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To
The Secretary,
Department of Telecommunications,
Sanchar Bhavan, New Delhi – 110001.

## Respected Sir,

**Subject:** Request to Reconsider Disposal of Representations in the N.K. Mishra Case in View of Supreme Court Directions

We wish to draw your kind attention to Para 5 of the Office Memorandum dated 07.10.2025 (File No. 37-18/2023-SEA-(Legal)) issued by the Department of Telecommunications regarding the implementation of the CAT Order in O.A. No. 2544/2015 – N.K. Mishra & Others v. Union of India.

- 2. The said paragraph confines the benefit of the Hon'ble Tribunal's order to the 14 applicants only and directs disposal of all pending representations and PG cases on that basis. With due respect, such a restrictive interpretation runs contrary to the consistent principles laid down by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India, which has repeatedly held that similarly placed employees cannot be denied the same relief once the issue has been finally adjudicated.
- 3. In particular, the Hon'ble Supreme Court in State of Uttar Pradesh v. Arvind Kumar Srivastava (2015 (1) SCC 347) and in several subsequent judgments has clearly ruled that once a benefit is granted based on a judicial pronouncement, it should normally be extended to all similarly situated employees to avoid multiplicity of litigation and ensure equal treatment under Article 14 of the Constitution.
- 4. The disposal of pending representations solely on the ground that the CAT order was implemented for the applicants alone would therefore amount to discrimination among identically placed employees/ex-employees, and would invite further

- avoidable litigation. It is in the larger interest of administrative fairness that the issue be reconsidered comprehensively.
- 5. We, therefore, request that the Department may review Para 5 of the OM dated 07.10.2025 and issue suitable revised orders extending the benefit of the N.K. Mishra judgment to all similarly placed officials, in consultation with the Department of Expenditure, so that uniformity and justice are ensured.

Yours faithfully.

(V Vara Prasad) 23/10

**General Secretary**