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To

Shri Jyothiradhitya Madhavarao Scindia,
Hon'ble Union Minister for Communications
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Dear Hon'ble Minister,

Sub :- Pension revision of BSNL Pensioners wef 1/1/2017 reg.

Your kind attention is invited to the subject mentioned above .BSNL comes under DPE. All the companies allowed pension revision wef 1/1/2017 as per DPE guidelines. In BSNL pension is paid from the Consolidated fund of India by DOT. DOT has already collected pension contribution from BSNL employees while they were in service at an exhorbitant way maximum of scale of pay. DOT has enough funds lying with it to meet expenses. Only the quantum is to be decided by mutual discussion.

It is unfortunate that DOT is not taking any fruitful move to decide pension revision which is pending for the last 7 years, for reasons best known to DOT many senior citizens left this world without getting their due share in pension revision. This lethargy is against government policy to look after senior citizens & their welfare. Our Hon. P. M. Shri Narendra Modiji made it clear inside & outside parliament that his government will take all steps to help senior citizens to live a peaceful, pleasant, successful life. I take this opportunity to request your goodself to use your good offices to have a relook of the whole issue pending for the last 7 years.

Thank you for your time and consideration. I look forward to your favourable response.

With Regards



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To
Smt. Nirmala Sitaraman
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Respected Madam,

Sub :Implementation Of Joint Parliamentary Committee Recommendation, 110 Th and pension commutation issues.

Your kind attention is invited to the subject mentioned above. The joint Parliamentary Committee recommendation (110) pending from 2023 may be implemented as early as possible. This recommendation received media coverage throughout the Country with top priority in front page of National Dailies. Recommendation to extend 5% increase in Pension to Senior Citizens of Central Government was welcomed by one and all. 10% at the age of 70 and 15% at the age of 75. Now pension revision at the rate of 20% is available to all Central Government Pensioners at the age of 80. Considering the demand that many Pensioners leave this World before the age of 80. Mortality rate very high between 70 and 80.

The joint parliamentary Committee did much home work and discussed with all stake holders and took this concerted recommendation to Government. Madam, it is an established fact that this Government is examining the ways to help Senior Citizens of Central Government in all possible ways.

Media published that the Government is also considering to give 1% increase in Pension every year to ease the life of Pensioners without waiting for them to reach the age of 80 to receive 20% increase in Pension. This move was appreciated by one and all. Madam, it is disheartening to note that such Senior Citizen friendly decision of JPC kept pending. I take this opportunity to request your good self to use your good offices early to clear the JPC recommendation.

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Regarding issue of commutation ,absolute value of commuted value of pension reaches after 10 years and 10 months. But recovery is effected from poor pensioners up to 15 years. Many Hon' ble Courts after hearing learned counsels of both side decided to stop recovery after 12 years. This is a pertinent situation in which pensioners are looted by Bureaucracy for reasons best known to them. Hon'ble Courts ordered to stop recovery after 12 years from all applicants who approached Hon'ble Courts for justice.

Driving individual pensioners to Courts & legal battle is not a healthy situation. Hence it is requested to your honour to examine the whole issue with an open mind in the light of Hon Court verdicts and help poor pensioners from financial loss. An order to immediately stop this excess recovery after 12 years is warranted to save Pensioners majority crossed 70 years of age.

Thank you for your time and consideration. I look forward to your favourable response.

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