No. 4/02/2019-P&PW(D)/40504
Govt of India
Ministry of Personnel, P.G & Pensions
Department of Pension & Pensioners Welfare

3rd Floor, Lok Nayak Bhavan, Khan Market, New Delhi-110003 Date:- 08th March,2019

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Sub: - Revision of pension of the absorbed combined service pensioners of BSNL/MTNL from 01.01.2017- reg.

The undersigned is directed to forward herewith a copy of representation dated 12.2.2019 from Committee of BSNL/MTNL Pensioners' Association on the above subject and to invite the attention of the DoT to this Department's ID Note of even no. dated 14.01.2019.

- 2. This Department has made the following observations on the proposal of DoT for revision of pension of the combined service absorbee pensioners of BSNL/MTNL:-
 - (i) DoT has not clearly brought out as to what would be the formula for revision of pension on pre-2017 absorbee pensioners and what would be financial implications on revision of pension as per that formula.
 - (ii) It has been stated by DoT that pay of the serving employees has not been revised in implementation of recommendations of 3rd PRC, since these entities had not fulfilled the pre-conditions for grant of the facility to these serving employees. This means that serving employees of BSNL/MTNL continue to be on the same pay which they were getting before 01.01.2007. In that case the existing Government employees would also be getting pension based on their unrevised 2nd PRC pay-scale/pay. In case pension of the past pensioners is revised, their revised pension would become higher than pension to be fixed on retirement of the existing employees. This will create an anomalous situation in BSNL/MTNL as the past pensioners would be getting more pension than the freshly retired pensioners. DoT, therefore, needs to bring about as to how they propose to resolve this anomaly.
- 3. DoT was requested to reconsider the matter and provide information/comments on the above observations. However, the requisite clarifications/proposal has not been received from DoT so far.
- 4. It is requested that the issues raised in the representation dated 12.02.2019 from Committee of BSNL/MTNL Pensioners' Association may be examined by DoT, and the comments of DoT thereon, may be sent to this Department alongwith the clarifications sought in this Department's ID Note dated 14.01.2019.

Encl: as above

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