

United Forum of MTNL Unions & Associations met Chairman(TC) & Secretary (T) on 16th December,2015 along with BSNL Associations on the issue of provision of future pension revision of MTNL/BSNL

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- (1) The prospect of pension revision of BSNL pensioners at 78.2% merger basis
- (2) Inclusion of MTNL/BSNL pension in the terms and reference of 3rd. PRC.

As regards issue (1) above, it is apparent from the discussion that a fresh and revised reference is awaited from Ministry of Law. As soon as the same will be received, DOT will push through the cabinet memo for required Governmental approval.

As regards issue (2), it is clarified that DOT's plea to include the pension of MTNL/BSNL in the terms of reference of 7th.CPC, is not favored at the level of nodal ministries as " this pension is not for automatic revision".

From our side it has been adequately illustrated that the unique nature of the pension of MTNL/BSNL and that this is governed by the same mother rules as in the case of the pension of any other Government department and, therefore, this pension merits for revision as much as it is for the pension of other Government department. We request that this is high time DOT should take a decisive move to include the pension of MTNL/BASNL in the terms of reference of 3rd.PRC to avoid future procedural complications. Secretary suggests us to give him a brief note immediately. Accordingly, we handed over the brief note to him immediately and personally. The excerpts of the note is as follows :-

" Even though the panel of 7th.CPC received Memorandum on to the issue of the pension and related issues of BSNL/MTNL and even granted us to offer oral evidence, the Commission fails to provide recommendations on the issues of MTNL/BSNL pension purportedly because, this was not included as part of the terms of reference."

"Now the 3rd.CPC is in the process of being constituted. D.P.E. is working on this. This is high time, DOT should take decisive initiative to include the pension and related issues of MTNL/BSNL appropriately in the terms of reference of 3rd.PRC. It must be illustrated that the pension of MTNL/BSNL is the Government pension payable by the Government under the statutory provisions of Rule 37A as amended from time to time. The most of the aspects of pension and pensionary benefits of MTNL/BSNL pensioners are covered and decided by the recommendations CPC as accepted and notified by the Government except that of revision. It is misnomer to say that "this pension is not for automatic revision". When 7th.CPC has missed it, now 3rd.PRC should consider it unavoidably."
