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To

The Secretary

Department of Telecommunications

New Delhi – 110001.

Subject: Request for immediate implementation of the judgment dated 28.11.2025 of the Hon'ble Central Administrative Tribunal, Chennai Bench, in O.A. Nos. 310/01049/2024 and connected OAs concerning arbitrary reduction of pension of retired BSNL employees

Reference: Common order dated 28.11.2025 passed by the Hon'ble CAT, Chennai Bench, in O.A. Nos. 310/01049, 01050, 01051, 01080, 01081, 01148, 01149 and 01513 of 2024.

Respected Sir,

On behalf of AIBSNLPWA, I request your urgent attention to the non-implementation of the CAT Chennai Bench order dated 28.11.2025, which directed the authorities to restore the correct pension of eight retired BSNL employees and provide all related benefits.

Background of the case

The eight applicants joined the Department of Telecommunications between 1992 and 1994 and became BSNL employees after its formation on 01.10.2000.

Seven applicants opted for the BSNL Voluntary Retirement Scheme (VRS), 2019, and retired on 31.01.2020. The eighth applicant, in O.A. No. 310/01513/2024, retired on superannuation on 30.04.2024.

Initially, their pensions were fixed based on their actual last pay drawn, and they received pension at the sanctioned rates for about five months. Subsequently, the respondents

reduced their pensions without assigning any reason, no notice was issued, nor given an opportunity of being heard.

The applicants challenged these reductions before the Hon'ble CAT, Chennai Bench. By its common order dated 28.11.2025, the Tribunal allowed all eight Original Applications.

Protection under Rule 70 of the CCS (Pension) Rules, 1972

Rule 70 of the CCS (Pension) Rules, 1972, safeguards pensioners against reduction of pension after its final authorisation, except in cases permitted by the rule. It prescribes additional approval where a clerical error is detected after two years and requires notice to the pensioner before recovery of excess pension. In the present case, the Tribunal found that the respondents had not followed the prescribed procedure while reducing the applicants' pensions. The root cause of the present problem is the impugned order issued by the second respondent, which has been quashed and set aside by the Hon'ble CAT.

The respondents considered lower pay for pension fixation in all eight cases: ₹21,820 instead of ₹22,390 for seven applicants, and ₹23,910 instead of ₹24,580 for the eighth. The Tribunal observed that the applicants' pension had been fixed by taking a lower amount than their actual last pay drawn, without assigning reasons and without issuing notice to them.

Operative directions of the Tribunal

In **paragraph 22** of its order dated 28.11.2025, the Hon'ble Tribunal categorically held:

"In view of the above, the impugned orders in all these applications are hereby quashed and set aside. The respondents are directed to re-fix the basic pension of the applicants on the basis of the original last pay drawn, as indicated in Column No. 4 of the aforementioned tabular statement, and to extend all consequential benefits. The respondents shall complete this exercise within a period of three months from the date of receipt of a copy of this order."

In **paragraph 23**, the Tribunal further ordered:

"In the result, all these Original Applications are allowed on the above terms. No order as to costs."

The operative portion leaves no ambiguity regarding the relief granted. The impugned orders have been quashed, pension is required to be refixed on the basis of the original last pay drawn, and all consequential benefits must be extended.

The Tribunal also prescribed a time limit of three months from receipt of a copy of its order for completion of the exercise.

The prescribed period for implementation has elapsed. Nevertheless, the affected pensioners continue to await the relief granted by the Hon'ble Tribunal.

Non-implementation causes continued pension loss, denial of consequential benefits, and unnecessary hardship to the retired applicants, forcing them to pursue further remedies despite the CAT's order in their favour.

We request the Department of Telecommunications to:

- 1. Implement the CAT order dated 28.11.2025 in all eight cases without further delay.**
- 2. Restore the correct pension based on the applicants' original last pay drawn, as directed in paragraph 22.**
- 3. Pay all consequential benefits, including pension arrears and applicable revisions.**

Yours Sincerely,



(V. Vara Prasad)

General Secretary

Enclosure: Copy of the common order dated 28.11.2025 passed by the Hon'ble CAT, Chennai Bench, in O.A. Nos. 310/01049, 01050, 01051, 01080, 01081, 01148, 01149 and 01513 of 2024.