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To
Sh. Pranab Mukerjee ji,
Minister of Finance,
Govt. of India,
New Delhi.

Dear Sir,

I wish to draw your attention regarding the issue of payment of pension to DoT employees who retired from the MTNL.

If the govt. would not have decided to form two separate companies, BSNL and MTNL, these employees would have remained govt. employees and would have got the pension from the govt. Out of 60,000 group C and D employees, around 40,000 opted for govt. pension for their combined service who are at present, paid pension by MTNL.

Around 20,000 employees opted for pro-rata pension for govt. service, who are being paid pension directly by the govt. on Oct.1, 2000, govt. formed BSNL for the remainder of DoT and en masse transferred the employees of DoT to BSNL.

But while doing so, the govt. amended rule 37A of the CCS pension rules 1972 on Sept 30, 2000, by inserting sub-rule 21 which states "nothing contained in sub rules 12 to 20 shall apply in the case of conversion of DoT of Telecom services operation into BSNL in which case the pensioner benefits including family pension shall be paid by the govt".

But this decision of the govt. has led to discrimination as the name of MTNL has not been incorporated along with BSNL in the sub rule 21 as both were under the single roof of DoT. Now, the govt. is paying pension to BSNL employees but the MTNL employees, they have been left to fend for themselves.

It was after several rounds of discussions and clarifications that the govt. finally took a decision to remove the discrimination and granting of justice by issuing an OM dated Aug 29, 2002 which said the pension shall be paid by the govt. and exact modalities in this regard would be worked out by department of pension and pensioners welfare.

Over and above this, a written confirmation of assurance was given in reply to a question in Rajya Sabha on 21.11.2002, which said 'it is agreed in principle that there should not be any distinction in regard to payment of pensionary benefits between the two sets of erstwhile DoT employees, one seeking absorption in MTNL and other in BSNL. It has also been decided that employees of MTNL be given the same treatment as available to employees of BSNL. The exact modalities for implementing above decision are being worked out by the department of pension and PW'

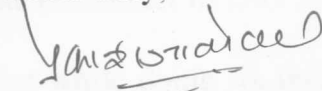
But even after this decision, no order to that effect has been issued by the Govt. till date which is clear cut discrimination and gross injustice to these MTNL employees.

I It is argued that Finance Ministry is not sanctioning the proposal. We request that you should grant this demand to give justice to 40,000 MTNL employees.

In view of these facts, I request you to do the needful at your end so that this does not become a case of 'justice delayed is justice denied'.

Thanking you,

Yours truly,


(Prakash Javadekar)