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The Central Government has taken the drastic decision to freeze all the instalments of Dearness Allowance (DA), to be paid to the central government employees and pensioners, from 01.01.2020 to 01.07.2021. When this DA freezing is lifted on 01.07.2021, the DA increase for the period from 01.01.2020 to 01.07.2021 will be paid only prospectively, and the employees and the pensioners will not get the arrears.

This retrograde action of the Central Government is a big attack on the livelihood of the central government employees and pensioners. BSNL Employees Union (BSNLEU) strongly denounces this action of the government. A careful study of the various actions of the government will prove that, this DA freezing is nothing but a part of the overall anti-worker policy, being followed by the Narendra Modi government.

The government has utilised the grim situation prevailing in the country, created by the spread of the Corona Virus Disease, as an opportunity to launch this attack on the central government employees and pensioners. A picture is also being sought to be painted by the government that, such a drastic action has been taken, only to wipe the tears of the people who are affected by the Corona Virus Disease. But, the question is, why the government should grab the money from the pockets of the central government employees and pensioners?

It is not out of context to state that, the government gets unlimited resources, when it comes to pampering the big corporates. For example, in August, 2019, the Modi government transferred Rs.1.6 lakh crore surplus money from the Reserve Bank. In the next month itself, the government gave a massive concession of Rs.1.45 lakh crore to the big corporates, by cutting down the corporate tax.

Not only this. From 2014 onwards, the Narendra Modi government has waived bad loans worth Rs.5.5 lakh crore. An overwhelming portion of these bad loans were defaulted by the big corporates. By waiving the bad loans so massively, the government had only facilitated the big corporates to loot people's money.

In view of the foregoing, BSNLEU wishes to state that the DA freeze imposed on the Central government employees and pensioners is most unjustified. BSNLEU demands that, the government should withdraw this decision immediately.

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