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Subject :- Payment of arrears of revised pension and family pension of MTNL pre-2007 Combined pensioners and family pensioners for the period from 01/01/2007 to 30/09/2012.

Ref.

- :- 1. DOT'S Letter No.26-10/TA-1/2014/MTNL-Misc/382 to 394 dtd 23/27/01/15
 - 2. CAT/Pr.Bench,ND OA No. 2703/2013 and Judgement <u>Dated</u> <u>24/02/2015</u>.

R/Sir.

Arrears of pension for the period from 01/01/2007 to 30/09/2012 to those retired prior to 01/01/2007 is kept pending for payment for more than two and half years. RTOWA has requested MTNL and DoT many times to release the arrear payments. DoT has agreed in principle for payment of arrears in its letter dated 27/01/2015, but no tangible step seems to have been taken so far.

- 2. Now the judgment of Hon'ble CAT/Principal Bench, New Delhi as referred to above under reference (3) has come to our notice. Even though RTOWA is not a party to this OA, we can not remain indifferent of this development at this stage.
- 3. The petitioner in the instant OA is a widow- a family pensioner who, having come to the end of patience and, perhaps out sheer financial distress, knocked the door of the judiciary. This has resulted into this judgment that reads interalia:
- "I, therefore, allow OA and direct both DOT and MTNL to ensure that the arrears of family pension admissible to the applicant from 01/01/2007 to 30/09/2012 is paid to her with 9% interest within a period of this order."

The Hon'ble CAT/Principal Branch, New Delhi has also directed interalia:

"Therefore, both pension and family pension have to be treated alike, As far as their payments are concerned."

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