

No. 40-24/2009-Pen(T)  
Government of India  
Department of Telecommunications  
(Pension Section)

New Delhi, dated the 30 September, 2010

To

The General Secretary,  
MTNL Executive Association,  
239, Ashoka Enclave, Part-I,  
Faridabad - 121003 (Haryana).


Subject: Payment of pension to employees absorbed in MTNL.

Sir,

Reference is invited to your letter No. MEA/CHQ/PM/Delhi dated 4<sup>th</sup> July, 2010 addressed to Hon'ble Prime Minister of India wherein issue mentioned in the subject has been raised.

2. In this regard, the undersigned is directed to state that to bring parity between MTNL and BSNL pension payment, a note to the Cabinet was submitted by DOT and the same was referred to a Committee of Secretaries (COS) which did not agree to it and recommended in 2004 that the matter of pension payment in MTNL is already settled. The recommendation of COS was approved by Cabinet in 2005 meeting meaning thereby that Rule position in this regard was to be maintained. Subsequently, it was decided by Hon'ble Minister of Communication and IT to take the matter again to the Cabinet. Accordingly, a fresh note was submitted to the Cabinet on 23.2.2009. Due to difference of opinion among the concerned nodal departments on the issues the PMO desired that the differences of opinion may first be resolved in Committee of Secretaries (COS) before issue is placed before the Cabinet. Accordingly, the proposal has been referred to COS and is still under their consideration. Department of Legal Affairs has asked for fresh opinion of nodal departments which have been obtained except from Deptt. of Expenditure (DOE) who are yet to give fresh opinion in spite of many reminders. After obtaining fresh opinion from DOE, the same has to be provided to Department of Legal Affairs for obtaining their view for final submission to the COS.

Yours faithfully,



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