

No. AIBSNLEA/CHQ/CMD/2014

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The Chairman –cum- Managing Director BSNL, Janpath, New Delhi-110 001.

Subject:- Regarding promotions in the grade of Executive Engineer in Civil/ Electrical wing.

Respected Sir,

The concerns of the members expressed through their letters/ representations received in the association and kind reference is invited to our previous letters, it is once again being pleaded to resolve the long pending issues of Civil/Electrical wing so that promotions in the grade of Executive Engineer may be process.

The main issue is Amendment of BSNL MSRR-2009 in which SDE(C/E) having Diploma qualification should also be allow.

The other issue is considering the Degree acquired through Distance Mode while in service with prior permission. In this regard, the approval already conveyed by the PGM (Electrical) unit on dated 26/06/2012 (Copy Enclosed) based on the opinion of the legal cell of corporate office that 'BSNL MSRR does not speak anything about the mode of acquiring the degree i.e full time or part time or distance mode. Only it is required that degree should be obtained from Indian Institute/ University recognize under Indian Law'. In the Electrical Wing two SDE (E) have already got promoted as a regular Executive Engineer (Elect) on basis of degree acquired through distance education.

Thereafter, the PGM (BW) raised an issue that Degree acquired through distance Mode is not approved by AICTE. The MHRD vide Notification dated 5th April, 2006 (Copy enclosed) clarify the Role & power of the UGC and the AICTE and their application to maintaining the standards of education in institutions notified as 'Deemed to be Universities' under section 3 of the UGC Act-1956. Wherein it is clearly states that "It is not pre-requisite for an institution notified as a 'Deemed to be University' to obtain the prior approval of the AICTE to start any programme in Technical or Management education leading to an award, including

degree in disciplines covered under the AICTE Act, 1987.

The MHRD vide DO dated 29 July 2009 directed DEC to withdrawn permission for conducting B.E/ B-Tech programmes through distance mode". However, this notification have provision that "those who have already been admitted will have to pass both practical and writing examination as may be prescribed in this regard, so as to give validity to the B-Tech/B.E. degree acquired by them through distance education mode" Similarly, the MHRD vide OM dated 06/12/2012 (Copy enclosed) also withdrawn the recognition in perpetuity for equivalence in central government job of AMIE w.e.f 01/06/2013 based on review by regulatory i.e. AICTE.

With reference to reply received by UGC dated 2nd Jan 2014, by AICTE dated 27/05/2014 (Copies enclosed) and above reference of MHRD letter, the in service technical courses are not approved up to 31/05/2013. The BSNL MSRR-2009 also not speaks about approval of AICTE. Therefore, approval of AICTE for in service technical courses for promotion purposes may not be insisted, otherwise most of the executives shall be debar for promotion who acquired degree while in service with prior permission and entry in service book/ HR packages already made. Their status as degree is also maintained in seniority list. As per Indian law, the approval already granted may not withdraw retrospectively. The MHRD vide their letter dated 29th July, 2009 (Copy enclosed) and OM dated 06/12/2012 proved the validity of Degree acquired through Distance Mode and equivalency of degree of AMIE those already admitted/ enrolled on date of notification or date fixed in their letter.

In view of above, kindly, resolve the long pending issues, so that the executives who have already draw the pay of Executive Engineer may also bear responsibility of the post.

With kind regard.

Yours sincerely -sd-(Prahlad Rai) **General Secretary**

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