – even though only a few individuals were the petitioners in the case. He reminded the audience how the particular group once opposed tooth and nail revision of pension in IDA scale, damaged the case of payment of arrears with 78.2% IDA w.e.f. 1.1.2007 and justified the order on 78.2% IDA merger as “notional”, welcomed the defective order on pension revision and went for wild celebration calling this defective Order of DOT as their “victory”. Now when they pretend to show sympathy to the cause of pensioners on the question of denial of pension arrears, their intention becomes loud and clear. The pensioners need to protect themselves from the clutches of such vested interests. GS also dealt with the Medical facilities to the pensioners and efforts being made to improve upon the same. He also gave the latest status of the issue of extending the benefit of latest order increasing the limit of DCRG to the BSNL IDA pensioners and applicability of the Order on delinking of 33 years of qualifying service for revision of pension of pre-2006 pensioners etc. He also replied to a few doubts raised by the members. S/Shri Alok Sinha, Sibir Gupta and Kanti Chattopadhyay, all Life Members of the Branch, shared the cost of refreshment served in the meeting. The meeting ended after presentation of vote of thanks at 5 PM. [View posting dated 13.02.2017 in this website to view the photographs](#)

STATE SECRETARY, AIBSNLREA, UP VISITED OFFICE OF DIRECTOR POSTAL SERVICES LUCKNOW: State Secretary of AIBSNLREA, Uttar Pradesh visited the office of Director Postal Services, Lucknow and met the concerned Officers since a number of cases where Revised PPOs have been issued by CCA Lucknow, the concerned Post Offices have not received the same causing further delay in payment of revised pension and the arrears thereof. He also handed over a letter in this regard addressed to DPS since he was not in office. The A.C.A.O (Rly. Pension) informed that the Revised PPOs have been received in bulk and arrangements have now been made to segregate them and efforts are being made to send them to the respective Post Offices before this month end.

MUMBAI BRANCH OF AIBSNLREA MET CGMM, WTR AND OTHERS: The representatives of AIBSNLREA, Mumbai Branch comprising of S/Shri S.P. Varma, Secretary, N.K. Devassy, Vice-

President, B.S.Yadav, Jt.Secretary, S.R.Yadav, Member and S.B. Chauhan Member met CGMM, WTR, PGM(M) and DGM (F) on 25.1.2017 and discussed in detail different issues pertaining to individual members and common issue of revision of pension with fitment benefit by merger of 78.2% D.A. CGMM, WTR says that work is going on priority basis and will be completed shortly. The Association requested to depute additional staff for this work so as to avoid further delay.

UP STATE BRANCH OF AIBSNLREA MEETS PGM(HR/ADMN), LUCKNOW: S/Shri R S Arora, State Secretary and Shri U S Srivastava, Joint Secretary, UP State Branch of AIBSNLREA met PGM(HR/Admn), Lucknow in his office on 31.01.2017 and discussed a few issues of importance. The response of the PGM was very positive and he responded to the request to renew the empanelment of Prakash Netra Kendra, Gomti Nagar by stating that it may get the renewal for 2017-18 during March 2017. In regard to pending pension revision cases, he said that he himself is monitoring the progress and 8 SSAs have been addressed in the matter. He further said that the Meeting/Conference Hall can be considered for allotment provided the applications are received at least one month in advance along with other details. He further assured to look into the medical bill case of Shri Chhote Lal and pay anomaly case of Shri H C Dutta.

STATEMENT OF AMOUNT RECEIVED DURING FEBRUARY 2017

Palakkad (KERALA) Branch has deposited Rupees four hundred (Rs. 400.00) only in the S/B Account of AIBSNLREA with Syndicate Bank on 23.02.2017 towards quota for 2 new Life Members.

East Vidarbha Branch, Nagpur has deposited Rupees one thousand two hundred (Rs. 1200.00) only in the S/B Account of AIBSNLREA with Syndicate Bank on 16.02.2017 towards quota for 6 new Life Members.

West Bengal State Branch has deposited Rupees five thousand six hundred (Rs. 5600.00) only in the S/B Account of AIBSNLREA with Syndicate Bank on 10.02.2017 towards quota for 28 new Life Members.

Lucknow Branch (UP State) has deposited Rupees one thousand four hundred (Rs. 1400.00) only in the S/B Account of AIBSNLREA with Syndicate Bank on 30.01.2017 towards quota for 7 new Life Members.

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