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भारत संचार निगम लिमिटेड
(भारत सरकार का उपक्रम)
BHARAT SANCHAR NIGAM LIMITED
(A Govt. of India Enterprise)

No.48-7/2018-Pen (B)

Dated: 30-12-2019

To

**All Heads of Circles/Telecom Districts/ Regions/Projects/
Telecom Stores/Telecom Factories & Other Administrative Offices
Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited**

Sub: Release of retirement benefits during pendency of criminal appeal in respect of BSNL absorbed/recruited employees – regarding.

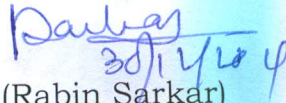
Sir,

I am directed to refer to this Office letter of even no. dated 24/05/2018, vide which the direction of the Administrative Ministry i.e. DOT was conveyed with regard to withholding of DCRG during the pendency of judicial proceedings including criminal appeal/revision in respect of BSNL absorbed employees.

2. Now, this Office has received fresh guidelines from DOT intimating that the position mentioned in the aforesaid letter has been reviewed in consultation with Vigilance Branch of DOT. In this regard, it has been decided by DOT that unless there is a stay on the orders of acquittal, a pensioner should not be put to disadvantage. Accordingly, DOT has decided to go by the advice rendered by Department of Pension and Pensioners' Welfare, wherein it has stated that "if a pensioner is acquitted by a Trial Court, notwithstanding the appeal filed against this acquittal, the fact remains that with the acquittal, the judicial proceedings should be considered to be concluded in accordance with the rules *ibid*, and the Department may take action and issue orders accordingly." Such order may, however, be subject to the outcome of any Appeal/Revision Petition filed against the acquittal and the position may be reviewed by the Department on the outcome of the Appeal/Revision Petition.

3. Accordingly, all Units of BSNL are requested that the similar cases under their respective jurisdiction may be dealt in accordance with the aforesaid revised guidelines issued by DOT.

Yours faithfully,


30/12/19

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