



Editorial

IMPLEMENTATION OF VII CPC RECOMMENDATIONS – IN THE EXPECTED LINES

Following the decisions taken by the Government of India on the various recommendations of VII CPC, curtain is almost dropped on an exercise that takes place after every 10 years. Now there is a wait only for issue of various orders by DOP&PW to implement the decisions.

In regard to the pensioners, the VII CPC practically gave nothing except raising the ceiling limit of the Gratuity and its periodical revision linking the same with the rise of Dearness Allowance. BSNL pensioners retiring henceforth will also be benefited out of this and even those pensioners from BSNL who retired between 1.1.2016 and 31.12.2016 will get the benefit provided as per their last pay drawn, they were entitled to get gratuity over the present limit of 10 lakhs.

We have seen tremendous activities and interests shown by a few BSNL pensioners welfare associations surrounding the VII CPC. One such Association even got one of their demands, which they considered very vital for the BSNL pensioners, placed before the VII CPC through another Government Pensioners Forum. Their much hyped and widely propagated issue of “same fitment

formula” “for pension revision granted to central government pensioners should be extended to BSNL retirees’ which they publicized in a big way, no doubt could create illusion in the minds of a section of BSNL pensioners, but it failed to impress the VII CPC. Unfortunately for them, their mentioning of the issue, again as part of the Pensioners Group in Bengaluru, made no impact on the CPC Members touring all over India for some survey. Naturally, VII CPC did not say a word on this demand in its Report. Undeterred by this development, they approached other authorities and even wrote a letter to the Cabinet Secretary who headed an Expert Committee set up by the Government of India to process the recommendations of the VII CPC. But alas! Even the Expert Committee took no notice of the demand. Perhaps, according to their own words neither VII CPC nor the Expert Committee members were “sensible people” to appreciate their stand.

We knew from the very beginning that such demand goes against the very spirit of settled law on pension revision which says that pension revision becomes due only when the pay scale of the serving employees are revised. CPCs and the Government are strictly following [contd...]

this policy as ordered by the Apex Court. Adoption of different fitment formula for serving employees and the pensioners would certainly disturb the balance between past and present pensioners. This goes against the orders of the Apex Court which no Commission/Committee or Government can disturb. We have joined BSNL on absorption and according to sub Rule 4 and sub-rule 24 of Rule-37A, we are deemed to have retired from Government service from the day we joined BSNL and started drawing pay on IDA scale with IDA DA. Our pension is also fixed on IDA pay and our quarterly DA rise is also on IDA pattern. Mere fact that the Government has taken the responsibility to pay pension to us, does not make us as Government pensioners. When the pension revision of pre-2007 BSNL pensioners/family pensioners was ordered, the same fitment formula which was given to the serving employees was applied in case of the BSNL pensioners/family pensioners also. Recently, the MOC&IT, in response to a question raised in Parliament has categorically stated that "On the basis of the pay revision orders issued by Department of Public Enterprises, pension/family pension of DOT employees absorbed in BSNL are revised with the approval of Cabinet from time to time". Still, if some people are not ready to accept

the reality, no one can be blamed.

As far as AIBSNLREA is concerned, it also submitted Memorandum to VII CPC - but only on pensionary benefits related issues which was duly acknowledged by the Commission. The Association did not touch the issue of "same fitment benefit" formula as demanded by others. Thus, they had an open goal to score. But they failed and as usual blame game started from their side. Yes, we did not try to meet the CPC, but we are happy that at least one of our submissions to the VII CPC to raise the ceiling limit of Gratuity and more importantly periodical rise of the ceiling limit linking it to DA rise has been accepted by the CPC. Thus, our memorandum to CPC did not go unnoticed. Many of us have seen many CPCs earlier while in service and had the opportunity to tender Oral Evidence on the invite of CPC at its office. We were not part of any Federation or Forum, but still we got the opportunity. Thus, even without using the shoulder of bigger forum, one can get the attention of the CPC provided there is substance in its memorandum. On our part, we will continue to be sensible to laws for the pensioners as set by Apex court since no authority can tinker with those. ☹☹☹

INCREASE IN IDA W.E.F. 1.7.2016

According to calculations based on All India Consumer Price Index for Industrial Workers, IDA is to be increased w.e.f. 1.7.2016 by 2.4% for CPSEs where last pay revision was implemented w.e.f. 1.1.2007 and by 4% where last pay revision was implemented w.e.f. 1.1.1997.

3rd PAY REVISION COMMITTEE FOR THE CPSE EXECUTIVES CONSTITUTED

Government has already announced constitution of 3rd Pay Revision Committee in order to review and revise the existing structure of emoluments of the CPSE Executives. Justice Satish Chandra (Retd) is the Chairman of the Committee. Shri Jugal Mahapatra, Ex-IAS Officer, Prof. Manoj Panda, Director, Institute for Economic Growth and Shri Shailendra Pal Singh, Ex-Director (HR), NTPC Ltd are the Members of the Committee. Secretary, DPE is the Ex-officio Member of the Committee and Jt.Secretary/Addl.Secretary, DPE is the Member Secretary. While finalising its report, the Committee will also take into account the report of the VII Pay Commission. The Committee is to make its recommendations to the Government within a period of six months from the date of its constitution. The decision of the Government on the recommendations of the Committee is to take effect from 1.1.2017.

ISSUES TAKEN UP

BENEFIT OF PAY FIXATION TO THE ABSORBED GROUP C & D EMPLOYEES OF BSNL IN TERMS OF AN OPTION TO RETAIN GOVERNMENT PAY SCALE TILL THEIR PROMOTION OR RETIREMENT WHICHEVER IS EARLIER – AIBSNLREA WRITES TO GM(ESTT), BSNL CORPORATE OFFICE TO SUPPLY THE REQUISITE INFORMATION AS ASKED FOR BY DOT: Having received the information that Department of Telecommunication had asked BSNL Corporate Office to supply some information as wanted by Internal Finance Division of DOT and DOP&PW to examine the above issue, AIBSNLREA has since requested General Manager (Estt), BSNL Corporate Office to supply the requisite information early to DOT. [Posting dated 24.06.2016 in this website be viewed to read the letter](#)

AIBSNLREA WRITES TO SECRETARY (PENSION), DOP&PW REQUESTING ISSUE OF CLARIFICATION REGARDING APPLICABILITY OF THE EXISTING ORDER ON CALCULATION OF PENSION FOR THE PRE-2006 PENSIONERS: In the backdrop of the OM dated 6.4.2016 issued by DOP&PW for delinking of 33 years of qualifying service for revision of pension of pre-2006 Pensioners, AIBSNLREA has requested Secretary (Pension) to issue clarification “whether the existing order on calculation of pension to the retiring employees as 50% of the emolument or average of last 10 months emoluments whichever is beneficial to the retiree stands extended to the pre-2006 pensioners also”. [Posting dated 22.06.2016 in this website be viewed to read the letter](#)

NON-SANCTION OF EX-GRATIA LUMP SUM COMPENSATION TO THE FAMILY OF LATE SHRI K D MAURYA, EX-SR. SDE (OFC), JAUNPUR- AIBSNLREA TAKES UP THE MATTER WITH DOT: AIBSNLREA addresses a letter to Member (Services), Telecom Commission regarding abnormal delay in sanction of lump sum compensation to the family of Late Shri K D Maurya, ex-Sr SDE(OFC), Jaunpur under NTR Delhi who expired in a road accident while on duty and travelling in a departmental vehicle on 9.5.2000. Pointing out that BSNL Corporate Office has since sent the case to the Pension Section of DOT, the Association has requested Member (Services) for expeditious issue of the sanction order for payment of ex-gratia lump sum compensation to the

family of Late Shri K D Maurya. [Posting dated 20.06.2016 in this website be viewed to read the letter](#)

AIBSNLREA WRITES TO PRINCIPAL CCA, DELHI REGARDING NON-PAYMENT OF FAMILY PENSION UNDER EXTRA ORDINARY PENSION RULES TO THE WIFE OF LATE SHRI K D MAURYA, EX-SR SDE (OFC), JAUNPUR: AIBSNLREA has since addressed a letter to Principal CCA, Delhi drawing his attention to the above case in which the family pension under Extra-Ordinary Pension Rules, 1939 with enhanced pension at the rate of 60% for life has not been sanctioned till this day even after seven years of tragic death of Shri K D Maurya, ex-Sr SDE(OFC) in a road accident while on duty and travelling in a departmental vehicle. AIBSNLREA has requested for his intervention in the matter since the case has been sent to CAO (Pension) in his office for orders. [Posting dated 18.06.2016 in this website be viewed to read the letter](#)

INTRODUCTION OF ONLINE TRACKING SYSTEM TO KNOW THE STATUS OF MEDICAL CLAIMS BY THE BSNL PENSIONERS/FAMILY PENSIONERS - AIBSNLREA WRITES TO CMD, BSNL: In the background of the acute problems that the BSNL pensioners/family pensioners do face to know the status of their medical claim bills, AIBSNLREA has addressed a letter to CMD, BSNL requesting him to introduce one online tracking system “in all the BSNL Offices where the medical claim bills are processed and payment made. Information on the status of the claim bills at every stage of disposal should be made available. The concerned pensioners/family pensioners should be able to view the status from computers. This will certainly go a long way to remove a genuine difficulty of the pensioners”. [Posting dated 01.06.2016 in this website be viewed to read the letter.](#)

ACTION ON AIBSNLREA’S REPRESENTATIONS

ALLOWING NOTIONAL ANNUAL INCREMENT TO THE PENSIONERS WHO COMPLETE ONE FULL YEAR’S SERVICE ON THE DATE OF THEIR RETIREMENT BUT FAIL TO GET THEIR ANNUAL INCREMENT WHICH FALL ON THE NEXT DAY OF THEIR RETIREMENT: Ministry of Finance (Department of Expenditure) has not agreed to AIBSNLREA’s request to allow grant of notional annual increment to the pensioners who complete full one year’s service on the date of their retirement but fail to earn normal increment since the date of next increment falls on the very next day of their retirement. The issue was taken up by the Association with Department of Personnel & Training (DoP&T) which had forwarded the representation to Ministry of Finance. The Association had taken up this case to enable such pensioners to get benefit of fixation of pension. [Posting dated 26.06.2016 in this website be viewed to read the MOF letter](#)

DOP&PW FORWARDS AIBSNLREA’S LETTER IN THE MATTER OF ISSUE OF IDENTITY CARD TO THE ABSORBED BSNL PENSIONERS TO DOT: Department of Pension & Pensioners’ Welfare has since forwarded AIBSNLREA’s letter No. AIBSNLREA/CHQ/2016/19 dated 18.05.2016, about inaction by DOT to get the Identity Cards issued to the absorbed BSNL pensioners in the revised format and linking the Aadhar number as prescribed in DOP&PW No. 41/21/2000-P&PW(D) dated 12.08.2015 [view posting dated 20.6.2015 in this website to read the letter]. DOP&PW has asked DOT to take further necessary action on the matter. The letter was addressed by the Association to Secretary (Pension). [Posting dated 22.06.2016 in this website be viewed to read the DOP&PW letter](#)

BRANCHES IN ACTION

AIBSNLREA BRANCH FORMED IN TIRUNELVELI, TAMILNADU: Inaugural meeting of AIBSNLREA Tirunelveli Branch, Tamilnadu was held on 21st June 2016 and Shri SSA Samsu Mohideen, Retd.SDE, Shri S.Arumugam, Retd. JTO and Shri S.Muthukumar, Retd. JTO were elected as President, Secretary and Finance Secretary respectively. Shri Meenakshisundaram Retd. SDE was elected as delegate to the AIC to be held at Bhubaneswar.

BRANCH OF AIBSNLREA AT HAMIRPUR IN HIMACHAL PRADESH STATE FORMERD: A branch of AIBSNLREA at Hamirpur in Himachal Pradesh State was formed with the following Office bearers:-
1. President: Shri Kanshi Ram Chouhan, DE (Retd), 2. Branch Secretary: Shri D.L.R.Daroch, AGM (Retd), 3. Financial Secretary: Shri S.L.Syal, DE (Retd), 4. Organizing Secretary: Shri Puranchand, DE (Retd), 5. Executive Committee Member: Shri Chuni Lal, DE (Retd).

AIBSNLREA, EAST GODAVARI BRANCH FELICIATES GMTD: The members of East Godavari Branch of AIBSNLREA felicitated GMTD East Godavari District Sri A Sreenivasa Rao on his request transfer to Visakhapatnam at 10.30hrs on 23-06-2016. He did a lot to help to pensioners. All the five hospitals in the SSA are empanelled because of his personal initiative. All the medical bills upto February 2016 were also cleared in the month of March 2016, because of his personal intervention. Earlier, the medical bills were not being cleared in the SSA for years together due to several reasons. He used to clear the applications seeking permissions for indoor treatment with in no time. The delegation of the members thanked and honored him with Saal and presented a bouquet on behalf of the Association. [Posting dated 23.06.2016 in this website be viewed for photographs.](#)

NEW BRANCH OF AIBSNLREA FORMED IN COIMBATORE, TAMILNADU: In a meeting of the retired BSNL Executives of Coimbatore held on 8.6.2016 at Sri Krishna Vilas, Coimbatore, a new Branch of AIBSNLREA was formed. The Retired Executives first discussed about the exclusive issues faced by BSNL pensioners and then decided to form AIBSNLREA branch at Coimbatore. Office-bearers were elected unanimously with Shri M.Ponnuswamy DGM (Retd) as President, Shri R.Damodaran SDE (Retd) as Secretary and Shri J.Ramalingam SDE (Retd) as Finance Secretary. Smt.V.Usha, Retd. CAO was elected as delegate of the Coimbatore branch to attend the AIC at Bhubaneswar. [Posting dated 10.06.2016 in this website be viewed to get the list of office bearers.](#)

EAST GODAVARI BRANCH OF AIBSNLREA SUBMITS MEMORANDUM TO MOC&IT: East Godavari Branch of AIBSNLREA welcomed Shri Ravi Shankar Prasad, Minister of Communications & IT by presenting him a bouquet at 17.30 hrs on 4.6.2016 in the Rangaraya Medical College Auditorium, Kakinada. They also submitted a Memorandum highlighting some long pending grievances of the absorbed BSNL pensioners. The delegation from the Association comprised of District President Sri GV Ramakrishna, Branch Secretary Varaprasad GSVSS, Finance Secretary Sri KBS Naidu, Shri Gandhi Ch, Shri Baby Rao, Shri Bhagiratha Rao PVV, Shri Raja Gopala Rao and Shri Satya Rao T. [Posting dated 05.06.2016 in this website be viewed to read the Memorandum.](#)

STATEMENT OF AMOUNT RECEIVED DURING JUNE 2016

Allahabad Branch (UP State) has deposited Rupees six thousand (Rs 6,000.00) only in CHQ's S/B Account with Syndicate Bank on 27.06.2016 towards AIC Delegate Fee for two (2) delegates.

Pune Branch (Maharashtra State) has deposited Rupees eight hundred (Rs. 800.00) only in CHQ's S/B Account with Syndicate Bank on 22.06.2016 towards quota for four (4) new Life Members.

Indore Branch (Madhya Pradesh State) has deposited Rupees six thousand (Rs 6,000.00) only in CHQ's S/B Account with Syndicate Bank on 21.06.2016 towards AIC Delegate Fee for two (2) delegates.

Jabalpur Branch (Madhya Pradesh State) has deposited Rupees five thousand four hundred (Rs 5,400.00) only in CHQ's S/B Account with Syndicate Bank on 20.06.2016 towards Guest Charge for one Guest participant.

Coimbatore Branch (Tamilnadu State) has deposited Rupees four thousand two hundred (Rs. 4,200.00) only in CHQ's S/B Account with Syndicate Bank on 17.06.2016 towards quota for twenty one (21) new Life Members.

Sangrur Branch (Punjab State) has deposited Rupees four hundred (Rs 400.00) only in CHQ's S/B Account with Syndicate Bank on 16.06.2016 towards quota for two (2) new Life Members.

Indore Branch (Madhya Pradesh State) has deposited Rupees three thousand (Rs 3,000.00) only in CHQ's S/B Account with Syndicate Bank on 15.06.2016 towards AIC Delegate Fee for one (1) delegate.

Bhopal Branch (Madhya Pradesh State) has deposited Rupees six thousand (Rs 6,000.00) only in CHQ's S/B Account with Syndicate Bank on 14.06.2016 towards AIC Delegate Fee for two (2) delegates.

Delhi Head Quarters Branch has deposited Rupees three thousand (Rs 3,000.00) only in cash on 14.06.2016 towards AIC Delegate Fee for one (1) delegate.

Chennai Branch (Tamilnadu State) has deposited Rupees five thousand four hundred (Rs 5,400.00) only in CHQ's Account with Syndicate Bank on 14.06.2016 towards Guest Charge for one guest participant.

Hubli Branch (Karnataka State) has deposited Rupees fifteen thousand (Rs 15,000.00) only in CHQ's Account with Syndicate Bank on 13.06.2016 towards AIC Delegate Fee for 5 delegates.

Gujarat State Branch has deposited Rupees thirty six thousand (Rs 36,000.00) only in CHQ's Account with Syndicate Bank on 13.06.2016 towards AIC Delegate Fee for 12 delegates.

Pune Branch (Maharashtra State) has deposited Rupees twenty one thousand six hundred (Rs 21,600.00) only in CHQ's S/B Account with Syndicate Bank on 13.06.2016 towards AIC Guest charges for 4 guest participants.

Chennai Branch (Tamilnadu State) has deposited Rupees three thousand two hundred (Rs 3,200.00) only in CHQ's Account with Syndicate Bank on 10.06.2016 towards quota for 16 new life members.

Erode Branch (Tamilnadu State) has deposited Rupees twenty five thousand two hundred (Rs 25,200.00) only in CHQ's Account with Syndicate Bank on 10.06.2016 towards AIC Delegate Fees for 3 delegates and

Guest Charges for 3 guest participants.

West Bengal State Branch has deposited Rupees twenty four thousand (Rs 24,000.00) only in CHQ's Account with Syndicate Bank on 09.06.2016 towards AIC Delegate Fee for 8 delegates.

Chennai Branch (Tamilnadu State) has deposited Rupees three thousand six hundred (Rs 3,600.00) only in CHQ's Account with Syndicate Bank on 08.06.2016 towards balance amount AIC Delegate Fee in respect of 8 delegates.

West Bengal State Branch has deposited Rupees twenty four thousand (Rs 24,000.00) only in CHQ's Account with Syndicate Bank on 08.06.2016 towards AIC Delegate Fee for 8 delegates.

Kolhapur Branch (Maharashtra State) has deposited Rupees thirty seven thousand five hundred (Rs 37,500.00) only in CHQ's Account with Syndicate Bank on 06.06.2016 towards AIC Delegate Fee for 9 delegates and Guest charges for 2 guest participants.

Chennai Branch(Tamilnadu State) has deposited Rupees twenty thousand four hundred (Rs 20,400.00) only in CHQ's Account with Syndicate Bank on 06.06.2016 towards AIC Delegate Fee.

Trichy Branch (Tamilnadu State) has deposited Rupees thirteen thousand eight hundred (Rs 13,800.00) only in CHQ's Account with Syndicate Bank on 04.06.2016 towards AIC Delegate Fee for 1 delegate and/Guest charges for 2 guest participants.

Raipur Branch (Chhattishgrah State) has deposited Rupees ten thousand eight hundred (Rs 10,800.00) only in CHQ's Account with Syndicate Bank on 03.06.2016 towards AIC Delegate Fee (Rs. 9,000/-) for three (3) delegates and L.M Fee (Rs 1800/-) for 9 new members..

Dhanbad Branch (Jharkhand State) has deposited Rupees six thousand (Rs 6,000.00) only in CHQ's Account with Syndicate Bank on 03.06.2016 towards AIC Delegate Fee for two (2) delegates.

Mumbai Branch (Maharashtra State) has deposited Rupees eleven thousand five hundred (Rs 11,500.00) only in CHQ's Account with Syndicate Bank on 02.06.2016 towards AIC Delegate fee/guest charges.

Varanasi Branch (UP State) has deposited Rupees three thousand (Rs 3,000.00) only in CHQ's Account with Syndicate Bank on 02.06.2016 towards AIC Delegate Fee for one (1) delegate.

East Vidarbha (Nagpur) Branch (Maharashtra State) has deposited Rupees eighteen thousand (Rs 18,000.00) only in CHQ's Account with Syndicate Bank on 01.06.2016 towards AIC Delegate Fee for six (6) delegates.

Delhi South West Branch has deposited Rupees three thousand (Rs 3,000.00) only in cash on 01.06.2016 towards AIC Delegate Fee for one (1) delegate.

Trichy Branch (Tamilnadu State) has deposited Rupees six hundred (Rs 600.00) only in CHQ's Account with Karur Vysya Bank on 31.05.2016 towards quota for 3 new life members.