

RETIRED TELECOM OFFICERS' WELFARE ASSOCIATION

(Reg.No. GBBSD/MAHA.STATE. MUMBAI-1687/2008:)

REGD.ADD:-A-16,GIRIDARSHAN CHS., DD ROAD, MULUND W. MUMBAI-400080.

E-mail id :-rtowambi@gmail.com: Web Site:-rtowambi.in

K. JAWAHAR
PRESIDENT

BADRI R. PATHAK
GENERAL SECRETARY

J.B.CHILGAR
TREASURER

=====

DATED 25th Sep' 2016

ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE PERIOD FROM 20/11/2015 TO 24/09/2016

PRESENTED TO THE EIGHTH ANNUAL GENERAL BODY MEETING **ON 25/09/2016 at CHHABILDAS HIGH SCHOOL HALL DADAR W**

Dear Members,

On behalf of the Executive Committee I welcome all of you to the Eighth Annual General Body Meeting of our Association. I feel privileged to present this Annual Report.

2. OFFICE BEARERS AND EC MEMBERS :

The following Office Bearers and Executive Committee Members were elected unanimously at the Sixth AGB held on 01/11/2014 for a period two years and this body has been holding charge since then.

Shri. K. Jawahar	PRESIDENT	Shri. S.V. Gajam	VICE PRESIDENT
Shri. Badri R. Pathak	GENERAL SECRETARY	Shri. M.R.Dixit	Assistant General Secretary
Shri. J.B. Chilgar	TREASURER	Shri..P.Subramanian	EC Member & WEB In charge
Shri.V.K. Bhatia	EC MEMBER	Shri. B.D. Pai	EC MEMBER
Shri. A.K. Gangopadhyay	EC MEMBER	Shri.R.G.Shet	EC MEMBER
Shri. N.K.Verma	EC MEMBER	Shri.B.B.Lal	EC MEM BER
Shri.B.V.Bargaje	EC MEMBER	Shri.V.L. Porinchu	EC MEMBER
Shri. P.D.Pradhan	INTERNAL AUDITOR		

3. LAST AGB AND OPEN SESSION ON 20/11/2015:-

The last AGB and the Open Session were conducted admirably. More than 210 members participated in the AGB and in Open Session. Shri. Arvindji Sawant M.P. Lok Sabha was the Chief Guest in the Open Session.. Com. M.K. Bagchi President of RTOWA Delhi, Com.S.S.Nanda GS RTOWA Delhi, Shri.S.P. Rai ED MTNL Mumbai, Shri.A.P.Singh G.M.(Fin), Shri.P.K. Adhikari G.M. (A), Shri.Ankur Kumar Jt.CCA were Guests of Honour. Office bearers of RTOWA Delhi. TEAM Mumbai, MEA Mumbai, OA Mumbai and MTNL Pensioners Welfare Association graced the Open House.

Shri.Arvindji Sawant released the directory of Members of RTOWA Mumbai and RTOWA Delhi. Shri. M.K.Bagchi and Shri. S.S. Nanda were honoured for their life long dedicated services to employees and pensioners.

Shri. Arvindji Sawant, in his speech, justified the demand of 78.2% IDA on revision of pay and pension on 01/01/2007. Com.M.K.Bagchi gave the concluding speech and said that the Associations will pursue the issues at right time by all means to safeguard the interests of employees and pensioners.

4. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETINGS:-

During the period of this report ECM was held every month and active functioning of Association was ensured. I am thankful to all the members of the Executive Committee for their spontaneous support in carrying out the activities of the Association.

5. CO-ORDINATION COMMITTEE OF RTOWA MUMBAI AND DELHI:-

The Co-Ordination Committee Meeting was held on 19/11/2015 at Mumbai and on 21/01/2016 at Delhi. A Hand Book of Directory of members of RTOWA Mumbai and RTOWA Delhi was printed by the Co-Ordination Committee and released at our Open House Session on 20/11/2015. Close contacts and cordial relationship are maintained with RTOWA Delhi and Com S.S. Nanda and Com M.K. Bagchi are our guiding forces. .

6. MTNL PENSIONERS WELFARE ASSOCIATION:-

MTNL PWA represents Pensioners of Non Executives of MTNL Mumbai. We keep close contact with Shri. S.M.Sawant General Secretary of MTNL PWA, and exchange views on all the issues of pensioners. We will continue to co-ordinate with MTNL PWA in resolving the issues faced by the Pensioners.

7. UNITED FORUM OF UNIONS AND ASSOCIATIONS OF MTNL MUMBAI. :-

The constituents of United Forum are RTOWA Mumbai, TEAM Mumbai, MEA Mumbai, MTNL SC/ST EA Mumbai, MTNL PWA, Workers Union MTNL Mumbai, SUN MTNL Mumbai, MKU Mumbai and BTF MTNL Mumbai. The United Forum has been active since last few months. Executive Body of the UF consisting of three representatives each from all the constituent Unions and Associations has been formed recently. The President and General/Circle Secretary of the constituents are ex-officio members of the Executive body. Shri. J.S.Yadav from TEAM has been chosen as Chairman; Shri.S.M. Sawant GS of MTNL PWA has been chosen as Convenor;, and Shri.B.V.Bargaje from RTOWA has been chosen as Treasurer.

United Forum called for whole day Dharna on 08/01/2016 and Lunch Hour Demonstrations on 29/01/2016, 27/05/2016, 05/07/2016, 22/07/2016, 24/08/2016 and on 16/09/2016 to achieve the following demands:- 1) 78.2% IDA on revision of Pay/Pension on 01/01/2007 2) CGHS with option to continue the existing medical scheme 3) One more option to pro-rata pensioners to opt for combined service pension. Our members participated in all these agitations in large number.

RTOWA along with other Unions and Associations of United Forum participated in all the conciliation meetings convened by Regional Labour Commissioner Mumbai to settle our demands..

8. WEB SITE AND WHATSAPP GROUPS

Our web site “rtowambi.in” is the main communication platform to inform the members about Association activities and News. Shri. P.Subramanian EC Member maintains the site. Expertise for maintenance is provided by Shri.Dilip Tiwari. The EC is thankful to both for their selfless services.

Six groups have been created in Whatsapp named ‘RTOWA News Group’. The News about activities of our Association and all information about pensioners issues reach the Members fast through Whatsapp. Association gets immediate feed back from the members.

9. ISSUES HANDLED AND ACHIEVED

9.1 Almost every month the office bearers met Principal CCA Mumbai, GM (Fin) MTNL Mumbai and Officers of CCA Pension Section and MTNL Pension Section and discussed the issues with them. The office bearers also met ED Mumbai whenever required.

9.2 RTOWA took initiatives for smooth procedure to give life certificate in Nov’2015. Resultantly, excellent arrangements were done by CCA office and MTNL pension Cell at Curry Road. Confirmation

regarding updating of Life Certificate in the system was given to the pensioners through SMS by AO (PDA). RTOWA records its sincere thanks to all Officers and Staff at Curry Road Office for excellent arrangements with simplified procedures.

9.3 After taking over the responsibility of pension payment by CCA, there was delay of few days every month in getting credit of pension in to our bank accounts. RTOWA continuously took up the issue with CCA and now the pension is credited on due date.

9.4 RTOWA continuously pursues the following issues pertaining to post 01/04/2014 retirees with CCA and GM (Fin):- Delay in payment of retirement benefits viz., Leave Encashment, Gratuity and Commutation, and delay in issue of PPOs. There was delay in payment of gratuity and Commutation for want of funds. At our insistence Pr.CCA issued directions Pension Section to pay Commutation and Gratuity in the next month of retirement itself even if funds are not available. RTOWA records its gratitude to Pr. CCA.

9.5 Due to continuous pursuit, Pr. CCA issued orders to send the PPOs of pre 01/04/2014 retirees by post. RTOWA records its thanks to Pr. CCA.

9.6 We continuously pursued the issue of payment of arrears to VRS pensioners on account of recalculation of pension wef 01/01/2006. The funds were allotted and payments were made. The problems faced at W1 Area and LD Unit were resolved at our intervention and arrears were paid.

9.7 We took up the issue of allotment of additional space and to provide additional staff to CCA office at Curry Road with ED Mumbai and other concerned officers of MTNL Mumbai. On continuous pursuit with all the concerned officers we ensured that the additional space is allotted, vacated by the concerned section, and handed over to CCA office. Similarly we ensured the relief of staff and officer from MTNL and their reporting at CCA office.

9.8 RTOWA continuously pursued the issue of Form 16. Though we are not satisfied with the way the issue was handled at CCA office this year, we are happy to note that Pr. CCA is taking right steps in the current year so that Form 16 can be issued as per rules and by 31st May in the next year.

9.9 We met the Administrative Office of CGHS Mumbai twice and discussed about the eligibility criteria to obtain CGHS Card, coverage of CGHS and benefits provided by CGHS. We will continuously pursue this issue and will ensure that the procedure to get CGHS card is simplified.

10. ISSUES BEING PURSUED

The following issues are continuously pursued vigorously.

10.1 Payment of arrears of pension to pre 01/01/2007 retirees for the period from 01/01/2007 to 30/09/2012 due to revision of pension.

10.2 Speedy preparation of Government PPO for those retired prior to 01/04/2014.

11. ISSUES BEING PURSUED THROUGH UNITED FORUM

The following issues are pursued from the platform of United Forum, by actively participating in all its activities and fully supporting it with all the resources.

- 1) Revision of Pay and Pension wef 01/01/2007 with 78.2 % of DA
- 2) Optional CGHS and MTNL to bear the whole amount of one time subscription to CGHS
- 3) Merger of MTNL and BSNL

12. MEMBERSHIP and DONATIONS:-

Association gets strength from its members. The total number of life members as on 31/08/2016 is 766. There are more than 1500 pensioners retired so far from executive cadres. Our aim is to enrol all the pensioners as our members. On behalf of Executive Committee, I appeal to every member to get enrolment of atleast one more member so that the membership will get doubled soon.

Life membership of Rs.1000/- is not adequate to run the Association perpetually. Therefore I appeal to all the members to donate liberally to create adequate reserve to run the Association smoothly in future.

CONCLUSION:-

RTOWA will continue to put its might in pursuing the following issues :-

- 1) Revision of Pension with 78.2% of IDA with effect from 01/01/2007
- 2) Payment of Arrears of pension to those retired prior to 01/01/2007.
- 3) Government PPOs for all those retired prior to 01/04/2014.
- 4) Revision of Pension on account of orders on Seventh Pay Commission recommendations.
- 5) Optional CGHS and MTNL to bear the whole amount of one time subscription to CGHS.
- 6) Retention of BSNL quarters by MTNL retirees on License Fee terms of Government.
- 7) Payment of Retirement benefits to those retired prior to 01/04/2014 but Court Case / Disciplinary case or pay anomaly settled after 01/04/2014.
- 8) Identity Card to the Pensioners.
- 9) Time bound promotion to VRS Pensioners wef 01/10/2004
- 10) Merger of MTNL and BSNL.

Our Association relentlessly strives to safeguard the interests of MTNL Pensioners.

RTOWA records its gratitude to all the Unions and Associations who fight for pensioners' issues.

RTOWA STANDS FOR UNITY OF ALL UNIONS AND ASSOCIATIONS OF MTNL

LONG LIVE RTOWA.

**For and behalf of
Executive Committee of RTOWA Mumbai**

Yours Sincerely,

**.Sd.....
BADRI R. PATHAK
General Secretary**

25/09/2016