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Ref.No. UFOM/2014-2016 Date: 14/12/2016

To Shri R.K.Mishra Member Services /DOT Sanchar Bhawan, 20, Ashoka Road New Delhi-110001

<u>Subject :-</u> Implementation of Government of India order No.Z15025/28/2013-CGHS III dated 09/01/2014 extending the CGHS facilities to the pensioners of MTNL/BSNL.

Sir,

To mitigate the plight of the pensioners of MTNL/BSNL who are in receipt of civil pension Govt. of India, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Directorate General of CGHS issued the above order in January, 2014. Most unfortunate fact about this is that till date the said benefit could not implemented for the targeted beneficiaries due to the procedural wrangling between DOT & CGHS

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The moot issue was that CGHS could not decide about contributions and ward entitlement of MTNL/BSNL pensioners who retired on ID pay scales. The DOT was dealing with the CGHS (Policy Unit), Nirman Bhawan, New Delhi for long without any acceptable solution. Ultimately, a meeting was held on 13th. June, 2016 under the Chairmanship of Director, CGHS. The meeting was attended by Shree Praches Khanna, Director (Estt) and Sanjay Kumar, ADG(PAT) from DOT side apart from Shri Sunil Kumar Gupta, US, CGHS(P) and Dr. Sanjay Jain, Joint Director (HQ). In the said meeting, ".....it was decided that D.O.T. will ensure that Pension Payment Order issued to the Pensioners getting pension from Central Civil Estimate will also mention the equivalent basic pay and Grade Pay as per the Central Pay Scale." (emphasis is ours). (Copy enclosed)

2.Accordingly DOT issued order vide File No. 4-12(11)/2012-PAT(Part) dated 31/08/2016stating that "It has been decided that Pension Payment Order issued to the pensioners getting pension from Central Civil Estimates will also This will enable CGHS in deciding rate of contribution and ward entitlement for issue of CGHS cards." (Copy enclosed).

3.Subsequently DOT perhaps realized that to calculate the equivalent CD Basic for all individual beneficiary pensioners are difficult and time consuming work. DOT issued another order vide File No. 4-12(11)/2012-PAT (Pt) dated 18/10/2016 that states interalia:

- (1) "Corresponding grade Pay for the purpose of deciding monthly contribution for availing CGHS facility as per Annexure (A-1) and (A-2) of OM No. 4-12(11)/2012-PAT(Part) dated 31.8.2016.
- (2) Corresponding range of Pay drawn in Pay band in CDA (excluding grade pay) for determining the entitlement of wards in Private Hospitals empanelled under CGHS asper column 4 of Annexure (B-1) & (B-2) of OM No. 4-12(11)/2012-PAT(Part) dated 31.08.2016."
- 4. CGHS has refused to accept this provision for issuing CGHS cards to the pensioner beneficiaries stating that DOT had changed unilaterally the provisions as agreed in the meeting held on 13/06/2016 without consulting them. Thus stalemate continues.

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5.The entitled pensioners are still deprived of the benefits of medical facilities (so essential for them at the old age) as granted by Government of India. It is, therefore, requested to kindly intervene effectively in this respect and please to take any such step that may sort out this important issue without further delay.

Yours sincerely,

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3. Shri Snjay Jain, Jt.Direcor (Policy)/CGHS, R.K.Puram Sector – 12, New Delhi. for kind information and n/a please.