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(भारत सरकार का उपक्रम)
BHARAT SANCHAR NIGAM LIMITED
(A Govt. of India Enterprise)

No. 48-2/2023-Pen.(B)

Dated: 22.08.2023

To

The General Secretary (NFTE)
BSNL Central Headquarters
MS-II, Q No. 21&17, Atul Grove Road
New Delhi – 110001.

Sub: 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 and pensioners welfare.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to your letter no. TF-11/3 (c) Dt. 10.05.2023 regarding coverage of those employees of BSNL under CSS (Pension) Rules, 1972 (Now 2021), who were recruited and sent for training by DoT prior to 1.10.2000 and were appointed by BSNL after 01.10.2000, and to say that the matter has been taken up with DOT. The DoT vide letter No. 27.01/2022-SNG dated 14.07.2023 (copy enclosed) has intimated as under:

(i) 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 of the applicability of CSS(Pension) Rules,2021 do not arise for a BSNL appointee.

(ii) The Rules 37 of CSS (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 representation had not rendered Services in DoT they were not entitled for the absorption process and CSS (Pension) Rules 2021 are not applicable to them.

(iii) The 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 no where linked to BSNL employees.

2. In view of the above, your representation dated 10.05.2023 stands disposed of.
3. This issues with the approval of the Competent Authority.

Yours faithfully,

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