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To

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Sub: Financial irregularities committed by Shri S.K.Bhandari, General Manager, Looking after the charge of PGM, Ahmedabad Telecom District since Sept'2008-Reg.

Respected sir,

We being responsible Association in the BSNL, we bring it to your kind information the following irregularities committed by Shri S.K.Bhandari, General Manager, Looking after the charge of PGM, Ahmedabad Telecom District since Sept'2008 in defiant of various finance rules and instructions issued by BSNL/ DOT/Govt. from time to time, with hope that the same will be got investigated immediately so as to halt any further loss to BSNL.

1. Hiring of accommodation for RLU/RSU without calling of Tender:

As per revised guidelines issued by BSNL HQrs vide letter No BSNL/15-1/SR/NB/2001 dated 23-03-2004 the buildings should be hired in most transparent manner by inviting open tenders through advertisement in News papers with certain exception in exceptional cases if building is hired from Govt/PSUs . However PGM, Ahmedabad in contravention of BSNL above guidelines has hired sites at Maninagar and Isanpur without calling tenders at exorbitant monthly rent of Rs.99900/- and Rs.64900/- respectively overruling the financial advice. In the instant cases, he got FRAC minutes changed/revised many times to suit his desire. In Maninagar the quote received earlier under tender in which the civil wing considered the land cost @ Rs 10,000/- per Sq Mtr where as the case decided out of tender with monthly rent of Rs 99,900/- in which the civil wing considered the land cost @ Rs 53,800/-. Had the same cost taken for the tendered site the rates received under tender should have been reasonable. Thus this is the clear case of favouritism to private party reasons best known to him only.

2. Construction of community hall:

The Transit Quarters were converted into Community Hall with complete air-conditioning facilities by incurring huge expenditure of more than Rs 10 Lakhs beyond his delegated financial powers under "Additions & alterations in Staff Qrs. " under Item No2.3.3 of Delegation of Financial Power which is only Rs one Lakh.

3. Construction of vertical expansion and seminar hall at 3rd floor at Gulbai Tekra Administrative Block of Exchange Bldg:

As per delegated financial powers, addition and alteration in the existing non-residential departmental buildings can be carried out to the extent of Rs.30 lakhs only. However, at 3rd floor at Gulbai Tekra Administrative Block of Exchange Building, construction of vertical expansion and seminar hall has been carried out spending amount of Rs.50 lakhs (approximately) which is beyond the delegated financial powers of PGM and even of CGM which is only Rs 30 Lakhs under Item No 2.3.3 of DFP.

4. Purchase of server for DOTSOFT on quotation basis:

As per BSNL Corporate Office instructions issued vide letter No 11-1-2007-CDR/IT dated 22-08-2007 wherein it is mentioned that no IT initiative for replacement of existing servers running for DOTSOFT may be taken in view of upcoming CDR Project. Nevertheless in case of urgent/immediate requirement, a reference is to be made to BSNL Corporate Office. Also no server should be purchased or even given for AMC for existing DOTSOFT. Despite these instructions, PGM, ATD purchased server on single quotation for more than Rs.10.3 lakhs without following tender procedures. Also under delegated financial powers under Item No 4.6 of Delegation of Financial Power he is having financial powers up to Rs 50,000/- only for purchases against quotations.

5. Pre-fabricated dome structure at Bopal:

It is learnt that Pre-fabricated dome structure is proposed to be constructed at Bopal Exchange purely on quotation basis from M/s Dome International, Ahmedabad at cost of more than Rs.40 lakhs without following tender formalities though many firms are available in India

manufacturing pre-fabricated dome structure. This proposal/ negotiation is going on for the last 8 to 10 months and by now the permanent structure could have been constructed by the civil wing. This work is directly given to the above firm ignoring civil wing which is not permissible under the existing rules as the civil wing authorities are only having expertise for the execution of such type of construction work.

6. Award of cable laying work on SOR basis:

PGM has issued instructions to get the cable laying work executed from any contractor without verifying his eligibility criteria on SOR basis. In the SSA, many RRCs have been finalized 20 to 22% below SOR and thus the piecemeal work should also be awarded below 22% SOR and not at par. Thus there is heavy loss to BSNL on this count.

7. Payment of salary to Caretaker after retirement:

The PGM is residing in Telecom Colony, Satellite, Ahmedabad, where though the caretaker retired on superannuation, his services were continued after retirement and he was paid salary from Dec'2008 to March'2009 after retirement over-ruling finance advice. This is not permissible as this requires approval of BSNL HQ.

8. Hiring of additional accommodation at Science City:

FRAC finalized the rent of science city received through tender but beyond the scope of recommendation additional shops were taken which were not the part of tender which violates the terms and condition of tender.

9. Local purchase :

Local purchase of more than Rs one Lakh was made for purchase of wall drope in Mktg Section approved by PGM beyond his delegated financial powers which are Rs 50,000/- only under Item 4.6 of DFP.

10. Reconnection of Telephones without payment :

Telephones disconnected for non-payment have been ordered to be reconnected without payment in violation of BSNL guidelines. No telephone connections are allowed to be disconnected after October'2009 despite non-payment of dues which resulted in to piling up of huge outstanding dues.

11. Non-payment of telephone dues of Phones working at his residence :

Two telephones are working at his residence with Nos 26927200 and 26928300 where outstanding due accumulated from Sept'2007 to Feb 2010 are to the tune of more than Rs 3.60 Lakhs but despite reminders he is neither paying nor allowing it to be recovered from his salary. He is certifying those bills for which neither it is permissible nor he is competent to certify. As per BSNL guidelines the calls made beyond the permissible limit of 1550 calls per month is payable by the officer concerned.

12. Award of work of OF Cable laying in Gandhinagar to L-2 bidders more than that of L-1 bidder:

In Gandhinagar area the L-2 bidders M/S Vishnu Enterprise and M/s Aditya Enterprise were given three times more work than the tendered quantity and L-1 bidder has been given only one third quantity of his tendered quantity which is violating the CVC guidelines issued from time to time and also very much against the terms and conditions of tender and financial propriety.

The above are few of financial irregularities committed by Shri S.K.Bhandari, PGM (L/A) and there are more such irregularities including keeping two lap tops, two mobile phones, two vehicles for his personal use which is not permissible. He has also got the ACs, bed sheets and other utensilis changed in the IQs of Ahmedabad because of the marriage of his son during January 2010. It is, therefore, requested that above cases may kindly be got investigated immediately and appropriate penal actions may be initiated against the alleged officer. In order to impart impartial investigation and to prevent him to destroy the evidences under his command, he may be transferred from the SSA immediately in the interest of BSNL.

With kind regards

Yours sincerely

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