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NATIONAL FEDERATION OF TELECOM EMPLOYEES

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TF-11/3

Dated:-24 -07-2019

To,

Secretary,
Department of Personnel, PG and
Pension
Loknaya Bhavan, New Delh.

Secretary,
DOT
Sanchar Bhawan
New Delhi.

Subject:- Proposal for lowering of retirement age from 60 to 58 years in respect of absorbed employees in BSNL – reg.

Respected Sir,

In Rule 37A Pension Amendments under caption "Explanation" it is envisaged as below:-

"The amount of pension/family pension of the absorbed employee on superannuation from public sector undertaking/autonomous body shall be calculated in the same way as would be the case with a Central Government servant, retiring on superannuation on the Same day"

We understand that the Department of Telecom is considering and contemplating to lower the retirement age from 60 to 58 years in violation of aforesaid orders. The union vide letter No.-TF-11/3, dt-27-05-2019 (copy enclosed) has drawn the attention of the DOT in this regard. The retirement benefits of absorbed employees cannot be the same as of Central Govt employees if the superannuation age is not equal and at par.

We hold the view that the contents incorporated in FR56(a) is applicable in respect of erstwhile Govt status DOT absorbed employees in BSNL akin to Central Govt personnel. The enhancement in retirement age was done in respect of PSU employees also in the year 1998. Till date GOI has not issued any order for lowering the retirement age except DPE role back order of retirement age to 58.

We, therefore, request you to please get the matter reconciled and clarified if FR56(a) is applicable in respect of DOT absorbed employees or not.

With regards,

Yours faithfully,


(Chandeshwar Singh)
General Secretary