

All India BSNL Pensioners' Welfare Association
Sanchar Nigam Pensioners' Welfare Association
All India Retired BSNL executives Welfare Association
Retired Telecom Officers' Welfare Association Delhi
Retired Telecom Officers' Welfare Association Mumbai
Mahanagar Pensioners' Welfare Association
(All the Six Applicant Associations in Pension Revision case)

Dated 30th July'2026

Dear Comrades

The steps taken by the Six Applicant Associations in the Pension Revision Case since the delivery of Delhi High Court Judgement are summed up below:-

Division bench of Hon'ble Delhi High Court' Judgment:- All of you are aware, the judgement delivered on 01.07.2026 allowed the Writ Petition filed by the DoT and set aside the Pr.CAT' favourable orders dated 20/09/2023. The judgement runs into 108 pages containing 273 paragraphs and took us more than a week to study and assess its implications. In our considered view, the judgement is one-sided, contains references to irrelevant judgements, and has internal contradictions.

Meeting with Advocate Gauri Puri – 10.07.2026: - Leaders of the Applicant Associations—Comrades M.K. Bagchi, G.L. Jogi, Anupam Kaul and Ashok Kaushik—met Advocate Ms. Gauri Puri and discussed the future course of action.

The following points emerged during the discussion:-

1.. Sufficient grounds exist to file Special Leave Petitions (SLPs) before the Hon'ble Supreme Court in view of the conflicting judgements from two constitutional courts. The Delhi HC has denied the benefit of 7th CPC whereas the Kerala High Court extended the benefit of the DoP&PW OM dated 12.05.2017 to the second petitioner, a BSNL pensioner. However the said judgment held that the benefit cannot be extended to the first petitioner AIBSNLPWA, stating that associations cannot espouse individual pensioners' grievances. AIBSNLPWA filed a SLP in the Supreme Court against this part of judgment and it was coming up for hearing on 13th July'2026. So it was decided to wait till then.

2. Three separate SLPs will be required, but a common Senior Counsel can be engaged.

3. It would be useful to obtain the legal opinion of Justice (Retd.) J.K. Maheshwari, who retired from the Supreme Court in June 2026.

Advocate Gauri Puri suggested the names of Senior Advocates R.S. Patwalia and Nidhesh Gupta as Senior Counsel for the proposed three SLPs.

On 13.07.2026 the SLP filed by AIBSNLPWA in the Supreme Court was admitted and notice was issued to the Government.

Consultation with Justice (Retd.) J.K. Maheshwari – 17.07.2026:- The leaders of AIBSNLPWA, SNPWA, AIRBSNLEWA and RTOWA (Delhi), along with Advocate Gauri Puri, met Justice (Retd.) J.K. Maheshwari. Various provisions of the Delhi High Court judgement, relevant Office Memoranda, and Rule 37-A sub-rules were examined in detail. The discussion lasted nearly two hours.

Retd. Justice J.K. Maheshwari made the following observations:

1. There is no need to file a Review Petition before the Delhi High Court.

2. SLP should be filed before the Supreme Court.

3. The entitlement to pension revision exists and must be effectively substantiated before the Court.

4. He is willing to guide the preparation of the petitions without any additional cost.

5. It would be preferable to engage Senior Advocate Shri. Nidhesh Gupta.

Virtual Meeting of Applicant Associations – 22.07.2026:-

The Applicant Associations met virtually to decide the further course of action. The leaders who met ret. Justice J.K. Maheshwari briefed about the discussions in that meeting. All the

Associations expressed their views and there was unanimity in going ahead for filing the SLP. Before taking a final decision on who should be the Senior Counsel, probable expenditures and sharing arrangement, it was decided to consult the senior counsel Sh. Nidhesh Gupta. Com. D. Gopalakrishnan, President of AIBSNLPWA had already contacted Senior Advocate Shri Nidhesh Gupta, who agreed to meet the Association representatives on 25.07.2026. **A five-member committee comprising Comrades M.K. Bagchi, G.L. Jogi, Prahalad Rai, Anupam Kaul and Ashok Kaushik was constituted to meet the Senior Counsel.**

Meeting with Senior Advocate Nidhesh Gupta – 25.07.2026:-The Committee met Sh. Nidhesh Gupta and he expressed his views that:- **The case is strong. There is every possibility of winning the case in the Supreme Court. The fee structure was also discussed. The probable total expenses may be around 80 L to 100 L. Senior Counsel's fee of Rs.10 lakhs is to be paid now and the balance of Rs.70 lakhs – 90 lakhs is to be paid at the time of filing SLP.**

Virtual Meeting of Applicant Associations – 27.07.2026:-The Applicant Associations again met virtually at 1900 Hrs. After thorough discussions it was decided to engage Sh. Nidhesh Gupta as Senior Counsel for all the three SLPs. The ratio of sharing expenses among the Applicant Associations was also unanimously decided.

Expenditure Sharing :-Expenses on Fess for consultation with retd. Justice J.K. Maheswari Rs.5.5 lakhs and Fees of Smt.GauriPuri Rs.25 K..total of Rs.5.75 L has been met by AIBSNLPWA (1.65 L), SNPWA (1.65 L), AIRBSNLEWA (1.55 L) and RTOWA+MPWA (90 K)

The Fees for Senior Counsel and all other legal expenses in future shall be shared in the following ratio:- AIBSNLPWA-40%, SNPWA-20%, AIRBSNLEWA-20%, RTOWA+MPWA-20%. The immediate payment of Rs.10 L to the Senior Counsel Sh. Nidhesh Gupta has been paid as per this ratio during 28th and 29th July'2026.

A Call for Unity and Support:- All Circle and District leaders are requested to convey this message of unity and collective action to every member at the grassroots level and seek their wholehearted cooperation. This is truly a "Do or Die" battle for pension revision. We cannot afford to abandon this long-pending issue. **There is absolutely no possibility of securing pension revision through negotiations with an unwilling bureaucracy.** Therefore, all Applicant Associations are unanimous that approaching the Hon'ble Supreme Court is the only viable option. We, the Pensioners' Association committed to protecting the legitimate rights of pensioners cannot remain silent and accept the one-sided verdict of the Hon'ble Delhi High Court.

Let us stand united and strengthen this legal battle until justice is achieved.

With greetings,

Yours comradely



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