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Respected Sir,

I am forwarding herewith a letter along with its enclosures received from Shri A.K. Kaushik, General Secretary, Telecom Executive's Association of MTNL, Dwarka, New Delhi requesting for your kind assistance for extending CGHS benefits to MTNL absorbees.

The DOT employees who have been absorbed in MTNL have not been given the option of CGHS facilities as such they have been deprived of the CGHS facilities for the company health care scheme as well while the same option was given to the DOT employees who opted for BSNL including retirees. An office memorandum no. C.14012/11/2003-CGHS dated 18.08.2009 of Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Department of Health & Family Welfare (copy enclosed) relates to Hon'ble Supreme Court's order dated 01.05.1998 for extending the CGHS benefit to the PSU absorbees on restoration of their 1/3rd portion of their pension on expiry of 15 years from the date of retirement. These absorbees were earlier denied the CGHS benefits as they opted for 100% commutation of pension under the plea that they were no more drawing the Government's pension. According to the Hon'ble SC, these absorbees go back their entitlement of CGHS benefits on restoration of 1/3rd of their pension.

Therefore, you are requested to look into this matter and issue necessary instructions to the concern unit of the department to give a similar option to the absorbed employees of the MTNL including the retirees.

With regards,

Yours,

(Bhakta Charan Das)

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