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Sub: Massive corruption to the tune of 15 Cr.in OF Cable laying in Jorhat SSA, Assam Circle under NOFN Project by Shri Hari Singh Pawar, Ex GM Jorhat. CGM, Assam Circle is shielding the main accused and the case should be handed over to CBI without further delay.

Respected Sir,

We would like to draw your kind attention on the above cited subject. We are constrained to bring to your kind notice that the above said Massive corruption to the the tune of 15 Cr. in OF Cable laying in Jorhat SSA, Assam Circle under NOFN Project by Shri Hari Singh Pawar, Ex GM Jorhat has been brought to the notice of the AIBSNLEA CHQ by the AIBSNLEA Assam Circle and AUAB of Assam Circle The copy of the letter addressed to the CGM, Assam Circle signed by all the AUAB Leaders of Assam Circle is also enclosed herewith for your kind information please.

Sir, it is reported that In March, 2020, Circle vigilance wing conducted enquiry and it was found about 15 Crores corruption in OF Cable laying under NOFN Project under Jorhat SSA, Assam Circle. Accordingly, Circle vigilance intimated the matter to CVO with relevant documents and CVO directed CGM to initiate suitable action against of Shri Hari Singh Pawar, GM Jorhat before his retirement on 31st March, 2020. But, CGM has not taken any action against him and he retired on Superannuation normally. Now, we came to know that CVO again instructed CGM on 1st May, 2020 with the approval of CMD/BSNL asking recommendation from CGM, Assam Circle to handover the case to CBI and to recover losses whatever possible from the retirement benefits of Shri Hari Singh Pawar, Retd GM Jorhat. But, instead of taking any action, CGM/Assam has issued clearance letter to CCA for release of his Pensionary benefits.

It is brought to our notice that Shri Hari Singh Pawar, GM, Jorhat SSA officially laid about 1,000 KM OFC at Jorhat SSA under NOFN project. Initially Tender was floated and finalised having provision of open trenching but later on about 500 KM was converted to HDD method without observing official procedures. Circle vigilance wing found that cable has been laid through open trenching but bill has been paid for HDD. The cables which were finalised for leasing out to BBNL have been declared faulty and then shown as laid through HDD method under NOFN Project. Out of 231 km lossy fibre laid in Assam Circle, Jorhat SSA alone laid about 178 KM OF cables. Practically cables have not been laid but bill were only prepared and paid.

This Officer was earlier worked at Nagoan SSA, Assam Circle and transferred to Haryana Circle on completion of the tenure. However he want to continue in Assam itself. This Association was vehemently objecting to his retention in Assam Circle at that time, knowing about his activities However he managed re-posting as GM, Jorhat, Assam Circle and continued with the corrupt practises.

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For easy implementation of the corrupt practices, inexperienced and fresh JTOs were given posting as SDE in all Sub Divisions, shifting the Seniors from the posts and they have been utilised for these illegal activities through intimidation like threat of adverse entries in the APAR, transfer etc. Even after his retirement on 31st March, 2020 Shri.Pawar was allowed to come to Office regularly till 4th May, 2020 by the CGM, Assam Circle to tamper/destroy the documents and Shri.Pawar has taken away many important files relating to the Tender, extension of time for the execution of tendered work etc., form the Office. He has not even handed over the key of the Office to the DGM in charge. A promotee DGM has been given the charge of GM, Jorhat to make the matters easy.

Not only the charged Officer but also, the actions of the CGM, Assam Circle is also under doubtful Integrity. We are doubting that CGM, Assam Circle is trying to protect the Charged Officer, instead of protecting the interest of the Government in the NOFN Project and we are suspecting that he may also be involved in the case. In view of the foregoing, it is absolutely essential to enquire the role of the CGM, Assam Circle also in the whole scandal.

Sir, Considering on the importance of the above facts, We would therefore request your good self to kindly hand over the case to CBI without further delay so that the records are not allowed to be tampered or destroyed and also cause to issue necessary instructions to the CVO to enquire about the role of CGM, Assam also in the whole scandal.

With Kind regards,

Encl: As above.

Yours Sincerely,

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Copy for kind information and necessary action to:

- 1. Shri Sanjay Kothari, Central Vigilance Commissioner, Satarkata Bhavan, New Delhi, 110023.
- 2. Shri. M. Akhaya, CVO/DoT, Sanchar Bhavan, New Delhi, 110001.
- 3. Shri. H. S. Sohal, CVO/BSNL, BSNL CO, New Delhi, 110001.