



Editorial

RELIEF DID NOT ARRIVE ON ITS OWN – AIBSNLREA MADE IT HAPPEN

The withdrawal of DoT's controversial letter dated 30.01.2025 stands as one of the most significant victories for pensioners' rights in recent years, and it is a victory achieved solely because AIBSNLREA refused to accept illegality, injustice, or administrative arbitrariness as fate. What hundreds of BSNL VRS-2019 retirees belonging to the ST category suffered for more than five years was not merely delay, but a systemic violation of clear Government of India instructions, judicial pronouncements, and established pension policy. When others remained 'silent' or focused on peripheral issues, AIBSNLREA alone identified the root cause — the DoT letter dated 30.01.2025, which attempted to override the binding DoP&PW OM dated 30.11.2021.

The matter first came to our knowledge when Com. N.R. Rachakondawar, Branch Secretary, Nagpur, in his speech at AIC Kolkata briefly mentioned the plight of ST retirees under CCA Maharashtra Circle whose pensionary benefits were withheld on the plea of pending caste verification. However, the full magnitude of the crisis became clear only after Com. Prakash Khade mailed CHQ on 02.01.2025, attaching a huge volume of documents. These documents revealed a disturbing

reality: hundreds of BSNL employees, whose caste certificates had been accepted decades earlier at the time of their appointment, were suddenly asked to revalidate them through a Maharashtra State portal, with some receiving such letters even after retirement. The regular pension sanctioned earlier, with PPO issued, was modified to provisional pension. Though the first installment of ex-gratia was paid, the remaining installments were withheld. All pensionary benefits including gratuity and commutation were stopped. More shockingly, post-retirement chargesheets under Rule 36 of BSNL CDA Rules were issued, clearly intended to retrospectively alter vigilance status and circumvent DoP&PW's instructions.

AIBSNLREA immediately recognised that this was not a routine grievance but a direct violation of extant DoP&PW instructions, reiterated vide OM No. 38/09(02)/2020-P&PW(A) dated 30.11.2021, which clearly stipulates that *"Unless departmental or judicial proceedings are pending against a retiring employee, the pensionary/retirement benefits of the retiring employee should not be withheld or delayed on the ground*

of pendency of verification of caste certificate."

Days before we wrote to DoT on 17.02.2025 regarding Com. Prakash Khade's grievance as an individual case, DoT had already issued the most controversial letter on 30.01.2025, instructing BSNL to continue sanctioning only provisional pension and to withhold gratuity and commutation till completion of caste verification - a blatant violation of DoP&PW's categorical instructions.

Then we received an email from Com. Pradip Shamrao Khairkar, another affected pensioner, with a set of chronologically arranged documents that threw more light on the matter. Meanwhile, AIBSNLREA had addressed a letter to CMD BSNL highlighting the illegality of issuing post-retirement chargesheets. the Central Vigilance Commission, which forwarded our representation to CVO BSNL, and subsequently to CGM Maharashtra. AIBSNLREA persisted, sending reminders to ensure accountability.

After carefully analysing the entire matter, we decided to target the issue by demanding rescinding the DoT letter dated 30.01.2025. Our efforts began with detailed submissions to DoT on 09.06.2025, 08.09.2025, 08.10.2025, and 27.01.2026 — each pointing out that the letter contradicted DoP&PW OM dated 30.11.2021. We were regularly meeting Member (S) and Sr. DDG (Estt) at DoT and pursuing the issue.

In our letter dated 27.01.2026 to the Secretary, DoT, we cited the Supreme

Court's categorical observation that caste verification after retirement is "*largely academic*" and "*will not serve any purpose.*" We also highlighted the Madras High Court judgment in W.P. No. 35035 of 2023, which held post-retirement caste verification to be a "*wasteful exercise*" and "*purely academic.*" BSNL complied with the High Court's order by settling the benefits of the petitioner, establishing a clear precedent that could not be selectively applied.

The most decisive moment came with our detailed letter dated 27.04.2026 addressed to the Secretary (Pension), DoP&PW. In that letter, we pointed out the fundamental illegality in DoT's stance, stating: "*It is indeed anomalous that DoT claims to have 'considered' the DoP&PW OM dated 30.11.2021, yet chose to issue an order that is directly contrary to the instructions contained in it. DoT is not competent to take a decision that overrides, dilutes, or contradicts the policy instructions issued by DoP&PW...*" We reminded DoP&PW of its own categorical position that "*There is no provision... for withholding of the retirement benefits on account of pending verification of caste status... This Department has also not issued any instruction/direction... for withholding of pension of the retired Central Government employees for pending verification of community/caste certificates.*" We emphasised that DoP&PW cannot remain a silent spectator when its instructions are openly flouted, causing prolonged hardship and even death among retirees.

Our last and most comprehensive submission came on 22.06.2026, addressed to the Secretary, Telecom. This letter dismantled every argument used to justify the 30.01.2025 letter. We wrote: *"The DoT letter dated 30.01.2025 contradicts DoP&PW OM dated 30.11.2021, contradicts multiple DoP&T instructions issued from 1975 to 2023, contradicts the Supreme Court and High Court judgments, imposes obligations on retirees that the law does not recognise, and continues to cause severe hardship..."* We further stated that *"The DoT's clarificatory letters dated 30.01.2025 and 09.06.2026 cannot supersede or dilute the substantive provisions laid down in DoT's own OMs dated 30.12.2021 and 04.04.2022. Legally, a clarificatory letter from the same department cannot override an earlier OM..."* We demanded that DoT *"Rescind the letter dated 30.01.2025 in its entirety... and ensure immediate release of all withheld pensionary benefits — including regular pension, gratuity and commutation — to all affected BSNL VRS-2019 retirees."* A copy of this letter was also marked to the Cabinet Secretary, Government of India.

After sustained pressure through DoP&PW, DoP&T, CVC, and repeated documentary submissions, DoT finally issued a letter on 06.07.2026 withdrawing its 30.01.2025 letter. This is not a routine administrative correction. It is a restoration of legality, a correction of injustice, and a vindication of every retiree who suffered silently for years. Some began claiming credit after the withdrawal was announced, but the

documentary trail is unambiguous: AIBSNLREA recognised the core issue, built the legal, administrative, and policy foundation, engaged every authority, persisted for one and a half years, and achieved what others could not achieve in five years. This victory belongs to the affected pensioners, but it is AIBSNLREA that made it possible.

Subsequently, on 09.07.2026, CVC also informed us that our complaint *"has been duly examined by CVO, BHARAT SANCHAR NIGAM LIMITED and having regards to the issues raised therein, it is being sent to the concerned administrative authority (CGMT, CNTx-W and MH Telecom Circle, BSNL, 02226616999, cgm_cntxw@bsnl.co.in) for necessary action."*

After withdrawal of the DoT letter dated 30.01.2025, we continued to monitor implementation and release of all withheld benefits. We are relieved that regular pension has been sanctioned and paid to all the affected pensioners and gratuity has also been paid. Commutation is yet to be paid, but we believe that the process will be completed without any hitch. And then, we are committed to get the remaining portion of ex-gratia released.

AIBSNLREA remains committed to defending the rights, dignity, and welfare of every BSNL retiree. AIBSNLREA has once again demonstrated what principled, persistent, and legally grounded effort can achieve. Facts speak louder than claims — and the facts are on record.☹



Important Developments of the Month

- ✚ AGS Com. V.P. Arya visited Sanchar Bhawan on 04.08.2026 and met Director (Estt) to discuss the long-pending issue of issuance of the Presidential Order for absorption in BSNL in respect of Com. H.S. Sutaria. After the Sr. DDG (Estt) returned from a meeting, further discussions were held with him as well, with Director (Estt) present throughout. Com. Arya explained the complete case history, including the favourable clarification reportedly received from the Department of Legal Affairs, and clearly pointed out that the Supreme Court judgment being relied upon has no relevance whatsoever to the facts of Shri Sutaria's case. He emphasised that the judicial proceedings in Shri Sutaria's matter had concluded with acquittal long before his retirement, and that the pending appeal—without any stay—does not attract the embargo under Rule 69. It has been agreed that our submissions and contentions will be examined.
- ✚ The monthly virtual meeting of AIBSNLREA CHQ office-bearers was held today under the Presidentship of Com. V. Chinnappiah, who welcomed the participants and made special mention of Com. M. V. Rao, Vice President, for attending the meeting just a day after being discharged following bypass surgery, recalling similar dedication shown earlier by Com. V. P. Arya, AGS. He also referred to how the Delhi High Court's observations echoed points made in AIBSNLREA's GS reports. The General Secretary appreciated the commitment of Com.M.V.Rao and Com.V.P.Arya and said such comrades inspire all of us. He, however, requested Com.M.V.Rao to leave the meeting and to take care of his health. He then detailed the activities of July, including the Delhi High Court setting aside the PCAT orders on pension revision as per CPC, the major breakthrough achieved by AIBSNLREA in the Maharashtra ST community verification issue, the launch of the subject-wise Editorials page, and the prompt inclusion of revised IDA w.e.f. 1.7.2026 in July pension despite delayed DPE orders. He elaborated on the progress in the Maharashtra matter and the positive response from affected pensioners, including non-executives who wished to join or donate to AIBSNLREA, both of which the CHQ politely declined. He also explained the focused efforts being made to settle the grievance of Com. H. S. Sutaria and the action being taken regarding interest on delayed gratuity. GS thanked Chennai Branch for its voluntary donation of Rs. 8,000 last month and Varanasi Branch for Rs. 10,000 this month. CHQ office-bearers then shared organisational activities from their respective areas and conveyed that members appreciated AIBSNLREA's correct understanding of the pension revision issue, now vindicated by the Delhi High Court. Summing up, the GS explained the Ernakulam High Court judgment on pension revision and the difference between pro-rata pension and combined service pension. Before closing, Com. D. H. Patel, VP, said his State Secretary wanted him to share the link in order that he can attend the meeting, but he had politely declined. The President clarified that the virtual meeting was strictly for CHQ office-bearers and the link should not be shared by them with others. He concluded the meeting by thanking everyone for the useful discussions and sharing of experiences.

✚ AIBSNLREA has been consistently pursuing the issuance of a uniform CBDT order in line with the ITAT Chandigarh rulings that allow full income-tax exemption on the ex-gratia received by BSNL VRS-2019 retirees. While CBDT had earlier maintained complete silence on the matter, it responded only after AIBSNLREA escalated the issue to the Hon'ble Prime Minister of India, advising us that the matter "be sent to the office of JS, TPL-2, RNO: 147-C, Ministry of Finance, Deptt. of Revenue, North Block, New Delhi-110001, Tel: 011-23092859 or be forwarded at the email ids – jstpl1@nic.in and jstpl2@nic.in." AIBSNLREA immediately wrote to JS, TPL-2, enclosing its earlier representation to the Prime Minister. Now, in response to a query under RTI regarding the action taken on our letter, CBDT has stated that the matter "remains under active review and consideration by the concerned authorities. Upon conclusion of the deliberation process, any official updates, policies, or outcomes will be duly notified and published on the official portal of Income Tax Department on the web link: <https://www.incometaxindia.gov.in>."



Issues taken up

12.08.2026: AIBSNLREA WRITES TO THE SECRETARY, DOH&FW REQUESTING TO EXTEND DIRECT PRIVATE OPD CONSULATION FACILITY

WITHOUT REFERRAL TO ALL CGHS PENSIONER BENEFICIARIES AGED 60 YEARS AND ABOVE:

AIBSNLREA has drawn the attention of Secretary DoH&FW to the National Sample Survey 80th Round, 2025 Report according to which hospitalisation rate of 8.1% among seniors aged 60 years and above is almost three times the national average of 2.9% and has argued that "Allowing pensioners aged 60 and above to directly consult specialists will reduce congestion, shorten queues, and enable Medical Officers at the Wellness Centres to focus on routine care and younger beneficiaries. This will improve the efficiency of the entire system." AIBSNLREA has requested her to examine the matter and take an early decision to extend direct private OPD access to all CGHS pensioner beneficiaries aged 60 years and above. [View the letter](#)

10.08.2026: AIBSNLREA WRITES TO THE SECRETARY, DARP&G REQUESTING TO RESTORE/ADD DARP&G AND DOP&PW IN LIST OF MINISTRIES/DEPARTMENTS UNDER CPGRAMS:

AIBSNLREA has drawn the attention of Secretary DARP&G to a significant deficiency in CPGRAMS, whereby the very department that has facilitated public grievance redressal appears to remain outside the system, despite the portal having proved extraordinarily successful in assisting the public and has requested restoration of DARP&G and addition of DoP&PW to the list. [View the letter](#)

RESPONSE/ACTION TAKEN ON AIBSNLREA'S REPRESENTATIONS



31.08.2026: CGCA RESPONDS TO AIBSNLREA LETTER DATED 29.06.2026 REGARDING NON-AVAILABILITY OF FORM 16 AND NON-REFLECTION OF

PENSION PAID IN PRE-FILLED ITR-1:

Earlier, in response to AIBSNLREA letter dated 29.06.2026, CGCA had replied on 07.07.2026 that "there is no obligation to issue Form 16 in cases where no tax has been deducted." The

reply was silent on our more serious concern that "pension received during FY 2025-26 is not appearing in the pre-filled ITR-I forms while attempting to file tax return. These details are also not reflected in Form 26AS or AIS." We had submitted an appeal stating that "The fact that many CCAs have supplied Form 16 even in cases where there has been no TDS recovered, although they are not mandated to do so, has not been refuted. It is requested that the remaining handful of CCAs may be asked to follow this procedure, which is not prevented by section 203. Our other grievance that pension paid by CCAs is not appearing either in 26AS or AIS or in the pre-filled ITR, has not been responded to. Without this, the pensioner has to make his own calculations and file the ITR. It may please be ensured that the pension paid during the year appears in AIS, which is the duty of the CCAs." CGCA has now intimated that "the following course of action has been decided:

- i) Annexure I of Form 24 Q is filed for all the pensioners. In case of pensioners whose Tax is not deducted, a Zero TDS needs to be filed in each quarter for generation of Form 16.
- ii) Annexure II of Form 24Q is filed for all the pensioners, accurately and within the prescribed timelines, so that the pension details are duly reflected in the AIS, Form 26AS and the pre-filled ITRs of the pensioners.
- iii) Pr.CCA/CCA office may decide whether Form 16 is to be issued to all the pensioners or not. However, individual request of any pensioner to issue form 16 shall not be denied irrespective of zero tax deduction on pension.

Necessary instructions are being issued to circle offices. The same shall be intimated to the appellant immediately upon issuance." [View the CGCA response](#)

26.08.2026: CGHS RESPONDS TO AIBSNLREA LETTER DATED 09.07.2026 REQUESTING REVISED OM ALLOWING ANNUAL MEDICAL EXAMINATION FOR CGHS BENEFICIARIES ABOVE 70 YEARS:

AIBSNLREA vide its letter dated 09.07.2026 had drawn the attention of DG CGHS to the recent empanelment guidelines dated 22.12.2025, wherein the empanelled hospitals are required to provide Annual Medical Examination to beneficiaries above 70 and had requested to issue revised O.M lowering the age limit for Annual Medical Examination to 70 years. CGHS has now replied that the "suggestions are noted." [View the CGHS response](#)

24.08.2026: CGHS RESPONDS TO AIBSNLREA LETTER DATED 01.07.2026 REGARDING NEED FOR DELIVERY OF RESTRICT LIFE SAVING MEDICINE BY COURIER:

Responding to AIBSNLREA letter dated 01.07.2016, CGHS replied that "Maximum efforts are being made to ensure the early delivery of indented and restricted medicines to the beneficiaries. The dispatch of restricted medicines by courier is a policy decision." [View the CGHS response](#)

18.08.2026: BSNL RESPONDS TO AIBSNLREA LETTER DATED 07.07.2026 REGARDING SETTLEMENT OF LONG-PENDING MEDICAL CLAIMS OF SHRI GOPAL PRASAD SRIVASTAVA, RETD CS CTO LUCKNOW:

Responding to AIBSNLREA letter dated 07.07.2026 addressed to the CMD BSNL on the above subject, PGM Lucknow has replied that "as per available SAP records, medical claims amounting to Rs.2,20,975 have been posted in SAP, out of which Rs.1,94,330/- has been paid and Rs.26,645/- is under process." The letter also states that "the concerned retiree may, therefore, tally the above amounts with the medical claims submitted by him against his

annual eligibility and in case any further assistance, the retiree may contact this office in person." [View the BSNL response](#)

03.08.2026: CGCA RESPONDS TO AIBSNLREA LETTER DATED 01.06.2026 ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY, DOT REQUESTING ENABLING DOWNLOADABLE PENSIONER IDENTITY CARD FACILITY IN SAMPANN:

Responding to AIBSNLREA letter dated 01.06.2026 addressed to the Secretary, DoT, CGCA, DoT has informed us that DoP&PW instructions on issuance of Identity Cards provide only for issuance of printed PVC Identity Cards. Further, considering the security concerns and the risk of misuse, it is not feasible to provide such facility." [View the CGCA response](#)



BRANCHES IN ACTION

28.08.2026: AIBSNLREA THANJAVUR BRANCH (TAMILNADU STATE) HOLDS ITS GENERAL BODY MEETING:

The General Body meeting of AIBSNLREA, Thanjavur Branch was held at the Telephone Exchange Complex, Kumbakonam on 26.08.2026 under the Presidentship of Com. E. Rajasekaran, Branch President. Twenty members attended and actively participated in the discussions. Com. K. Rajendran, Organizing Secretary, delivered the Welcome Address. [View Tamilnadu Page of State News section for full report] [View the Photo](#)

27.08.2026: SURAT BRANCH SECRETARY MEETS SURAT MP:

Com.N.J.Nakawala, Secretary, AIBSNLREA Surat Branch, along with Com.P.M.Panchal met Shri Mukesh Dalal, MP from Surat and submitted a representation listing justification for opening a CGHS Wellness center at Surat. Hon'ble MP informed them that he had already taken up the matter with the Minister of Health & Family Welfare and had suggested probable location. He was hopeful of early sanction. He then instructed his Office to send a reminder to DoH&FW. [View the Photo](#)

25.08.2026: AIBSNLREA AMBALA BRANCH (HARYANA STATE) HOLDS ITS GENERAL BODY MEETING:

The General Body meeting of the Ambala Branch of AIBSNLREA was held on 18th August 2026 at Central Phoenix Club, Ambala Cantt, under the Presidentship of Com. J. C. Gupta. Thirty members attended the meeting. Two minutes' silence was observed in memory of Com. Ram Rattan and Com. Anil Suri. Com. Dharam Paul Gulati, who had completed 75 years of age, was honoured with a shawl. Com. S. K. Aggarwal, CHQ Organising Secretary (North), addressed the members on the issue of pension revision and the consistent stand of our Association that pension revision will follow the pay revision of BSNL employees as per the 3rd PRC, after relaxation of the affordability clause. He further requested all members not to fall prey to misinformation spread by other Associations regarding the filing of an SLP in the Supreme Court and the collection of money for court cases by these Associations. After this, lunch was enjoyed by the members, and the meeting ended with a vote of thanks.

21.08.2026: AIBSNLREA UJJAIN BRANCH (MADHYA PRADESH STATE) HOLDS ITS GENERAL BODY MEETING:

The General Body meeting of the Ujjain SSA Branch, MP, was held on 13.08.2026 under the Presidentship of Com. B. C. Kulmi at Indian Coffee House. Twenty-three members attended

the meeting. Branch Secretary Com. Prafull Kumar Shukla explained in detail the Delhi High Court judgment on pension revision as per CPC and stated that our association is asking for 3rd PRC implementation as the logical solution to this issue. He also spoke about matters related to members of the Ujjain Branch, such as the very long-pending medical claims of Com. S. R. Farkya. It was decided to send the complete case to CHQ for resolution. Com. Arun Hedou informed the meeting that he had received the gratuity amount and thanked CHQ for its continuous and proper efforts in resolving the issue. Com. Uttam Bade attended the meeting and enrolled himself as a member. The meeting concluded with a vote of thanks by Com. P. M. Makwana. [View the Photo](#)

20.08.2026: AIBSNLREA PRAYAGRAJ BRANCH (UTTAR PRADESH STATE) HOLDS ITS GENERAL BODY MEETING:

The General Body meeting of AIBSNLREA Prayagraj Branch was held on 14.08.2026 in the CTO Compound, Prayagraj, under the Presidentship of Com. Ramlakhan Jaiswal. The Branch Secretary, Com. S. M. Tiwari, briefed the House regarding local issues related to notional increment for eligible members. Discussions regarding pending medical claims and non-issue of ID cards took place. Com. R. R. Shukla, State Vice President, spoke on the activities of the State association. Com. Ramlakhan Jaiswal explained the court cases. The meeting ended with the President thanking all the participants for the useful deliberations.

17.08.2026: AIBSNLREA BHOPAL BRANCH (MADHYA PRADESH STATE) HOLDS ITS GENERAL BODY MEETING:

The monthly General Body meeting of AIBSNLREA Bhopal Branch was held on 16.08.2026 at Indian Coffee House, New Market, Bhopal, under the Presidentship of Com. O. P. Sharma. Two minutes' silence was observed in memory of late Com. C. G. Ratanparkhi, who passed away on 22.07.2026. A total of 38 members attended the meeting. Com. S. K. Sharma was honoured on completing 80 years of age, and Com. R. S. Ubeja was felicitated on his birthday falling this month. Com. B. S. Rajput, OS (C), CHQ, explained the details of CHQ activities. He informed that, due to active persuasion by CHQ, the issue of release of pensionary benefits to ST-category VRS retirees under CCA Maharashtra has been resolved. Branch member Com. Parate expressed his gratitude to the General Secretary for resolving this long-pending grievance, and all members appreciated the efforts of CHQ. Dr. H. S. Saxena, Branch Secretary, briefed the members about the Editorial published in the August 2026 issue of the E-Journal. The meeting concluded with a Vote of Thanks by Com. A. K. Balpande, Assistant Secretary, and was followed by breakfast. [View the Photos](#)

14.08.2026: AIBSNLREA KURUKSHETRA BRANCH (HARYANA STATE) HOLDS ITS GENERAL BODY MEETING:

A General Body Meeting of the Kurukshetra Branch was held on 12.08.2026 at Kurukshetra under the Presidentship of Branch President Com. S. K. Verma. Com. R. S. Sandhu, JS CHQ, and Com. S. K. Aggarwal, CHQ OS (N), were present and were warmly greeted. Com. Balbir Singh, Branch Secretary, Patiala, along with two members, was also present. [View Haryana page of State News section for full report]. [View the Photos](#)

13.08.2026: AIBSNLREA INDORE BRANCH (MADHYA PRADESH STATE) HOLDS ITS GENERAL BODY MEETING:

The General Body meeting of AIBSNLREA Indore Branch was held on 8th August 2026 under the Presidentship of Com.N.C.Maheshwari, at the Indian Coffee House, Regal Square, Indore. 43 members attended the meeting, and two new members joined the association. President welcomed all the members. Secretary Com. N.C. Yadav provided a brief about the judgment delivered by the Delhi High Court on the pension revision case. He also explained the contents of editorial of May, June, and July 2026 and apprised the members about other activities and action taken by the CHQ on various issues. The meeting concluded with a vote of thanks proposed by Assistant Secretary Com. R.B. Banke. [View the Photos](#)

11.08.2026: AIBSNLREA SHIMLA BRANCH (HIMACHAL PRADESH STATE) HOLDS ITS GENERAL BODY MEETING:

The General Body meeting of AIBSNLREA Shimla Branch was held on 5th August 2026 at Shimla under the Presidentship of Com. Hans Raj, who welcomed all the participants. Com. Naresh Chauhan, AGS (CHQ) briefed about the discussions held in the virtual meeting of CHQ office bearers held on 01-08-2026, especially on pension revision and the progress of Maharashtra ST community verification issue. Branch Secretary Com.Kishori Lal proposed Vote of Thanks.

07.08.2026: AIBSNLREA PUNE BRANCH (MAHARASHTRA STATE) HOLDS ITS QUARTERLY GENERAL BODY MEETING:

The Quarterly General Body Meeting of AIBSNLREA, Pune Branch was held on 20.07.2026 at Varradshri Sabhagruha, Pune, under the Presidentship of Com.P.V.Deshmukh, with about 70 members participating. The meeting began with an invocation and homage to two departed members. Seven members who had completed 75 years were felicitated. Assistance for Digital Life Certificate (DLC) submission was arranged for members. 67 members whose birthdays fell between 1 April and 30 June 2026 were felicitated. The Branch Secretary Com.Ramesh Vyawahare presented a report on the activities of the past three months. Financial Secretary Com.Bharat Kumbhar presented the financial report. The House discussed and in principle agreed to host the forthcoming Maharashtra Circle Conference at Pune, with committees to be formed in August 2026. Senior member Com. I.D. Basawar explained the current legal position on pension revision and reiterated AIBSNLREA's consistent stand. The resignations of three office bearers were accepted. Com. P.V. Deshmukh, and Com. A.K. Kulkarni were co-opted as President and Secretary. The meeting concluded with a vote of thanks and fellowship over lunch.

05.08.2026: AIBSNLREA AMRAVATI BRANCH (MAHARASHTRA STATE) HOLDS ITS CONFERENCE:

The 3rd Conference of AIBSNLREA, Amravati Branch was held on 28.07.2026, at Hotel Grace Inn, Amravati, under the Presidentship of Com. V. G. Dakhode, President. The Conference was attended by 32 members along with Shri S. S. Lonkar, ASS, Com. R. Y. Deshmukh, State Vice President and Com. R. K. Patil, State Organizing Secretary. Dr. Santosh Bansod, Renowned Historian and Senate Member of Sant Gadge Baba Amravati University and Adv. Dr. Arun Raurale were Guests of Honour. Two minutes' silence was observed in memory of departed colleagues. Com. Vijay Patne, Vice President of the Branch, was felicitated on the release of his book "कलाटणी (Kalatani)". Reports of the Branch Secretary and Financial Secretary were

presented and passed. Branch Secretary Com. D. V. Rokade briefed the house on activities and developments since the 2nd Conference. Com. R. Y. Deshmukh discussed in detail the deliberations of the AIC Varanasi, while Com. V. G. Dakhode explained the latest position of the Court Case and highlighted key BSNL pensioner issues being pursued at State and All-India levels. Election of new office-bearers was unanimous, with Com.V.G.Dakohode, Com.D.V.Rakade and Com..D.B.Dange elected as President, Secretary and Financial Secretary respectively. The meeting concluded with a vote of thanks proposed by Shri S. B. Dandge, Vice President.

04.08.2026: AIBSNLREA PATIALA BRANCH (PUNJAB STATE) HOLDS ITS GENERAL BODY MEETING:

A General Body meeting of the Patiala Branch was held on 27.07.2026 at Gopal Sweets, Urban Estate, Patiala, under the Presidentship of Com. Mewa Singh. After the Presidential address, Com. Balbir Singh, Branch Secretary, explained in detail the status of pension revision and the judgment of the Delhi High Court. He emphasized that AIBSNLREA has consistently maintained that pension can be revised only when the pay of BSNL working employees is revised, using the same fitment formula for pension revision. The House was informed in detail about the status of the IT exemption on the ex-gratia issue. The Branch Secretary further apprised the House of the status of local issues and requested the members to enroll new members in AIBSNLREA. He said that Patiala has been approved for a CGHS wellness centre and that interested members can switch over to CGHS. The meeting ended with a vote of thanks from the Branch Secretary.



STATEMENT OF AMOUNT RECEIVED DURING AUGUST 2026

- 01. Ghaziabad Branch (UP State)** deposited Rupees Ten Thousand (**Rs.10000/-**) only on **07.08.2026** towards **Donation to CHQ**.
- 02. Virudhunagar Branch (Tamilnadu State)** deposited Rupees Three Hundred (**Rs.300/-**) only on **08.08.2026** towards CHQ quota for one new life member.
- 03. Ujjain Branch (MP State)** deposited Rupees Three Hundred only (**Rs.300/-**) only on **14.08.2026** towards CHQ quota for one new life member.
- 04. Lucknow Branch (UP State)** deposited Rupees Three Hundred only (**Rs.300/-**) only on **14.08.2026** towards CHQ quota for one new life member.
- 05. Indore Branch (MP State)** deposited Rupees Six Hundred only (**Rs.600/-**) only on **15.08.2026** towards CHQ quota for one new life member.
- 06. Ambala Branch (Haryana State)** deposited Rupees Three Hundred only (**Rs.300/-**) only on **24.08.2026** towards CHQ quota for Two new life members.
- 07. Thanjavur Branch (Tamilnadu State)** deposited Rupees Three Hundred only (**Rs.300/-**) only on **27.08.2026** towards CHQ quota for one new life member.
- 08. Coimbatore Branch (Tamilnadu State)** deposited Rupees Three Hundred only (**Rs.300/-**) only on **27.08.2026** towards CHQ quota for one new life member.

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