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Respected Smt. Aruna Sundarrajaji

With reference to your D.O. letter no 6023/2018-SU-IV dated 07 March 2018, I sincerely thank and appreciate your promptness in responding to my letter and also for having directed MTNL to implement the remedial measures for revival in addition to resolve the long pending issues of employees such as "merger of 50% DA."

The Government entrusted the Deloitte Company for chalking out the plans for revival of MTNL; Which was further recommended by you. In fact I feel proud and sorry too, for I have made these suggestions except the reduction of retirement age long before the Deloitte Company submitted. Also I have raised the issue of Revival of MTNL on the floor of the Parliament and by virtue of several letters, which have fallen on deaf ears. Had it been implemented at that time, the company would have been revived by this time. MTNL has a huge land bank and also dedicated work force as its assets and support for the revival of the company.

Since, the MTNL management has not heeded to the directives of DoT for implementing the "Revival and DA merger", the "Notice of Strike" Dated 08th March, 2018 has been given by the Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Kamgar Sangh and MTNL Officers Association Mumbai and also Forum of MTNL Union & Associations New Delhi regarding the settlement of their long pending legitimate demands, the copy of which is enclosed herewith for your kind reference.

Kindly refer 1st demand of the MTNL Employees i.e. "Benefit of merger of 50% DA effectively amounting to 78.2% as on 01/01/2007", which was also raised by me on the floor of Parliament on 9th August, 2015 in "Zero Hour". In this connection I hereby convey my sincere thanks to your good self for issuance of approval by the Ministry of Communication vide letter No. 11-1/2009-SU Dated 08.02.2018 to extend the benefit of Merger of 50% DA to have eventual effect of 78.2% w. e. f. 01.01.2007, for MTNL employees in context of DPE OM Dated 26/11/2008 & 02/04/2009, with a condition that MTNL has to bear the additional financial implication on account of pay revision from its own resources and no budgetary support shall be provided by DoT.

Unions and Association have also written a letter to CMD, MTNL requesting to implement the decision of DOT immediately. But MTNL management has turned deaf ears, on the issues and the request made by the Unions & Associations in this regard.