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Dated:-24-08-2023

To,
Shri Ashwini Kumar Vaishnav Jee
Hon'ble Minister of Communications, IT & Railways
Sanchar Bhavan
New Delhi.

Subject:- Coverage of DOT recruits, appointed in BSNL, under old pension rules as per DOT Communication dated 03-03-2023 – regarding.

Hon'ble Sir,

We very respectfully invite your kind attention to our petition of even number dated 13-06-2023 (copy attached for ready reference) and seek urgent intervention.

It is again humbly submitted that before conversion of DTS/DTO into public sector the administrative ministry, DOT, advertised vacancies of different cadres for sub-ordinate offices with Govt's terms and conditions. Before finalization of recruitment and appointment process the BSNL came into existence w.e.f. 01-10-2000. The DOT transferred such recruits, after finalization of process, to BSNL and declared them BSNL recruits which was arbitrary as no opportunity was afforded to them unlike others. This has created grievances amongst these employees and were compelled to seek legal remedy. Various Courts including High Courts decided that these officials be treated as DOT recruits and extend option of absorption. The SLP filed by BSNL, on behalf of DOT, has also been rejected by Hon'ble Supreme Court. We are extremely sorry to submit that ignoring all these facts the DOT vide letter No.-27-01/2022-SNG, dt-14-07-2023 to CMD has denied absorption process. It is apparently not logical.

Your honor will very kindly appreciate that in case such recruits had been in Govt. status today they would have been entitled to migrate from NPS to OPS (New pension scheme to old pension scheme) as per DOP communication No.-57/05/2021-P and PW (B), dt-03-03-2023.

Under the circumstances we again implore upon you, Sir, to kindly intervene so that an opportunity is extended to officials to opt for Govt. Status/BSNL absorption and redress the long pending grievance so that further litigations come to an end.

We look forward for settlement of genuine demand.

With profound regards,

Yours sincerely,

(Chandeshwar Singh)
General Secretary

Copy to:-

- (i) Secretary, DOT, Sanchar Bhavan New Delhi.
- (ii) Secretary, DOP and pension and welfare, Khan Market, Lok Nayak Bhavan, New Delhi.
- (iii) CMD, BSNL, New Delhi with the request to forward the representation to the DOT for appropriate consideration.