



A feather in a cap

BSNL & DOT Pensioners Association, Gujarat celebrated year end 2011 with unique feather in its cap. Much beyond expectation and imagination, it was judged 2nd Best Pensioners Association by the Bharat Pensioner Samaj, New Delhi with has 500 affiliates with 500000 memberships. Details on **Performance Monitoring & Evaluation system for affiliated associations of BPS and modus operandi** are published elsewhere in this issue.

Resultantly, Bharat Pensioners Samaj, New Delhi in its 56th A.G.M. awarded a Daya Maheshwari Memorial Trophy for th year 2011 to Shri D.D. Mistry, GS. BSNL & DOT Pensioners Association, Ahmedabad on 4th November, 2011 at Bharati Vidya Bhavn, New Delhi by S/**Shri K.R. Gangadharan**, Vice President, IFA, Toronto, Secunderabad (AP) and **Shyam Sunder**, General Secretary, Bharat Pensioners Samaj as recognition of outstanding contribution towards efficient, effective and devoted service to Pensioners' Community by the Association. BDPA was awarded a Certificate, Trophy and Rs.5000/-cash. Shri D. D. Mistry conveyed thanks to BPS for recognition of services rendered by the Association.

BDPA.IN: Second Remarkable achievement: Aiming to serve BSNL Pensioners/Workers we launched our own web <http://bdpa.in/> on 12th July, 2009. We were not discouraged with the remarks of few when its utility was questioned and some also laughed at but they did not disrupt

our sole purpose as we mean service to fraternity. Time showed the result as the numbers of visitors continue to increase day by day. And on our viewership crossed figure of **5, 01,111** on 06.01.2012, means our average viewership per month come to 16165 reflecting its popularity. We convey our thanks to viewers for their regular visit and also suggestions to make it more user-friendly.

Membership: Membership continues to grow and 304 members have been enrolled during this quarter. We have crossed figure of 2701 up to 20.01.2012. We request all the Pensioners to enroll two members to our Association. In Gujarat and India, our membership is spread to all cadres from Executive and Non Executives which you can see from the list published in each issue.

Associate members: Associate Members: Till such time, we start function in all Circles; it is decided to enroll Associate Members from all the Circles directly. A Pensioner can become Associate Members of our Association by enrolling with us on payment of Rs.500/ as Life Time Membership Fee + Rs.50/ Admission Fee. For Magazine and other issues, he will remit Rs.50/ per year. Initially, he will Pay Rs.600/-.

We have formed Circle Branches in J & K, Jharkhand and Himachal Pradesh. We have started functioning in NTR (New Delhi), Tamilnadu, Kerala & Karnataka Circles. We have Associate Members in Rajasthan, Tamilnadu, Andhra Pradesh, Kerala, Karnataka, Uttar Pradesh, Haryana, West Bengal, Maharashtra, Mumbai, and NTR Circle, New Delhi.

Membership Form is available on www.bdpa.in also.

You can prefer Bank Transfer for your remittance against Pension Revision Donation, Administrative Charges, Membership fee and other donations.

Name of Association: **BSNL AND DOT PENSIONERS ASSOCIATION, GUJARAT CIRCLE.**

Name of Bank : **CANARABANK**

Name of Branch : **Bhadra Branch**

Name of City : **Ahmedabad.**

S.B. Account No : **0317101027159**

Pensioners can remit the Donation keeping the above information in view by DD/At Par Cheque or by Bank Transfer.

Please do inform us after effecting Bank Transfer to Shri R.C. Sharma, Office Secretary, on phone No. 079-25500800 and send Xerox copy of your remittance to below address for issuing Receipt.

Office Address:

R.C. Sharma,

The Association does not take any responsibility for the views expressed in the contributions or advertisement pub shed in the journal.

Meeting with Officers:

D.D. Mistry, GS, BDPA and V.N. Rathod, Kheda District BDPA Representative met Shri S.K. Bhandari, PGM ATD Ahmedabad on 22.12.2011 and discussed Pensioners pending issues. GS drawn the attention of the BSNL HQ instructions No. 37-2-2011 NOW/CFA date 27.09.2011 on the subject "providing STD facility to all the land line and WLL customers of BSNL regarding" and pointed out the said facilities are not extended to SE DOT Categories and as result thereof in

Gujarat Telecom Circle revenue loss runs in lakh of rupees per month and Pensioners are deprived of the facility. The PGM assured to issue instruction at the earliest.

S/Shri A.N. Patel & D.D. Mistry, met Shri S. Bhargava CGM & S.K. Bhandari PGM ATD Ahmedabad on New Year eve on 03.01.2012 and conveyed greetings. They also met the officers in CCA Office and discussed latest position on Pension Revision.

Pension Adalat Ahmedabad: CCA Gujarat held Pension Adalat on 22nd November, 2011 at 15.00 hours for Ahmedabad, Himatnagar, Palanpur, Nadiad and Mehsana SSAs. Cases of S/Shri C.L. Rawal, V.M. Thakor, Smt. Z. H.Pathah, & S.M. Parmar settled. For J.A. Modi's case, CGMT Office was requested to expedite disposal of disciplinary case and authorize provisional pension 6th CPC Pay Scale. S/Shri A.N. Patel, J.B. Kumpavat, D.D. Mistry & H.R. Balolkar represented BDPA. Other two Associations also present.

Pension Adalat Valsad: It was held on 20.01.2012 Valsad for Godhra, Vadodara, Bharuch, Surat and Valsad SSAs. Details will be published in next issue.

PENSION ADALAT HIMACHAL PRADESH

It was held on 30th December, 2011 at SHIMLA. The Pensioners DOT & BSNL of Himachal Pradesh sent their grievances to the Communication Accounts Officer (Pension), o/o C.C.A. DoT, HP Circle, SDA Complex, 18-A, Kasumpti Shimla-171009 (H.P.).

BSNL HQ Vide letter No: 250-13/2011-Pers-III dated 19.12.2012 addressed to the CGM Jaipur has issued clarification on applicability of rule for permitting voluntary retirement with regard to staff absorbed in BSNL: BSNL has clarified that employees directly recruited

by BSNL on or after 1.10.2000 and persons employed on compassionate grounds on or after 1.10.2000 shall be governed by Rule 55 (ii)(c) of BSNL CDA Rules, 2006 with regard to voluntary retirement. For those who were absorbed in BSNL from DoT, provisions of sub rule 11-A under Rule 37-A of CCS (Pension) Rules, 1972 shall apply.

One More Option for BSNL Non-Executive for promotion - BSNL HQ Vide No: 1-37/2011-PAT(BSNL) Dated 22.12.2011 issued order saying "it has been decided that Non-executives, who has been placed in a higher pay scale on account of promotion between 1.1.2007 and 7.5.2010, may be given another option as a special case as one time measure, not to be quoted in future to switch over to the revised pay scales from the date of 1st promotion immediately after 1.1.2007 and up to 7.5.2010. The option can be exercised by the Non-executives within a period one month from the date of issue of this order.

CMD meeting with JAC (15.12.2011): CMD informed the JAC that the management is trying its level best to settle the issue of relieving the DOT opted ITS officers as early as possible and he assured that it will be settled in two or three months. He clarified that the apprehension that the ITS who opted for DOT will be allowed to come back through recruitment process along with the continuation of their seniority need not be there and such back door entry with maintaining seniority will not be there. **He assured that the issue of 78.2% DA merger will be submitted for the consideration of BSNL Board.**

The State Bank of India, Gandhinagar Office informs that now onwards all the Pensioners will be given detailed statement for the Pension Revision Arrear. Those who have not got it and desire now may approach the SBI Gandhinagar through application.

Chennai Meeting

D.D. Mistry, GS BDPA attended C.W.C. meeting of FNTO (NUBSNLW) at Chennai on 1st & 2nd December, 2011 and highlighted Pensioner burning issues. He also meet BSNL Pensioners at Chennai on 3rd December, 2011.

- D.D. Mistry, GS BDPA

PENSIONERS DAY: BDPA celebrated the Pensioners Day on 17th in unique way of contacting aged pensioners who are above 80 and feel happy if old colleague contact them. We will continue to meet them personally during ensuing week as well.

Anomaly/Abbrations: The Employees of DoT who opted for BSNL and retired during the period from October, 2000 to July 2001 are put to loss so far as their Pension is concerned. The BSNL HQ is returning applications to the concerned CGMs directing to settle the issue based upon its clarification issued. We write to state the said clarification is not enough and issue requires fresh consideration and we will continue to pursue it with our sister organizations.

NEWS FROM JHARKHAND CIRCLE

First Annual Circle Conference of BSNL & DOT Pensioners Association Jharkhand Telecom Circle and Ranchi Telecom District was held on 12.11.2011 at C.T.O. Building Ranchi under the Presidentship of Shri S.N. Rao. The following office bearers were elected:

Jharkhand Telecom Circle Branch:

1. President: S.N. Rao (Sr.TOAP),
2. Vice President: Helarious Ekka,
Sr. TOA G Nagedra Prasad, Sr. TOA P
3. Circle Secretary: Mahendra Prasad.
4. Jt. Circle Secy : P.C. Roy, Sr. TOA G.
5. Jt. Circle Secy. : S/Shri S.S.P. Verma (Sr.

TOA P), S.L. Lakra (Chief T.M.) & R.S. Roy, CSS.

6. Financial Secy: A.D.P. Singh TTA

7. Asst.Fin. Secy. BhushanKhalko Sr. TOAG.

8. Org Secretaries: S/Shri Julious Kujur(Sr. TOA G), Basant Lal (Sr. TOA G, Nabi Ahmed TM, Ram Nagina Khushwant TM & Smt. T. Bara (Sr. TOA G).

Ranchi Telecom District Branch:

1. President: Bishu Lakra TOA
2. Vice President : P.S.P. Verma Sr. TOA P & Kamleshwar Mistry, Sr. TOA P.
3. District Secretary : Ram Ekbal Singh Sr. TOA P.
4. Jt. Dist.Secretary : A.K. Srivastva, Sr. TOA G
5. Asst.Dist Secretaries: Sagir Ahmad Sr. TOA G, R.N. Thakur TM & Daroga Singh Sr. TOA G.
6. Organizing Secretaries: P.S. Baraik, Sr. TOA G, N.K. Mandal TM, Ambika Sharan Singh CTS, LAL Mohar Singh TM & U.N. Jha Sr.T.S.
7. Financial Secretary:A.D.P. Singh TTA
8. Asst.Fin.Secretary. Rahman CSS.

N.T.R. New Delhi Circle is formed and S/Shri M.R. Vashist & B.D. Sharma are President and Circle Secretary respectively.

Kerala Circle is formed and Shri Gop Kumar is President of the Circle. List will be published in the next issue.

Orissa Circle is being formed under the leadership of Shri P.K. Das, Cuttack.

Shri Alok Nandi is taking initiative form Kolkata Telephones Branch in Kolkatta.

26th

Get-to-Gather

Ahmedabad.

17.02.2012, Friday

26th Get-to-Gaather of BDPA will be held on 17.02.2012, Friday at 14.00 hours in Ahmedabad Medical Council Hall (Air-Conditioned), Near Natraj Cinema, Ashram Road, Ahmedabad. Dr. Dipan Desai MS (Ophthal), E.S. V.H. (Germany) Diva Eye Hospital, Ahmedabad will deliver his speech on eye-ailments, cure and precautions to be taken. Dr. (Mrs.) Ava Desai will also speak on women Cancer deceases. The programme will be followed with snacks. The Diva Eye Hospital is offering free eye check up to Association Members on Wednesday since last eight months.

25th

Get-to-Gather

Ahmedabad

25th Silver Jubilee Get-to-Gather of BDPA was held on 8th November, 2011 at Medical Council Hall (Air-Conditioned), Ahmedabad where more than 300 Pensioners were in attendance. Smt. Darshana Momaya Dabral, CCA Gujarat was Chief Guest and S/Shri Narendra S. Dhaktode, IP&TAPS, Joint C.C.A. and Shri Jazu, Jt.CCA were also present.

Shri H.J.Bhat, Retired SDE, Ahmedabad recited prayer and meeting paid tribute to the departed members.

Shri J.B. Kumpavat well coming the guests and pensioners said that the Association is grateful the Officers of the CCA and Staff Members who have set an example in the country by their untiring and hard work. He also appreciated the services of BDPA office bearers who also gave

helping hand to the CCA and DAP Office to accelerate the process. **Shri A.N. Patel said that BDPA is awarded a Trophy and Cash Award/Certificate by the Bharat Pensioner Samaj, New Delhi on 04.11.2011.** This was possible because Shri D.D. Mistry is working hard to serve the pensioners and the same has been considered as an achievement. Smt. Darshanaben CCA said that credit goes to her Officers/staff for meeting the target and appreciated the cooperation extended by the BDPA.

Shri D.D. Mistry was honoured by the Association and his services were appreciated by the Speakers. The Branch Representatives of Unjha, Mansa, Anand, Surat and Rajkot were honoured in the meeting. S/Shri A.K. Patel, H.C. Bhatia and R.C. Sharma were also honoured for their effective working and rendering services to the Association.

Shri D.D. Mistry in his address thanked the Bharat Pensioner Samaj, New Delhi for recognizing services of BDPA at national level. But for collective and Team work this could have not been achieved he added. He also appreciated the approach of the CCA Office towards the Pensioners and always extending the possible help at all levels. He said that a task of restoration of Medical Allowance in Cash, Merger of 78.2% IDA, Resolving Pay Anomaly and other task are ahead for which we have to continue our efforts. Our strength has crossed 2501 on the day with collection of Rs.10, 00,000 as Pension Revision Donation till date for which he thanked the pensioners.

Shri B.C. Trivedi, Unjha Representative honoured Shri D.D. Mistry by shawl on behalf of members of BDPA in Mehsana District. He also spoke on various activities under taken by him to settle pensioners grievances and enroll more

members.

Dr. Amit Agarwal M.S. (Ortho) and Dr. Maharshi Bhatt M.S. (Ortho) from Aditya Orthopedic Hospital, Ahmedabad conducted a Seminar Knee/Joint pains and related surgery with slide show and replied to queries raised by the Pensioners.

The meeting concluded followed with tea and snacks.



Rajkot District

Rajkot Get-to-Gather: It was held at K.R. Exchange, Conference Hall BSNL, at 10.30 hours on 11.12.2011 where more than 100 Pensioners attended in chilled air despite their old age. Shri A.N. Patel presided over the function. The function commenced with prayer by Shri B.D.Bhatt. Shri S.S. Shingada gave well come speed and spoke on the organization activities in Rajkot Telecom District. S/Shri J.C. Mandalia and M.G. Dhebar also spoke on the occasion well-coming the guests and narrating achievement of BDPA and Shri M.P. Tankaria also joined them in recalling his golden memories of Ministerial Union era which was full of achievements by Shri D.D. Mistry in his earlier golden period.

Shri J. B. Kumpavat spoke how the Association came into being and make its presence felt which was recognized by Bharat Pensioner Samaj, New Delhi which has more than 500 affiliated Associations. Award to BDPA on 4th November, 2011 with Trophy, Certificate and Rs.5000/ cash itself is unique example BDPA's working. He said we have crossed 2601 mark in membership and aiming at completing 5000 by the year end.

Shri A.N. Patel cited many examples of other associations and distinguished BDPA's working with

collective team spirit and management of BDPA Office, release of quarterly magazine, sending birthday greeting cards to members and representing the pensioners' grievances before management. After retirement we have to get united irrespective of our past associations with any union, as now our sole aim is to protect the interest of pensioners. But for BDPA's effective representation, the Revision would have not been achieved and also lauded the efforts that join us in the mission.

Shri D.D. Mistry narrated the sequence of Pension Revision battle in brief is showed the BDPA's efforts in the direction to achieve goal despite many odds and handicaps. We have been able to start Pension Adalat in the Circle on regular basis and the BSNL Management at Circle level also pays due attention to our representation, he added. We represent all the SSAs and Cadres in the Association and also got exemplary support by the way of Pension Revision Donation and we have crossed a figure of Rs.13, 00,000. He called upon the present member to enroll at least one new member to achieve our goal. He also spoke on All India developments.

S/Shri H.C. Bhatia, A.K. Patel, A.A. Patel, H.R. Balolkar and K.S. Modi from BDPA Council also attended the function. 25 New members were enrolled and the organizers honoured all the Circle Office bearers present in the Meeting with Banquet and Shawl. In Rajkot, Pension Revision Donation, Administrative Charges and new members' collection marked total figure of Rs.56, 000 which was unique. The news of event was carried out by all local newspapers of Rajkot.

CIRCLE GOVERNING COUNCIL MEETING

Governing Council Meeting of BDPA was held on 03.01.2012 at BDPA Office at 11.00 hours. Representatives from

Valsad, Rajkot, Anand, Unjha and Mehsana attended. The following important decisions were taken.

1. It was decided to hold Third Bi-Yearly Annual Conference in the month of June, 2012.
2. Publish 3rd Edition of BSNL Pensioners Telephone Directory 2012 cum Hand Book.
3. Membership of the deceased members will be transferred to his/her nominee with nominal fee of Rs.100/ and all the credit against Administrative Charges will be transferred to new account.
4. The subscription of BSNL PENSIONERS NEWS GUJARAT will be R.100/- per year with effect from 01.04.2012.
5. All those who renew the same before 01.04.2012 will be entitled for renewal @ Rs.50/- for the year. Those who renew/subscribe for three years can do so by paying Rs.250/- for three years. First All India Conference of BDPA will take place in the month of June 2012 at Ahmedabad.
6. A Committee for publishing 3rd Edition of BSNL Pensioners Telephone Directory 2012 cum Hand Book was also formed.
7. The Advertisement rates for the Directory were also decided. (Published elsewhere).
8. To Form the District Branches in Circle for effective functioning. The New District will have minimum five members as Office-bearers and 25 members to form body. The Body will be given Rs.100/- per member as District Expenditure w.e.f. 01.01.2012 on enrolling new members.
9. Administrative Charges: At present we are collecting Rs.50/- per financial in

multiple of 100/-. It was decided to collect Rs.500/- as Life Time Administrative Charges w.e.f. 01.04.2011 (i.e. from Current Financial Year 2011-12). Those who have already paid for one year or more, they can remit the difference and become Life Time Payee of Administrative Charges. This will be purely voluntary and optional. Future Increase if any in Administrative charges will not be applicable to them.

10. Tentative cost of 3rd Edition of BSNL Pensioners Telephone Directory 2012 cum Hand Book was fixed at Rs.300/- as it will contain more than 500 pages.
11. To convene A.I.C. in the month of June, 2012.
12. Audited Accounts for the year ending 31.03.2011 was adopted.

I. D. A. Rates: w.e.f. 01.01.2007

In response numerous requests we publish the I.D.A. rates w.e.f. 01.01.2007

Slab	Date of effect	Old Rate	New Rate
1.	01.01.2007	68.8	0.0
2.	01.04.2007	70.2	0.8
3.	01.07.2007	71.1	1.3
4.	01.10.2007	76.0	4.2
5.	01.01.2008	78.6	5.8
6.	01.04.2008	79.4	6.3
7.	01.07.2008	84.4	9.2
8.	01.10.2008	90.6	12.9
9.	01.01.2009	96.8	16.6
10.	01.04.2009	93.3	16.9
11.	01.07.2009	100.0	18.5
12.	01.10.2009	111.6	25.3
13.	01.01.2010	121.0	30.9
14.	01.04.2010	127.5	34.
15.	01.07.2010	128.0	35.1
16.	1.10.2010	136.1	39.8
17.	01.01.2011	141.5	43.0
18.	01.04.2011	148.6	47.2
19.	01.07.2011	148.6	47.2
20.	01.10.2011	156.6	52.0
21.	01.01.2012	164.6	56.7
22.	01.04.2012		
23.	01.07.2012		
24.	01.10.2012		

I.D.A.: There will be increase of 4.7% w.e.f. 01.01.2012, making total 56.7%.

C.D.A.: Central Government Employees/ Pensioners will get increase of 7% in C.D.A. w.e.f. 01.01.2012, making total of 65%.

A request to our Complimentary Readers: Since last 70 months, we are mailing you complimentary copy of our magazine with a view to serve our fraternity in your circle. We have been time and again informed by the recipients of such copies to maintain uninterrupted supply. Few have send donation of Rs.100/- which have been duly acknowledged in our magazine donation column. In view of increase in printing cost and postage, we request you to kindly contribute Rs.100/- as voluntary donation to the Association. Other Associations are invited to send brief report of their activities for publication.

Advertisement

We are publishing the advertisement in our quarterly magazine and the following rates are applicable.

Advertisement Size	One Issue
<u>One Inner Page Advertisement In B/W.</u>	
Quarter Page	500
Half Page	800
Full Page	1500
<u>Multi Colour Inner Page Advertisement</u>	
Quarter Page	8000
Half Page	1500
Full Page	3000
<u>Multi Colour Last Inner Cover Page</u>	
Full Page	4500
<u>Multi Colour Last Cover Page</u>	
Full Page	5000

✚✚✚ **Our Correspondence** ✚✚✚

**Letter to Hon. Shri Kapil Sibal, MOC
New Delhi**

No; BDPA/Medical/OD/2011 dated 13th
December, 2011

**Sub: Withdrawal of Medical facility
without voucher Curtailment of
expenditure by BSNL**

Ref: BSNL HQ No: 7-8/2010/E F/Part/1
Dated 05.09.2011.

Sir:

- ♦ We had addressed a letter on the captioned subject to Shri Rakesh Kumar, CMD BSNL, New Delhi on 6th September, 2011 explaining the difficulties of Senior citizens consequence to said letter. We understand that though the CMD is convinced on our representation he has so far not taken any final decision resulting into creation of depression amongst retired employees. When the Congress Government is initiating numerous measures to felicitate the senior citizens, such a inhuman action of the BSNL Board needs reconsideration as it involves the retired personals. We write to focus your kind attention on the following to apprise you on our hardships.
- ♦ We are perturbed and rather shocked to learn that the BSNL HQ in the name of curtailing wasteful expenditure in Company has reverted to discontinue the Medical Facility available to BSNL Pensioners to get their quarterly medical allowance for the period from 01.10.2011 to 31.03.2012 without vouchers and to permit them medical facility on vouchers proportionately.
- ♦ The provision of Medical reimbursement without vouchers was made after threadbare discussion with the Recognized Union and also taking into consideration views expressed by other Registered Trade Unions expressed by them through their various forums.
- ♦ Normally, it is established procedure and convention in the Company to consult the Workers Representative for effecting any major change which affects the workers irrespective of its legal standing as was done while finalizing the 2nd Wage Revision in BSNL. Before arriving at final conclusion all who made representations were heard and views expressed by them were also honoured to the extent it was possible. We do not find any reason for deviating from such well established procedure in the Company.
- ♦ As the subject indicates, it is measure aiming at reducing the expenditure of BSNL. However, normally it is equally essential and necessary to work out the aftereffects and outcome of any action before giving it as final shape. In this case, the exercise has been eliminated for obvious reasons. Had the Company tried to take on stock the present time period before finalizing the issue and seen that even at present its offices are inordinately delaying clearing quarterly payment of Medical Allowance with vouchers which are pending in number of offices for more than two to three quarters on the one reason or the other. Then they would have never thought of such morbid action.
- ♦ Further, if the Company had taken a

flashback in last decade vigilance issues, it would have never reverted to the move which may again encourage the corruption as quantum of work will increase and staff strength remain same.

- ♦ Even presuming that out of the employees/pensioners taking medical allowance without voucher, 50% claims such reimbursement, the amount will considerably increase and thus it will boomerang on the face of economy. The delay in clearing of medical bills will result in mass dissatisfaction creating ill will for the Company. No Company can survive without inner cooperation and satisfaction of its workforce.
 - ♦ Had the Company gone into examining the reasons for opting the reimbursement without vouchers, it could have been seen that in order to save them from humiliation, running from table to table, offering repeated explanations on trivial matters, Frequently visiting the sections, they had no other go but for to opt for the said scheme, which actually deprived from getting full reimbursement of the amount they spent on their medical care.
 - ♦ In the order," Units are instructed to make arrangement for bills without delay" but from where it will snatch the working hands to cope up with increased work ? And what about the allocation of funds ? which are even now in paucity and bills are awaiting the payment even after sanction.
 - ♦ The Pensioners after serving the Company for more than 35 to 40 years, do not expect humiliating treatment from their counter part and can not frequently visit the offices for settlement of their claim, more so because
- sometimes such offices are located on 3rd or 4th floor, which is nothing but punishment for them to climb the stair cases at the old age.
- ♦ Had the promulgators of corrigendum momentarily thought that the society in which they live advocates for sound health of the senior citizen and therefore judiciaries in number of such cases award the compensation for such treatment, as it is the duty of the custodian of law to ensure the comfort and health of its citizens?
 - ♦ Is it not looking strange that the Company in the name of economy preferred to conduct experiments for six months on its workforce/pensioners? Was there no scope left to conduct experiments on other counts? What it will be a gain by damaging the health of workforce, as instead of concentrating on development and expansion, more time will be consumed by the workmen frequently visiting medical section for their pending medical bills and avoiding performing their duties in field?
 - ♦ We therefore strongly protest against such ill-conceived and unmotivated action of the BSNL HQ to stop the quarterly payment of Medical Allowance without vouchers for workers/pensioners. We join all the Associations/Unions in their move protesting against the action. We on behalf of BSNL PENSIONERS of the Country lodge our strong protest against the said order.
 - ♦ We enclose herewith a brief note on financial viability of our demands which shows the BSNL Financial picture of first eight months of this year.
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We therefore request your good self to kindly review the said decision and issue necessary corrigendum on this score.

With warm greetings,

Yours faithfully,
(D.D. MISTRY)
General Secretary.

Enclosed Note:

BSNL financial results YE 2011: We understand that though BSNL is yet to issue its Financial Results for the YE 2011, but the picture is not gloomy as apprehended. BSNL being 100% Govt. of India enterprise, it has its own mandatory obligation. We have been given to understand for first 8 months financial picture shows improvement and developments. The service and operating revenue for the year 2011 is 27014.71 crores. (27913.44) and down by 868.73 crore. The other income is 2642.91 crore (4131.97) -reduced due to depletion of bank savings. Our total income for the YE 2011 is 29687.62 (32045.41), a dip of 2357.79 crore.

Though LL revenue is 6839.30 (8267.70) down by 1428.30 cr., Mobile revenue is 8803.13 (9760.73) a dip of 957.64 cr. Income from BB is some extent better, witnessing a positive trend from **2485.44 cr. to 3307.77 cr.**

On the side of expenditure there is nominal increase. Major items are employees' remuneration, LF+ spectrum fee, administrative expenses and depreciation. Employees remuneration and other benefits are increased from 13455.04 crore to 13790.95 crore, a raise of 335.91 crore - may be due to compensation of price rise through DA.

It is good sign that administrative

and operative expenditure is reducing year over year. It is shown as 10123.68 crore (10199.05) down by a meager 75.37 crore. The total expenditure as shown is 36001.64 crore (34078.04) that is the over all expenditure has gone up by 1923.60 crore. The increased expenditure is not due to employees' remuneration but due to LF + Spectrum fee and the increase on that head is 1096.17 crore (1971.72-875.55).

Profit before Taxation (PBT) is shown as -6578.81 cr. (-2197.48) and PAT is -6384.26 cr. (-1822.65) and so the loss carried over to our balance sheet stands as 6384.26 cr. (1822.65).

BSNL's medical expense is 548.20 crore (484.06). We regret to point out that by this inhuman cut, BSNL management is contemplating to bring it to a tune of 100 crore only for the YE 2012. Now when prices of medical services are becoming dear and pensioners due to their old age require more attention towards their health, such inhuman act will earn agony of senior citizen. Moreover, the figure includes the working employees and pensioners and as such it is needless to say where the majority of portion is utilized? When Expenditure on the head on pension contribution which is 1399.09 crore is likely to be lessened as BSNL demand of contribution on initial pay is accepted by DOT (copy of orders enclosed) and this will offset the medical expenditure towards pensioners. As such there is full justification of restoration of medical reimbursement as was in force.

Comparing with private sector, expenditure on Advertisement and business promotion expenses is reduced to 13.64 & 172.42 crores respectively. Comparing private sector, this expenditure is very meager. The expenditure on security services is also reduced from 360.21 crore

to 335.17 crore. Bill dispute, written off bad debts are amounting to 515.63 crore. (587.79).

(We have endorsed copy of communication to all concerned including GSs of all Applicant Unions in BSNL).

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Letter addressed to Mr. S. Bhargava, Chief General Manager, BSNL, Ahmedabad. 380009

No. BDPA/FP/VTD/11 Dated November 14th, 2011.

Subject: Non-issuance of Medical Card by PGM Vadodara Telecom District Case of Shri R.J. Shah, Vadodara.

Ref. : Your No: GJT/DOT CELL / 15 / 3 / 4576 Dated 08.08.2011

Sir,

Enclosed, please find herewith a copy of representation dated 22.10.2011 by Shri R.J. SHAH, staff No.2005, retired on 29.02.2004 as Sr. TOA from Vadodara PGM TD, Commercial Section. The Pensioner is Holder of Medical Card No: RE-2005.

As the Pensioner could not renew the Medical Card as per the procedure prescribed by PGM VTD in the month of April, 2011, he approached the authority for renewal, which is denied. We feel that the procedure adopted by the PGM Vadodara is not in spirit with the rules on the subject, as all the SSA are following the procedure of issuing the Medical Card only as one time measure.

Since the Pensioner could not renew his card due to adverse health circumstances and suffering from illness, we request you to kindly instruct the PGM Vadodara to renew the Medical Card.

A line in reply shall highly be obliged.

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**Letter to Ms HUMERA AHMED,
Chief Post Master General, Gujarat
Postal Circle, Ahmedabad-1.**

(1) No: BDPA/PR/2007/5 Dated 19th November, 2011.

Sub: To credit Pension Arrear in to Saving Bank Pension Accounts of BSNL Pensioners.

Respected Madam,

- ♦ That the Govt. of India, Ministry of Communications & Information Technology, Department, New Delhi vide its communication F. No. 40/17/2008-Pen (T)-Vol. III dated 15th March, 2011 issued orders for Pension Revision for Pre-2007 BSNL Pensioners.
- ♦ Accordingly, the orders are implemented the Revised Pension is now being drawn by the Post Offices since September, 2011 onwards.
- ♦ The Pension is drawn by the Pensioners in two systems, 1. By personally visiting the Post Office with PPO and receiving the same and 2. By crediting the amount into Saving Bank Pension Account.
- ♦ Now, we are receiving numerous complaints from the Pensioners that Post Offices decline to credit the Arrear into Saving Bank Pension Account without assigning any reason terming it as not permissible and some are issuing cheque directing the Pensioner to deposit in his other Bank Accounts.
- ♦ We enclose herewith a copy of Annexure "A" which is given by all the Pensioners while opening Saving Bank Pension Account. In the form, the Pensioner authorizes to credit his entire pension to the account and also authorizes the Post Offices to recover

any amount deposited in the account erroneously.

We therefore request you to kindly cause immediate instructions to all concerned to credit Pension Arrears into Saving Bank Pension Account as Pensioners are facing hardships to get their due arrear due to such attitude of the Post Offices.

With regards,

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(2) No: BDPA/PR/2007/7 Dated 19th November, 2011.

Sub: A request to supply statement of arrears to BSNL Pensioners whose pension is revised w.e.f. 01.01.2007 and with entry to that effect in PPO.

Respected Madam,

- ♦ That the Govt. of India, Ministry of Communications & Information Technology, Department, New Delhi vide its communication F. No. 40/17/2008-Pen (T)-Vol. III dated 15th March, 2011 issued orders for Pension Revision for Pre-2007 BSNL Pensioners.
- ♦ Accordingly, the orders are implemented the Revised Pension is now being drawn by the Post Offices since September, 2011 onwards which is from one lac to four lacs, per individual.
- ♦ We regret to inform you that notwithstanding repeated requests by the Pensioners to supply a statement of arrears drawn by the Post Offices, all have declined to supply the same.
- ♦ It may kindly be considered that the statement is required to submit their Income Tax Returns and other legal issues. A sole exception in the issue is NAVRANGPURA H.O. who had supplied such statements to all

Pensioners.

- ♦ We understand that as provided in I.T. Rules, Form No. 10E (See Rule 21 AA) which is available for Form for furnishing particulars of Income under Section 192 (2A) for the year ending 31st March for claiming relief under Section 89(1) by a Government Servant or an Employee in a Public Sector Undertaking. As per the provision, the Pensioner can distribute his Pension Revision Amount to each corresponding year ending March 2007, March 2008, March 2009, March 2010 and March 2011 and get the relief in Income Tax.
- ♦ Further, it is equally necessary to make entry to the effect showing the payment of arrears made to the Pensioners and also entry to the effect that the Pension has been revised w.e.f.01.1.2007. But the simple issue is also remains unheard by all the Post Offices including GPO/Revdi Bazar and Ranip PO.

We therefore request you to kindly instruct the concerned SSPs/HPOs and concerned Pension Paying Postal Authorities to supply the statement showing the month-wise details of the arrears and also to make entry to that effect in the PPO of each Pensioner.

With regards,

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(3) No: BDPA/PR/2007/6 Dated 19th November, 2011.

Sub: To provide sufficient Cash to Post Offices on Pension Disbursement Day and expedite payment of Revised Pension with arrears.

Respected Madam,

1. We regret to write that the Post Offices are not making arrangement for sufficient Cash on Pension

Disbursement Day. As a result thereof the Pensioners are given a chit with instructions to collect the cash in the evening. This is irregular and tantamount to harassment to the Pensioners. The Pensioners coming from nearby village or planning to go elsewhere are disturbed on no fault of their own.

2. We quote the example of RANIPPOST OFFICE under SSP Gandhinagar, where this modus operandi is operated since long with smiling on the face of the authorities getting hidden sense of satisfaction. There are number of other Post Offices also falling in this category.
3. The Post Master, Revdi Bazar is evasive in reply to the Pensioners who approach him for Pension Arrear. He is reported to have been saying to the Pensioners that it will take its own course and time and directs pensioner not to inquire for the same in future and wait for the time till he gets assistance.
4. The D.A. (Postal), G.P.O. Ahmedabad had erroneously send 10 PPOs of Navsari to Bilimora. The Bilimora instead of acceding requests of Pensioners to sent the same direct to Navsari, sent back all to PPOs to D.A.(Postal), who did not care to send it to proper place even after repeated requests of concerned Pensioners, District Representative Navsari and BDPA Ahmedabad Office.

We therefore request you to kindly instruct the concerned SSP to provide sufficient cash to Post Offices on Pension Disbursement day.

With regards,

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Letter to Shri S.K. Bhandari, PGM ATD Ahmedabad.

No: BDPA/STD/2011 Dated 28th December, 2011.

Sub: **A request to provide STD Facility to all DOT/BSNL Pensioners.**

Dear Sir:

We write to recall our discussion in a meeting with you on 22.12.2011, on the captioned subject. We were happy to hear that you had assured us positive action by the year end by issuing necessary instructions in the matter.

We enclose herewith a copy of letter on the captioned subject issued by the BSNL HQ which permits provision for all landline telephones without any discrimination,

This will result in considerable revenue increase in the District, as all the pensioners will utilize the facility available to them.

We therefore request you to kindly cause of early instruction in the matter with a copy to us.

With regards,

Our Note : (We have also discussed the matter with Shri S. Bhargav, CGM Gujarat and he has also assured to look in to the issue at the earliest).

Letter to Smt. Darshana Momaya Dabral

Controller of Communication Accounts, Gujarat Telecom Region, **7th Floor, P & T Administrative Bldg, Opp. Khanpur Post Office, Ahmedabad-1.**

7th Floor, P & T Administrative Bldg, Opp. Khanpur Post Office, Ahmedabad-1.

No. BDPA/FP/SBI/11 Dated November 14th, 2011.

Subject: Non-Drawal of Revised Pension/Arrear Case of Smt. Niruben A. Vasava, FP.

Ref.: Your No: GJT/DOT CELL/15/3/4576 Dated 08.08.2011

Madam,

Enclosed, please find herewith a copy of representation dated 11.11.2011 by Smt. Niruben A. Vasava, FP who has so far not revised Pension/Arrear.

She is holding SB Account in State Bank of India, Lati Bazar, Dabhoi, under No: 10682502895.

We therefore request you to kindly instruct concerned to take remedial action at the earliest.

No. BDPA/JSS/SBI/11 Dated November 16th, 2011.

Subject: Non-Drawal of Revised Pension/Arrear Case of Shri J.S. Shah, Retired Sr. TOA (G), 0/0 PGM TD Vadodara,

Ref.: PPO No: GJT/DOT CELL / 15 / /1/2024 Dated 08.04.2005

Madam,

We are referring a case of Shri J.S. Shah, Retired Sr. TOA (G), Staff No. 2613, who retired on 31.01.2005 from the office of the PGM Vadodara Telecom District, Vadodara. He had opted for Pension through Bank and PPO No: GJT/DOT CELL/15//1/2024 Dated 08.04.2005 was issued. He was drawing his pension from Bank of Baroda, Panigate Branch, Vadodara.

He shifted his residence to Wankaner after his retirement and drawing his pension from Wankaner Branch, Wankaner with SB S/C NO: 765010000803. Since the Pensioner

had not intimated change of residence, your office sent revised PPO vide No: 12307 on 16.08.2011 to Bank of Baroda Panigate Branch. The said PPO is returned to Link Office by the Branch Office as per verbal information received from the Bank of Baroda, Panigate Branch, TF: 0265-2563747.

The Pensioner has approached to your office to send the intimation to his Pension Drawing Branch Wankaner but it is regretted that till date no action appears to have been taken at your end and the poor pensioner is suffering in his seventies.

Kindly take appropriate action so as to enable to the Pensioner to receive his pension arrear and revised pension.

Our Note : (Case settled and Revised Pension with Arrear Paid).

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No. BDPA/JSS/SBI/11 Dated November 16th, 2011.

Sub: Non Receipt of Revised PPO Case of M.C. Purani, Vadodara

Madam

1. Enclosed, please find herewith a representation dated 23.09.2011 addressed to you and copy to the GS BDPA Ahmedabad.
2. From the representation, it appears that the case for pension revision was sent to your office by the PGM Vadodara T.D. Vide his No: TAC / PEN / REV / 2005/16 dated 08.06.2011.

Kindly take appropriate action so as to enable to the Pensioner to receive his pension arrear and revised pension.

No. BDPA/JSS/SBI/11 Dated November 28th, 2011.

Sub: Non Receipt of Revised PPO Case of M.S. Ansari, Vadodara

Madam

1. Enclosed, please find herewith a representation dated 18.10.2011 addressed to you and copy to the GS BDPA Ahmedabad and concerned officer.
2. From the representation, it appears that the case for pension revision is required to be prepared and submitted to by the o/o Director, Telecom Project, Navrangpura, Ahmedabad.
3. Since the case is overdue and Pensioner is pressing hard, we request your good self to take appropriate action so as to enable to the Pensioner to receive his pension arrear and revised pension.

Our Note: (We request the CCA Office to prevail upon the concerned GMs to expedite the process and also counterparts.)

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No: BDPA/PR/2007/7 Dated 19th November, 2011 addressed to **The Chief General Manager**, Centralized Pension Processing Centre, State Bank of India, 6th Floor, Gandhinagar Zonal Office Building, Opp. Gate No.2, New Sachivalaya, Sector 10-B, **Gandhinagar - 382010**

Sub: **A request to expedite payment of Revised Pension Case of Smt. C.R. Postiwala Retiraed Sr. TOA O/O PGMTD Surat.**

Respected Sir,

- ♦ That the Govt. of India, Ministry of Communications & Information Technology, Department, New Delhi vide it communication No. 40/17/2008-Pen (T)-Vol. III dated 15th March, 2011 issued orders for Pension Revision for Pre-2007 BSNL Pensioners.
- ♦ Accordingly, the CCA Gujarat issued

orders vide his No: GJT/DOT CELL/15/3/4206 Dated 23.08.2011, copy enclosed for ready reference.

- ♦ The Pensioner is holding SB Account No: **10023099522** in State Bank of India, SVR Engg. College Branch, Surat. The Pensioner has complained that she has not received her revised Pension and Arrear till 19.11.2011.

We therefore request you to kindly do needful in the matter at the earliest.

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No: BDPA/PR/2007/7 Dated 19th November, 2011.

Sub: **A request to issue statement of arrears to BSNL Pensioners whose pension is revised w.e.f. 01.01.2007 and entry in PPO.**

- ♦ That the Govt. of India, Ministry of Communications & Information Technology, Department, New Delhi vide it communication F. No. 40/17/2008-Pen (T)-Vol. III dated 15th March, 2011 issued orders for Pension Revision for Pre-2007 BSNL Pensioners.
- ♦ Accordingly, the orders are implemented the Revised Pension is now being drawn by the Branches of SBI who are holding their Pension Accounts with SBI. The Pension is drawn since September, 2011 onwards which comes to one lac to four lacs.
- ♦ We have been approached by numerous Pensioners that despite their request to supply a statement of arrears drawn by the SBI Branches - all have declined to supply the same. You are aware that said statement is essential for filing Income Tax Returns and other legal issues.

- ♦ We understand that as provided in I.T. Rules, Form No. 10E (See Rule 21 AA) which is available for Form for furnishing particulars of Income under Section 192 (2A) for the year ending 31st March for claiming relief under Section 89(1) by a Government Servant or an Employee in a Public Sector Undertaking. As per the provision, the Pensioner can distribute his Pension Revision Amount to each corresponding year ending March 2007, March 2008, March 2009, March 2010 and March 2011 and get the relief in Income Tax.
- ♦ We have also been informed that certain branches have deducted the Income Tax on Arrear. This is unjust and unwarranted, as it will compel the Pensioners to run from Pillar to Post to get the refund after filing the returns and claiming the refund. All the Pensioners are Senior Citizen ageing from 65 to 71 years.
- ♦ Further, it is equally necessary to make entry in PPO to the effect showing the payment of arrears made to the Pensioners and also entry to the effect that the Pension has been revised w.e.f.01.1.2007. But the simple issue is also remains unheard by all the Banks.

We therefore request you to kindly instruct the concerned all SBI Branches in Gujarat to supply the statement showing the month-wise details of the arrears and also to make entry to that effect in the PPO of each Pensioner and not to deduct Income Tax on arrear amount.

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No: BDPA/VDR/2007/7 Dated 28th, November, 2011.

Sub: Non Receipt of Revised Pension Arrear due from 01.01.2007 and Pension

Revision Case of Shri M.H. Vasava, Vadodara.

Respected Sir,

1. Enclosed, please find herewith a representation dated 08.11.2011 addressed to you and copy to the CCA Gujarat and GS BDPA Ahmedabad.
2. From the representation, it appears that the Pensioner is drawing his Pension from State Bank of Saurashtra, Manglya Hall, Harni Road, Vadodara under SB A/c No: 56332018201. Now the Bank is merged with SBI.
3. Since the representation is speaking one, we request you to kindly look into it and do needful in the matter.

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No: BDPA/TKL/2007/7 Dated 28th, November, 2011.

Sub: A request to pay Pension Arrear Case of Shri T.G. Lakhani, Junagadh.

Respected Sir,

1. Enclosed, please find herewith a representation dated 19.11.2011 addressed to the CCA Ahmedabad and copy to your office and to us.
2. From the representation, it appears that the Pensioner is drawing his Pension from S.B.I. Kalwa Chowk Branch, Junagadh and Account No: is SB: 56169080503.
3. The CCA Ahmedabad vide his No: GUT/DOT CELL/15/3/4113 Dated 23.08.2011 issued revised Pension Order and sent to SBI Kalwa Chowk Branch, Junagadh through Link Branch SBI Main Branch, Junagadh.
4. The Link Branch Junagadh informs that the said order is sent to your office on 17.11.2011.

We therefore request you to kindly do needful in the matter at the earliest.