

BHARAT SANCHAR NIGAM LIMITED
(A Govt. of India Enterprise)
PENSION SECTION
Bharat Sanchar Bhawan, Janpath,
New Delhi-1.

No. 40-10/2013-Pen(B)

Dated 26-6-2013.

To

All Heads of Telecom Circles/ Telecom District/
& Other Administration Offices/
Telecom. Stores/ Telecom. Factories.
Bharat Sanchar Nigam Ltd.,

Sub:- Withholding of 10% gratuity from the retiring Government Servants- clarification regarding.

Sir,

I am directed to forward herewith a copy Department of Pension and Pensioner's Welfare O.M. No.20-16/1998-P&PW(F) dated 19-02-2013 on the subject mentioned above. In this regard, the PFP Branch of DoT has stated that it is clear from the said O.M. that if no 'Govt. dues' in respect of Govt. Accommodation are outstanding then the rules do not provide for withholding of any part of the gratuity on retirement of Govt. servant.

2. As regards recovery in respect of 'Govt. dues' other than those pertaining to Govt. accommodation, the Head of Office is required to complete assessment of such dues eight months prior to the date of retirement as per Rule 73 (2) of CCS (Pension) Rules, 1972. The actual amount of such dues and the dues which come to the notice subsequently and remaining outstanding are to be adjusted against the amount of retirement gratuity becoming payable to the Govt. servant on retirement.

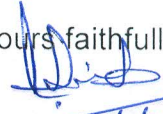
3. It has come to our notice that pension cases of the retirees are generally sent to CCA office only one or two months before the due date of retirement without thoroughly examining the set procedure/checks prescribed in Rule 59 and 60 of CCS (Pension) Rules, 1972 and as a result, the cases are not settled timely. It has also been found that in some of the cases, the pension cases were sent to the CCA concerned after retirement of the employee.

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4. Keeping these in view, it is requested that all the pension papers (Form 5 and 7 duly completed with covering letter in Form -8 along with service book after complying with the requirement Rule 59 and 60 of CCS(Pension) Rules,1972 of the retiree's shall be forwarded to the CCA concerned for authorization of pension and gratuity not later than 6 months before the date of retirement of the Government servants. This would obviate any consequent delay and unwarranted harassment to the retirees. Any set up consequent by pension processing unit and delay in finalization of pension would be responsibility of that unit.

Hindi version will follow.

Yours faithfully,



26.6.2013

(A. Sinha)

Asstt. General Manager(Pension)

T.No.23037477

Encl: As above.

Copy to:

1. DM(OL), BSNL CO. It is requested that a Hindi version of this Circular may be provided.
2. Guard File. / BSNL Inbanet.

No.20/16/1998-P&PW (F)
Government of India
Ministry of Personnel Public Grievances and Pensions
Department of Pension and Pensioners Welfare

3rd Floor, Lok Nayak Bhawan,
Khan Market, New Delhi-110 003
Dated the 19th February 2013.

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject: Withholding of 10% gratuity from the retiring Government servants –
clarification regarding.

The undersigned is directed to say that this Department has been receiving representations from individuals and Pensioners Associations that Government Departments have been withholding 10% of the amount of gratuity from each retirees even when they had not been provided any Government accommodation.

2. The recovery and adjustment of Govt. dues from retirement gratuity is regulated under Rules 71 to 73 of the CCS (Pension) Rules, 1972. Rule (1) to (3) of Rule 72 *ibid* provide for recovery of actual amount of Govt. dues in respect of Govt. accommodation from pay & allowances before retirement and from Retirement Gratuity. Sub rule (5) of Rule 72 *ibid* stipulates that if, in any particular case, it is not possible for the Directorate of Estates to determine the outstanding licence fee, that Directorate shall inform the Head of Office that ten per cent of gratuity may be withheld pending receipt of further information. The withheld amount of gratuity is to be paid back to government servant immediately on production of 'No Demand Certificate' (NDC) from Dte of Estates. Thus, if no 'Govt. dues' in respect of Govt. accommodation are outstanding then the rules do not provide for withholding of any part of the gratuity on retirement of the Govt. servant. If no Government accommodation is allotted to a Government servant, in accordance with Dte of Estate's OM No.18011/5/1990-Pol-III dated 12.10.2010, it is for the Administrative Ministry to issue an 'NDC'.

3. As regards recovery in respect of 'Govt. dues' other than those pertaining to Govt. accommodation, the Head of Office is required to complete assessment of such dues eight months prior to the date of retirement [Rule 73(2)]. The actual amount of such dues and the dues which come to the notice subsequently and remaining outstanding are to be adjusted against the amount of retirement gratuity becoming payable to the Govt. servant on retirement. Thus, there is no provision for withholding any part of gratuity for the purpose of recovery of outstanding government dues other than those pertaining to government accommodation.

T. Patra

(Tripti P. Ghosh)
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To,

1 All Ministries/Departments of the Government of India as per standard distribution list and in particular, Ministry of Agriculture etc. are requested to take into consideration the above rule position.

2. Copy to President's Secretariat, Vice President's Secretariat, Prime Minister's Office, Cabinet Secretariat, Supreme Court of India, C&AG, UPSC, etc. as per standard endorsement list.