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OSCAR FERNANDES, MP
General Secretary

23rd June, 2012

Dear Shri Sibal Ji,

Kindly find enclosed herewith a representation of United Forum of MTNL Unions and Associations. The representation contained the issue of payment of pension to the DOT employees and Officers absorbed in MTNL. MTNL was formed by carving out Delhi and Mumbai from Department of Telecom (DOT) by the Govt. of India. MTNL was formed in 1986 at the imitative of Late Shri Rajiv Gandhiji, the then Prime Minister of India. MTNL was formed not only to provide telecom services in Delhi and Mumbai but also to raise resources for the development of telecom network in the country. MTNL has contributed maximum in this endeavour.

The payment of pension to the absorbed DOT employees and officers in MTNL shall be made by the Govt. of India as is being done in BSNL. Department of Telecom is the parent department of the employees and officers absorbed in BSNL and MTNL and cannot be treated differently in the case of payment of pension and family pension on superannuation from MTNL and BSNL. On 20.08.2002, the then Minister of Communication and IT had agreed and assured that there should not be any distinction in regard to payment of pension and pensionary benefits between two sets of erstwhile DOT employees one absorbed in MTNL and the other in BSNL. Again on 06.12.2007, the then MOC and IT has decided to take up this issue in the light of decision taken in a high level meeting held on 20.08.2002.



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This commitment was also reiterated by the then MOC and IT on 21.11.2002 in Rajya Sabha while answering the unstarred question No. 241 in Rajya Sabha.

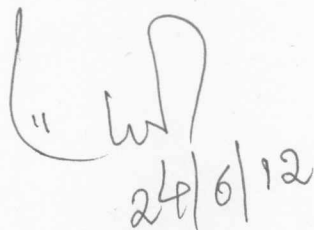
You are, therefore requested to settle this case immediately so that these employees and their families shall not face any difficulty on superannuation from MTNL. If this issue needs to be resolved with the help of Ministry of Finance and Ministry of Pension and Pension Welfare, then the same may kindly be recommended favourably by your Ministry. I will feel obliged if I may be provided with the recommendation of your Ministry in this regard so that I can also pursue the same with Ministry of Finance and Ministry of Pension and Pension Welfare.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,


(Oscar Fernandes)

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