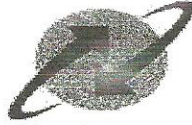


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BHARAT SANCHAR NIGAM LTD.
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PENSION SECTION
Bharat Sanchar Bhawan,
Janpath, New Delhi-1.

No. 40-13 /2011-Pen(B)

Dated 08 -11-2011

To,

All Heads of Telecom Circles/Telecom District/
Other Administration Offices/
Telecom. Stores/ Telecom. Factories.
Bharat Sanchar Nigam Ltd.,

Sub: Extension of scope of family pension to widowed/unmarried daughter and dependent disabled siblings of Central Government servants/pensioners.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to this office letter of even no, dated 28-6-2011(circular no-11) in which clarification on the above mentioned subject from Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances & Pensions, Department of Pension and Pensioners' Welfare's vide their OM No-1/13/09-P&PW(E) dated 28th April 2011 had been circulated for taking further necessary action.

2. It is seen that there is a general lack of clarity on the issues involved in various field units of BSNL. However, in order to bring about clarity in this regard, salient features of these instructions are reproduced below:-

(i) As per the existing provisions, the son/daughter of a Govt. servant/Pensioner is eligible for family pension up to the date of his/her marriage/remarriage or till he/she starts earning or till the age of 25 years, whichever is earlier. A disabled son/daughter of a Govt. servant/Pensioner suffering from any disorder or disability of mind, including mentally retarded, or who is physically crippled or disabled, is eligible for family pension for life.

(ii) Divorced/widowed daughters are eligible for family pension even after attaining the age limit of 25 years. Family pension to widowed/divorced daughters is admissible irrespective of the fact that the divorce/ widowhood takes place after attaining the age of 25 years or before.

(iii) However, an unmarried daughter of a Govt. servant / Pensioner beyond 25 years of age, has been made eligible for family pension at par with the widowed/divorced daughter subject to fulfillment of certain conditions. Family pension to the widowed/divorced/unmarried daughters shall, however, be payable in order of their date of birth and the younger of them shall not be eligible for family pension unless the next above has become ineligible for grant of family pension

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(iv) The family pension to widowed/divorced/unmarried daughters above the age of 25 years, shall be payable only after the other eligible children below the age of 25 years have ceased to be eligible to receive family pension and that there is no disabled child to receive the family pension.


(v) Dependent disabled siblings of a Govt. servant/pensioner have been made eligible for family pension for life.

(vi) The widowed/divorced/unmarried daughter of a Govt. servant/ Pensioner, will be eligible for family pension with effect from the date of issue of respective orders irrespective of the date of death of the Govt. servant/Pensioner. Financial benefits in such cases will accrue from the date of issue of respective orders. The cases of dependent disabled siblings of the Govt. Servants/Pensioners would also be covered on the above lines.

3. All Heads of Circles are requested to arrange to settle the family pension claims of widowed/divorced/unmarried daughters and dependent disabled siblings strictly according to the clarifications and various associated/attendant conditions as mentioned in the DOP&PW O.M. No.1/13/09-P&PW(E) dated 28th April 2011(copy enclosed for ready reference), on priority.

Encl:-a.a.

Yours faithfully,


(A. Sinha)

Asstt. General Manager(Pen.)

Copy to:

1. All PGMs/GMs in BSNL, C.O.
2. AD (OL), BSNL CO. It is requested that a Hindi version of this letter may be provided within 15 days.
3. Guard File.