



Editorial

IDA NOT LINKED TO BSNL FINANCES – DELAY CANNOT BECOME DENIAL

The developments relating to the delay in implementation of IDA revision due from 01.01.2026 and 01.04.2026 have created an unnecessary sense of uncertainty among BSNL employees and, more importantly, among BSNL absorbed pensioners. A careful reading of all the official documents, including the DPE OMs, DoT communications, BSNL's replies, and the internal note sheets obtained under RTI, makes one thing absolutely clear: there is no legal, financial, or policy ground to deny or delay IDA to BSNL employees, and certainly no ground to deny IDR to BSNL absorbed pensioners. Yet, till now DoT has not issued the IDA orders for 01.01.2026 and 01.04.2026, even after DPE has restored its normal practice of uploading IDA OMs on its website.

The confusion began when DPE, for the first time, did not upload the IDA revision OM dated 27.02.2026 on its website. Instead, the OM was circulated only through the Administrative Ministries/Departments, citing the need to verify certain data. The real concern arose from Para 5 of the OM, which stated that *"All concerned Ministries/Department shall verify the applicability of the relevant pay scales and corresponding IDA OMs before extending DA, ensure that updated pay-revision status is furnished on the PE Survey Portal and to note that while DA rates are computed and notified by DPE as per the prescribed formula, their extension and implementation in respect of*

individual CPSEs, including financial implications, shall rest with the concerned Administrative Ministry/Department." This wording – 'financial implications' - created doubts, but the note sheet pages obtained under RTI from the DPE tell a very different story. They do not mention anything about financial implications. They only state that *"As multiple CPSEs are not submitting information regarding pay revision in PE Survey Portal... it becomes utmost important to verify the applicability of the relevant pay scales and corresponding IDA OMs before extending DA."* The note sheets refer only to 6 out of 113 operating CPSEs, and BSNL is not among them, since it had already furnished all required details.

It is therefore clear that the reference to "financial implications" in Para 5 of the OM dated 27.02.2026 did not constitute a substantive policy stipulation. It was only a procedural reminder to ensure correct applicability of pay scales. Nowhere in the note sheet is there any discussion of affordability or denial of IDA. Meanwhile, DoT issued a letter on 23.03.2026 to BSNL, MTNL, and BBNL seeking confirmation of applicable pay scales, IDA orders followed, pay revision status, PE Survey Portal updates, and financial implications. BSNL responded on the same day, confirming that it follows 2007 pay scales, that it has implemented the latest DPE OM dated 29.10.2025, that pay revision (3rd PRC) is pending DoT approval, that the PE

Survey Portal is updated, and that the financial implication of revised IDA is Rs. 5.37 crore per month. BSNL also requested DoT to issue instructions to implement IDA @ 236.7% w.e.f. 01.01.2026. Thus, all procedural requirements were completed on 23.03.2026.

AIBSNREA wrote to the Secretary, DoT on 01.04.2026 requesting that *“orders revising the IDA rate to 236.7% (2007 pattern) w.e.f. 01.01.2026 may kindly be issued without further delay.”* On 15.04.2026, AIBSNLREA had discussions with the Sr. DDG (Estt), DoT conveying the deep concern among BSNL pensioners regarding the delay in issuing the IDA revision orders effective from 01.01.2026. The Sr. DDG (Estt) responded reassuringly, stating that there was no cause for worry and expressed confidence that the orders could be issued within a week. Around the same time, some BSNL and MTNL pensioner associations gave a joint call for agitation on the issue, even without attempting to meet anyone in DoT. Curiously, after the joint call, two or three associations that were part of the joint call met DoT officers individually and reported that *“the issue will be resolved and that too very soon.”* One association even reported later that Secretary DoT had cleared the file despite objection from Member (F), DoT.

In the meantime, on 24.04.2026, DPE issued and uploaded the next IDA OM revising IDA w.e.f. 01.04.2026 to 238.3% (2007 scale), 471.2% (1997 scale) and 54.1% (2017 scale). This clearly shows that DPE has received data from the six CPSEs and has returned to its standard practice of uploading IDA OM in the public domain. While we were expecting DoT to release the orders for revision of IDA both w.e.f. 01.01.2026 and 01.04.2026, DoT, vide its communication dated 29.04.2026, asked BSNL to place the matter before its Board to ascertain whether IDA revision can be met from *“internal accruals.”* This unwarranted

wording has naturally raised concern, but the facts remain unchanged. While DPE OM on the recommendations of the Second and Third PRC stipulate affordability for implementing revised pay scales, there is no affordability requirement for payment of IDA. DPE notifies different rates of IDA for CPSEs following 1987, 1997, 2007, and 2017 pay scales. CPSEs that could not afford pay revision continue to receive IDA based on their last implemented pay scale. There is no known instance of any CPSE lawfully denying payment of IDA on the grounds of financial non-affordability. IDA is a formula-based allowance linked to the All India Consumer Price Index for Industrial Workers, and no CPSE has the discretion to stop or defer IDA.

Even in the hypothetical situation where IDA for BSNL employees is withheld, the Dearness Relief to BSNL absorbed pensioners cannot be withheld, since according to Sub-rule 10 of Rule 37A, CCS (Pension) Rules, 1972, *“In addition to pension or family pension, as the case may be, the employee who opts for pension on the basis of combined service shall also be eligible to dearness relief as per industrial Dearness Allowance pattern.”* This statutory provision cannot be overruled by DoT. To be fair, DoT should not have delayed the payment of Dearness Relief to BSNL absorbed pensioners after it received the required data from the CCAs. The requirement for BSNL to furnish certain details has no bearing on the timely disbursement of Dearness Relief to pensioners.

As far as the question of whether BSNL Board will take a decision to deny the IDA revision for its employees is concerned, it is important to note that in its reply dated 23.03.2026, while providing the required data, BSNL has already *“requested that necessary instructions may be issued to BSNL for implementation of revised IDA w.e.f.*

01.01.2026 @ 236.7% (2007 pattern)." More importantly, BSNL Board has already recommended implementation of 3rd PRC pay scales for BSNL Executives, and the recent Wage Agreement between BSNL and its unions has also been approved by BSNL Board and forwarded to DoT, showing readiness to bear the additional expenditure involved.

It appears that certain elements within DoT, influenced by the grossly exaggerated reactions by a few pensioner associations, are introducing terms such as "*fragile financial condition of BSNL*" and "*internal accruals*" to delay the matter. Such arguments have no

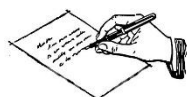
basis under the existing framework. We firmly believe that BSNL and DoT will refrain from any ill-advised action contrary to established rules and that DoT will issue the requisite orders for the release of revised IDA rates with effect from 01.01.2026 and 01.04.2026. While DoT's delay has caused unnecessary concern, there is absolutely no ground—legal, financial, or procedural—to deny IDA to BSNL employees or IDR to BSNL absorbed pensioners. AIBSNLREA will continue to monitor the matter closely and ensure that the rightful dues of pensioners are neither delayed further nor diluted. ☹



Important Developments of the Month

- ✚ On 15.04.2026, AIBSNLREA has submitted its Memorandum to the Eighth Central Pay Commission with clarity and precision, fully addressing the issues identified by its Fourth All India Conference at Varanasi on 24th and 25th March 2026, while adhering to the structured-format restrictions imposed by the Commission. [View the Memorandum](#)
- ✚ AGS Com. V. P. Arya visited Sanchar Bhawan on 15.04.2026 and met the Sr. DDG (Estt). He conveyed the deep concern among BSNL pensioners regarding the delay in issuing the IDA revision orders effective from 01.01.2026. The Sr. DDG (Estt) responded reassuringly, stating that there is no cause for worry and expressed confidence that the orders could be issued within a week. He explained that the delay arose due to certain procedural requirements to be fulfilled at the instance of the DPE, which required collecting specific inputs from both BSNL and the CGCA. As this was the first time such a process had to be undertaken, some additional time became unavoidable. Com.Arya was also informed that Department of Legal Affairs has responded positively in respect of issue of Presidential Order to Com.H.S.Sutaria and the process will be expedited.
- ✚ The virtual meeting of AIBSNLREA CHQ office bearers was held on 01.04.2026 under the Presidentship of Com. V. Chinnappiah, CHQ President. After self-introductions, the President welcomed the participants and expressed deep appreciation to the Host Branch—especially Com. R. K. Sinha—for their tireless efforts in creating the comfortable, seamless arrangements that shaped the AIC's resounding success. He recalled the charged atmosphere inside the House, the camaraderie among delegates, and the jubilant spirit with which the conference concluded. The General Secretary welcomed the new faces in the CHQ and noted the absence of Com. Sanat Maitra, who stepped down as Vice-President, and acknowledged his valuable contributions to

the previous CHQ. He reiterated that the extraordinary success of the Conference owed much to the sustained commitment and presence of Com. R. K. Sinha. He praised the delegates for their full attendance, attentiveness, and spirited participation, observing that the House radiated energy and happiness despite the advanced age of the participants. The confidence reposed by the House, he said, places a greater responsibility on the CHQ to work with renewed dedication and uphold the same vibrant spirit. He emphasized that the immediate priorities before the CHQ are to vigorously pursue three pending issues: regularization of the pension of Com. H. S. Sutaria; resolution of the non-release of pensionary benefits to VRS retirees of Maharashtra; and sanction of interest on late payment of gratuity to Com. H.S.Hugar, Com. B.M.Kolki, and Com. P.S.Prasad — matters held up due to non-adherence to DoP&PW instructions and CCS Pension Rules by DoT and BSNL. He also referred to the constraints imposed by the 8th CPC on submitting a comprehensive Memorandum. Participants unanimously appreciated the exemplary arrangements made by Com. R. K. Sinha and the Varanasi Branch for the AIC. The meeting held detailed discussions on the numerous orders issued by various CsIT either accepting or rejecting the claims of VRS retirees for full IT exemption on ex-gratia payments. It was decided to write once again to CBDT seeking a uniform order. The Kerala High Court judgment granting full IT exemption on leave encashment was also deliberated upon. The meeting resolved to focus on membership growth, activation of inactive Branches, and formation of new ones. AGSs stationed in Delhi will be assigned specific cases for follow-up. The meeting concluded with the President urging everyone to carry forward the spirit of the AIC — the harmony, enthusiasm, and purposeful deliberations that defined the House.



Issues taken up

30.04.2026: AIBSNLREA SEEKS INTERVENTION OF HON'BLE PRIME MINISTER OF INDIA TO ENSURE UNIFORM TREATMENT FOR BSNL VRS 2019 RETIREES IN RESPECT OF INCOME TAX EXEMPTION ON EX-GRATIA:

AIBSNLREA has sought the intervention of Hon'ble Prime Minister of India in this matter that has caused widespread hardship, unequal treatment, and administrative inconsistency for thousands of BSNL VRS 2019 retirees across the country and has requested him to direct Chairman, CBDT to immediately issue a clarificatory order. [View the letter](#)

28.04.2026: AIBSNLREA SUBMITS THE RESOLUTION ON "GRAVE CONCERN OVER WITHHOLDING OF PENSIONARY BENEFITS TO BSNL VRS 2019 RETIREES UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF CCA MAHARASHTRA & GOA", AS ADOPTED IN ITS ALL INDIA CONFERENCE HELD AT VARANASI, TO THE PRIME MINISTER OF INDIA, REQUESTING TO ADVISE DOT TO RESOLVE THE ISSUE EXPEDITIOUSLY:

AIBSNLREA has now submitted to the Prime Minister of India the resolution adopted at its Fourth All India Conference held in Varanasi on 24th and 25th March 2026, urging him to advise DoT to immediately rescind its letter dated 30.01.2025 which contradicts DoP&PW OM dated 30.11.2021 and release all withheld pensionary benefits." [View the letter](#)

27.04.2026: AIBSNLREA WRITES TO THE SECRETARY, DOP&PW REQUESTING TO DIRECT DOT TO RESCIND ITS OM DATED 30.01.2025 AND TO COMPLY WITH DOP&PW OM DATED 30.11.2021:

AIBSNLREA has now drawn the attention of Secretary, DoP&PW to the fact that DoT and BSNL continue to ignore the binding instructions of DoP&PW that pensionary benefits cannot be withheld on the ground that caste verification is pending, in the absence of departmental/ judicial proceedings and has pointed out that DoP&PW, being the nodal authority for pension policy, cannot remain a silent spectator when its clear and unambiguous instructions are being openly flouted by another Department. AIBSNLREA has requested her that DoP&PW direct DoT to rescind its OM dated 30.01.2025, which is contrary to the instructions of DoP&PW and the legal position affirmed by the Hon'ble Supreme Court and instruct DoT/BSNL to immediately release all withheld pensionary benefits to all the affected BSNL VRS 2019 retirees without any further delay. [View the letter](#)

24.04.2026: AIBSNLREA SUBMITS THE RESOLUTION ON "CONCERN OVER INORDINATE DELAY IN ISSUING PENSIONERS' IDENTITY CARDS", AS ADOPTED IN ITS ALL INDIA CONFERENCE HELD AT VARANASI, TO THE PRIME MINISTER OF INDIA, REQUESTING TO ADVISE DOT TO EXPEDITE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE DIGITAL DOWNLOAD FACILITY FOR PENSIONERS' IDENTITY CARDS IN SAMPANN 2.0:

AIBSNLREA has now submitted to the Prime Minister of India the resolution adopted at its Fourth All India Conference held in Varanasi on 24th and 25th March 2026, urging him to advise DoT to expedite implementation of the digital download facility for Pensioners' Identity Cards in SAMPANN 2.0." [View the letter](#)

22.04.2026: AIBSNLREA WRITES TO THE SECRETARY, DOT REQUESTING IMMEDIATE INTERVENTION FOR RELEASE OF LONG-PENDING MEDICAL CLAIMS OF SHRI R.K.TANDON, RETD AGM, LUCKNOW:

AIBSNLREA has now drawn the attention of Secretary, DoT to the fact that despite clear directions from DoT and the assurance from PGM BA Lucknow, no payment has been released till date, and the grievance continues to remain unresolved and has requested his personal intervention to ensure that immediate instructions are issued to BSNL authorities to release the pending medical claims without any further delay. [View the letter](#)

20.04.2026: AIBSNLREA SUBMITS THE RESOLUTION ON "CONCERN OVER DELAYED RELEASE OF ORDERS FOR REVISION OF IDA", AS ADOPTED IN ITS ALL INDIA CONFERENCE HELD AT VARANASI, TO THE PRIME MINISTER OF INDIA, REQUESTING TO ADVISE DPE TO ISSUE IDA REVISION ORDERS WITHIN FIRST HALF OF THE MONTH IN WHICH THEY FALL DUE:

AIBSNLREA has now submitted to the Prime Minister of India the resolution adopted at its Fourth All India Conference held in Varanasi on 24th and 25th March 2026, urging him to advise DPE to issue IDA revision orders within the first half of the month in which they fall due, as was the consistent practice for decades." [View the letter](#)

17.04.2026: AIBSNLREA SUBMITS THE RESOLUTION ON "NEED FOR A GRACE PERIOD FOR BSNL PENSIONERS SWITCHING TO CGHS", AS ADOPTED IN ITS ALL INDIA CONFERENCE HELD AT VARANASI, TO THE PRIME MINISTER OF INDIA, REQUESTING TO ADVISE DOH&FW TO RESOLVE THIS ISSUE AT THE EARLIEST:

AIBSNLREA has now submitted to the Prime Minister of India the resolution adopted at its Fourth All India Conference held in Varanasi on 24th and 25th March 2026, urging his intervention for the early resolution of the issue of "Need for a grace period for BSNL pensioners switching to CGHS." [View the letter](#)

16.04.2026: AIBSNLREA SUBMITS ITS MEMORANDUM TO THE EIGHTH CENTRAL PAY COMMISSION:

Yesterday (15.04.2026), AIBSNLREA has submitted its Memorandum to the Eighth Central Pay Commission with clarity and precision, fully addressing the issues identified by its Fourth All India Conference at Varanasi on 24th and 25th March 2026, while adhering to the structured-format restrictions imposed by the Commission. [View the Memorandum](#)

15.04.2026: AIBSNLREA SUBMITS THE RESOLUTION ON "RECTIFICATION OF ANOMALY IN GRANT OF ADDITIONAL QUANTUM OF PENSION", AS ADOPTED IN ITS ALL INDIA CONFERENCE HELD AT VARANASI, TO THE PRIME MINISTER OF INDIA, REQUESTING TO ADVISE DOP&T AND DOP&PW TO RESOLVE THIS ISSUE AT THE EARLIEST:

AIBSNLREA has now submitted to the Prime Minister of India the resolution adopted at its Fourth All India Conference held in Varanasi on 24th and 25th March 2026, urging his intervention for the early resolution of the issue of "Rectification of anomaly in grant of additional quantum of pension." [View the letter](#)

13.04.2026: AIBSNLREA SUBMITS THE RESOLUTION ON "URGENT NEED TO EXPAND CGHS COVERAGE ACROSS INDIA", AS ADOPTED IN ITS ALL INDIA CONFERENCE HELD AT VARANASI, TO THE PRIME MINISTER OF INDIA, REQUESTING TO ADVISE DOH&FW TO RESOLVE THIS LONG PENDING ISSUE AT THE EARLIEST:

AIBSNLREA has now submitted to the Prime Minister of India the resolution adopted at its Fourth All India Conference held in Varanasi on 24th and 25th March 2026, urging his intervention for the early resolution of the issue of "Urgent need to expand CGHS coverage across India." [View the letter](#)

10.04.2026: AIBSNLREA WRITES TO THE CGCA REGARDING UNDUE DELAY IN PROCESSING TRANSFER OF PENSION REQUESTS FROM PENSIONERS NOW RESIDING IN GUJARAT STATE, BY CCA MAHARASHTRA & GOA:

AIBSNLREA has drawn the attention of CGCA, DoT, to the earlier reply from CCA Maharashtra & Goa and the fact that despite the pensioners submitting the signed Transfer Request Forms generated immediately thereafter the issue remains unresolved. AIBSNLREA has requested her to issue necessary directions to CCA Maharashtra & Goa to ensure that the pension of these three pensioners is transferred to CCA Gujarat without any further delay. [View the letter](#)

10.04.2026: AIBSNLREA SUBMITS THE RESOLUTION ON "IMPLEMENTATION OF SUPREME COURT JUDGMENT ON TES GROUP B SENIORITY (LISTS 1-17)", AS ADOPTED IN ITS ALL INDIA CONFERENCE HELD AT VARANASI, TO THE PRIME MINISTER OF INDIA, REQUESTING TO ADVISE DOT/BSNL TO RESOLVE THIS LONG PENDING ISSUE AT THE EARLIEST:

AIBSNLREA has now submitted to the Prime Minister of India the resolution adopted at its Fourth All India Conference held in Varanasi on 24th and 25th March 2026, urging his

intervention for the early resolution of the issue of "Implementation of Supreme Court judgment on TES Group B seniority (Lists 1-17)." [View the letter](#)

09.04.2026: AIBSNLREA WRITES TO THE DG CGHS REQUESTING EARLY COMMISSIONING OF CGHS WELLNESS CENTRE AT BHARATPUR, ALWAR, RAJASTHAN:

Drawing attention of the DG CGHS to our earlier letter on the matter and the reply from CGHS on 06.03.2025, AIBSNLREA has requested her that the matter may be further processed on priority so that the Wellness Centre can be commissioned at the earliest. [View the letter](#)

08.04.2026: AIBSNLREA SUBMITS THE RESOLUTION ON "ENHANCEMENT OF FIXED MEDICAL ALLOWANCE (FMA) FROM RS.1000 TO RS.3000 PER MONTH", AS ADOPTED IN ITS ALL INDIA CONFERENCE HELD AT VARANASI, TO THE PRIME MINISTER OF INDIA, REQUESTING TO ADVISE DOP&T/DOE/DOH&FW TO RESOLVE THIS LONG PENDING ISSUE AT THE EARLIEST:

AIBSNLREA has now submitted to the Prime Minister of India the resolution adopted at its Fourth All India Conference held in Varanasi on 24th and 25th March 2026, urging his intervention for the early resolution of the demand for "Enhancement of Fixed Medical Allowance (FMA) from Rs.1000 to Rs.3000 per month." [View the letter](#)

07.04.2026: AIBSNLREA SUBMITS THE RESOLUTION ON "ADDITIONAL QUANTUM OF PENSION AT AGES 65, 70 AND 75 YEARS", AS ADOPTED IN ITS ALL INDIA CONFERENCE HELD AT VARANASI, TO THE PRIME MINISTER OF INDIA, REQUESTING TO ADVISE DOP&T/DOE/DOP&PW TO RESOLVE THIS LONG PENDING ISSUE AT THE EARLIEST:

AIBSNLREA has now submitted to the Prime Minister of India the resolution adopted at its Fourth All India Conference held in Varanasi on 24th and 25th March 2026, urging his intervention for the early resolution of the demand for grant of additional quantum of pension at the rate of 5%, 10% and 15% on attaining the age of 65 years, 70 years and 75 years respectively. [View the letter](#)

02.04.2026: AIBSNLREA SUBMITS THE RESOLUTION ON "RESTORATION OF COMMUTED VALUE OF PENSION IN LESS THAN 15 YEARS", AS ADOPTED IN ITS ALL INDIA CONFERENCE HELD AT VARANASI, TO THE PRIME MINISTER OF INDIA, REQUESTING TO ADVISE DOP&T/DOE/DOP&PW TO RESOLVE THIS LONG PENDING ISSUE AT THE EARLIEST:

AIBSNLREA has now submitted to the Prime Minister of India the resolution adopted at its Fourth All India Conference held in Varanasi on 24th and 25th March 2026, urging his intervention for the early resolution of the long-pending demand for restoration of the commuted value of pension in less than 15 years. [View the letter](#)

01.04.2026: AIBSNLREA WRITES TO THE SECRETARY, DOT REQUESTING IMMEDIATE ISSUE OF ORDERS REVISING IDA RATE W.E.F. 01.01.2026:

Drawing attention to the growing concern among BSNL employees and pensioners regarding the non-issuance of IDA revision orders effective from 01.01.2026, despite all requisite information having already been furnished by BSNL to DoT, AIBSNLREA has requested the Secretary, DoT that orders revising the IDA rate to 236.7% (2007 pattern) w.e.f. 01.01.2026 may be issued without further delay, so that BSNL and CCA offices can implement the revision in a timely and orderly manner. [View the letter](#)



GOVERNMENT/BSNL ORDERS & LETTERS

28.04.2026: DPE ISSUES ORDERS FOR REVISION OF IDA W.E.F. 01.04.2026 AND POSTS IT IN ITS WEBSITE TOO:

AIBSNLREA had addressed a letter to the Secretary, DPE, on 13.03.2026, pointing out that "In the latest IDA revision order dated 27.02.2026 reported to have been shared with the Ministries and Departments, the use of the expression "financial implication" in the concluding paragraph has created avoidable concern among BSNL employees and pensioners. The inclusion of this expression is wholly unwarranted, as very recently, the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India has unequivocally held that 'Dearness Allowance is a legally enforceable right of employees' and 'cannot be denied on the ground of financial constraints'" and had requested that "the earlier practice of uploading IDA revision orders on the DPE website immediately upon issuance be restored." DPE has now published the orders dated 24.04.2026 for revision of IDA w.e.f. 01.04.2026, as requested by us. The revised IDA will be 238.3% for CPSEs following the 2007 pay scales. [View the CHQ letter](#) [View the DPE OM downloaded from its website](#)

RESPONSE/ACTION TAKEN ON



AIBSNLREA'S REPRESENTATIONS

07.04.2026: CGHS RESPONDS TO AIBSNLREA LETTER DATED 13.02.2026 REQUESTING URGENT RECTIFICATION OF TECHNICAL ISSUES IN THE CGHS ONLINE EMPANELMENT PORTAL:

CGHS has responded to AIBSNLREA letter dated 13.02.2026 addressed to the DG CGHS drawing her attention that the hospitals attempting to submit applications through the online portal were repeatedly receiving messages stating that they were "not eligible to apply," despite clearly falling within the eligibility criteria laid down in the O.M. CGHS has replied that "the HCO with issues during applying in HEM portal shall contact this Office for resolution of the same." [View the CGHS response](#)

04.04.2026: DOP&PW FORWARDS AIBSNLREA LETTER DATED 01.04.2026 REQUESTING DOT TO IMMEDIATELY ISSUE ORDERS REVISING IDA RATE W.E.F. 01.01.2026, TO DOT FOR REDRESSAL:

AIBSNLREA had marked a copy of its letter dated addressed to the Secretary, DoT on immediate issue of orders revising IDA rate w.e.f. 01.01.2026, to JS (Pension), DoP&PW. DoP&PW has forwarded it to the DoT with the request to look into the matter and redress the same as per extant rules within the stipulated period of 21 days. [View the DoP&PW email](#)



BRANCHES IN ACTION

29.04.2026: AIBSNLREA CHANDIGARH BRANCH (HARYANA STATE) HOLDS ITS GENERAL BODY MEETING:

AIBSNLREA Chandigarh Branch held its General body meeting on 27-04-2025 in Hotel Pearl Industrial Area –II Chandigarh under the Presidentship of Com. M.D. Bhasin. Com.S.K. Aggarwal CHQ Organising Secretary (North) was the chief guest. He delivered special address specifically giving the details of the AIC sessions held at Varanasi last month. He explained in detail the resolutions passed in the AIC. Secretary Com.M.K.Kalra spoke about the local issues pertaining to CGHS, delayed medical bill payments, delay in issue of IDA orders, status of court case and pension revision. Com.Lokesh Chopra gave a brief speech. After vote of thanks, lunch was served to the participants.

24.04.2026: AIBSNLREA MEHSANA BRANCH (GUJARAT STATE) HOLDS ITS GENERAL BODY MEETING:

The GB meeting of AIBSNLREA Mehsana Branch was held on 18th April 2026 at Senior citizen hall under the Presidentship of Com.R.M.Dalwadi, President. The meeting started with prayer by Com. M.B.Solanki. Two minutes' silence was observed in memory of late Com.M.B.Choudhary. Branch Secretary Com.D.H.Patel welcomed all to the meeting. Com.N.P.Patel, State Secretary spoke about activities at State level, pending cases at State level, pension revision and DA/DR issue. Com.B.M.Bhavsar, senior leader shared useful information regarding CGHS and nomination in bank account. Com.B.K.Choudhary Asst. Secretary gave vote of thanks. Lunch was served, sponsored by the member Com.R.M.Dalwadi. [View the letter](#)

23.04.2026: AIBSNLREA MUMBAI BRANCH (MAHARASHTRA STATE) HOLDS ITS GENERAL BODY MEETING:

AIBSNLREA Mumbai Branch held its General Body Meeting on 18.04.2026 in the conference hall of WTR Mumbai under the Presidentship of Com.N.K.Devassy, Branch president, Com. V.R.Monkikar, Branch Secretary welcomed all the members and briefed about the activities of Branch and assured that he will try his level best to conduct the meeting once in a quarter. State President Com. Vasudeva in his address informed the members about the efforts made by him and Com. S.P. Varma, State Secretary in settling many individual grievances of the members and family pensioners through quarterly coordination meetings with CCA Maharashtra and Goa State. [View Maharashtra Page of State News section for full report]

22.04.2026: AIBSNLREA BHOPAL BRANCH (MADHYA PRADESH STATE) HOLDS ITS GENERAL BODY MEETING:

The Monthly Meeting of AIBSNLREA Bhopal Branch was held on 19-04-2026 in the Indian Coffee House, New Market, Bhopal under the Presidentship of Com. O P.Sharma. After welcome address by the Com. Dr. H.S. Saxena Branch Secretary, all the members congratulated Com. Rajput on his re-election as Organising Secretary in CHQ. Com. B S Rajput briefed the House in detail about the All India Conference held at Varanasi, especially the discussions over various topics covered by the General Secretary Report. He also explained the various resolutions passed in the AIC, and mentioned that these resolutions are being submitted by CHQ to the Hon'ble Prime Minister and other authorities. The members also congratulated the newly elected CHQ body. Com.B.S.Oswal, Com.S.K.Bedwal and Com.M.P.Tiwari were honoured on attaining the age of 80 years. Coms.Amar Singh, K.P. Patil, T.R.Jain and B.R Ingle were felicitated on their birthday falling this month. Com.Ubeja rendered melodious songs. The meeting concluded with a vote of thanks by Com.A K Balpande, Asst. Secretary. [View the Photos](#)

22.04.2026: AIBSNLREA KALABURAGI BRANCH (KARNATAKA STATE) HOLDS ITS GENERAL BODY MEETING:

AIBSNLREA Kalaburagi Branch held its General body meeting on 09/04/2026 in Venkatgiri Hotel, Kalaburagi under the Presidentship of Com. S B Telgani Branch president. 16 members attended the meeting. President welcomed all the members to the meeting and briefly explained the Varanasi AIC highlights. Com.H.S.Hugar, Secretary spoke at length, regarding GS report, deliberations on status of pension revision, restoration of commutation in 12 years, Enhancement of fixed medical allowance from Rs.1000/ to Rs.3000/, additional quantum of pension at the rate 5%,10% and 15% on attaining the age of 65,70 and 75 years respectively, extension of CGHS facilities across India etc., and explained the number of resolutions passed in AIC. The meeting ended with vote of thanks. [View the Photos](#)

21.04.2026: AIBSNLREA NADIAD BRANCH (GUJARAT STATE) HOLDS ITS GENERAL BODY MEETING:

The GB meeting of AIBSNLREA Nadiad Branch was held on 15.04.2026 at Khadayata Bhavan, Nadiad. Com.N R Patel, Branch secretary, Shri A H Malek, ABS conducted the meeting. The meeting started with prayer by Com.N.S.Bhatt. Two minutes' silence was observed in memory of late Com. S.S. Patel, & Com. S.N.Pathan. State Secretary Com.N.P. Patel, senior leader Com.B M Bhavsar and Executive Member Com.D P Modi were welcomed with garland along with the members who had sponsored meeting. After speeches by Com.N.R.Patel and Com.A.H.Malek, Asst.Secretary, Com.N.P.Patel delivered special address. Shri Bhavsar and Shri Modi gave useful information regarding CGHS, nomination in bank account, notional increment etc. After vote of thanks by the Branch Secretary, lunch was served. [View the Photos](#)

19.04.2026: AIBSNLREA THANJAVUR/KUMBakonam BRANCH (TAMILNADU STATE) HOLDS ITS TRIENNIAL CONFERENCE:

The Triennial Conference of AIBSNLREA Thanjavur/Kumbakonam Branch was conducted on 11.04.2026 at Hotel PLA Residency, Kumbakonam in a very grand manner, under the Presidentship of Com.E.Rajasekaran, President. Com. S.Arockiasamy, senior member welcomed all. 36 members actively participated in the Conference, including four senior members from Trichy branch. One minute silence was observed in memory of the departed leaders and members. [View Tamilnadu Page of State News Section for full report] [View the Photo](#)

19.04.2026: AIBSNLREA PRAYAGRAJ BRANCH (UP STATE) HOLDS ITS GENERAL BODY MEETING:

The General Body Meeting of AIBSNLREA, Prayagraj Branch was held on 10-04-2026 in the CTO Compound under the Presidentship) of Com.Ratnakar Srivastava, as the President Sh. R.S. Gupta could not attend due to illness. After welcome address by the President, Com. S. M. Tiwari, Branch Secretary, briefed the house in detail about the All India Conference (AIC) held at Varanasi, especially the discussions over various topics covered by the General Secretary Report. He also listed the various resolutions passed in the AIC and mentioned that these resolutions are being submitted by CHQ to the Hon'ble Prime Minister and other authorities. The members congratulated the newly elected CHQ body. The Branch Secretary further apprised the House of the status of local issues and progress regarding issuance of

Identity Cards, exgratia payment to VRS retirees, Non release of IDA installment of 1st Jan 2026, problems of CGHS were deliberated in detail and members were apprised of the action taken on all the issues by our CHQ. Resolutions adopted in the AIC were also discussed in detail. After healthy discussions on all the issues, lunch was arranged and the meeting ended with a vote of thanks.

18.04.2026: AIBSNLREA AMBALA BRANCH (HARYANA STATE) HOLDS ITS GENERAL BODY MEETING:

A general body meeting of Ambala Branch of AIBSNLREA was held on 13th April 2026 at Central Phoenix Club under the Presidentship of Com. R K Sharma. 41 members attended the meeting. 3 new members were enrolled as life members of the Branch. Com. Jogi Ram, State Secretary and Com. D S Sandhu attended the meeting as special guests. Mmembers who completed 75 years of age since the last meeting were honoured. Com. S K Aggarwal CHQ OS (North) briefed the members on the issues deliberated in 4th All India Conference of AIBSNLREA at Varanasi. All the issues such pension revision, deduction of TDS on ex gratia payment to VRS retirees, Non release of IDA installment of 1st Jan 2026, problems of CGHS were deliberated in detail and members were apprised of the action taken on all the issues by our CHQ. Resolutions adopted in the AIC were also discussed in detail. After healthy discussions on all the issues, lunch was arranged and the meeting ended with a vote of thanks. [View the Photos](#)

18.04.2026: AIBSNLREA VADODARA BRANCH (GUJARAT STATE) HOLDS ITS GENERAL BODY MEETING:

The Quarterly general Body meeting of AIBSNLREA Vadodara branch was held on 10-04-2026 at Hotel Utsav. 78 members attended the meeting. Branch President Com. R T Shah covered the latest issues in his welcome speech. Silence was observed in memory of late Com. G B Prajapati. Branch Secretary, Com. A B Joshi A B advised members on bank account issues, CCA issues, medical issues, etc. Special thanks given to Coms. D N Shah, P J Modi, N K Parmar & A K Mehta who sponsored meeting expenditure on eve of completion of 75 years age. Branch Vice President Com. S Z Tailor gave a vote of Thanks. Delicious lunch was served after the meeting. [View the Photos](#)

17.04.2026: GENERAL BODY MEETING OF AIBSNLREA SHIMLA BRANCH (HIMACHAL PRADESH) HELD:

Monthly GB meeting of AIBSNLREA Shimla branch was held on 8th April 2026 under the Chairmanship of Com. Hans Raj, President, Shimla branch. Com. Naresh Chauhan was felicitated on his re-election as AGS. After that Shri Naresh Chauhan explained the deliberations held in AIC on restoration of commuted value of pension, enhancement of additional quantum of pension, enhancement of FMA, expanding of CGHS coverage, issuing pensioner's identity cards and pay revision etc. It was decided in the meeting that the issue of empanelment of private hospital under CGHS in Shimla would be taken up with the CHQ. The meeting ended with Vote of Thanks by Com. The meeting was then ended with a vote of thanks to the chair. Kishori Lal, Branch Secretary.

15.04.2026: AIBSNLREA SUBMITS THE RESOLUTION ON "RECTIFICATION OF ANOMALY IN GRANT OF ADDITIONAL QUANTUM OF PENSION", AS ADOPTED IN ITS ALL INDIA

CONFERENCE HELD AT VARANASI, TO THE PRIME MINISTER OF INDIA, REQUESTING TO ADVISE DOP&T AND DOP&PW TO RESOLVE THIS ISSUE AT THE EARLIEST:

AIBSNLREA has now submitted to the Prime Minister of India the resolution adopted at its Fourth All India Conference held in Varanasi on 24th and 25th March 2026, urging his intervention for the early resolution of the issue of "Rectification of anomaly in grant of additional quantum of pension." [View the letter](#)

15.04.2026: AIBSNLREA EAST VIDARBHA (NAGPUR) BRANCH (MAHARASHTRA STATE) HOLDS ITS GENERAL BODY MEETING:

AIBSNLREA East Vidarbha Branch (Nagpur) conducted its General Body meeting on 08.04.2026, at Dr.B.R.Ambedkar Hall, Uroovela colony, Wardha Road Nagpur under the Presidentship of com.B. D.Nikam. After his address, two minutes' silence was observed in memory of members who had expired in the interim period. After a brief mention about the AIC by the President, Com.N.R.Rachakondawar, Secretary gave a detailed report on the AIC Varanasi. He highlighted the discussions over the GS Report and the action by CHQ in pursuing the grievance of VRS retirees of ST community who are being harassed, denying all retiral benefits, in the name of validation of caste certificate and hoped that CHQ will resolve the issue in the near future. He explained the discussions on restoration of commutation, additional quantum of pension after the age of 65, 70 and 75 years, increasing FMA to Rs.3000, pay revision of BSNL employees, pension revision of BSNL pensioners, full exemption from income tax for exgratia received by VRS retirees, delay in orders for revision of IDA etc. Asst. State Secretary Com.S.S.Lonkar spoke about the AIC and appreciated the nice arrangements by the host Branch, Varanasi. Financial Secretary Com.B.P.Mazumdar presented the statement of Accounts and was passed by the House. Queries raised by the participants were answered by President, Vice President and Secretary. It was decided to honour the members who crossed the age of 75. Meeting concluded with vote of thanks by Com.Bhola Kamble, Asst.Secretary [View the Photos](#)

08.04.2026: ANNUAL GENERAL BODY MEETING OF AIBSNLREA INDORE BRANCH (MP STATE) HELD:

The AGB meeting of AIBSNLREA Indore Branch was held on 04.04.2026 at Hotel Apsra Ravindra Natyagrah, Indore under the Presidentship of Com. S K Jain. 70 members were present. Secretary Com.N C Yadav placed his report before the House. The report unanimously passed. Then the Financial Secretary placed Statement of Accounts. Members who raised doubts about State quota were informed that the quota would be transferred after formation of State body. Resolution was passed seeking formation of State body. New office bearers were elected unanimously.

President Com. ND Mahashwari

vice President Com. RS Chodary

Secretary Com. NC Yadav

Asst secretary Com. RB Banke

Finance secretary Com. TS Negi

Asst Finance secretary Com. MY Khan

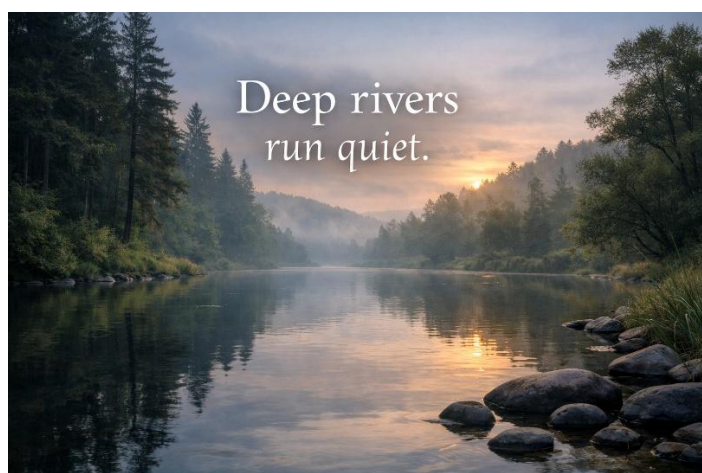
Executive Members: Coms. RC Tiwari, RC Soni, M Suryanarayan, Mahesh Sharma, DC Pure, DA Tejwani, UC Jaiswal.

The meeting ended with the vote of thanks by Com. RB Banke. [View the Photos](#)



STATEMENT OF AMOUNT RECEIVED DURING MARCH & APRIL 2026

- 01. Mumbai Branch (Maharashtra State)** deposited Rupees Six Thousand Five Hundred (Rs.6500/-) only on **01.03.2026** towards delegate fee for one delegate.
- 02. Coimbatore Branch (Tamilnadu State)** deposited Rupees Three Hundred (Rs.300/-) only on **09.03.2026** towards CHQ quota for one new life member.
- 03. Virudhunagar Branch (Tamilnadu State)** deposited Rupees One Thousand Two Hundred (Rs.1200/-) only on **11.03.2026** towards CHQ quota for four new life members.
- 04. Com.Rajan Rajopadhye** deposited Rupees Ten Thousand (Rs.10000/-) only on **12.03.2026** towards donation to CHQ.
- 05. ALTTC Ghaziabad Branch (UP State)** deposited Rupees Three Hundred (Rs.300/-) only on **13.03.2026** towards CHQ quota for one new life member.
- 06. Kolhapur Branch (Maharashtra State)** deposited Rupees One Thousand (Rs.1000/-) only on **16.03.2026** for conversion of one delegate to guest.
- 07. Jaunpur Branch (UP State)** deposited Rupees Six Thousand Five Hundred (Rs.6500/-) only on **17.03.2026** towards delegate fee for one delegate.
- 08. Ujjain Branch (MP State)** deposited Rupees Three Hundred (Rs.300/-) only on **31.03.2026** towards CHQ quota for one new life member.
- 09. Ambala Branch (Haryana State)** deposited Rupees Nine Hundred (Rs.900/-) only on **15.04.2026** towards CHQ quota for three new life members.



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