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TF-58

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To,

Hon'ble Minister of
Communications and IT
Govt of India
Sanchar Bhavan
New Delhi.

Subject:- Grant of VRS and clarity on Pension related issues – reg.

Respected Sir,

Under very compelling circumstance we are approaching to your goodself as repeated representations to the Administrative Ministry, DOT, have not brought the result.

Sir, the DOT after Cabinet approval of revival plan of BSNL on 22-10-20196 has issued following orders vide letter No.-30-04/2019-PSU Affairs, dt-29-10-2019 on pension related matters.

Item 2(iv) "Staggered payment of Commutation/Gratuity to the employees opting for VRS as below:-

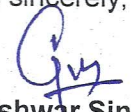
- a. "For the employees currently more than 55 years of age, on opting for VRS, the pension will be commuted only when they attain 60 years of age (current retirement age). For the employees currently of age 55 years and less, on opting for VRS, the pension will be commuted in the sixth year i.e. 2024-25".
- b. "Similarly, payment of Gratuity is postponed in the same manner However, in case of death of the VRS optee before the date on which gratuity is to be paid, the deferred retirement gratuity will be released immediately to the eligible claimants. Simple interest at the prevailing GPF rates from the date of voluntary retirement till the gratuity is released, will be paid on the deferred gratuity amount".

We may submit, Sir, as per orders of Department of Pension and welfare the gratuity and Pension Commutation of retiring personnel are paid on their retirement and not withheld. These are statutory orders. Therefore, we have requested the DOT to refer the deferment of payment of gratuity and commutation decision of the Cabinet to DOP and PW for issuance of orders in this regard so that the retired personnel may not face difficulties after five years. The DOP and PW is the Nodal Ministry in regard. We are enclosing herewith the copies of our letters No.-TF-58, dt-07-11-2019, 16-11-2019 and 22-11-2019 for perusal, ready reference and favourable consideration.

We solicit your kind intervention so that the issues are referred to DOP and welfare department to address the apprehensions and doubts of thousands of retirees.

With esteemed regards,

Yours sincerely,


(Chandeshwar Singh)
General Secretary

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