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To,

Shri. Narendra Modi Ji
Hon'ble Prime Minister of India
Govt. of India,
New Delhi-110001.

Subject:-Revival of BSNL- Request for your kind intervention.

Hon'ble Sir,

All India Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited Executives' Association (AIBSNLEA) representing over 20000 Executives in BSNL welcome and felicitate your good self on assuming the High office of Prime Minister of India 2nd time with huge majority. We are confident that under your dynamic Leadership India will be a leading Country with Sab ka Sath, Sab ka Vikas and Sab ka Viswas. In the previous term of NDA Govt. initially for the three years, BSNL started making Operational Profit till September-2016 to the tune of Rs.3880 Crores. But after the free call entry and predatory pricing of Reliance-Jio created heavy tariff war in Telecom Sector of India. Many Telecom operators were forced to wind up their business and some operators merged together .At present only five telecom operators are there in our country ie. BSNL, MTNL, Reliance- Jio, Airtel and Vodafone-IDEA. These Telecom operators are also facing revenue loss except Reliance-Jio. Now BSNL has started making operational loss. BSNL revenue has drastically come down and the revenue collection is less than its monthly wage bill. No funds are available for Operating Expenditure which has caused disconnection of Electricity connections, nonpayment of rent to the Land Lords of BTS, No payments to the Vendors, Contractors and Contractual Lab ours, Medical bills are not being paid to the employees and BSNL Pensioners, Bank.EMIs payments and GPF contribution payments are delayed etc., It has caused serious demoralization and frustration to all concerns.

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At present, Hon'ble MOC Shri Ravi Shankar Prasad Ji is making his best efforts for the revival of BSNL and a Cabinet Note in this regard is being processed by DOT which needs the approval of Cabinet with your blessings.

Hon'ble Sir,

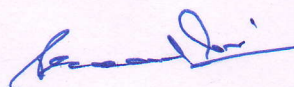
Majority of BSNL employees were recruited by erstwhile DOT as Govt. servants but under the Govt. decision to form BSNL w.e.f 1.10.2000 from Govt. Departments DTS/DTO, more than 3.5 Lakh DOT employees of Group 'B' and 'C' grades exercised their option for absorption in BSNL. After their absorption with their strong commitment and conviction they tried their level best to earn more revenue for BSNL. The Profit of BSNL in the FY- 2004-05 was Rs.10000 Crs which came down slowly- slowly and finally reduced to Rs.674 Crs Profit in the F.Y-2008-09. The ADC was withdrawn on the basis of TRAI recommendations from July 2011 onwards. BSNL's reserves were exhausted by paying Rs.18,500 Crs. for 3G and BWA Spectrum charges on the highest bidding charges to DoT.

The Predatory pricing war in the Telecom Sector of our Country has adversely affected the viability of BSNL. 4G Spectrum to BSNL has not yet been allotted for the last 2-years which is a must for BSNL to exist in the Telecom Sector. Excess amount of Payment of Pension contributions on Maximum of the Pay Scale has been taken by DOT to the tune of Rs.2500 Crs from 1.1.2017 to 31.3.2019, contrary to the Govt. Rules of taking Pension Contribution on actual of basic Pay of the employee. In this manner, DOT in terms of various taxes has been taken more than Rs.58000/= Crores from BSNL which is now required to be refunded to BSNL for its revival. Due to continuous decline in revenue flow the salary disbursement of February-2019 was delayed by 15-days. It has caused serious de-motivation among the employees of BSNL. Thus Govt. has to give adequate Financial Support to BSNL to ensure its Operation & Maintenance work and timely disbursement of salary.

(A) The following actions are required to be taken immediately for the revival of BSNL by Govt.

(a) 4-G Spectrum allotment to BSNL.

(b) Monetization of BSNL's non-Core Lands.



- (c) Payment of Pension Contribution on actual basic Pay instead of maximum of the Pay Scales as per Govt. Rules (FR.116)
- (d) Financial support to BSNL by refunding Rs.58000/- Crores already paid by BSNL in terms of various Taxes to DOT.
- (e) Payment of Salary to BSNL employees from Govt. as majority of them were recruited by DOT and were transferred to BSNL.
- (f) Grant of permission by the Govt. to avail CAPEX Loan from the Banks for Expansion and Developmental activities of BSNL.
- (B) Some HR issues are also required to be settled for the Revival of BSNL and motivation to employees:-
- (a) Wage revision of BSNL employees with effect from 01.01.2017 as per 3rd Pay Revision Committee Recommendations.
- (b) Delinking of Pension revision of BSNL Pensioners from Pay Revision of BSNL Employee as their Pension contribution was already paid to DOT during their service Period.

We would, therefore, earnestly urge upon your kind honor to kindly intervene in the matter and take immediate necessary steps as mentioned above for the revival of BSNL in the interest of the Nation

With kind regards,

Yours Sincerely,


(Prahalad Rai)

General Secretary, AIBSNLEA

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