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To

Shri. Ashwini Vaishnav, Ji
Hon'ble Minister of Communications & Electronics, IT and Railways.
Sanchar Bhawan
New Delhi-110001.

Sir

Sub:- Delay in refund of frozen 3 instalments of IDA from 01.10.2020, 01.01.2021 and
01.04.2021 to the BSNL absorbed pensioners-reg.

I am writing this letter to your kind notice concerning the BSNL absorbed pensioners for refund
of frozen IDA from 01.10.2020 to 01.04.2021 at the earliest.

In this connection, I was informed that the Department of Public enterprises dtd 19.11.2020
frozen three instalments of IDA due on 01.10.2020, 01.01.2021 & 01.04.2021 of the
employees CPSEs. However, it was specifically mentioned in the OM that the freezing IDA
instalments is applicable to the Executives and Non unionised Supervisors of CPSEs. Even then,
Still the Department of Telecommunications did not make payment of frozen IDA instalments
to the absorbed BSNL Pensioners.

Therefore, I brought the issue to the notice of the then Minister of Heavy Industry and Public
Enterprises, Shri. Prakash Javadekar with a request to cause necessary action for payment of
IDA instalments to BSNL Pensioners. The Hon'ble Minister replied vide letter dated 03-03-2021
(copy enclosed for ready reference) clarifying that the OM dated 19-11-2020 is applicable to
the Executives and Non- Unionised Supervisors of the CPSEs and not to workmen and
Pensioners of CPSEs.

All India BSNL DOT Pensioners Association had also taken up the issue and wrote repeatedly to
the Secretary, DPE and Secretary DoT on this issue, pointing out the clarification issued by the
hon'le Minister and Department of Public Enterprises. DPE forwarded the letter to Secretary
DoT for further action, being the administrative department for payment of IDA instalments to
absorbed BSNL pensioners.

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As there was no response from the Department of Telecommunications, the Association filed a writ petition in the hon'ble High Court of Kerala on 26-02-2021, and hon'ble Court was pleased to issue a favourable Interim Order on the same day. The court order was promptly sent to both Secretary, DoT and Secretary, DPE for implementation. While, DPE forwarded the same to the DoT for further necessary action, DoT still not responded.

Later, the Department of Public Enterprises under the Ministry of Finance issued an OM dated 02-08-2021 restoring the 3 IDA installments with prospective effect from 01-07-2021 in which the rate of each installment of IDA due on 01-10-2020, 01-01-2021 and 01-04-2021 were mentioned. Thereafter, BSNL has issued orders for payment of the frozen IDA installments to the non-executive employees of BSNL.

Hence, I request your kind intervention in this regard to cause necessary action for payment of the withheld IDA installments without further delay

Thanking you,

Encl:-As above

Yours sincerely,

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