

AIRBSNLEWA

Brief of 4th AIC of AIRBSNLEWA held at Kolkata on 19th & 20th November 2023

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The AIC commenced with prayer and paying homage to Late Com. Amit Gupta ji who left us for the heavenly abode.

Com. Sitanshu Sarkar, Circle Secretary, West Bengal welcomed the delegates of AIC AIRBSNLEWA and other leaders on the dias. In his welcome address he has mentioned that all the possible arrangements have already been done to minimize the inconvenience to the senior citizens attending the conference from throughout the country and requested to co-operate the participants for shortfalls in any.

After self introduction and two minutes silence in memory of the departed souls of our late comrades, the meeting commenced as per Agenda items with some additions to it, as suggested by the house.

All the Circle Secretaries submitted their details reports in the prescribed format about the activities of the Circles.

All the Organising Secretaries, Assistant General Secretaries presented their report.

Shri Prahlad Rai, General Secretary submitted his report and after point wise discussions and deliberations, the report was unanimously passed. In his report he has mentioned the complete details about the organizational activities ie. Membership, Contribution towards legal fund, Regular election of Branch/Circle Body of AIRBSNLEWA, Websites maintenance, Welfare Schemes, He also mentioned about the **Status of Various issues of Pensioners like** Pension Revision, Restoration of Commutation after 13 years, Increase of 5% pension after 65,70 & 75 years, Concessions to the Senior Citizens, IDA Fitment benefits of 78.2%, Income Notices under section 154 of IT Act, Notional increment benefit to the members who retired on 30th June, Pay fixation case of JAOs of 1966 batch, Online submission of Life certificate through online for BSNL landline connections, Online submission of BSNL MRS Card renewal, JAO to AAO scales w.e.f. 1.1.1996, Withdrawal of 60:40 ratio provision from Rule 37-A, Restructuring of Civil / Electrical / Arch / Telecom Factory / PA – PS w.e.f. 1.10.2000 instead of later on date.

GS also briefed about the **Status of various Court Cases viz.** Pension Revision, Case, IDA 78.2% Fitment case, Implementation of Rule 206 as per SC Judgment reg. TES Group B officers seniority and also about the BSNL MRS / Pending Medical Claims / CGHS facilities, Improper, Migration of pensioners from CPPCs to SAMPANN., Relationship with other Associations/Unions of BSNL, Relationship with other Associations of Retired officers/employees, Organisational Action plans/ Future strategies for further course of action, Conveyance facilities at New Delhi, Office Accommodation at New Delhi.

Shri A K Jain, Financial Secretary presented the receipt and payment accounts and the same was unanimously approved.

An Open Session was also held on 20.11.2023 at 14.30 hours.

The open session was attended by **Shri Ashok Kumar Dey, Asstt. Controller, Pr. CCA Kolkata Telecom District** as Chief Guest besides the leaders **Shri Kisan Singh, President AIRBSNLEWA, Shri Prahlad Rai, General Secretary, AIRBSNLEWA, Shri M K Bagchi, President RTOWA, MTNL New Delhi and Chief Patron, AIRBSNLEWA, Shri A K Kaushik, GS RTOWA, MTNL New Delhi and Legal Consultant, AIRBSNLEWA, Shri J S Yadav, GS, RTOWA, MTNL, Mumbai and Shri Virendra Singh, Jt.**

GS, RTOWA, MTNL, Mumbai, Shri Amit Mukherjee CS, AIBSNLEA, Kolkata Telephones and Shri S Bhattacharya, President, AIBSNLEA West Bengal.

Com. Sitanshu Sarkar, Circle Secretary, West Bengal welcomed Chief Guest and all the dignitaries on the dias by presenting Flower bouquet and Shawl.

Shri Prahlad Rai, General Secretary in his address briefed about the formation of AIRBSNLEWA, its aims, objects and achievements. He mentioned about the Pension Revision of BSNL/MTNL pensioners, Why pension revision of the BSNL / MTNL retirees are fully justified, PBCAT judgement and its operative parts, Reduction in the commutation period from 15 years to 13 years, Increase in pension by 5% after 65 years, 10% after 70 years, 15% after 75 years and 20% after 80 years age, Implementation of DPE order for Payment of 78.2% wef 1.1.2007 to May -2013 which is pending since long, Income Tax Notices under section 154 of IT Act, BSNL MRS / Pending Medical Claims, CGHS facilities, Improper Implementation of Rule 206 as per Supreme Court Judgment: regarding TES Group B officers seniority, Issue of Identity Cards to BSNL Pensioners, Notional increment benefit to the members who retired on 30th June, Pay fixation case of JAOs of 1966 batch, Online submission of Life certificate through online for BSNL landline connections, Online submission of BSNL MRS Card renewal, JAO to AAO scales w.e.f. 1.1.1996, Withdrawal of 60:40 ratio provision from Rule 37-A, Restructuring of Civil / Electrical / Arch / Telecom Factory / PA – PS w.e.f. 1.10.2000 instead of later on date.

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While concluding, GS thanked all for giving him a patient hearing and at the same time he reaffirmed his resolve that he shall not be found wanting in discharging his responsibilities even in the new environment and will move forward alongwith all to make AIRBSNLEWA CHQ of the dreams of pensioners, a reality. He also reassured the esteemed Pensioners and Family Pensioners that, he will do everything at his disposal to ensure the best possible services in terms of “Pension and Family Pension.”

Shri Amit Mukherjee CS, AIBSNLEA, Kolkata Telephones in his addressed briefed about the activities of AIBSNLEA and wished best wishes and support to the AIRBSNLEWA.

Shri S Bhattacharya, President, AIBSNLEA West Bengal in his addressed expressed his gratitude for inviting him and wishes best wishes to AIRBSNLEWA.

Shri J S Yadhav, GS RTOWA MTNL Mumbai in his address brief about the pension revision case, CGHS facilities. He informed the house to identify the real well wishers of the Pensioners and be cautious and away from the double standard leaders who are pleading 7th CPC legally and on the other side asking for 3rd PRC fitment with the DoT. He also requested all to come together to fight for the rights of the BSNL / MTNL Pensioners.

Shri A K Kaushik, GS RTOWA, MTNL New Delhi and Legal Consultant, AIRBSNLEWA, in his address mentioned that Shri Prahlad Rai, GS AIRBSNLEWA has already explained very well about the entire issues of the BSNL / MTNL pensioners. He mentioned that the PBCAT judgement on the pension revision case is crystal clear and this judgement will be a land mark one and will fully justify and support our demand to win against the appeals of DoT in the High Court / Super Court. In the case of 206, Shri Kaushik mentioned that the BSNL management has destroyed the Supreme Court judgement in this regard and as per the latest judgement in the case of MTNL, BSNL should straight away issue orders and the judgement is very much clear. He also mentioned about the CGHS facilities at Mumbai and Delhi and demanded that the CGHS facilities be improved through out the country for the benefits of all the pensioners.

Shri M K Bagchi, President RTOWA, MTNL New Delhi and Chief Patron AIRBSNLEWA in his address thanked the AIRBSNLEWA CHQ for inviting him for the Conference. He mentioned that Shri Prahlad Rai has elaborated all the issues of pensioners and precisely explained all the points in his address. He mentioned that while we were in service we were fighting for our pay and promotion, now after retirement, we are fighting for

our pension revision. He also mentioned that Govt. has formed MTNL / BNSL for public /private partnership with a motive to windup the Govt. working to favour and hand over the telecom sector in the hands of private sector. He mentioned that our pension is ensure, but its revision is not ensured. Unless the pension is revised, the IDA neutralization will not take place. Many pensioners associations are trying for pension revision, but at the same time committing many mistakes by them and requested all to be united and work together and support the leaders. He also mentioned that Govt is not improving the working of CGHS facilities and Govt. Hospitals to favour the Private Hospitals. He also mentioned that without the support of the members, leaders cannot achieve anything.

The following office bearers were unanimously elected as CHQ Body for the next 3 years.

S.No.	S/Shri	Post Held	Mob. No.
1	M K Bagchi	Chief Mentor	9818920225
2	Kishan Singh	President	99682 70611
3	Ravindran T	Vice President-I (Kerala)	9447815400
4	Manas Roy	Vice President-II (WB)	9434009002
5	Koteswara Rao	Vice President-II(AP)	94400 00505
6	Prahlad Rai	General Secretary	98682 78222
7	Sitanshu Sarkar	Dy. General Secretary	79801 48428
8	Pallab Bose	AGS-I (UP East)	94152 33344
9	Jayram K	AGS-II (Telangana)	94400 00212
10	T C Jain	AGS-III (New Delhi)	9868188748
11	M L Deore	AGS-IV (Maharashtra)	94222 50555
12	A K Jain	Financial Secretary	9868838466
13	S S Rawat	Asstt. Financial Secretary	9414001998
14	Prasanta Kumar Pyne	OS East (WB)	9434333394
15	A R Manani	OS West (Maharashtra)	9423991100
16	K Dakshina Murthy	OS South (Telangana)	9490115757
17	M L Ostwal	OS North (Rajasthan)	9828521000
18	Shrikant Deshpande	OS Central (MP)	9425800844
19	K P Nair	Editor	9422663434
20	Swapan Mukherji	Advisor-I (WB)	9433400210
21	Prasun Mukhopadhyay	Advisor II (WB)	94320 00184
22	Amalendu Guha	Advisor-III (Gujarat)	9426643434
23	Sandeep Ganjoo	Advisor IV (Delhi)	9868122115
24	V V Rambabu	Auditor (Telangana)	9490140999
25	A K Kaushik	Legal Consultant	8368052466

Meeting ended with vote of thanks to one and all.