

F. No.27-01/2022-SNG
Government of India
Ministry of Communications
Department of Telecommunications
(SNG Section)

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Dated: 14.07.2023

To

The CMD
BSNL CO
Bharat Sanchar Bhawan
Janpath, New Delhi- 01

[Kind attn.: Shri Sanjeev Kumar, AGM(Estt.-I)]

Subject: Issuing of Presidential Orders to the employees, recruited and sent for training by the DoT, prior to 01.10.2000 and who joined duty after the formation of BSNL requesting to treat them as DoT recruitees, based on the criterion laid down by the Department of Pension & Pensioners' Welfare.

Sir

I am directed to refer to your office letter No. 48-2/2023-Pen(B) dated 12.06.2023 and letter dated BSNLEU/511(Rectt.) dated 12.05.2023 received from General Secy. BSNL employees Union on the above mentioned subject. On examination of the matter, the following observations have been made:

(i) That the policy/stand of DoT with regard to the status of all such employees is quite clear and has already been clarified vide this office letter no. 27-01/2001-SNG(Vol.III)/Chennai T.C(Pt.) dated 27.02.2020 read with corrigendum dated 23.02.2021, that "any employee who has been formally appointed by BSNL on or after 01.10.2000 and joined BSNL, is BSNL appointee." Therefore, issuance of Presidential Order or the applicability of CCS (Pension) Rules, 2021 do not arise for a BSNL appointee.

(ii) That Rules 37 of CCS(Pension) Rules, 2021 states that Pension is paid to combined service employees only, who were on the rolls of DoT before corporatization of DTS/DTO and were en-masse transferred to BSNL/MTNL and were absorbed therein as per the option exercised by them. Since employees referred in the representations had not rendered services in DoT, they were not entitled for the absorption process and CCS(Pension) Rules, 2021 are not applicable to them.

(iii) That DoPPW OM dated 03.03.2023 further circulated by Pension Section, DoT Hq. vide OM dated 07.04.2023 clearly states that the said OM is applicable to Central Government Civil Employees only. DoPPW OM is not where linked to BSNL employees.

2. In view of above, such representations of Unions/Associations' may be disposed of by BSNL at their end.

This issues with the approval of the Competent Authority.

Yours faithfully,

Signed by Bijender Singh

Date: 14-07-2023 12:49:22

Reason: Approved

(Bijender Singh)

Under Secretary to the Govt. of India.

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US(STP), Pension Section, DoT Hq. w.r.t. Dy.No. 860/PenT/23 dated 16.06.2023 for information only.