

Extract of the Memorandum Submitted to Shri. Subodh Kumar, Addl Secretary, DOT

No. TEAM/CHQ/08-09

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To

Shri Subodh Kumar, IAS,
Addl. Secretary,
Department of Telecommunications,
NEW DELHI.

Respected Sir,

We introduce ourselves as the Association which represents majority of the Executives from all the streams such as Engineering, Finance and Accounts, Personal Staff, and Civil and Electrical cadres of MTNL. We are deeply concerned with the following two issues.

PENSION PAYMENT BY GOVERNMENT:-

The absorption of Group-B officers in MTNL took place with effect from 01.10.2000. Though more than eight years have passed, regular arrangement for payment of pension is still to be made. We have been requesting the DOT that Para 21 and 22 of Rule 37-A of CCS Pension rules that are exclusively applicable for BSNL absorbed employees should be made applicable to MTNL absorbed employees also. MTNL also can pay the pension contribution to DOT in the same manner BSNL pays. We request DOT to resolve the issue early.

MERGER OF BSNL AND MTNL:-

This is an era of merger of corporate houses to maximise the synergies in operations. Recently Government has approved the merger of two major PSUs viz., Indian Airlines and Air India. Even prior to IA and AI merger there were strong moves towards the merger of BSNL and MTNL to have all India presence of a single Telecom Service Provider. MTNL absorbed executives are very much anxious for the merger to happen. To reap the benefits of operational synergies, to optimise the utilisation of resources, to withstand the competition, to continue to maintain the profitability and to sustain the growth of telecom sector we request the DOT to take all the possible steps for an **early and total merger of BSNL and MTNL.**

With warm regards,

Yours sincerely,

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PRESIDENT.

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