

संचारमंत्रालय/ MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS
दूरसंचारविभाग/ DEPARTMENT OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS
20- अशोकारोड, संचारभवन/20, ASHOKA ROAD, SANCHAR BHAWAN
नईदिल्ली-110001/ NEW DELHI-110001

No. 2-10/RTI/2020/Vol-II/3530

Dated: 03.03.2020

Appellate Order on First Appeal dated 15.02.2021 of Sh. Somnath Sengupta

I, Rajeev Kumar, the First Appellate Authority in the DoT have carefully gone through the appeal dated 28.02.2020 of Sh. Somnath Sengupta, AC/22/9 Deshbandhunagar, Kolkata - 700059, filed before the First Appellate Authority.

Facts of the case:

1. The appellant filed the above First Appeal on the ground that "the information provided that contains only the scheme of "BSNL Voluntary Retirement Scheme 2019" & its approval form the Cabinet only, but the information has been sought regarding "the CCS Pension Rule under which Pension is sanctioned" for retirees under BSNL Voluntary Retirement Scheme 2019."
2. In this connection, it is to mention that vide RTI application dated 04.01.2021 it was requested to provide the CCS Pension Rules mentioned in PPO under Heading Rules under which sanctioned at Sl - 3 of section - 2 of Part-II in the PPO, Form CAM-52 (through SAMPANN) issued to BSNL VRS-2019 retirees and reply has been furnished vide office letter no. 2-10/TA-II/RTI/2020/Vol.II/3296 dated 21.01.2021 stating that the scheme under which BSNL Voluntary Retirement Scheme 2019 is granted called "BSNL Voluntary Retirement Scheme 2019". This is in light of unique benefits like deferred retirement gratuity with interest and deferred commutation also approved by the Cabinet in the said scheme 2019.

Decision of the Appeal:

From the above facts, it is clear that the CPIO provided the information as available with him. Further, it is to intimate that scheme under which Voluntary Retirement has been accepted by the Cabinet is called "BSNL Voluntary retirement scheme 2019". Unique benefits like deferred retirement gratuity with interest and deferred commutation have also been approved by the Cabinet, which do not have any precedent in CCS (Pension) Rules 1972. Accordingly, to identify and to ensure discharge of the unique benefits, "BSNL Voluntary retirement scheme 2019" has been clearly mentioned. Any generic reference of CCS (Pension) Rules 1972 may adversely affect the unique benefits.

In case you are not satisfied with the reply, you may appeal within 90 days to Central Information Commission, CIC Bhawan, Baba Gang Nath Marg, Munirka, New Delhi - 110067.

Encl. As above.

(Rajeev Kumar)
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To,

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