

BRIEF NOTE OF JOINT FORUM'S DISCUSSION WITH ADDLE SECRETARY/DOT ON 08/01/2013

The representatives of Joint Forum of Unions & Associations of BSNL & MTNL met Additional Secretary (T)/DOT at 1030 Hrs of 08/01/2013 to discuss the agenda items of Agitation Notice that

Includes the demand : The pension of MTNL employees should be directly paid by DOT as in the case of BSNL employees.

Com. Namboodiri, Convenor/JF is making the Brief Note on this to circulate. Meanwhile the following Brief note on our discussion on MTNL pension alone is being brought to your notice.

COM. NAMBOODIRI, CONVENOR/JF INITIATED THE DISCUSSION ON MTNL PENSION ISSUE. A POINTED QUESTION WAS ASKED : WHEN THE EMPLOYEES OF BOTH BSNL AND MTNL ARE THE RECRUITS OF DOT AND ABSORBED IN PSUs CUT OUT OF DOT, WHY THEN TWO DIFFERENT TYPES OF PENSION PRESCRIBED, - ONE FOR BSNL EMPLOYEES AND THE OTHER FOR MTNL EMPLOYEES. ADDLE.SECY (T) STATED THE REASON AS THAT THEIR DATE OF ABSORPTION WERE DIFFERENT. TO THIS, IT WAS POINTED OUT THAT DATE OF ABSORPTION WAS DECIDED BY DOT. THEREFORE, FOR THAT MATTER WHY EMPLOYEES SHOULD BE DEPRIVED OF SECURED PENSION ?

COM. SURESH KUMAR, GS TOLD ABOUT VARIOUS ASSURANCES GIVEN BY VARIOUS HON'BLE MINISTERS (C & IT) FROM TIME TO TIME THAT THERE WOULD BE NO DISTINCTION IN PENSION BETWEEN BSNL AND MTNL EMPLOYEES AND ASSURANCE GIVEN IN THE PARLIAMENT.

M.K.BAGCHI, CHAIRMAN/JF POINTED OUT THAT THERE IS NO PROVISION OF TRUST IN THE ORDER DATED 5.7.89. THE PROVISION OF TRUST WAS SUGGESTED ONLY IN THE YEAR 2000 I.E. MUCH AFTER ABSORPTION. THEREFORE, THIS SHOULD NOT BE APPLICABLE IN CASE OF MTNL PENSION. MOREOVER THE INCONCLUSIVE MEETING OF COS WHICH WAS CONSTITUTED AT THE INSTANCE OF CABINET IS YET TO BE RESUMED. ITS INCONCLUSIVE MEETING ON MTNL PENSION ISSUE COULD NOT BE HELD YET AS DEPT. OF EXPENDITURE HAS NOT CONVEYED ITS COMMENTS DESPITE REPEATED REQUESTS. WHY THAT COS MEETING WOULD NOT BE HELD TO DECIDE THIS MATTER. KEEPING THAT PENDING, WHY THERE IS A HURRIED MOVE TO FORM TRUST WHICH IS NOT ACCEPTABLE BY MTNL EMPLOYEES ?

ADDLE. SECRETARY (T) TRIED TO EXPLAIN THAT TRUST IS SECURED AND THIS WILL HELP TO REMOVE THE PRESENT STALEMATE WHICH WAS REFUTED BY US. COM. PRAHLAD RAI, GS/AIBSNL ALSO SPOKE IN FAVOUR.

AT THIS, ADDLE SECRETARY (T) CONCLUDED THE DISCUSSION ON THIS ITEM STATING THAT  
OBJECTION OF JF IN THIS RESPECT IS BEING NOTED AND IT WOULD BE BROUGHT TO THE NOTICE OF  
SECRETARY /DOT.