

RETIRED TELECOM OFFICERS' WELFARE ASSOCIATION

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Respected Madam,

SUB:-Request for extension of effective date for CGHS revised rates of subscription

This Association represents the combined service pensioners of MTNL Mumbai.

There are about 14000 combined service pensioners retired from MTNL Mumbai till date after absorption in MTNL. Most of them are interested to opt for CGHS facility and ready to pay one time life contribution. However the steep rise in the contribution rate effective from 01/02/2017 is dampening their eagerness.

Madam, this Association requests you to consider deferment of the hike in Contribution rate in view of the following reasons :-

1. The contribution hike is due to revision of pension on implementation of 7th Pay Commission Recommendations. Though MTNL pensioners are governed by Rule 37 A of CCS Pension Rules of Government, revision of their pension is in fluid stage awaiting the report of 3rd Pay Revision Committee for PSUs.

2. The MTNL pensioners are eligible to get CGHS Card as per para 4(a) of Department of Health and Family welfare letter no.15025/28/2013-CGHS III dated 9th January 2014 as they are in receipt of Central Civil pension from Central Civil Estimates under Major Head -2071. However it has taken about three years to decide upon mapping of pay scales from IDA Scales to CDA scales for determining rates of contribution and entitlement of wards. We submit that the pensioners should not be burdened with hike in the contribution rates for administrative delays in crystalizing the procedures.
3. Moreover Government PPO for about 6000 pensioners retired prior to 01/04/2014 are yet to be issued by CCA Maharashtra Telecom Circle Mumbai though the pension is drawn. It may take about six months to issue these PPOs.

Therefore we request your sympathetic self to defer the hike in the contribution rates by a minimum of 6 months.

With high regards

Yours Sincerely.

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