

**OA No. 1271/2020 & 1272/2020 in the matter of Revision of
Pension (Combined Service) in MTNL & BSNL**

Our above mentioned OAs came for hearing on 08/03/2021 as items No. 9 & 10.

Mr. Manjeet Singh Reen appeared for the Respondents No. 1,3, & 4 and Mr. Mohd. Faisal appeared for Respondent No. 2 (MTNL).

Our Advocate apprised the Hon'ble Tribunal that the Rejoinder has already been filed to the Counter Affidavit of Respondents No. 1,3,& 4 and the counsel for the Respondents affirmed service of the same. At this, the counsel for the Respondent No.2 (MTNL) sought some time to file Counter Affidavit. On this, the Hon'ble Tribunal gives two weeks time to the Respondent No.2 to file Reply and two weeks time thereafter to the applicants to file rejoinder. Accordingly the matter (1271/2020) stands adjourned to 18.05.2021.

As regards OA No.1272/2020, i.e., AIREWA & Ors Vs. UOI & Ors., the development is as follows :-

Mr. R.V. Sharma apprised the Hon'ble Tribunal that MA No. 76/2021 was filed for deletion of name of BSNL from the array of the Respondents. To this, our Advocate contested and opposed deletion of the name of BSNL by referring one judgement of Hon'ble Supreme Court. It was further submitted that while prayer is sought against DOT for revision of pension, the stand taken by DOPW which is yet to be examined by DOT that no pay revision has taken place so far in BSNL and, therefore, pension can not be revised. It is further submitted that in the event that Hon'ble Tribunal holds this to be correct, then necessarily BSNL will have to be present to determine the controversy as to why pay revision has not been done so far. Moreover pension is fixed on the last pay drawn for which BSNL's presence is required.

After hearing all parties, the Hon'ble Member directed the parties to file copies of the judgment sought to rely upon and adjourned the matter (1272/2020) for hearing on 18.05.2021.