



Editorial

IS IT REALLY A VICTORY OR SURRENDER?

The Cabinet Meeting held on 5th July 2016 and its clearance of the DOT's proposal on revision of pension of pre 10.06.2013 absorbed BSNL pensioners by allowing the fitment benefit by merger of 78.2% DA and modifying the present arrangement between DOT and BSNL on pension liability finally put at rest all the speculations. The cabinet meeting scheduled for 6th July, 2016 i.e. another Wednesday fixed for regular meetings was advanced by a day in view of holiday on account of Id. However, till the last moment, the rumor mongers did not stop their game. Even when the AIC of AIBSNLREA was in session on July 3rd, some delegates reported messages being received in their mobiles that cabinet secretariat has rejected the DOT's proposal and the file has come back to MOC&IT's office. Even an association, claiming to be champion of the causes of the pensioners and who spread this news, also put up this in their website on July 4, 2016. But the very next day when PIB reported that the Cabinet has indeed cleared the proposal, they lost no time to delete this message from their website – a special characteristic which is always associated with them. Now they are celebrating. In fact, for the last one month, we have been noticing the fierce competition among some associations for wild celebration on the occasion.

Unfortunately, they have no option but to make an attempt to cover up the sin that they committed by calling the DOT's Presidential directive dated 10.06.2013 as "notional" which helped DOT to deny the benefit of actual pay fixation to these pensioners who were in service on 1.1.2007 but retired before 10.06.2013 – thus depriving them of their arrears of pay/pension, enhanced DCRG. Leave encashment and Commuted Value of Pension. The pre-2007 pensioners also felt the heat. Like Goebbels of Nazi regime, they tried to put in the heads of the pensioners that they have got a Great Gift, so that they do not have time to assess what they lost and what they are getting.

But, AIBSNLREA knew beforehand what is coming out of the DOT's proposal. Even a lay man could get the idea of this, had he remembered the actual wordings in DOE's letter dated 15.10.2014 clearing DOT's proposal for extending the fitment benefit by merger of 78.2% DA on notional basis. This letter was very much in public domain. We knew what is coming and decided to accept whatever comes and then knock the door of the court to get justice. In our recently concluded All India Conference held at Bhubaneswar, even before the Cabinet

approval was known, the proposal to go to the court was approved in one voice.

Being a responsible pensioners' association, AIBSNLREA could not join the competition to claim victory for this half-baked decision and go for celebration mode when all the BSNL pensioners are bleeding. We cannot think of adding salt to the wound of those pensioners who retired between 01.01.2007 and 09.06.2013 by celebrating when their right to get pay fixation w.e.f. 01.01.2007 on actual basis has been denied, payment of enhanced DCRG, Leave Encashment, Commuted Value of Pension and pay arrears snatched away. We cannot celebrate when the pre-2007 pensioners are denied their pension arrears from 01.01.2007 to 09.06.2013 and the pre-

10.06.2013 pensioners are deprived of their pay/pension arrears between 01.01.2007 and 09.06.2013. Let others enjoy, celebrate, call this their victory despite the fact that the pensioners are bleeding due to their backstabbing. On its part, AIBSNLREA will leave no stone unturned to ensure that the wound of the pensioners is healed and the bleeding stops once for all. It is certainly approaching the court of law seeking for justice. But the basic question that must occupy one's mind is that whether it is the victory for the pensioners or the administration?

Have we ever seen people celebrating when they are robbed off their belongings i.e in this case the legitimate dues of the pensioners? This is sheer madness.



FIRST ALL INDIA CONFERENCE OF AIBSNLREA

AIBSNLREA had its first All India Conference on 2nd and 3rd July, 2016 at Prangan by Mango Hotels in Bhubaneswar, Odisha. Over 150 participants from various states of the country attended the Conference.



The response from the branches was really overwhelming. The two day conference was held in a very friendly and homely atmosphere. The occasion was not seen merely as a routine Conference, but an occasion for reunion of all old colleagues who had once rubbed their shoulders for more than three decades while working in both DOT and BSNL. The House was always full and the delegates showed keen interest in the discussions and deliberations. The Conference witnessed participation by retired BSNL Executives with the same liveliness, interest, enthusiasm and excitement as was witnessed during the days when

they were in service. There was no break in it. Deliberations were as purposeful and focused as it used to be in their younger years.

The Conference started with introduction of the flag of the Association. This was followed by the welcome address by Shri P K Mohanty, Secretary of the Odisha State Branch. Shri V.Chinnappiah, Vice-President

of the outgoing body chaired the conference since Shri P D Shukla, the President of the outgoing body could not make it to the Conference due to his bad health. Shri R C Sharma, the other Vice-President assisted him. Shri Chinnappiah delivered the presidential address and stated that all CHQ Office Bearers and CWC Members are free to take part in all the discussions including on the report of the General Secretary. He further said that all the delegates will be given full opportunity to air their views on all relevant issues. He also wanted the cooperation of all the



participants for smooth conduct of the business of the house. This was followed by observation of one minute's silence in memory of all the departed colleagues. Chennai Branch presented shawl to the General Secretary and the Convenor of the Conference Shri P.K. Mohanty. Delegates from East Godavari Branch presented a shawl to the General Secretary and handed over Rs.15,000 as donation to the CHQ. Thereafter, Shri S Basu, General Secretary presented his Report to the house touching upon all the important events that took place during these years and the involvement and positive contributions of AIBSNLREA in those matters. In his report, he dwelt upon how on important issues AIBSNLREA has different perceptions from those propagated by others. Confusion created by demand by other pensioners' associations on various issues, particularly in respect of their much hyped demand for 7th CPC fitment benefit to BSNL pensioners was cleared and every participant has returned back with clarity and contentment regarding AIBSNLREA's stand on the issues. After a threadbare discussions on the issues presented by GS in his report, it was passed unanimously.

A Special Session was also held on the first day of the Conference i.e. in the evening of 2nd July, 2016 with



the CGMT Odisha Circle, former CGMT Odisha Circle, Joint CCA, Odisha, Sr. GM and GM (HR) of Odisha circle as Special Invitees. This was followed by Dinner with the guests and participants.

Next day, i.e on 3rd July, 2016, Finance Secretary Shri Hariram Bharti placed the statements of accounts for all the past years. After some clarifications, these were also passed by the House. There were serious discussions on the proposals to amend the Rules and Regulations of the Association. The House decided to have only Life Membership in future and the provision

for membership on monthly/quarterly subscription basis was abrogated.

Various resolutions moved by the branches and the states were taken up for discussions and adoption. All the queries on resolutions and other issues raised by the delegates were replied to their satisfaction. The Branch/State Secretaries' report submitted in the house added color to the proceedings. Thereafter, the house nominated Shri L Sundararaman, Secretary, Chennai Branch as the Chairman to conduct the

election. He was assisted by S/Shri R S Arora and S P Singh State Secretary, UP and Branch Secretary Lucknow respectively. The old body was then dissolved and a new set of office-bearers was elected unanimously. After the oath taking ceremony was over, Shri V Chinnappaiah, President thanked the participants and others for helping in the smooth conduct of this historic conference. He finally declared the Conference as closed. [Please open the “AIC BHUBANESWAR” page available in the left hand side of this website to get the details of the AIC including GS Report, Resolutions, Photographs etc -Ed]



BSNL PENSIONERS ~~BLIND~~ – SOME CELEBRATE, CALL THIS THEIR VICTORY

Ever since the news appeared in the PIB website that the Union Cabinet advanced its scheduled meeting by a day, and held it on 5th July 2016 to consider some pending cabinet notes and cleared the DOT’s proposal for “... extending the benefit of merger of 50% DA w.e.f. 01.01.2007 effectively amounting to 78.2% for the purpose of fitment in respect of Pre-2007 BSNL pensioners/family pensioners retired prior to 01.01.2007 and Post-2007 BSNL pensioners/family pensioners retired during the period from 01.01.2007 to 09.06.2013”, there is wild celebrations in some pensioners’ associations calling this as their victory.

Yes, it is certainly their victory, since it is they who tried their level best to convince the DOT that the Presidential Directive dated 10.06.2013 issued by DOT for extending the fitment benefit for fixation of pay by merger of 78.2% IDA to the absorbed BSNL pensioners is nothing but “notional”. They really have reasons to celebrate because DOT obliged them by fixing the pay on “notional basis” to a large section of the pensioners - even though none of the DPE’s Order dated 02.04.2009, DOT’s Presidential Directive dated 10.06.2013 and BSNL’s Pay fixation Orders dated 8.7.2013 called this as “notional.” Moreover, how could the same Order be “actual” to those who were in service on 01.01.2007 but retired on or after 10.06.2013 and “notional” for them who were also very much in service on 01.01.2007 but retired before 10.06.2013? There can be no second opinion that calling the Presidential Directive dated 10.06.2013 as “notional” and its faulty application is solely responsible for denial of pay fixation benefit on ‘actual basis’ w.e.f. 01.01.2007 to those pensioners who were in service on 01.01.2007 but retired before 10.06.2013 - thereby forcing them to lose the right to get pay/pension arrears, enhanced DCRG, commuted value of pension and leave encashment.

At that time one of these associations from south cited untenable past Government Orders to prove their theory that the Presidential Directive is indeed “notional”. Again a great thinker from east who is an important office bearer of a pensioners’ association run by the

General Secretary of a serving executives' association and was also in the forefront to prove that the Presidential Directive was nothing but "notional", even went on to moot an unique idea of fixation of pay for those who retired between 01.01.2007 and 09.06.2013 on their last month or last day of their service with 78.2% IDA merger. This is that association which was also part of the Forum which signed an agreement with BSNL for 'deferment of arrears' but finally accepted without any resistance DOT's verdict through its Presidential Directive dated 10.6.2013 that "No arrears will be paid".

We had then countered their views through our various "write ups" with facts, figures and rules which appeared in our website and are still available. But the DOT, on its part, took the advantage of the situation and even asked BSNL to clarify whether "the pay will be revised notionally" [\[view the DOT letter\]](#). DOT found a great opportunity in it to deny many benefits including 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.

On our part, we tried our best to ensure that the revised fitment benefit on actual basis is allowed to all those who were in service on 01.01.2007, but unfortunately we failed. We knew what is coming and decided to accept whatever comes and then knock the door of the court to get justice. In our recently concluded All India Conference held at Bhubaneswar, even before the Cabinet approval was known, the proposal to go to the court was approved in one voice. We have been preparing ourselves for long for this and once the Order for pension revision gets implemented, we shall move to the court not only to extend the above stated benefits to those who retired between 01.01.2007 and 09.06.2013, but also to allow pension arrears to the pre-2007 BSNL pensioners and also pay arrears for those who retired/retiring after 09.06.2013.

Celebrations are akin to Indian traditions. We celebrate on many occasions like birth of a child, passing out in exams, getting jobs, marriage, new home, promotion, retirement and what not. There are many religious festivals and functions also to celebrate. There is nothing wrong, if there are reasons to celebrate. But will anyone celebrate on getting only a paltry part of the dues, withheld unjustifiably for years and forfeiting major portion of one's dues? Shall we not even think about what we have lost, before such celebration? Shall we not realize that this is not a gift or bonus to us but only a part of our lawful dues? The latest cabinet decision might have brought some relief, but is certainly not enough to go for wild celebration.

Being a responsible pensioners' association, we cannot celebrate when all the BSNL Pensioners bleed. We cannot think of adding salt to the wound of those pensioners who retired between 1.1.2007 and 9.6.2013 by celebrating when their right to get pay fixation w.e.f. 01.01.2007 on actual basis has been denied, payment of enhanced DCRG, Leave Encashment,

Commutated Value of Pension and pay arrears snatched away. We cannot celebrate when the pre-2007 pensioners are denied their pension arrears from 01.01.2007 to 09.06.2013 and the post 10.06.2013 pensioners are deprived of their pay arrears between 01.01.2007 and 09.06.2013. Let others enjoy, celebrate, call this their victory despite the fact that the pensioners are bleeding due to their back-stabbing, but our Association will leave no stone unturned to ensure that the wound of the pensioners is healed and the bleeding stops once for all. **We shall certainly celebrate, but only when all get justice.**

ISSUES TAKEN UP

AIBSNLREA LODGES PROTEST AGAINST DOT'S DECISION TO DEPRIVE THE ABSORBED BSNL PENSIONERS OF THEIR LEGITIMATE DUES ON ACCOUNT OF PAY/PENSION AREARS, DCRG, LEAVE ENCHAHMENT AND COMMUTATION VALUE OF PENSION WHILE EXTENDING THE FITMENT BENEFIT BY MERGER OF 78.2% DA: On behalf of the members of the Association and also on behalf those absorbed BSNL pensioners, who are convinced that the decision of DOT on the above issue depriving them the benefit of regular fixation of pay/pension with fitment benefit by merger of 78.2% DA as on 1.1.2007 is totally unjust and unfair, AIBSNLREA has conveyed to Secretary (T) and MOSC&IT its total disapproval of the said decision and lodged strong protest for depriving the consequential benefits of pay/pension arrears, DCRG, Leave Encashment and Commuted Value of Pension by unilaterally terming the fixation as "notional". The Association has added that 'this decision of the DOT to deprive the pensioners of their right to get their legitimate dues goes against the very assertion by our Hon'ble Prime Minister, which he conveyed through his Message to the Elders dated March 31st 2015, that "My Government is thus committed to ensuring that your golden years are spent happily, peacefully and meaningfully". Therefore, we cannot be expected to spend our days happily, peacefully and meaningfully in the face of such raw deal by Department of Telecommunications'. [Posting dated 24.07.2016 in this website be viewed to read the letter.](#)

AIBSNLREA TAKES UP WITH DDG(ESTT), DOT THE DIFFICULTIES BEING FACED IN THE FIELD UNITS FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF DOP&PW OM REGARDING DELINKING OF 33 YEARS OF QUALIFYING SERVICE FOR REVISION OF PENSION IN RESPECT OF PRE-2006 ABSORBED BSNL PENSIONERS: AIBSNLREA has addressed a letter to Dy. Director General (Estt), Department of Telecommunications and others regarding the difficulties being faced in the field units for implementation of DOP&PW OM dated 06.04.2016 duly endorsed by DOT on 05.05.2016 in respect of absorbed pre-2006 absorbed BSNL pensioners. Some units are doubting its applicability in case of the absorbed BSNL pensioners and some are asking for the endorsement by BSNL. AIBSNLREA has requested DDG(Estt) to resolve the issue at the earliest. [Posting dated 21.07.2016 in this website be viewed to read the letter.](#)

CONCESSIONAL TELEPHONE FACILITIES TO THE BSNL PENSIONERS - AIBSNLREA WRITES TO CMD, BSNL ON FEW ASPECTS OF THE ISSUE: Based on the discussions In the All India Conference of AIBSNLREA held on 2nd and 3rd July, 2016 in Bhubaneswar, Odisha on various aspects of the concessional telephone facilities to the absorbed BSNL pensioners, AIBSNLREA has written a letter to CMD, BSNL highlighting those issues and requesting him to resolve the same. [Posting dated 20.07.2016 in this website be viewed to read the letter.](#)

AIBSNLREA SENDS THE MAIN RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED IN THE ALL INDIA CONFERENCE OF THE ASSOCIATION HELD ON 2nd AND 3rd JULY, 2016 IN BHUBANESWAR TO THE PRIME MINISTER OF INDIA, OTHER CONCERNED MINISTERS AND CMD, BSNL: In the All India Conference of AIBSNLREA held on 2nd and 3rd July, 2016 in Bhubaneswar, Odisha some resolutions were adopted on some grievances of the pensioners in general and absorbed BSNL pensioners in particular which remained unresolved for quite a long time despite the Association taking up these issues time and again. These resolutions have since been sent to the Hon'ble Prime Minister, other concerned Ministers and CMD, BSNL for their personal interventions. [Posting dated 19.07.2016 in this website be viewed to read the letter and also the Resolutions](#)

EXPEDITIOUS IMPLEMENTATION OF THE ORDERS BEING ISSUED FOR REVISION OF PENSION OF THE ABSORBED BSNL PENSIONERS WITH FITMENT BENEFIT BY MERGER OF 50% DA AMOUNTING TO 78.2% IDA FOLLOWING APPROVAL ACCORDED TO THE PROPOSAL BY CABINET: In order to expedite implementation of the Orders to be issued for revision of pension of the absorbed BSNL pensioners who retired before 10.06.2013 with fitment benefit by merger of 50% DA amounting of 78.2% IDA, AIBSNLREA has suggested application of the same method for the pre-2007 BSNL pensioners that was followed in pursuance to the instructions issued by DOP&PW for revision of pension of the pre-2006 Government pensioners wherein the pension disbursing authorities including public sector banks were authorized to pay the revised pension without waiting for further authorization by the CCAs. The PPOs of these pensioners could also be prepared and sent by the CCAs at the earliest. In respect of other BSNL pensioners, whose revised pension cannot be paid unless the revised PPOs are issued on the basis of their notional pay-fixation and thereafter revised pension fixation, the entire process should be expedited to issue their PPOs without delay and make the payment. [Posting dated 16.07.2016 in this website be viewed to read the letter](#)

AIBSNLREA WRITES TO DIRECTOR (HR), BSNL ABOUT ABNORMAL DELAY IN SETTLEMENT OF CLAIMS FOR REIMBURSEMENT OF MEDICAL BILLS FOR INDOOR TREATMENT IN DHANBAD SSA OF JHARKHAND TELECOM CIRCLE: AIBSNLREA has since addressed Director (HR), BSNL bringing to her notice about non-settlement of claims for reimbursement of medical bills for indoor treatment submitted by the BSNL pensioners which are pending over past one year in the office of General Manager, Dhanbad Telecom District, Jharkhand Telecom Circle. The Association points out to the clear instructions issued by her to settle such bills within one month of their submissions and urges her to intervene. [Posting dated 15.07.2016 in this website be viewed to read the letter](#)

NON-ISSUE OF PRESIDENTIAL ORDERS FOR ABSORPTION IN BSNL – AIBSNLREA WRITES TO MEMBER (SERVICES) TO INTERVENE: AIBSNLREA has written a letter to Member (Services) in the matter of non-issue of Presidential Orders for absorption in BSNL in respect of S/Shri B S Patel, Retd SDE, B I Bhatt, Retd SDE and M G Malek, Retd SDE, all from Gujarat who were acquitted of the charges by the court and their cases for absorption in BSNL are still pending. The Association has requested for intervention of Member (Service) for early issue of the Presidential Orders for their absorption. [Posting dated 14.07.2016 in this website be viewed to read the letter](#)

AIBSNLREA TAKES UP THE ISSUE OF NON-SETTLEMENT OF THE CASE FOR REVISION OF COMMUTATION OF SHRI DEODHARI LAL DAS, RETD AGM, ODISHA CIRCLE: AIBSNLREA has since taken up the issue regarding non-settlement of revision of commutation of Shri Deodhari Lal Das, Retd AGM, Odisha Circle in the line of the clarification issued by DOT vide its F.No. 40-16/2012-Pen (T) dated 10.06.2013. The issue is pending in the office of CCA, Odisha Circle since long. The Association has requested for the intervention of DDG(Estt), DOT in the matter. [Posting dated 14.07.2016 in this website be viewed to read the letter.](#)

AIBSNLREA AGAIN TAKES UP WITH DEPARTMENT OF EXPENDITURE THE ISSUE OF GRANTING ONE NOTIONAL INCREMENT FOR THE PURPOSE OF PENSIONARY BENEFIT TO THE PENSIONERS COMPLETING ONE FULL YEAR'S SERVICE BUT FAILING TO EARN THE ANNUAL INCREMENT WHICH FALL ON THE FOLLOWING DAY AFTER RETIREMENT: AIBSNLREA has taken up the above issue with Department of Expenditure (Ministry of Finance) which earlier turned down the request. The Association has now clarified that it did not suggested to tinker with the Government's decision to have July 1 of the year as the uniform and single date for granting annual increment to its employees. The Association has further added that it only requested for allowing one notional increment solely for the purpose of pensionary benefits to those employees who complete full one year's service but fail to draw the annual increment since it falls on the very next day of their retirement. The Association has requested the DOE to examine the issue afresh and cause issue of an order. [Posting dated 13.07.2016 in this website be viewed to read the letter.](#)

AIBSNLREA TAKES UP THE ISSUE REGARDING NON-ROUNDING OFF FRACTION OF A RUPEE TO THE NEXT HIGHER RUPEE TO DETERMINE THE AMOUNT OF PENSION OF THE ABSORBED BSNL PENSIONERS BY PR. CCA, TAMILNADU CIRCLE DURING LAST PENSION REVISION OF THE ABSORBED BSNL PENSIONERS IN THE YEAR 2013: As per Rule 49/4 of CCS (Pension) Rules, 1972, the amount of pension shall be expressed in whole rupee and where the pension contains a fraction of a rupee it shall be rounded off to the next higher rupee. Recently, DOP&PW vide its OM No. 38/8/15-P&PW(A) dated 16.04.2015 have reiterated the same position. But the Principal CCA, Tamilnadu Circle during last pension revision in the year 2013 did not round off the fraction of a rupee to the next higher rupee which resulted in fixation of pension by one rupee less. In order to get all such revised PPOs rectified and avoid further wrong fixation in future, AIBSNLREA has taken up the issue with Member (Services) and others. It has requested Member (Services) that "Now that another revision of pension of the absorbed BSNL pensioners is expected soon following approval of DOT's proposal for revision of pension of all those absorbed BSNL

pensioners who retired prior to 10.06.2013 by the Cabinet, it is time that all the CCAs are advised to strictly comply with the above referred provision in the CCS (Pension) Rules 1972 and the OM dated 16.04.2016 issued by DOP&PW while revising the pension. The Pr. CCA, Tamilnadu Circle may kindly be specifically advised to rectify the old revised Pension Payment Orders in which fraction of a rupee was not rounded off to the next higher rupee". [Posting dated 12.07.2016 in this website be viewed to read the letter and the DOP&PW OM](#)

AIBSNLREA WRITES TO MINISTER OF STATE FOR COMMUNICATIONS & IT ABOUT NON-HOLDING OF PENSION ADALATS BY THE CCAs ON REGULAR BASIS AND NON-APPOINTMENT OF NODAL OFFICERS IN BSNL OFFICES: AIBSNLREA has since addressed a letter to Minister of State for Communications & IT (Independent Charge) about non-functioning of the mechanisms for redressal of the Grievances of the pensioners in DOT and BSNL. The Association has pointed out that the CCAs are not holding quarterly Pension Adalats despite clear instructions from DOT. Similarly, BSNL has not appointed any Nodal Officer for redressal of grievances of the pensioners in its offices. The Association has sought the intervention of the MOS for Communications & IT so that that Pension Adalats are held strictly on quarterly strictly by the CCA Units of DOT and the BSNL appoints the Nodal Officers in its Corporate Office and also in its field Units for redressal of grievances of the absorbed pensioners [Posting dated 11.07.2016 in this website be viewed to read the letter](#)

AIBSNLREA TAKES UP THE ISSUE OF NON-GRANT OF SECOND ACP TO THE ELIGIBLE SDEs (CIVIL) BY CIVIL WING OF WEST BENGAL TELECOM CIRCLE WITH MINISTER OF STATE FOR (PP): Seeking for an early redressal of the grievance of the affected retired SDEs (Civil) of West Bengal Telecom Circle BSNL, AIBSNLREA now seeks the intervention of Minister of State for (PP), Department of Pension & Pensioners' Welfare with a copy endorsed to Minister of State for Communications & IT and others. The Association writes that "..... we earnestly appeal to your kind self to intervene in the matter so that Department of Telecommunications and Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited take immediate action not only to restore the benefit of 2nd ACP to all the 16 retired SDEs (Civil) which was withdrawn arbitrarily and in violation of the rules/orders by the West Bengal Circle of BSNL vide its No. 11-6/2007-CEEZ/1093 dated 26.05.2009, but it also extends the benefit to other eligible retired SDEs (Civil)". [Posting dated 10.07.2016 in this website be viewed to read the letter](#)

ACTION ON AIBSNLREA'S REPRESENTATIONS

PRESIDENT'S SECRETARIAT, RASHTRAPATI BHAVAN FORWARDS AIBSNLREA'S PETITION ON NON-IMPLEMENTATION OF THE OFFER MADE BY DOT TO THE GROUP C EMPLOYEES TO ALLOW OPTION TO DEFER THEIR PAY FIXATION IN IDA SCALE TILL THEIR PROMOTION OR RETIREMENT WHICHEVER IS EARLIER: AIBSNLREA, vide its No. AIBSNLREA/CHQ/2015/20 dated 19.05.2016 [view posting dated 22.05.2016 in this website to read the petition] had appealed to the President of India to render justice to the Group 'C' Employees of DOT who were offered the benefit of option to retain CDA pay scale till their promotion or retirement whichever is earlier while inviting option for their absorption in BSNL but now being denied the same. President's Secretariat has since forwarded the petition to Secretary, Department of Telecommunications vide No. P1/A/0106160260 dated 01.06.2016 for action and further advising that "Action taken on the petition may please be communicated to the petitioner directly under

intimation to this Secretariat.” [Posting dated 31.07.2016 in this website be viewed to read the letter from President’s Secretariat](#)

DEPARTMENT OF LEGAL AFFAIRS (MINISTRY OF LAW & JUSTICE) FORWARDS COPY OF THE AIBSNLREA’S APPEAL TO THE PRIME MINISTER, THAT WAS MARKED TO THE MINISTER OF LAW & JUSTICE, WHEREIN APPEAL WAS MADE SEEKING INTERVENTION OF PRIME MINISTER IN REGARD TO MOUNTING PROBLEMS OF THE PENSIONERS, TO DOP&PW: AIBSNLREA had appealed to the Hon’ble Prime Minister for his intervention in the matter of mounting problems of the pensioners due to non-settlement of their grievances through available mechanism. The Association also pleaded that “there is an urgent need to create a separate Tribunal in all important cities exclusively for the Pensioners which can hear the petitions of the aggrieved pensioners expeditiously and give judgment. To begin with, separate courts exclusively for the pensioners be created in all the benches of Central Administrative Tribunals”. Posting dated 23.03.2016 in this website may be viewed to read the said letter dated 21.03.2016 from AIBSNLREA. Now The Department of Legal Affairs has forwarded the copy of the Association’s letter that was marked to Minister of Law & Justice to Department of Pension & Pensioners’ Welfare for appropriate action. [Posting dated 31.07.2016 in this website be viewed to read the letter from Department of Legal Affairs](#)

GOVERNMENT/BSNL ORDERS

BSNL FINALLY ENDORSES DOP&PW OM DATED 06.04.2016 ON REVISION OF PENSION OF PRE-2006 PENSIONERS – DELINKING OF REVISED PENSION FROM QUALIFYING SERVICE FOR 33 YEARS -- AIBSNLREA’S REPRESENTATIONS YIELD THE RESULT: AIBSNLREA has been representing to DOT, DOP&PW and BSNL stating that the DOP&PW OM No. 38/37/08-P&PW(A) dated 06.04.2016 regarding delinking of revised pension from qualifying service for 33 years of service, which was duly endorsed by DOT vide its No. 40-04/2013-Pen(B) dated 05.05.2016, is not being implemented for the absorbed BSNL Pensioners by the field offices of BSNL on the plea that BSNL Corporate Office has not endorsed the same. In addition, some CCA Offices have also sought for some clarifications from DOT. DOP&PW has already taken note of our representation and now BSNL Corporate Office has endorsed the same OM of DOP&PW. We shall continue to pursue with DOT for its early implementation. [Posting dated 29.07.2016 in this website be viewed to read the DOT Order.](#)

BSNL FORWARDS DOT LETTER DATED 18.7.2016 ON REVISION OF PENSION OF BSNL PENSIONERS AND FAMILY PENSIONERS WHO RETIRED PRIOR TO 10.6.2013 TO ALL CIRCLES AND UNITS FOR NECESSARY ACTION: BSNL has forwarded the DOT Order dated 18.7.2016 on revision of pension of BSNL pensioners/family pensioner who retired prior to 10.6.2013 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 to all circles/units directing them to initiate the process of consolidation of pension/family pension immediately and forward the same to the concerned CCAs for consolidation and issue of revised Pension Payment Orders. [Posting dated 26.07.2016 in this website be viewed to read the DOT Order.](#)

DOT ISSUES ORDERS IMPLEMENTING CABINET DECISION ON MODIFYING LIABILITY OF BSNL TOWARDS PAYMENT OF PENSIONARY BENEFITS TO THE RETIRED EMPLOYEES: DOT has issued

order implementing the cabinet decision on 5.7.2016 by annulling the condition that the annual pension liability of the government shall not exceed 60% of the annual receipts to Government from the items specified in the O.M.dated 15.6.2006. [Posting dated 23.07.2016 in this website be viewed to read the DOT Order.](#)

DOT ISSUES ORDER ON REVISION OF PENSION FOR PRE-10.6.2013 BSNL PENSIONERS/FAMILY PENSIONERS: Implementing the decision of the Cabinet, DOT has issued orders revising pension of BSNL pensioners/family pensioners, who retired prior to 10.6.2013 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. According to the DOT order, the exercise to extend benefit of these orders to the pensioners/family pensioners is to be completed by 31.12.2016. [Posting dated 18.07.2016 in this website be viewed to read the DOT Order.](#)

ORDERS FOR REVISION OF IDA ISSUED: Department of Public Enterprises has since issued Orders revising the IDA of the CPSE employees effective from 01.07.2016 whose pay was last revised in 2007 and 1997 respectively. The Orders are available in this website ([posting dated 07.07.2016](#)).

BRANCHES IN ACTION

OFFICE BEARERS OF AIBSNLREA CHENNAI BRANCH MEET CGM CHENNAI TELEPHONES: AIBSNLREA Chennai Branch President Shri V.Dakshinamoorthy and Asst. Branch Secretary Shri R.R.Balasubramanian along with CHQ President Shri V. Chinnappiah and AGS Shri S.Ratnasubramanian met CGM Chennai Telephones and IFA Chennai Telephones separately today and requested them to facilitate revision of pension with 78.2% fitment benefit to those who retired before 10.6.2013 at the earliest. They also offered secretarial assistance for early completion of the work. Both the CGM and IFA expressed their gratitude for the offer and assured that they will do the needful.

BI-MONTHLY MEETING OF AIBSNLREA, PUNE BRANCH: Bi-monthly meeting of AIBSNLREA, Pune Branch was held at Bajirao Road Telephone Bhavan Conference Hall on 17/7/16 at 11.00 hours. 35 members attended the meeting. Elaborate discussions took place on the report of AIC held on 2nd and 3rd July 2016 at Bhubaneswar and also on the resolution passed by AIC. Discussion was also held regarding the Cabinet approval of fitment benefit by merger of 78.2% DA and annulment of pension liability between DOT and BSNL on 60:40 ratio. All participants appreciated the efforts taken by the Association in the matter.

CHANDIGARH BRANCH OF AIBSNLREA HELD ITS GB MEETING: Chandigarh branch of AIBSNLREA held a General Body Meeting on 23.07.2016. the house applauded the systematic approach of CHQ leaders in achieving the goal. The members also appreciated the All India Conference decision of knocking the door of court for removal of notional arrangement and release of benefits from 1st January, 2007. Shri Lokesh Chopra, Ex- Joint Secretary, CHQ in his address to the members gave details of benefits to pensioners and also cleared their doubts.

OFFICE BEARERS OF AIBSNLREA CHENNAI BRANCH MEET CGMT TAMILNADU CIRCLE AND IFA OF TAMILNADU CIRCLE: Office bearers of AIBSNLREA Chennai Branch, S/Shri V.Dakshinamoorthy President, L.Sundararaman, Secretary and R.R.Balasubramanian Asst. Secretary, along with CHQ President Shri V.Chinnappiah and AGS Shri S.Ratnasubramanian met CGMT Tamilnadu Circle on 20.07.2016 and requested her to ensure early implementation of revision of pension of those who retired prior to 10.6.2013 as ordered by DoT and also offered to provide secretarial assistance if required in the process. CGMT expressed happiness over the offer and wanted the office bearers to discuss the matter with the PGM (F), the IFA of the Circle. Later all the office bearers met PGM (F) and placed the same request and their willingness to provide secretarial assistance in pension revision work. He said that the list of pensioners, in respect of circle office, who retired prior to 10.6.2013 has already been taken and he will send detailed instructions to all SSAs for early implementation of the pension revision as soon as BSNL endorses DoT order. He appreciated the offer for secretarial assistance and said he will take a decision after discussing with the CGM. The office bearers conveyed to him that similar assistance can be offered in the SSAs too. Later the issue of revised pay fixation on promotion with 3% notional increment instead of equivalent of the previous increment was discussed and he was requested to do the needful to revise the fixation and pay arrears to all those who retired after 1.1.2007, since action has already been taken for serving employees and arrears have been paid. PGM (F) said that though revised fixation has been done for serving employees, CCA is objecting to it and is reversing the benefit at the time of retirement on the plea that the concerned DoT letter has not been endorsed to CCAs. Office bearers of AIBSNLREA Chennai however requested him to process the case for pensioners stating that they will meet CCA too on the issue and try to convince him.

STATE BODY OF AIBSNLREA, MAHARASHTRA FORMED: A meeting of the delegates from all the Branches of AIBSNLREA from Maharashtra who assembled at Bhubaneswar to participate in the AIC was held at the same venue on 3.7.2016 in presence of S/Shri S.Basu, General Secretary and P R Bhujbal, Vice-President, AIBSNLREA. Shri D.K. Joshi, Joint Secretary, AIBSNLREA presided over the meeting. The participants emphasized the need to form a State Body and unanimously elected a State Body. S/Shri P C Dubey and V G Dakhode were elected as the President and State Secretary respectively. Shri P D Rahulkar is the Financial Secretary of the State Body. [Posting dated 18.07.2016 in this website may be viewed to get the full list of office bearers](#)

ODISHA STATE BRANCH OF AIBSNLREA HELD ITS GB MEETING: Odisha State Branch of AIBSNLREA held its General Body Meeting in the Conference Room of Hotel Prangan by Mango Hotels, Bhubaneswar on 30.06.2016. Shri S Basu, General Secretary, AIBSNLREA addressed the gathering. The members raised doubts on some pensioners problems and the General Secretary replied their queries. A new State body was formed in the meeting with Shri Sanatan Das as the State President and Shri P K Mohanty as State Secretary. Shri N Mahapatra was elected as the Finance Secretary. [Posting dated 18.07.2016 in this website may be viewed to get the full list of office bearers](#)

PALAKKAD BRANCH OF AIBSNLREA HELD ITS ANNUAL GB MEETING: Palakkad Branch (Kerala State) held its General Body meeting on 21.06.2016 at Top Town Auditorium, Palakkad. The Branch Secretary gave information on the ongoing issues. Members participated in large numbers in the meeting and took part in the discussions. Two new members joined the Association. Later election of new Office Bearers of the

Branch was held. S/Shri K Haridasan and P Prabhakaran and K C Venkatchalam were elected as President, Secretary and Financial Secretary in that order. [Posting dated 18.07.2016 in this website may be viewed to get the full list of office bearers](#)

AIBSNLREA, EAST GODAVARI BRANCH (AP STATE) MEET THE NEW SR. GENERAL MANAGER, EAST GODAVARI SSA: Representatives of East Godavary District Branch of AIBSNLREA met Shri John Chrisostom, the new Senior GMTD, East Godavari SSA to pay a courtesy visit at 11.30 hrs on 12.07.2016. The Sr GMTD recollected his association with S/Shri Ch Gandhi, OS(South) and GV Rama Krishna, President. The Sr GMTD also shared his views with S/Shri Kodanada Rao A, Rajagopala Rao, C Rama Krishna, S Satya Narayana and KBS Naidu. The Senior General Manager Telecom also assured the DS that he will take initiative in settling all the issues of the pensioners including 78.2% fixation as soon the orders are received. S/Sri Ramesh Babu, DGM (Admin), Subba Rao D, DGM (PLG), and Narayana. DGM (Cellone) also participated in the discussions.

QUARTERLY GENERAL BODY MEETING OF AIBSNLREA, EAST GODAVARI BRANCH HELD: Quarterly General Body Meeting of AIBSNLREA, East Godavari Branch (AP State) was held on 11.07.2016 at Hotel RL Grand Kakinada under the president ship of Shri GV Rama Krishna. The DS welcomed Shri Ch Gandhi, CHQ Organizing Secretary(South) on to the dais. Shri GV Rama Krishna enlightened about the AIC held at Bhubaneswar to the members. The DS gave detailed report on the AIC and explained how the deliberations went on and the resolutions made. The house discussed the 78.2% DA merger issue and on the notional fixation of pay till the date of retirement and arrears there off for pre and post 2007 pensioners/family pensioners. The house expressed its happiness on the annulment of sharing of pension liability on 60:40 ratio issue once for all by the cabinet. Shri Ch Gandhi, CHQ Org Secretary (South) touched upon all the issues raised by the members. Shri P Trimurtulu stressed the need to expand the organization levels in all SSAs. S/Shri B Ananda Rao, T Baburao , Kodanda Rao Vice president, Raghava Rao, KN Sastry, C Rama Krishna, P Ramakrishna, Bhava Chari, S Satya Narayana, CB Sarma, Raja Gopala Rao and almost all members participated in the deliberations. Shri KBS Naidu, Finance Secretary informed the house about the donation of Rs 15,000/- given to CHQ during the AIC. DS GSVSS Vara Prasad introduced the 8 new members to the house. 70 members attended the General body meeting. Now the total life membership of the Branch has reached 168. The house decided to conduct bi-annual General Body meeting in the month of November 2016 at Rajamahendravarm. The house was then adjourned for taking Lunch at Hotel RL Grand after presentation of vote of thanks at 1300hrs. [Posting dated 14.07.2016 in this website \(AP State Section of State News Page\) be viewed to view the photographs](#)

OFFICE-BEARERS OF AIBSNLREA COIMBATORE BRANCH MEET PRINCIPAL GENERAL MANAGER, COIMBATORE: After formation of the AIBSNLREA branch at Coimbatore, Shri M. Ponnuswami, President, Shri R. Damodaran, Secretary, Shri J. Ramalingam, Finance Secretary and Shri K.Sivakumaran, Assistant Secretary met Shri D. Sivaraj, Principal General Manager, BSNL, Coimbatore on on 1st July, 2016 in his chamber and submitted the list of Office Bearers of AIBSNLREA Coimbatore Branch. Although it was meant to be a courtesy call, the PGM took this opportunity to discuss with the retired executives regarding various issues on the growth of BSNL. As a responsible retired executives' association, the office-bearers

offered to render the services of retired executives to BSNL wherever and what manner it is feasible. PGM appreciated the offer and wanted service in the maintenance of FTTH, OF cable and local cable maintenance in selected areas of the SSA. PGM recalled the performances of Shri K.Sivakumaran, Shri D. Ramesh and Shri R. Damodaran during their service in the fields of OF cable maintenance and FTTH and said that they can come forward to maintain FTTH on selected areas and offered to give the work on MOU basis without need for tender. But the office-bearers of AIBSNLREA politely said that they were not after money and would like to extend their help wherever possible in Sales, Marketing etc. They also informed the PGM that they will discuss the matter and convey specific ways in which they can help. Shri J. Ramalingam, Finance Secretary then gave a few inputs on sales & marketing and the PGM noted down the points in his diary. The 20 minutes meeting ended with the office-bearers thanking the PGM for sparing some time with them.

QUARTERLY GENERAL BODY MEETING OF AIBSNLREA, KOLHAPUR BRANCH: Quarterly General Body meeting of Kolhapur Branch of AIBSNLREA was held on 10th July 2016 in Telephone Bhavan Conference Hall. Kolhapur with Shri L M Godi, President in the Chair. Meeting started with Prayer. 41 members attended the meeting. The President welcomed all the Members including new Member Shri Kambale from Jishingpur, and informed the agenda of the meeting. He further informed the house about election of Shri DK Joshi as the Jt. Secretary, CHQ. He also informed that Shri PS Kulkarni and Shri NC Jain were elected as the CWC Member and Organizing Secretary respectively of Maharashtra Circle in the adhoc body that was formed in the AIC Venue itself. Members greeted the all the three and wished them success. Branch Secretary Shri DK Joshi then informed the House about the sad demise of mother of Shri Savant RK, and father of Shri R K Nikam and wife of Shri SG Kanade Members of the Branch. House paid homage to the departed souls by observing 2 minutes silence. Then Secretary reported in details about the proceedings of the First AIC of the Association held in Bhubaneswar on 2nd and 3rd of July, 2016 and especially dealt with the GS's exhaustive and comprehensive Report to the Representative counsel which unanimously elected new CHQ Body for the next term. He also informed the details of the recently concluded issue of revision of pension of both pre and post 2007 BSNL Pensioners with 78.2% IDA merger. High lights of VII CPC and announcement for constitution of 3rd PRC for the Executives of CPSEs was briefed by him. He finally conveyed the special appeal from GS to all members to make special drive for increasing the membership. Then S/Shri NC Jain, PS Kulkarni also gave the some more details of the proceedings of the AIC held in Bhubaneswar and other information on BSNL's status and actual benefit of 78.2% IDA Merger etc and asked the members to donate generously to the Association after getting the arrears of revision of pension. Branch Secretary replied to all the queries of the members. They were given details of methods of re fixation of pension.

Then Shri P S Paranjape, a well-known Chartered Accountant was welcomed by the House and presented bouquet and a book. The President then requested the Guest to deliver his lecture on Income Tax and procedures for submission of the Returns. He gave a very good presentation on the subject for an hour and answered all questions from the members to their best satisfaction.

Shri PS Kulkarni, Asst. Secretary, then extended vote of thanks to Shri Paranjape for sparing his valuable time and giving such much needed information on Income Tax to the members. He also

thanked all the members – specially from Sangli, Satara for attending the meeting despite heavy rain and requested them to join the Lunch. The President declared the meeting as closed.

STATEMENT OF PAYMENTS RECEIVED IN JULY 2016

Chandigarh Branch has deposited Rupees One thousand four hundred (Rs 1,400.00) only by cheque on 27.07.2016 in Karur Vyshya Bank towards CHQ quota for 7 new Life Members.

Allahabad Branch (UP State) has deposited Rupees Four hundred (Rs. 400/-) only in cash on 25.07.2016 towards quota for 2 new Life Members.

Tirunelveli Branch (Tamilnadu State) has deposited Rupees One thousand eight hundred (Rs 1,800.00) only in Syndicate Bank on 22.07.2016 towards quota for 9 new Life Members.

East Godavari Branch (AP State) has deposited Rupees One thousand six hundred (Rs 16,00.00) only in Karur Vyshya Bank on 15.07.2016 towards quota for 8 new Life Members.

Bhubaneswar Branch (Odisha State) has paid Rupees ten thousand three hundred fifteen (Rs 10,315.00) only in cash on 03.07.2016 towards quota for 14 Life Members and donation to CHQ [LM quota: 2800.00 & donation: Rs 7515.00]

Gujarat State Branch has paid Rupees twenty thousand (Rs 20,000.00) only by cheque drawn on SBI on 03.07.2016 towards quota for 100 new Life Members.

Mumbai Branch (Maharashtra State) has paid Rupees two thousand nine hundred (Rs 2,900.00) only in cash on 03.07.2016 towards balance amount for AIC Guest participant.

Allahabad Branch (UP State) has paid Rupees five thousand four hundred (Rs 5,400.00) only in cash on 02.07.2016 for one AIC Guest participant.

Kolhapur Branch (Maharashtra State) has paid Rupees three hundred (Rs 300.00) only in cash on 02.07.2016 towards balance amount for AIC Guest participant.

East Godavari Branch (AP State) has paid Rupees fifteen thousand (Rs 15,000.00) only in cash on 02.07.2016 towards donation to CHQ.

Bareilly Branch (Uttar Pradesh State) has paid Rupees eight thousand four hundred (Rs 8,400.00) only in cash on 02.07.2016 towards delegate fee and guest charges.

Hubli Branch (Karnataka State) has paid Rupees six hundred (Rs 600.00) only in cash on 02.07.2016 as quota for 3 new Life Members.

Jabalpur Branch (Madhya Pradesh State) has paid Rupees two thousand (2,000) only in cash on 02.07.2016 as quota for 10 new Life Members.

West Bengal State Branch has paid Rupees eleven thousand two hundred (Rs 11,200.00) only in cash on 02.07.2016 towards quota for 11 Life Members and delegate fee [LM quota: 2200.00 & delegate fee Rs 9000.00]

Delhi South-West Branch has paid Rupees three thousand (Rs 3,000.00) only in cash on 01.07.2016 towards delegate fee.

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Gujarat State Branch has paid Rupees eighteen thousand (Rs 18,000.00) only by cheque drawn on SBI on 01.07.2016 towards delegate fees..

Chennai Branch (Tamilnadu State) has paid Rupees eleven thousand four hundred (Rs 11,400.00) only in cash on 01.07.2016 towards delegate fee and guest charges [Delegate Fee: 6000.00 & Guest charge: Rs 5400.00]

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