



Editorial

REVIEW OF POST- CABINET DECISION ON FITMENT BENEFIT BY MERGER OF 78.2% IDA FOR PENSION REVISION

With the issue of detailed instructions by BSNL on the methodology for consolidation of the pension/family pension of the concerned BSNL pensioners/family pensioners in terms of DOT's Order for revision of pension/family pension of the BSNL pensioners who retired prior to 10.06.2013 with fitment benefit by merger of 78.2% IDA, the speed to process the cases at the field offices should now gain momentum. Keeping in view of our past experience, there is a need to be vigilant so that the Orders are implemented within the target date. There were flood of reports from our Branches who met the CGMs and SSA Heads with the request to expedite the process to prepare the pension papers and send the same to the concerned CCA Offices. They also met the CCAs with the request to get the cases processed and cleared at the earliest. They must remain active on this front.

While there will be not much of a problem to prepare the revised pension papers in respect of the pre 1.1.2007 retirees, a little more additional exercise is needed to

prepare the revised pension papers for those who retired between 1.1.2007 and 9.6.2013. In the cases of the latter, the pay has to be first re-fixed on 1.1.2007, subsequent increments are to be added and also the pay fixed earlier on promotion has to be revisited.

We are happy to note that the detailed instructions issued by BSNL has taken care of one of our concern and ordered that while calculating the pay notionally in case of BSNL IDA pensioners/family pensioners, who retired between 01.01.2007 and 09.06.2013, it should be ensured to grant notional increment @3% of the existing basic pay for fixation of pay in promotion with effect from 01.01.2007, as clarified by BSNL Corporate Office vide its No. 1-05/2015-PAT(BSNL) dated 4.4.2016, in case same was not granted earlier. We had earlier pleaded with BSNL to extend the benefit of the said Order to the affected retired BSNL executives in pension revision. In our last AIC, a few delegates expressed the apprehension that separate processing of revision of pension with grant of notional

increment @3% of the existing basic pay in promotion might delay the subsequent revision of pension with fitment benefit by merger of 78.2% IDA as and when the Orders are issued. Now their concern stands addressed. Incidentally this issue, which concerns only the retired executives, was not taken up by any other association. We can understand the silence of one particular Association which declared categorically that they are more concerned for 90% of the pensioners who are from non-executive category implying that the issues concerning the remaining 10% of the pensioners from executives category are of no importance.

In order to help all the pre- 10.06.2013 BSNL pensioners to know how much they lose or get because of importing the “notional” fitment concept of 78.2% IDA in case of the pensioners, we have uploaded separate calculators for pre 1.1.2007 retirees and those who retired from 1.1.2007 to 9.6.2013. Devising of the calculator for the latter group of pensioners was not easy since different kinds of inputs were required to be put in. Our ‘Advanced

“One Click” Calculator’, which we introduced after lots of exercises and trial for weeks together, received all round praise from one and all. We received scores of mails from different cross section of the pensioners/family pensioners appreciating our effort. Our team members who devised this software really deserved this. Record reveals that several thousands of pensioners/family pensioners have accessed this particular calculator alone. On our part, we are happy to find that we could help all the fellow BSNL pensioners when they were in search of a most accurate and easy to handle calculator.

As already committed and announced, AIBSNLREA will finally seek justice from the court of law to get the benefit of DPE Order to allow fitment benefit by merger of 78.2% DA w.e.f. 1.1.2007 on ‘actual basis’ so that pay and pension arrears, enhanced portion of DCRG, CVP and Leave encashment to the concerned affected pensioners are allowed.

There will be no compromise on this decision. We shall accordingly move at the right moment. ●

DOT REJECTS BSNL'S PROPOSAL FOR GRANT OF REPLACEMENT SCALES FOR PRE-REVISED E1A, E2A PAY SCALES FOR JTOs, SDEs & EQUIVALENT CADRES AND UPGRADATION OF E3, E4, E5 & E6 SCALES W. E. F. 1.1.2007

It was earlier reported in this website that BSNL, which failed to settle the revised pay scales of JTOs, SDEs and equivalent cadres for long 10 years following the II PRC recommendations on revised pay scales, sent a proposal to DOT for replacement of their existing provisional E-1A and E-2A scales by E-2 and E-3 scales respectively and also upgrade E-3, E-4, E-5 and E-6 pay scales for others. Now DOT has rejected the proposal, vide its letter No. 61-2/2016-SU dated 09.08.2016, stating that financial position of BSNL is now in bad shape and the proposal will have huge financial burden on Government exchequer in the shape of revised pensionary benefits and recurring burden on pension.

MEETING OF SCOVA HELD ON 27TH JUNE, 2016 - DOP&PW ISSUES MINUTES

Department of Pension and Pensioners' Welfare vide its F.No 42/05/2016-P&PW(G) dated 08.08.2016 has issued the minutes of the 28th Meeting of SCOVA which was held on 27.06.2016. Excerpts of the relevant portions of the minutes which concern the absorbed BSNL pensioners are given below:

“Item No. 4(ii) Health Insurance Scheme for pensioners including those residing in non-CGHS areas: Ministry of Health and Family Welfare informed that a draft EFC Memo was circulated by them but only DoPPW have furnished comments on this Draft EFC Memo. The comments/views from other Ministries/Departments are still awaited so that the Final EFC Memo could be circulated by Ministry of Health and Family Welfare. Secretary (P&PW) asked all the concerned Departments to furnish comments on Draft EFC Memo within a week. Ministry of Health and Family Welfare was also requested to consider the request of Disabled War Veterans (India), New Delhi to include Prosthesis in the Insurance Cover.

Item No. 4(v) Anomaly in fixation of pension to DOT employees absorbed in BSNL who retired between 1.10.2000 and 31.07.2001: It was mentioned by Department of Telecom that based on a formulation suggested by Department of Pension and Pensioners' Welfare. Department of Expenditure has sought some further details from Department of Telecom. DoT was asked to expedite the information

to ensure that the matter is resolved within a month.

Item No. 4(vi) Merger of 78.2% IDA with basic pension benefit to absorbed BSNL pensioners: The Department of Telecom informed that the proposal has already been submitted for approval of the Cabinet.

Item No. 4(x) Extension of CGHS facilities to retired BSNL employees- Issue of follow up Orders by Ministry of Health and Family Welfare and fixation of rate of contribution and ward entitlement by Department of Telecommunications: Ministry of Health and Family Welfare informed that a meeting was held with Department of Telecom and it was decided that Department of Telecom will mention the equivalent Basic Pay and Grade Pay as per Central Dearness Allowance (CDA) Scale also corresponding to Industrial Dearness Allowance (IDA) Scale, in the PPO issued to the BSNL pensioners getting pension from Central Civil Estimates. This will enable CGHS in deciding rate of contributions and ward entitlement for issue of CGHS cards to the eligible BSNL/MTNL pensioners. The item was closed.”

The above was the status in respect of each of the above mentioned issues as on 27.06.2016 i.e. the date on which the meeting was held. In regard to Item No. 4(v) on Anomaly in fixation of pension to DOT employees absorbed in BSNL who retired between 1.10.2000 and 31.07.2001, it may

be added that on 8.8.2016, we have posted in this website the latest status on the issue as informed by BSNL according to which BSNL is collecting/analyzing the data under the methodology suggested by DOP&PW. Regarding item No. 4(vi) i.e. Merger of 78.2% IDA with basic pension benefit to absorbed BSNL pensioners, after Cabinet approval of the proposal, DOT has issued

Orders for its implementation and BSNL has also issued detailed instructions to implement the said Order. In regard to the Item No. 4(x) on Extension of CGHS facilities to retired BSNL employees, the relevant Order issued by BSNL Corporate Office implementing the decision has already been posted in this website on 03.08.2016.●

ACTION ON AIBSNLREA'S REPRESENTATIONS

DOP&PW FORWARDS OUR AIC RESOLUTIONS TO DOT: As we reported earlier in this website on 08.08.2016 that BSNL has started responding to some of the resolutions adopted in the AIC held at Bhubaneswar [View posting dated 19.07.2016 for the resolutions] and sent to the Hon'ble Prime Minister, concerned Ministers and CMD, BSNL. BSNL's response came since PMO posted our representation enclosing the resolutions in CPGRAMS. Now DOP&PW has also forwarded the same resolutions to Department of Telecommunications to examine the issues and inform the Association accordingly. [Posting dated 30.08.2016 in this website be viewed to read the BSNL letter.](#)

TELECOM ACCOUNTS BRANCH OF DOT FORWARDS AIBSNLREA'S LETTER REGARDING NON-IMPLEMENTATION OF DOPP&W OM DATED 06.04.2016 ON DELINKING OF REVISED PENSION FROM QUALIFYING SERVICE OF 33 YEARS IN THE CASES OF BSNL PENSIONERS TO THE DIRECTOR (ESTT), DOT: Telecom Accounts Branch of Department of Telecommunications has since forwarded AIBSNLREA's letter dated 20.07.2007 on the above issue which was addressed to DDG(Estt), DOT and copy was endorsed to others including DDG(Accounts). The ADG(DCA) of Telecom Accounts Branch in his forwarding letter, vide UO No. 7-1/2013/TA-I/part II/3742 & 3743 dated 10.08.2016, has stated that "As the matter is regarding Revision of pension of pre-2006 pensioners-delinking of revised pension from qualifying service of 33 years pertain to Pen(T) Section of DoT HQ, New Delhi and Director(Estt) being the nodal officer to deal with such cases, the case is being forwarded for further necessary action." [Posting dated 26.08.2016 in this website be viewed to read the letter from TA Branch of DOT.](#)

BSNL RESPONDS TO THE ISSUES AS TAKEN UP BY AIBSNLREA THROUGH ITS AIC RESOLUTIONS WITH PRIME MINISTER AND OTHERS: AIBSNLREA had earlier submitted the main resolutions adopted in its AIC at Bhubaneswar on the ongoing problems being faced by the absorbed BSNL pensioners – particularly the retired executives to the Hon'ble Prime Minister, concerned Ministers and CMD, BSNL [View posting dated 19.07.2016 for details]. PMO has posted also this in CPGRAMS. Now BSNL Corporate Office has responded on two of these issues. In regard to the anomaly in pension of the BSNL pensioners who retired between 1.10.2000 and 31.07.2001, it has been informed that as desired by DOT "information about pension drawn by the retirees are

being collected/analysed to assess the financial implication on the basis of methodology suggested by DoP&PW.” In regard to another issue of not allowing the benefit of pay fixation in terms of para 4 of DOP&PW OM No. 4/18/87-P&PW(D) dated 5.7.1989 to the Group C employees who opted for absorption in BSNL, it has been intimated that as desired by DOT, information is being collected from the field units since these are not available in Corp[orate Office. [Posting dated 08.08.2016 in this website be viewed to read the BSNL letter.](#)

DOP&PW FORWARDS AIBSNLREA’S LETTER DATED 20.07.2016 ON NON-IMPLEMENTATION OF DOP&PW OM DATED 06.04.2016 REGARDING DELINKING OF REVISED PENSION FROM QUALIFYING SERVICE OF 33 YEARS IN RESPECT OF THE ABSORBED BSNL PENSIONERS: DOP&PW has forwarded our letter No. AIBSNLREA/CHQ/2016/38 dated 20.07.2016 on the above matter (view posting dated 21.07.2016 in this website to read the letter) to Deputy Director General (PG), DOT to examine the issue and inform the Association suitably. [Posting dated 04.08.2016 in this website be viewed to read DOP&PW the letter.](#)

AIBSNLREA’S SUSTAINED REPRESENTATIONS TO STRENGTHEN THE GRIEVANCE REDRESSAL MECHANISM OF THE PENSIONERS YIELDING RESULT- PRIME MINISTER STEPPED IN: AIBSNLREA has been continuously taking up the issue of ineffectiveness of the existing grievance redressal mechanisms for the pensioners with all concerned including the Prime Minister of India. These efforts have not gone in vain. The Hon’ble Prime Minister himself has intervened in the matter and emphasized during the Pragati meeting on 23rd March, 2016 that no grievance should remain unresolved for more than 60 days and the grievances which were pending for more than 60 days to be liquidated in a month’s time. This caused DOT Secretary to instruct that all grievances in CPGRAMS which were pending for more than 60 days be cleared by the end of April 2016 and in future no grievance should remain unresolved for more than 60 days. [Posting dated 04.08.2016 in this website be viewed to read the DOT letter.](#)



ISSUES TAKEN UP

AIBSNLREA WRITES TO PRIME MINISTER OF INDIA ABOUT CASUAL HANDLING OF THE GRIEVANCES LODGED IN CPGRAMS BY DEPARTMENT OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS – CITES THE CASE OF GRIEVANCE LODGED REGARDING NON-IMPLEMENTATION OF DOP&PW OM DATED 06.04.2016 ON DELINKING OF 33 YEARS QUALIFYING SERVICE FOR PENSION REVISION TO THE ABSORBED BSNL PENSIONERS: AIBSNLREA has addressed a letter to the Hon’ble Prime Minister of India bringing to his notice about the casual manner in which DOT has sought to close the grievance lodged in CPGRAMS about non-implementation of DOP&PW OM dated 06.04.2016 to the absorbed BSNL pensioners. DOT has tried to close the case by stating that the DOP&PW OM in question has been endorsed by it and avoided to address the actual grievance. The Association writes “In view of the above, we appeal to the Hon’ble Prime Minister to kindly intervene in this matter so that our grievance about non-implementation of the DOP&PW OM dated 06.04.2016 to the absorbed BSNL pensioners in the present case is redressed and Department of

Telecommunication never takes the Government's Grievance Redress mechanism so casually".
[Posting dated 31.08.2016 in this website be viewed to read the letter.](#)

AIBSNLREA TAKES UP WITH DOPT THE ISSUE OF REFUND OF AMOUNT RECOVERED FROM THE BSNL EXECUTIVES WHO ON THEIR ABSORPTION IN BSNL OPTED FOR FIXATION OF PAY IN THE PROMOTED SCALE FROM THE DATE OF THEIR NEXT INCREMENT IN THE LOWER SCALE: Following issue of DOPT Order, on the basis of a Supreme Court judgment which made recovery from the employees in certain specific situations impermissible in law, advising the Ministries/Departments to deal with the issue of wrongful/excess payments made to Government servants in accordance with the said decision of the Hon'ble Supreme Court, AIBSNLREA has taken up the cases for refund of recovered amount in one of the specific situations. As per a clarification issued by DOT on a later date, BSNL had made recovery from some BSNL Executives who opted for fixation of pay in their promoted scale from the date of their next increment in the lower scale. AIBSNLREA has demanded refund of the recovered amount. . [Posting dated 31.08.2016 in this website be viewed to read the letter.](#)

AIBSNLREA WRITES TO SECRETARY, DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE REFORMS & PUBLIC GRIEVANCE REGARDING NON-ISSUE OF PRESIDENTIAL ORDERS FOR ABSORPTION IN BSNL IN RESPECT OF THREE RETIRED SDEs OF GUJARAT CIRCLE: AIBSNLREA has addressed Secretary, Deptt of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievance about undue delay in issuing Presidential Orders for absorption in respect of S/Shri B S Patel, B I Bhatt and M G Malek despite settlement of their vigilance cases and the Circle administration issuing the vigilance clearance. The Association has pointed out to the indifferent attitude of DOT which is not responding to numerous representations and also the reminders issued by BSNL. The Association has further requested his personal intervention in the matter. [Posting dated 25.08.2016 in this website be viewed to read the letter.](#)

NON-SETTLEMENT OF PAY ANOMALY CASE OF SHRI PAWAN KUMAR JINDAL, RETD DET, SANGRUR – AIBSNLEA WRITES TO DIRECTOR (HR), BSNL: AIBSNLREA has taken up the issue of non-settlement of pay anomaly case of Shri Pawan Kumar Jindal, Retd DE of Sangrur SSA, Punjab Telecom Circle whose numerous representations have since yielded no result. The Association has urged Director (HR) to intervene in the case and call for a report from Punjab Telecom Circle to settle the issue. [Posting dated 24.08.2016 in this website be viewed to read the letter.](#)

AIBSNLREA WRITES TO DIRECTOR (HR), BSNL FOR SPARING SOME TIME TO ENABLE THE ASSOCIATION TO PRESENT A FEW IMPORTANT ISSUES: AIBSNLREA has addressed a letter to Director (HR), BSNL enclosing a brief on seven important issues and requesting her to spare some time to enable the Association to present the cases. The issues are :- (1) Issue of Identity Cards to the BSNL Pensioners as per format issued by DOP&PW by linking Aaadhar Card, (2) Sanction of mobile connection in lieu of concessional residential landline connection to the retired BSNL

employees, (3) Raising the free call limit in concessional residential landline connection to the retired BSNL employees, (4) Extension of concessional Broadband facility to the retired BSNL employees residing in MTNL areas, (5) Restoration of benefit of medical allowance for outdoor treatment without voucher to the retired BSNL employees, (6) Problems faced by the retired BSNL employees in getting their claims for reimbursement of medical bills settled on time and (7) Abnormal delay in issue of Presidential Orders for absorption of the retired Executives on finalization of their disciplinary/vigilance cases. [Posting dated 18.08.2016 in this website be viewed to read the letter.](#)

AIBSNLREA URGES MOSC&IT FOR ADOPTING THE SAME PRINCIPLE FOR THE BSNL PENSIONERS THAT HAS BEEN FOLLOWED BY DOP&PW FOR EXPEDITIOUS PAYMENT OF REVISED PENSION TO THE GOVERNMENT PENSIONERS: Referring to its earlier letter to Secretary (T) (view posting dated 16.07.2016 in this website), AIBSNLREA now writes to MOSC&IT to follow the principle that was adopted by DOP&PW to revise the Pension/Family Pension of the pre-2006 pensioners/family pensioners following acceptance of VI CPC recommendations wherein the disbursing authorities including the public sector banks were authorized to disburse the revised pension without waiting for further authorization from Account Officers concerned. The Association has also pointed out that DOP&PW has again adopted the same principle to revise and make payment of pension as per VII CPC recommendations to all pre-2016 pensioners/family pensioners and requested MOSC&IT to intervene so that DOT follows the said principle for the pre-2007 BSNL pensioners/family pensioners now. ” [Posting dated 10.08.2016 in this website be viewed to read the letter.](#)

AIBSNLREA WRITES TO DIRECTOR (HR), BSNL REGARDING THE DIFFICULTIES THAT THE RETIRED BSNL EMPLOYEES MAY FACE TO GET THEIR EQUIVALENT PAY AND GRADE PAY INDICATED IN THEIR PPO IN DOT OFFICES TO AVAIL CGHS FACILITY: AIBSNLREA, while thanking for issue of final orders extending the option to the absorbed BSNL Employees either to switch over to CGHS or retain the BSNLMRS, has pointed out to Director (HR), BSNL that in absence of any instruction/advice received from BSNL or DOT, the CCA Offices may not entertain the request of the retired BSNL Employees to indicate the equivalent pay and Grade pay in their PPOs. The Association has requested Director (HR) “to kindly ensure that the concerned Units of DOT, which are to be approached to get equivalent pay and Grade pay indicated in the PPOs, are suitably instructed/advised so that no retired BSNL employee seeking to avail CGHS facility is harassed or put into trouble”. [Posting dated 05.08.2016 in this website be viewed to read the letter.](#)

AIBSNLREA AGAIN WRITES TO DDG (ESTT), DOT AND OTHERS SINCE SOME CCA OFFICES EXPRESSED DOUBTS OVER IMPLEMENTATION OF DOP&PW OM DATED 06.04.2016 REGARDING DELINKING OF REVISED PENSION FROM QUALIFYING SERVICE OF 33 YEARS IN RESPECT OF THE ABSORBED BSNL PENSIONERS: AIBSNLREA has again requested DDG(Estt), DOT with copy endorsed to others to intervene in the matter since some CCA Offices had expressed doubts over implementation of DOP&PW OM dated 06.04.2016 on delinking of revised pension from

qualifying service of 33 years, which has already been duly endorsed by both DOT and BSNL, in respect of the absorbed BSNL pensioners drawing pension in IDA scale. The Association cites the case of CCA, West Bengal Circle, Kolkata and requests “..... we again seek for your kind intervention in the matter. Let CCA, West Bengal Telecom Circle, Kolkata and others be suitably advised not to harass the absorbed BSNL pensioners on flimsy ground and implement the said DOP&PW OM dated 06.04.2016 which has already been duly endorsed by DOT and BSNL”. [Posting dated 03.08.2016 in this website be viewed to read the letter.](#)



GOVERNMENT/BSNL ORDERS

DOT ENDORSES DOP&PW ORDER F NO. 38/37/2016-P&PW(A)(i) DATED 04.08.2016 ON IMPLEMENTATION OF GOVERNMENT’S DECISION ON THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE SEVENTH CENTRAL PAY COMMISSION – REVISION OF PROVISIONS REGULATING PENSION/GRATUITY/COMMUTATION OF PENSION/FAMILY PENSION/DISABILITY PENSION/EX-GRATIA LUMP SUM COMPENSATION ETC: Department of Telecommunication, vide its No. 36-02/2016-Pen(T)(i) dated 22.08.2016, has since endorsed the Order issued by Department of Pension & Pensioners’ Welfare, vide F.No. 38/37/2016-P&PW(A)(i) dated 04.08.2016, for implementation of Government’s decision on the recommendations of seventh Central Pay Commission regarding revision of provisions regulating pension/gratuity/commutation of pension/family pension/disability pension/ex-gratia lump sum compensation etc. It may be pointed out that the recommendation of the 7th CPC on gratuity which has duly been accepted by the Government is totally in the line of AIBSNLREA’s memorandum submitted to the Seventh Central Pay Commission. [Posting dated 30.08.2016 in this website be viewed to read the Order.](#)

BSNL ISSUES DETAILED INSTRUCTIONS FOR REVISION OF PENSION/FAMILY PENSION OF THE BSNL PENSIONERS WHO RETIRED PRIOR TO 10.06.2013 WITH FITMENT BENEFIT BY MERGER OF 78.2% IDA: After endorsing the DOT OM No. 40-13/2013-Pen (T) dated 18.07.2016 for revision of pension/family pension of the BSNL pensioners who retired prior to 10.06.2013, vide its No. 40-06/2011-Pen(B)(Pt) dated 26.07.2016, BSNL has now issued detailed instructions for consolidation of the pension/family pension of the concerned BSNL pensioners/family pensioners and send the same to the concerned CCA. BSNL has also specifically instructed that while calculating the pay notionally in case of BSNL IDA pensioners/family pensioners, who retired between 01.01.2007 and 09.06.2013, it should be ensured to grant notional increment @3% of the existing basic pay for fixation of pay in promotion with effect from 01.01.2007, as clarified by BSNL Corporate Office vide its No. 1-05/2015-PAT(BSNL) dated 4.4.2016, in case same was not granted earlier. This takes care of our initiative to get the said benefit extended to the affected retired executives before pension revision. But the cases of those who retired after

9.6.2013 need to be followed up. [Posting dated 18.08.2016 in this website be viewed to read the BSNL Order.](#)

BSNL ISSUES ORDERS ADVISING THE CGMs TO TAKE CERTAIN ACTIONS TO REMOVE SOME DIFFICULTIES FACED BY THE RETIRED BSNL EMPLOYEES IN REGARD TO BSNLMRS: BSNL Corporate Office has since issued orders advising all the CGMs to settle all medical claims of the retired employees within one month from the date of receipt of the same, empanel sufficient number of CGHS approved hospitals preferably on cashless basis or to ensure that services are extended on CGHS rates on cash payment, status of claims of retired employees be informed to them whenever sought etc. In a separate letter, the BSNL Corporate Office has advised CGM, ITPC to implement one web-based program for knowing the status of the medical claims of the retired employees in one circle so that the deficiencies noticed can be removed once it is made operational. It may be recalled that the Orders already exist for settlement of medical claims for indoor treatment within one month of their receipt. But hardly, this is being followed. However, there was no such fixed time limit for settlement of medical claims for outdoor treatment and we had been requesting BSNL Corporate Office for similar order, as in the case of indoor treatment, in respect of claims for outdoor treatment. Empanelment of more cashless hospitals will be helpful provided BSNL Corporate Office sanctions adequate fund to clear the bills preferred by such hospitals on time. Otherwise, the hospitals will not extend the benefit as at present. Without online tracking system, there is no other alternative but to physically visit the BSNL offices to know the status of the claims. We shall have to wait to know the result of the experiment with the proposed web-based program and if it is successful, this problem may be addressed to certain extent. It may also be recalled that in our All India Conference held at Bhubaneswar, the various problems noticed with BSNLMRS was discussed at length and some remedial measures were suggested. A resolution to this effect was also adopted and submitted to Prime Minister and others. [Posting dated 10.08.2016 in this website be viewed to read the BSNL letter to all CGMs and also the letter to the CGM, ITPC, Pune](#)

RETIRED BSNL EMPLOYEES CAN NOW AVAIL CGHS FACILITIES – BSNL ISSUES ORDER: BSNL has now issued Orders asking retired BSNL employees desirous to opt for CGHS facilities to approach DOT to indicate their equivalent basic pay and grade pay as per Central Pay Scales on their Pension Payment Order (PPO) to facilitate evaluation of subscription and room rent of the beneficiary. Onetime payment of CGHS subscription to be made by the optees will finally be reimbursed by BSNL. The retired employees who opt for CGHS facilities will have to surrender BSNLMRS. Thus, an old Order to extend the benefit of CGHS facilities to the retired BSNL employees issued in February 2014 gets implemented. It may not be out of place to mention here that when the proposal was originally mooted, some unions opposed it. But AIBSNLREA demanded that there must be an option to the retired employees either to switch over to CGHS or retain BSNLMRS. This demand was duly accepted by the Government. [Posting dated 03.08.2016 in this website be viewed to read BSNL Order.](#)

BRANCHES IN ACTION

OFFICE BEARERS OF AIBSNLREA, WEST BENGAL STATE BRANCH MET CGM, TELECOM FACTORY

Representatives of West Bengal State Branch of AIBSNLREA comprising of S/Shri S K Maitra, S R Palit and S C Roy met CGM(TF) Kolkata Sri Apurba Kundu on 23rd August, 2016. They discussed mainly on implementation of Pension Revision Orders for BSNL Pensioners who retired prior to 10.06.2013. The CGM appreciated the suggestions made by the Association and assured timely completion of the job before the target date.

PUNE BRANCH OF AIBSNLREA MET CGM, ITPC, PUNE

S/Shri B B Controllu, Branch Secretary and P.C.Dubey, Organizing Secretary of AIBSNLREA, Pune Branch met Shri Prabash Singh, CGMT, ITPC in his Office at 4.00 pm on 24.08.2016 and discussed about early implementation of BSNL's letter dated 10.08.2016 for introduction of the web based program to know the status of medical claim bills. He informed that the program is in the final stage and expected to be ready by early next month. This will be implemented in Maharashtra Circle on trial basis to find the deficiencies, if any.

AIBSNLREA, SHIMLA BRANCH MET CGMT, H.P.CIRCLE

Representatives of Shimla Branch of AIBSNLREA comprising of Shri S R Sharma, Branch President, Shri Hari Krishan, Branch Secretary and Shri G S Negi, Shri R P Gupta met CGMT, Himachal Pradesh Circle Shri S K Gupta on 08.08.2016 and requested him to expedite implementation of BSNL Orders on extending the fitment benefit by merger of 78.2% IDA for revision of pension of pre 10.06.2013 BSNL pensioners, pay fixation with 3% increment w.e.f. 01.01.2007 on actual basis to the executives. They also raised the issue of delay in settling the medical claims of the pensioners. The CGMT advised the DGM (Admn) to take immediate action on these. The delegation later met Shri DGM(Admn) and Shri D K Verma, DGM(Finance) separately and discussed the same issues.

OFFICE BEARERS OF AIBSNLREA, PUNE BRANCH MET PGMT, PUNE

The office bearers of AIBSNLREA, Pune Branch met PGMT, Pune Shri P.K.Hota on 1st August 2016 and submitted a letter requesting to expedite preparation of pension revision papers with fitment benefit by merger of 78.2% IDA. He immediately conveyed GM (F) Shri Mahawar to do the needful and asked us to meet him. The GM (Finance) assured the representatives of the Association that the work will be started soon and be completed within a couple of months.

REPRESENTATIVES OF AIBSNLREA, EAST VIDARBHA (NAGPUR) BRANCH MET SR. GMTD, NAGPUR

S/Shri U B Nikose President, V W Patil, Vice President, B D Nikam, Vice president, Arun Deshpande, Branch Secretary, N R Rachkondawar Asst Secretary, Bhola Kamble Asst Secretary, B P Majumdar, Finance Secretary of AIBSNLREA, Nagpur Branch, accompanied by Shri P R Bhujbal CHQ Vice President met Smt Namrata Tiwari, Sr GMTD Nagpur on 20-08-2016. Shri Nikose,

Branch President presented a bouquet to her. The Association submitted a letter to Sr GMTD requesting for early compliance of DOT/BSNL orders regarding allowing the fitment benefit by merger of 78.2%DA to the BSNL pensioners/family pensioners, who retired before 10-06-2013, within the targeted date ie 31-12-2016. Sr GMTD Nagpur informed the representatives that they have already taken action and initiated the process of consolidation of pension/family pension to the IDA pensioners who retired prior to 10-06-2013. Discussion was also held on the issue of payment of pending medical bills of BSNL pensioners. GMTD assured to look into this matter.

REPRESENTATIVES OF AIBSNLREA, WEST BENGAL STATE BRANCH HELD SEPARATE MEETINGS WITH CGM (ETR), GM (ETR) AND GM (HR/ADMN), CTD

Representatives of AIBSNLREA, West Bengal State Branch comprising of S/Shri S.R.Palit, S.C.Roy, N.H.Siddique and K.C.Dey met Shri G C Shrivastava, CGM, Eastern Telecom Region and Shri Anupam Maji, GM (ETR) on 18.08.2016. There was a fruitful discussion on the issues like revision of pension and settlement of medical reimbursement cases. The CGM assured the Association representatives that the revision of pension cases would be taken up on priority basis to complete well before the target date. The representatives also met Shri P.K.Mahapatra, GM(HR/Admin), Calcutta Telephones and discussed about early implementation of DOT Order on revision of Pension/Family Pension with fitment benefit by merger of 78.2% IDA, incorporation of missing cases of Date of Birth of spouses in the PPO books, ensuring implementation of BSNL Order on 3% increment issue for pay fixation on promotion for the executives promoted after 01.01.2007. The association also suggested to evolve a mechanism for periodical monitoring of the progress to ensure early implementation of the Orders on these issues. GM(HR) agreed to consider the same and instructed the AGM(Staff) to issue guidelines to Area Offices based on the BSNL order dated 17.08.2016 regarding revision of pension. Cases of delayed payment of Medical Bills was also discussed in the meeting. The Association insisted for clearance of the backlog immediately and also requested to maintain one month's time frame to clear all the bills as per Corporate Office guidelines. GM(HR) also informed that efforts were being made to enter into agreement with number of Hospitals/Nursing Homes for indoor treatment at CGHS rates.

A NEW BRANCH OF AIBSNLREA FORMED IN KALYAN, MAHARASHTRA

A new Branch of AIBSNLREA has been formed in Kalyan, Maharashtra. Thirty six (36) members have now joined the Association as its Life Members. The new Branch has the following as the Office Bearers:- (1) President: Shri D R Shukla, (2) Vice President: Shri K J Gupta, (3) Branch Secretary: Shri B M Hatwar, (4) Assistant Branch Secretary: Shri B W Patil, (5) Finance Secretary: Shri L B Gupta. AIBSNLREA family welcomes all the new members.

OFFICE BEARERS OF AIBSNLREA CHENNAI BRANCH MEET JOINT CCA, TAMILNADU CIRCLE

S/Shri V.Dakshinamoorthy President and R.R.Balasubramanian, Asst. Secretary of AIBSNLREA Chennai Branch along with CHQ President Shri V.Chinnappiah and AGS Shri S.Ratnasubramanian met Jt.CCA (Pension), Tamilnadu Circle on 17.8.2016 and discussed about

rectification of the old revised Pension Payment Orders in which fraction of a rupee was not rounded off to the next higher rupee and also to ensure that the provision for rounding off a fraction of a rupee to the next higher rupee is followed when pension is revised as per DoT order dated 15.7.2016 simultaneously with re-fixation of pay with notional increment of 3% for pay fixation on promotion for Executives retired after 1.1.2007. They also requested early disposal of representations of both pre-2006 DOT Pensioners and pre-2006 absorbed BSNL Pensioners for implementing the decision of DOP&PW that “the revised consolidated pension of the pre-2006 pensioners shall not be lower than 50% of the minimum of the pay in the Pay Band and the grade pay (wherever applicable) corresponding to the pre-revised pay scale as per fitment table without pro-rata reduction of pension even if they had qualifying service of less than 33 years at the time of retirement.” Copies of a few representations were also handed over to him. Jt.CCA heard the arguments with patience and assured to consider the representations in due course. In respect of “notional increment of 3%” he said a decision had been taken earlier but he could not recollect what the decision was. He was requested to convey the decision so that AIBSNLREA can take up with concerned authorities if required. He agreed to do so in a day or two.

UP STATE BRANCH OF AIBSNLREA MET PGM (HR/ADMN) AND G.M (FINANCE), UP (EAST) CIRCLE

State Secretary Shri R S Arora and State Finance Secretary Shri Ambika Singh of AIBSNLREA, UP State Branch met PGM (HR/Admn) and G.M.(F), UP (East) Circle on 08.08.2016 and submitted a letter requesting to advise the SSAs for early compliance of DOT/BSNL Orders regarding allowing the fitment benefit by merger of 78.2% DA to the BSNL pensioners/family pensioners who retired before 10.06.2013. It was assured to do needful. The issues regarding non-allotment of Conference Hall/Meeting Hall to the Association, Pay anomaly case Shri H.C.Dutta, Retd AGM, Lucknow and the case of huge deduction in the medical claim bill of Shri Chhotey Lal, Retd SDE for Indoor treatment taken in Government Hospital were also discussed.

WEST BENGAL STATE BRANCH OF AIBSNLREA HELD ITS GENERAL BODY MEETING

West Bengal State Branch of AIBSNLREA held a General Body Meeting on 6th August, 2016 at CTO Hall, Kolkata. The hall was over crowded with massive participation of the members. 252 members registered their attendance in the meeting. The meeting started at 2 PM with State President Shri S.K.Maitra in the chair. The House first observed one minute’s silence in memory of the departed members. Shri S.R.Palt, State Secretary then placed his report containing the recent development and other information including the AIC held at Bhubaneswar. Some general Members also took part in the discussions. S/Shri S.C.Roy and Nimesh Bhattacharya from the State Body also addressed the house. Shri Sadhan Ghosh, Organising Secretary (East) apprised the house the details of activities of AIBSNLREA CHQ and appealed to the members to remain cautious about the misleading propaganda by some other organisations. Shri S.R.Palit in his speech replied to all the queries raised by the members and discussed in details the issues like implementation of 78.2% fitment benefit, annulment of pension liability on 60:40 ratio between DOT and BSNL etc. He expressed his disappointment on the roll of the service unions who are not

acting on the Pensioner's issues with due seriousness and priority. He called upon all the BSNL Executive Pensioners to enroll themselves as the members of AIBSNLREA. The meeting ended with vote of Thanks to the chair. [View posting dated 09.08.2016 in the 'State News' Page for the photographs of the meeting and read the Report of the State Secretary](#)

REPRESENTATIVES OF AIBSNLREA, GUJARAT STATE BRANCH MET CGMT AND PGM (F), GUJARAT

S/Shri P.B.Parmar, State President, A.B.Patel. State Secretary and B.M.Bhavsar. Organizing Secretary (West), CHQ met CGMT, Gujarat and PGM (Finance) on 05.08.2016 to discuss about early processing of the cases for revision of pension of the BSNL pensioners who retired before 10.06.2013 following issue of Orders by DOT to allow fitment benefit by merger of 78.2% DA. Both of them assured appropriate action to expedite the cases. Earlier on the day, the Executive Committee of Gujarat State Branch met and the State Secretary briefed the Committee Members about the AIC and other issues. It was further reported that the Nadiad Branch of the Association held a GB Meeting on 11.07.2016 which was attended by the State President and State Secretary. Vadodara Branch also held a GB Meeting on 14.07.2016. The State Secretary and Organizing Secretary (West), CHQ attended the same.

KURUKSHETRA BRANCH OF AIBSNLREA HELD ITS QUARTERLY GB MEETING

Quarterly general body meeting of AIBSNLREA. Kurukshetra Branch was held on 26.7.2016 in Neelkanthi Yatri Niwas of Haryana Tourism under the president ship of Shri D.S Sandhu. Branch Secretary Shri Jogi Ram welcomed all the members. Shri D S Sandhu, a primary member of the branch and now elected as Organizing Secretary (North) in the AIC at Bhubaneswar was also welcomed by the branch. The members were apprised of the deliberations in AIC Bhubaneswar held on 2nd and 3rd July,2016 which was attended by S/Shri Jogi Ram, Branch Secretary and D.S Sandhu, Branch President. It was stressed upon all the members to attend the meetings regularly and take active part in discussions. All the members present were supplied with the format for providing information for re-fixation of their pay on their time bound/regular promotion, if any, after 1.1.2007 in the light of BSNL letter No. 1-05/2015-PAT(BSNL) dated 19.1.2016 and 04.04.2016. Two more members from Kaithal S/Shri Ram Pal, Retd. DET and R P Sharma Retd SDE were enrolled as Life Members. Case of indoor treatment of wife of Shri Ram Pal, Retd DET, Kaithal was discussed with JAO (Cash) O/o GMTD, Karnal in the meeting who assured payment by 1st week of August, 2016. Member were also apprised future effect of 60:40 annulment and efforts of our association in settlement of 78.2% DA case. Salient features of VIIIth Pay Commission report were also discussed. Members were also requested to remain vigilant and remain active in the light of fight in future to achieve our ultimate right on account of arrears of 78.2% DA merger and next revision of pension due after pay scale revision of serving BSNL Executives as per the 3rd PRC Report.

ANNUAL GENERAL BODY MEETING OF AIBSNLREA, EAST VIDARBHA (NAGPUR) BRANCH HELD

The Annual General Body Meeting of AIBSNLREA, East Vidarbha (Nagpur) Branch was held on Sunday, the 31st July, 2016 at Amenity Block, CTO Compound, Nagpur under the Chairmanship of Shri N G Talewar President of the Branch. After paying tributes to the departed members, Shri Arun Deshpande Asst Secretary welcomed all the life members including the newly enrolled life

members. He briefed the house regarding the efforts being taken by Nagpur Branch to resolve the grievances of the BSNL pensioners.

Shri P R Bhujbal Branch Secretary highlighted the proceedings of All India Conference held at Bhubaneswar (Odisha state) on 2nd and 3rd July, 2016. Important key issues concerning the BSNL pensioners and various resolutions passed by AIC were briefed to the members. Members of Nagpur Branch highly appreciated Gen Secretary CHQ for his sincere and honest efforts being taken in the interest of BSNL pensioners. Members were informed about the formation of Maharashtra state Body. House greeted newly elected CHQ and State body office bearers. The entire house greeted S/Shri P R Bhujbal and N G Talewar for their election as CHQ Vice President and State Vice President respectively.

Afterwards, Secretary informed in details about the recently issued DOT Order dated 18th July, 2016 regarding revision of pension/family pension of BSNL pensioners/family pensioners retired prior to 10-06-2016 by allowing the benefit of 78.2% DA/DR for the purpose of fitment. In view of impending pension revision and payment of arrears thereof from 10-06-2013, the members were requested to pay donation to the association. Other issues like 3rd PRC constitution for the CPSE Executives, 7th CPC Notification issued by Government, DOT's order dated 20.07.2016 about modifying the liability of BSNL towards the payment of pensionary benefits to the retired employees of BSNL, CGHS facilities, Concessional telephone facilities to the retired employees of BSNL etc were discussed at length.

Shri B P Majumdar Finance Secretary submitted statement of accounts for the Financial Year 2015-16 which was passed unanimously by the house.

Afterwards, the existing body was dissolved and the new body was elected unanimously for the next term. The election was conducted by Shri V S Ashtikar Retd DGM MH Circle Mumbai and Shri R H Mitkari, Retd AGM Nagpur.

Shri P R Bhujbal welcomed the new office bearers. The newly elected President Shri U B Nikose and Branch Secretary Shri Arun Deshpande addressed the gathering and assured to increase the membership of Nagpur Branch.

Despite of incessant rain, the meeting was attended by 111 members. Seven BSNL retired executives joined the association and enrolled as life members of AIBSNLREA Nagpur Branch. The total membership thus increased from 323 to 330. The House congratulated all the newly enrolled life members. The meeting ended with vote of thanks to the chair and all participants.

GENERAL BODY MEETING OF AIBSNLREA, DHARWAD DISTRICT (HUBLI) BRANCH

The General Body Meeting of All India Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited Retired Executives' Association, Dharwad District (Hubli) Branch, Karnataka was held on Friday the 29th July 2016 at the Conference Hall, BSNL Sadan in the premises of GMTD, Hubli. Shri B G Kanavi, President chaired the meeting. Shri A. S. Parwatikar, Branch Secretary welcomed the members and addressed the gathering. He specially appreciated the good attendance despite continuous heavy

rains for the last one week. He highlighted the current issues taken up by CHQ in the interest of pensioners. He informed in depth about the order issued rescinding the pension liability clause between DOT and BSNL on 60:40 ratio and extension of fitment benefit by merger of 78.2% DA for the purpose of revision of pension. Various correspondences made by Shri.S Basu General Secretary, CHQ AIBSNLREA on pension/family pension issues and medical facilities, removal of notional arrangement and release of benefits from 1st January, 2007 etc were mainly highlighted and appreciated by all the members. Members requested the General Secretary to expedite the process of removal of notional arrangement and release of benefits from 1st January 2007. Shri V.V.Katti, Financial Secretary and Shri B G Bandarkeri Asst Finance Secretary (CHQ) informed the house about the issues discussed in the All India conference held at Bhubaneswar on 2nd and 3rd July, 2016. The Hubli Branch was very happy for Shri B G Bandarkeri Retd. Chief Accounts Officer, Hubli being elected as Asst Finance Secretary (CHQ) and congratulated him. Shri B G Bandarkeri then gave detailed information about the deliberations that took place in the AIC held on 2nd & 3rd July 2016 in Bhubaneswar. He also read out the resolutions passed in the AIC and the house discussed on those issues. The members expressed their satisfaction on the systematic persuasion by Shri.S BASU General Secretary, CHQ AIBSNLREA and his team in regard to the issue of implementation of DPE Order allowing fitment benefit by merger of 78.2% DA. Our delegates appreciated the extraordinary efforts, arrangements and Hospitality made by CHQ for the AIC held at Bhubaneswar. Shri B G Kanavi, President addressed the members and highlighted the recent developments as regards to the retired BSNL officers. New retired officers were enrolled in the meeting and were extended warm welcome by all other members of the association, Hubli Branch. The meeting ended with vote of thanks to the chair and members by Shri A D Pai.

REPRESENTATIVES OF KOLHAPUR BRANCH OF AIBSNLREA MET SR. GMTD, BSNL

The Office bearers of AIBSNLREA, Kolhapur Branch led by Shri D K Joshi, Joint Secretary met Sr. GMT Kolhapur on 01.08.2016 and requested him for early action to take up the work for preparation of the pension papers for revision of Pension of the BSNL Pensioners who retired before 10.06.2013 in pursuance to the orders issued by both DOT and BSNL. They also met other DGMs for necessary action. All the Officers agreed to start the work as early as possible. The delegation from AIBSNLREA also offered their assistance, if needed, to speed up the work. The Sr. GM assured that he would take appropriate action in the matter. The Branch has also written letters to the GMs of Sangli, Satara and Ratnagiri SSAs with the similar request.

AIBSNLREA, AMBALA BRANCH HELD ITS GENERAL BODY MEETING

A General Body Meeting of Ambala Branch (Haryana State) of AIBSNLREA was held on 29th July 2016 under the President ship of Shri P C Chauhan at Hotel Makhanchor. 35 members attended the meeting in which 7 new members also joined as life members. The new members were welcomed by Shri Chauhan. The meeting was addressed by Shri J C. Gupta, Branch Secretary who briefed the members about the special efforts made by our Central leaders in solving the matter of merger of 78.2 % IDA wef 1.1.2007. The members pointed out that in respect of pensioners all arrears should be paid wef 1.1.2007 including leave encashment, commutation and gratuity

instead of wef 10.6.2013. Branch Secretary also informed the members about the waiver of pension liability between DOT and BSNL on 60:40 ratio. The meeting was followed by lunch.

UP STATE BRANCH OF AIBSNLREA HELD ITS FIRST STATE CONFERENCE

Uttar Pradesh State Branch of AIBSNLREA held its First State Conference at Rai Uma Nath Bali Prekshegrih, Kaiser Bagh, Lucknow on 25.07.2016. The Conference started with hoisting of the flag of the Association by State President S.N. Shukla. State Secretary R.S. Arora, Lucknow Branch President Jagdish Prasad and S P Singh, Branch Secretary, Lucknow joined him. Shri Singh then welcomed the delegates and other members. State President Shri S.N. Shukla in his opening address sought the cooperation of the house for smooth conduct of the business. This was followed by one-minute silence in memory of departed colleagues who passed away during the period. After the self-introduction, the Branch Secretary of different Branches placed their reports. At this stage Shri S Basu, General Secretary and R K Sinha, Joint Secretary joined the Conference.

General Secretary, in his address, stated that as per the historic SC Order in D S Nakara case and subsequent V CPC recommendation, the past pensioners started receiving pension revision with same fitment benefit whenever pay revision is ordered for serving employees with a well-defined fitment benefit. He told the house that after accepting absorption in BSNL, we are no more Government employees i.e. we ceased to be the Government employees as per provision of Rule 37-A of CCS (Pension) Rules, 1972. Thus, neither we can have pension revision in CDA scale nor have the fitment benefit as granted to the Central Government employees since it would be violation of the principle laid down by SC that the pension of the past and present pensioners must be balanced. Our pension revision is directly linked with the pay revision of the serving BSNL Executives. He added that those pensioners' associations who had been talking of application of same fitment benefit as granted by VII CPC to the Government employees to be applied to the BSNL pensioners has now received their reply. Neither VII CPC nor the Experts Committee could agree with them. He recalled the days when AIBSNLREA alone stood firm against the proposal for pension revision in CDA scale when all the serving employees unions and Executives associations of BSNL and MTNL strongly backed the demand of ITS Association on the issue and held several meetings with Secretary(T). He told that the pensioners' associations are neither covered by any recognition rules nor any channel of communication is prescribed for them. The position of pensioners is such that here numerical strength of any association does not help in any way to settle any issue. Here one's capability to analyze the rules and presentation of the cases forcefully with facts and strong justifications and often backed by rules help to clinch the issues. This being the reality, the VII CPC not only accepted the submission of AIBSNLREA to raise the limit of DCRG but also agreed for its periodical revision linking the same with rise in DA. He lamented that some pensioners' associations are celebrating the recent decision of the Government on revision of pension of BSNL employees with fitment benefit by merger of 78.2%

DA calling the fixation as “notional” and denying the pay/pension arrears, DCRG, Leave encashment and Commutation of Pension. These Associations which took the lead in trying to establish that the DOT’s Presidential Directive dated 10.6.2013 was “notional” were now found to compete with each other to claim this as their victory despite heavy loss inflicted on the affected BSNL pensioners. He said that irony is that neither DPE order on pay scale revision and its order on 78.2% fitment benefit nor the DOT’s Presidential Directive called this benefit as “notional”. He announced that the AIC of AIBSNLREA held in Bhubaneswar has approved the proposal to challenge this decision in the court of law and the Association will seriously follow up the case. General Secretary called upon all the retired Executives to join AIBSNLREA and strengthen it. He also replied to the queries raised by the members including those mentioned by Branch Secretary Kanpur in his letter.

After the address by General Secretary, the State Secretary R.S. Arora placed his report which was passed by the house. The State Financial Secretary Ambika Singh then placed his report which was also passed. State President S.N. Shukla thanked the host Branch Lucknow, management of the Hall, media and all others.

At 16.00 hours, the Open Session of the Conference started. Shri Praveen Varshney, PGM (HR/Admin), BSNL, UP (East) Circle graced this occasion as the Chief Guest. He was welcomed by Shri S P Singh, Branch Secretary, Lucknow and was also garlanded. The key note address was presented by State Secretary R.S. Arora raising all the important issues. Other Office Bearers on the dais also addressed the House. Chief Guest Shri Praveen Varshney PMG (HR Admn), in his address, assured the house to extend full support in solving the problems of retirees including the medical reimbursement cases. He also assured to look into the issue of not allowing the facility to use the meeting Hall/C.H. to the retirees Associations. Memento was then presented to the dignitaries on the dais. The open session ended with vote of thanks by State Secretary R.S. Arora.

At 18:30 hours, the House reassembled and Shri R.K. Sinha Joint Secretary (CHQ) was nominated as Chairman to conduct the election and a new set of Office-bearers was then elected unanimously. After the oath taking ceremony, the Conference was declared closed at 20.00 hours. [Posting dated 02.08.2016 in UP State Section of State News page be viewed to get the list of new office bearers, photographs and press coverage](#)

AMRAVATI BRANCH OF AIBSNLREA HELD ITS BI-MONTHLY MEETING

Amravati Branch (Maharashtra State) of AIBSNLREA held its bi-monthly meeting on 30.07.2016 in the Conference hall of o/o GM TD, BSNL, Amravati under the chairmanship of Shri D.U.Waghamare. The meeting was attended by 24 members and 6 new members joined the Association. The house welcomed all of them. Secretary Shri V.G.Dakhode then gave detailed information about the deliberations that took place in the AIC held on 2nd & 3rd July 2016 in Bhubaneswar. He also read out the resolutions passed in the AIC and the house discussed on

those issues. The members expressed their satisfaction on the systematic persuasion by CHQ and the stand taken by it in regard to the issue of implementation of DPE Order allowing fitment benefit by merger of 78.2% DA. They also upheld the decision of CHQ to lodge protest against not extending the pensionary benefits to the employees who retired between 1.1.2007 and 9.6.2013. The members felt happy when the Branch Secretary informed them about election of a new body of CHQ office bearers in which S/Shri P.R.Bhujabal and D.K.Joshi from Maharashtra were elected as Vice President and Joint Secretary respectively. The members also expressed their happiness on learning about formation of a State Body in which Shri V G Dakhode was elected as the State Secretary. Thereafter, Shri V.G.Dakhode, Secretary requested all the members to get their friends enrolled as members and increase the strength of Association. The President then asked the house to elect a new body within a month's time. The meeting ended with presentation of vote of thanks.

GB MEETING OF AIBSNLREA, SANGRUR BRANCH (PUNJAB STATE) HELD

Sangrur Branch of AIBSNLREA held a General Body Meeting on 27.07.2016 in the office of Shri Parshotam Dass, Retd. SDE at Kuala Park, Sangrur. S/Shri P K Jindal, President and V K Mittal, Finance Secretary highlighted the members about the various issues which are either solved in the interest of the retired executives or under active consideration after being taken up by the CHQ. The members were informed about the order issued rescinding the pension liability clause between DOT and BSNL on 60:40 ratio and extension of fitment benefit by merger of 78.2% DA for the purpose of revision of pension. The House was also informed about the order issued by BSNL endorsing the decision of DOP&PW to delink qualifying service of 33 years for full pension to the pre-2006 retirees. The members were also informed that CHQ has taken up the issue of failure of the existing mechanisms for grievance redressal of the pensioners and also the different resolutions adopted in the AIC with the Hon'ble Prime Minister and others. The issue regarding non-implementation of DOP&PW Order for issue of Identity Cards to the pensioners also came up for discussions. At the end, Sh. Gurmail Singh Branch Secretary thanked all the members and urged the remaining retired executives to join the Association.

GENERAL BODY MEETING OF MUMBAI BRANCH OF AIBSNLREA HELD

A General Body meeting of Mumbai branch of AIBSNLREA was held on 20.7.2016 at 14.00 hrs in the Conference Hall of Fountain Telecom Building, Mumbai with Shri Vasudev, President on the chair. He welcomed all the members and appreciated the good attendance despite heavy rains. He specially welcomed two new members S/Shri S R Yadav and R B Chaturvedi and also shared with his important views. Secretary Shri S P Verma read out the minutes of the last G B meeting and informed the house about the issues discussed in the All India conference held at Bhubaneswar on 2nd and 3rd July, 2016. He informed the house that order has been issued for revision of pension with fitment benefit by merger of 78.2 % IDA by DOT with notional fixation w e f 1.1. 2007 and actual benefit from 10.06.2013. However, we still demand the benefit w e f 1.1.2007. He further reported that DOT has issued orders in 2014 for payment of pension by Government to the MTNL employees w e f 1.10.2000 by virtually changing the terms and conditions of service for absorption without addressing the pay scale issue of the BSNL

Executives. At the time of absorption, BSNL officers were offered Government pension with one stage lower IDA pay scale than MTNL employees whose pension was to be paid by a trust. He also informed that BSNL has sent a proposal to DOT to revise the IDA scales of the BSNL Executives at par with MTNL w.e.f 1.1.2007 and not from 1.10.2000. It is a great injustice to BSNL executives and we shall have to continue our struggle for justice. He also informed the house that the BSNL pensioners can now opt for either CGHS or BSNLMRS scheme for medical treatment. He further requested to increase membership of Mumbai branch. Shri Vasudev, President suggested to conduct a meeting in the last week of August at Thane so that members from nearby areas can attend the same. Shri S N Verma presented vote of thanks and the meeting concluded at 17.00 hrs.



STATEMENT OF PAYMENTS RECEIVED DURING AUGUST 2016

Dharwad District (Hubli) Branch (Karnataka State) has deposited Rupees eight hundred (Rs 800.00) only in the S/B Account of CHQ with Syndicate Bank on 31.08.2016 towards quota for 4 new Life Members.

Ujjain Branch (Madhya Pradesh State) has sent a Cheque for Rupees one thousand two hundred (Rs 1200.00) only drawn on ICICI Bank towards quota for 6 new Life Members.

Kalyan Branch (Maharashtra State) has deposited Rupees Seven thousand two hundred (Rs 7,200.00) only in the S/B Account of CHQ with Syndicate Bank on 20.08.2016 towards quota for 36 new Life Members.

Palakkad Branch (Kerala State) has deposited Rupees four hundred (Rs 400.00) only in the S/B Account of CHQ with Syndicate Bank on 17.08.2016 towards quota for 2 new Life Members.

East Vidarbha Branch, Nagpur (Maharashtra State) has deposited Rupees one thousand two hundred (Rs 1200.00) only in the S/B Account of CHQ with Syndicate Bank on 16.08.2016 towards quota for 6 new Life Members

East Vidarbha Branch, Nagpur (Maharashtra State) has deposited Rupees Twenty one thousand (Rs 21,000.00) only in the S/B Account of CHQ with Syndicate Bank on 16.08.2016 as Special Donation.

Amravati Branch (Maharashtra State) has deposited Rupees one thousand two hundred (Rs 1200.00) only in the S/B Account of CHQ with Syndicate Bank on 12.08.2016 towards quota for 6 new Life Members.

Shri S Krishnamurthy, Retd DE from Bengaluru deposited Rupees Five hundred fifty (Rs 550/-) only in the S/B Account of CHQ in Syndicate Bank on 04.08.2016 to take Life Membership of the Association.

Ambala Branch (Haryana State) has deposited Rupees four hundred (Rs 400.00) only in the S/B Account of CHQ with Syndicate Bank on 03.08.2016 towards quota for 2 new Life Members.

Ambala Branch (Haryana State) has deposited Rupees one thousand four hundred (Rs 1400.00) only in the S/B Account of CHQ with Syndicate Bank on 01.08.2016 towards quota for 7 new Life Members.

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