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Dr. Chandrasekhar Pemmasani,
Hon. Minister of State for Communications,
Government of India,
New Delhi

Respected Sir,

Subject: Pension Revision for Absorbed BSNL/MTNL Pensioners from 1/1/2017

We, representing the largest pensioners' association in the Telecom sector with a membership exceeding 80,000 nationwide, extend our warm greetings to you as the new Minister of state in charge of this vital ministry. Congratulations on your recent appointment as Central Minister of state for Communications, a historic achievement as the first-time representative from Andhra Pradesh to assume such a pivotal role.

Despite our persistent efforts and numerous discussions, the issue of pension revision for BSNL/MTNL pensioners absorbed from the Department of Telecom remains unresolved. There is currently no benchmark or clear guidelines for revising pensions for these absorbed employees, despite the statutory guarantee of pension and family pension from the Government of India's budgetary allocations based on their combined service. This is a unique situation because these absorbed employees are governed solely by CCS (Pension) Rules.

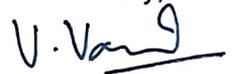
Six prominent pensioners' associations, including ours, approached the Honorable Principal Bench of the Central Administrative Tribunal (CAT), Delhi. On 20/09/2023, the CAT issued a clear directive to the Department of Telecom to revise pensions in accordance with the rules, treating the absorbed employees at par with Central Government employees in all aspects.

In light of this directive and considering the advanced age of many pensioners who are eagerly awaiting a resolution, we respectfully urge you to advise the Department of Telecom to engage in meaningful discussions with our associations to arrive at a possible solution to this issue.

Once again, congratulations on your well-deserved appointment, and we wish you every success in your new role.

Thanking You Sir,

Yours faithfully,



(V. Vara Prasad)
General Secretary