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No. AIBSNLEA/CHQ/CMD/2021

To

Shri. P. K. Purwar ji, CMD BSNL,

New Delhi -110 001

Sub: Request for vacation of the Status Quo case in the Hon'ble CAT

Chandigarh in respect of AO to CAO Promotion- regarding

Ref: (1) Our letter No: AIBSNLEA/CHQ/CMD/2019 dated 19.12.2019

(2) Our letter No: AIBSNLEA/CHQ/CMD/2020 dated 05.08.2020

(3) Our letter No: AIBSNLEA/CHQ/CMD/2020 dated 03.09.2020

(4) Our letter No: AIBSNLEA/CHQ/CMD/2020 dated 01.02.2021

Respected Sir,

We would like to draw your kind attention on the above cited subject. The Promotion in the Grade of AO to CAO is held up due to the "Status Quo" in the Hon'ble CAT Chandigarh since long. BSNL has filed Write Petition in the Hon'ble High Court of Punjab and Haryana Chandigarh challenging the Interim Order passed in OA No 60/1435/2018 titled as Anupam Yadav Vs BSNL. The Hon'ble High Court has delivered the judgment dated 28.01.2020 in the CWP-9614-2019 (O&M) that: "We deemed it appropriate to dispose of the present WP with the direction to the learned CAT to decide at least the application moved by BSNL for Vacation/Modification of the initial impugned order within 15 days of the next hearing. The learned CAT is also requested to make an Endeavour to dispose of the main OA at the earliest..."

The case was initially posted for hearing on 09.02.2021. As per the request of AIBSNLEA vide the above cited letter dated 01.02.2021 under reference (4), BSNL Management is very kind enough to depute the ASG from Delhi for appearing in the case in CAT Chandigarh so as to get the relief in favor of BSNL but the case has been further postponed to 05.04.2021. The BSNL Counsel argued on behalf of BSNL on 05.04.2021. However, after partial hearing, the case was posted for final disposal on **06.04.2021** but unfortunately BSNL Sr. Counsel could not attend

Hon'ble CAT on 06.04.2021 due to his pre-occupation. The case was adjourned for **27.04.2021** at the request of BSNL Sr. Counsel but the case could not be heard due to 2nd Wave of Covid-19.

The promotion orders in the Grade of AO to CAO is held up for more than two & half years due to "Status Quo" case in the Hon'ble CAT Chandigarh and no disposal has been done by Hon'ble CAT Chandigarh even after the lapse of One & half year for the direction given by the Hon'ble HC of Punjab and Haryana in Jan, 2020.

Sir, it is pertinent to mention here that there is acute shortage in the Cadre of CAO. Only 38 CAOs are presently working in BSNL and BSNL is not moving further for promotions from among the eligible AOs due to the above stated "Status Quo" ordered by the Hon'ble CAT Chandigarh.

In view of the foregoing, we would request your good self to kindly intervene in the matter and cause to issue necessary instructions to the officers concerned to take up the case with BSNL Senior Counsel (ASG) for arguing the case in Hon'ble CAT Chandigarh at the earliest for early disposal of the Original Application as per the directions of Hon'ble HC of Punjab and Haryana so that all vacant posts of CAOs in BSNL can be filled up on priority basis and the young AOs of BSNL may get the promotion since they have been deprived from their due promotions for the years together and serve the Company with a better zeal and enthusiasm.

With kind Regards,

Yours Sincerely, S. S. VAKUMAR) General Secretary

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