

Meeting between AUAB and the Additional Secretary, Telecom:-

A meeting was held today between the AUAB and Shri Anshu Prakash, Additional Secretary (Telecom). AUAB representatives in the Committee for Periodic Interaction, Com.P.Abhimanyu, GS, BSNLEU & Convenor, AUAB, Com.Chandeshwar Singh, CS, NFTE & Chairman, AUAB, Com.K.Sebastin, GS, SNEA and Com.Prahlad Rai, GS, AIBSNLEA, participated. From the DoT side, Shri R.K. Khandelwal, Joint Secretary(Admn.) Shri S.K. Jain, DDG (Estt.), Shri Rajeev Kumar, DDG (Budget), also participated. Ms. Sujata T. Ray, Director (HR) and Shri A.M. Gupta, GM (SR), represented BSNL. Detailed discussion took place on the 3rd Pay Revision, 4G spectrum, Payment of Pension Contribution on actual basic pay and Pension Revision issues.

1.As regards the 3rd Pay Revision issue:-

It was suggested from the DoT side that, Pay Revision with 5% fitment could be given. If the AUAB accepted this, then this issue would be placed for the approval of the Digital Commission meeting, to be held on 05/02/2019, and that thereafter it would go for the approval of the Cabinet, said the DoT side. The AUAB stated that 5% fitment is very low and that they could not accept it. Thereafter, the AS (T) suggested that the AUAB representatives could discuss the issue with the CMD BSNL and could come back to him within a day or two.

2.Regarding 4G spectrum allocation to BSNL:-

AST mentioned that the queries made by DOE & Niti Aayog have been replied by BSNL and on that basis the matter will be discussed in the Digital Commission Meeting which is scheduled to be held on 5th Feb., 2019, along with 4G spectrum allocation proposal, the revival plan of BSNL including monetization of BSNL non-core land will also be discussed. After approval of Digital Commission, it will be taken up in the Cabinet for approval.

Replied received from BSNL for payment of pension contribution on actual basic pay will be send to DoE after the clearance of Internal Finance of DoT.

3.The issue of pension revision, delinking from pay revision, AUAB representatives **demanded 15% fitment since the pension contribution has already been paid to DoT by BSNL.**

Regarding anomaly on pension revision for the BSNL pensioners retiring after 01/01/2017, AST directed DDG(Estt.) to have separate discussion with the leaders of AUAB to prepare the formula for pension revision. Accordingly AUAB leaders has separate discussion with DDG(Estt.) on pension revision & decided to submit the formula for pension revision of post retiring 01/012017 BSNL pensioners

