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To

Shri. Prakash Javedekar, Ji

Honourable Minister for Heavy Industries & Public Enterprises

Government of India

New Delhi-110001

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Dear Shri. Prakash Javedekar ji,

Republic Day Greetings.

It has come to my notice that the BSNL pensioners and employees of BSNL are not being paid two IDA installments due from 01-10-2020 and 01-01-2021.

As you are aware that the Department of Public Enterprises, vide OM No.W-02/0039/2017-DPE(WC) GL XVI/20 dated 19-11-2020 has freezed three installments of IDA due from 01-10-2020, 01-01-2021 and 01-04-2021 to the Executives and Non-Unionised Supervisors of CPSEs. BSNL Employees and Pensioners are being paid IDA based on the orders issued by DPE from time to time.

As BSNL pensioners are not covered in the DPE OM dated 19-11-2020, All India BSNL DOT Pensioners Association has written to you vide their letter dated 22-11-2020 requesting your intervention for issuing orders/guidelines by the DPE for payment of IDA due from 01-10-2020 to BSNL pensioners.

Further, in a writ petition filed by FACT Employees Association & Others in the Kerala High Court, Assistant Solicitor General has deposed that the DPE OM dated 19-11-2020 is applicable only to the Executives and Non-Unionised Supervisors of CPSEs, based on which Hon'ble Kerala High Court delivered its judgment on 17-12-2020 allowing the prayer of the petitioners.

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There after, DPE issued another OM on 08-01-2021, clarifying that in the OM dated 19-11-2020, it has been specifically mentioned that the freezing of three installments of IDA is applicable only to Executives and Non-Unionised Supervisors of the CPSEs and other employees , including workmen of the CPSEs , are not covered under these guidelines. By this time another installment of IDA also has become due from 01-01-2021.

However, this clarification is not sufficient for payment of IDA installments to BSNL pensioners and employees, as there is an agreement between the government and Unions during the formation of BSNL in 2000, to the effect that the employees and pensioners will be paid IDA based on the orders issued by DPE.

Hence, I seek your kind intervention to cause necessary action for issuing formal orders by DPE for the payment of two installments of IDA due from 01-10-2020 and 01-01-2021 to BSNL pensioners and employees of BSNL at the earliest.

Expecting an early favourable orders from you please.

With kind regards,

Yours Sincerely,

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