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Ref.No. UFOM/2010-14

Date: 29/05/2014

To
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To
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Subject :- Negligence in making necessary arrangements for DOT to take over the task of disbursement of the pension on the combined service of the MTNL absorbees.

**Ref. :- (1) NOTIFICATION in the Gazette G.S.R 138 (E) dated 03/03/2014, Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions.
(2) OM No. 42-4/2012-Pen (T) dated 28/04/2014.**

Sir,

It is learnt from the DOT sources that the inordinate delay is being occurred in handing over the task of the disbursement of above mentioned pension as per the aforesaid NOTIFICATION as well as Office Memorandum is due to the following reasons :-

- (a) The officials provided by MTNL to DOT Pension cell for doing this work are totally inexperienced and incapable for this work as per the officers of DOT in-charge for this work. This is reportedly conveyed to MTNL months before by DOT but even then this matter has not been sorted out by MTNL.
- (b) DOT wanted one CAO and two AOs of MTNL to be deployed for this pension work to DOT on deputation basis (and not merely transfer basis) so that they can be entrusted the work of preparation of PPO Books and sign. MTNL could not reportedly comply this for last one month or even more.

Thus one after another targets fixed in the coordination meetings of DOT and MTNL for this work have failed so far. So is being claimed by the concerned of DOT.

2. When we speak to MTNL Corporate office we find that MTNL Corporate Office has altogether different story to tell. They are blaming DOT for hindering the progress of this work by being over critical and unhelpful. DOT officials are sometimes undue critical of the accommodations being provided and sometimes critical of the manpower provided by MTNL for this work.
3. **Thus implementation of the Government decisions on this important issue is being the victim of the blame game let loose by MTNL and its administrative ministry i.e., DOT.**
4. It is needless to say that the only sufferer of such irresponsible acts of MTNL and DOT is the poor pensioners who live on the pension at their fag end of life. In the recent months,, the payment of pension in MTNL is very irregular. Pension is delayed sometimes as MTNL does not release fund reportedly to create pressure on DOT. Sometimes server fails mysteriously to prepare and disburse the pension only and not salary of the working employees.
5. The net situation has worsened to the extent that the retirees of April,2014 have neither received PPO Books nor any payment towards their pension and other pensionary claims so far. There is no indication that this situation will be improved in next few months. Rather it will be further escalated with the addition of more and more retirees in the following months.
6. **It is also learnt that the pension for the month of May payable on 1st.June 2014 will be delayed for an indefinite period as MTNL has not released fund for this under the plea that DOT has not yet paid Rs 76 Crore to MTNL so far. Therefore, there is another bout of suffering for MTNL pensioners.** None in MTNL and DOT seems to be bothered about the resultant impact on the pensioners. Human face is conspicuous by its total absence in DOT and MTNL.
7. We would strongly demand to take immediate appropriate actions on the part of MTNL/DOT to get rid of the cobweb created around the pension disbursement at least before the pensioners are forced to come on the roads in their old age under the scorching sun of June. **THE PENSION MUST BE PAID ON TIME WITHOUT FAIL.**

Thanking you,

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(M.K.BAGCHI)
Convener

Yours faithfully,

Sd/-

(MANGE RAM SHARMA)
President

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(A. K. KAUSHIK)
Secretary

Copy to :-

1. Hon'ble Shri Narendra Modi, PM and Minister In-charge of Pension. For kind intervention.
2. Shri Ravi Shankar Prasad, Hon'ble Minister for Communication and Law
3. Shri M.F.Farooqui, Secretary / DOT
4. Director (Finance)/MTNL Corporate Office
5. Director (HR)/MTNL Corporate Office