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PENSION FUND IN BSNL/ MTNL
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the pension fund for employees working in the two undertakings namely the BSNL and the MTNL has not been constituted so far;
- (b) if so, the fund from which they are giving pension to their respective retired employees;
- (c) the guidelines issued/likely to be issued by the Government for getting a uniform pension policy adopted for the employees of both the corporations; and
- (d) the time by which these undertakings are likely to constitute their respective pension funds?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD)

- (a) Sir, no pension fund has been constituted in respect of government employees absorbed in Mahanagar Telepephone Nigam Limited (MTNL) whereas there is no provision for constitution of a pension fund in respect of government employees absorbed in Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL).
- (b) As no pension fund has been set up, MTNL is presently paying pension to most of such retired employees from company's own funds. The government is paying pension to those government employees absorbed in MTNL prior to 30.9.2000 who opted to receive prorata pension and also to those retiring after taking absorption in BSNL.
- (c) Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions' OM No.4/18/87 P&PW(D) dated 5th July 1989 contains the guidelines for the pension to the Government employees absorbed prior to 30.9.2000 in MTNL whereas Rule 37A of CCS (Pension) Rules 1972 is applicable for the Government employees absorbed after 30.9.2000 in MTNL/BSNL as notified by Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions vide No.4/61/99 P&PW(D) dated 30.9.2000.
- (d) The matter is sub-judice and no time limit can be prescribed for constitution of pension fund in the case of MTNL.