

BSNL–MTNL Pensioners Must Wake Up and March On – Defeat the Diabolical Move – Our Pension is Under Direct Assault:

A Call to Action from SNPWA

Dear Comrades,

A dangerous and unfounded misconception is slowly weakening our collective strength—that the Validation Clause in the Finance Bill 2025 and the Terms of Reference of the 8th Central Pay Commission have nothing to do with BSNL–MTNL pensioners.

Nothing could be further from the truth.

The facts are undeniable:

- ☞ **Our pension is regulated under Rule 37 & 37-A of the CCS (Pension) Rules.**
- ☞ **Our pension is paid directly from the Consolidated Fund of India.**
- ☞ **Our pension is governed exactly like that of Central Government pensioners.**

So, when the Government now proclaims through Gazette notifications that the Central Civil Pension Scheme is **“unfunded” and “non-contributory,”** the attack is against us as well—directly, immediately, and dangerously.

This jargon of “unfunded and non-contributory,” contained in the Gazette notification for the ToR of the 8th CPC, renders the very existence of the Pension Corpus (about ₹10 lakh crore accumulated under OPS) infructuous.

The grave, long-term, and lethal ramifications of this jargon have to be seriously analysed in a long-term context.

But are we “non-contributory”?

Absolutely NOT!

Let it be stated loudly and clearly:

BSNL–MTNL absorbed employees paid pension contribution at the maximum of their pay scale throughout their service.

This contribution was not a charity to be diverted elsewhere. It was the highest slab contribution mandated, creating massive pension accumulations meant exclusively for pensioners’ financial security.

Further the Central Pension Fund already holds more than ₹10 lakh crore as corpus.

Therefore, the Government’s proclamation that the scheme is “unfunded” is:

- ✗ factually wrong
- ✗ economically misleading
- ✗ legally questionable
- ✗ and politically motivated

Why is the Validation Clause dangerous?

Because it opens a legislative backdoor to:

- redefine pension eligibility
- dilute future protections
- deny constitutional guarantees under Article 300-A
- and eventually shift us to market-linked pension models

Once “validation” enters the statute book, anything can be retrospectively altered—including our protections under Rule 37-A and the CCS Pension Rules.

Why BSNL–MTNL Must NOT Remain Silent?

We are the only pensioners in independent India—

- denied pension revision after 2007
- despite clear CCS Pension Rules
- despite eligibility at par with Central Government pensioners
- despite paying maximum pension contributions

When the entire pension regime is being dismantled, silence is suicidal.

Let us be very clear

If the Finance Bill with the Validation Clause is not repealed, and the 8th CPC ToR goes unchallenged, then:

- **our pension security is threatened**
- **our legal status will be diluted**
- **our revision can be permanently jeopardised**

This is not hypothetical—this is a calibrated policy design. Therefore, BSNL–MTNL pensioners MUST stand united with FCPA .This struggle is not departmental. It is existential.

We are not merely supporting the FCPA—we are among the most severely affected sections of Central Civil Pensioners.

Our enemy is common.

Does a bureaucratic clause recognise BSNL?

Does a Finance Bill differentiate “civil” and “absorbed”?

NO.

The assault is one.

Our fight must be one .

Call for United and Sustained Action

We must actively participate in every national action programme announced by FCPA:

December 2025

Nationwide campaign on Validation Clause & 8th CPC ToR

17-12-2025

District-level demonstrations (National Pensioners Day)

09-01-2026

District-level Dharna

January 2026

Press Meets at State HQ

20th – 30th January 2026

Regional Conventions

01st – 05th February 2026

Meetings with Political Parties

13th February 2026

State-wide Dharna

20th –28th February 2026

State-level Conventions

And when the JCM Staff-Side struggle begins—FCPA and BSNL–MTNL shall march together—shoulder toshoulder.

Why this agitation is historic?

We are not merely opposing a clause—we are defending the constitutional character of pension.

This fight is not optional.

This fight is unavoidable.

This fight is for our survival as pensioners.

Final Message:

Silence now means surrender forever.
Participation means survival.

BSNL–MTNL pensioners cannot afford passivity.

We must rise, resist, and reclaim what is rightfully ours.

Our united voice today will decide:

- our pension protection
- our dignity
- our revision
- our survival and
- our constitutional rights for decades to come

JOIN – PARTICIPATE – MOBILISE

When history records this period, let it write that BSNL–MTNL pensioners stood like a rock and fought back.

The struggle has begun. Our duty is clear.

We shall not bend. We shall not retreat.

— **SNPWA**