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To.

Shri Narendra Modi ji, Hon'ble Prime Minister, Government of India South Block, Raisina Hill, New Delhi - 110 011

Respected Sir,

Sub: - Transfer of BSNL Assets to DoT - Request for kind intervention - reg.

We would like to earnestly draw your kind attention to the following few lines, for favour of appropriate intervention.

In pursuance of the New Telecom Policy 1999, the Government of India decided to corporatise certain services and operations being carried out till then by the Department of Telecommunications. Consequently, Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL), wholly owned by the government, came into existence on 1st October, 2000. In this connection, a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed on 30th September, 2000, between the Secretary, Department of Telecommunications (DoT) and the Chairman and Managing Director of BSNL, with regards to the transfer of the assets and liabilities to the Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL).

In clause number 6 of the above referred MoU, it is mentioned that "the assets and liabilities of the VENDOR (DoT) in respect of the Business, currently carried on account of DTS and DTO stand transferred to BSNL on the book value thereof, which is being ascertained. It is, however, clearly understood and agreed between the parties that the total book value of the assets comprising the Business being transferred by the VENDOR to BSNL and which will be determined by 31.03.2001, will be in excess of Rs.63,000 crore. It is, therefore, agreed that the said sum of Rs.63,000 crores will be treated as the provisional value of the Business being transferred to and taken over by BSNL."

Further, an order was issued on 30.09.2000, by the DoT, vide letter no.2-29/2000- Restg., wherein it is mentioned at point number 3 that, the assets and liabilities of the DTS and DTO, which earlier formed part of DoT, will be transferred for this purpose by a separate order.

An Office Memorandum (OM) was also issued vide No.2-30/2000-Restg. dated 30.09.2000 by the Department of Telecommunication Services, in which it is stated that the Government of India has decided that the assets and liabilities in respect of the business being carried out shall stand transferred to the Company. The book value of the assets has been provisionally assessed as Rs.63,000 crores. It was also mentioned that, the BSNL, as the successor company, shall be responsible for all assets and liabilities.

However, unfortunately, in utter disregard to the above mentioned decision of the government, the DoT is regularly taking over the assets of BSNL, which is affecting the functioning of the latter. Letters are being regularly issued by the DoT, directing the BSNL to vacate it's buildings and office premises, and to hand over the same to the former. The buildings and office spaces thus vacated by the BSNL, are being used by the TERM Cell and CCA Units throughout the country. In this manner, many important Administrative and operational Buildings / premises of BSNL, have been taken over by the DoT.

Unfortunately, the BSNL Management also has failed to protect the assets of BSNL, under undue pressure from the DoT, ignoring the MoU and OM issued by the Government at the time of corporatisation. We wish to bring to your kind notice that the CCA of Himachal Pradesh, went to the extent of denying payment of GPF advance to the BSNL employees, since the BSNL circle administration of that circle has not complied with the request of the CCA, to hand over more office space. This is the sort of pressure being exerted on BSNL, by the DoT, for taking over the assets of BSNL.

Further, it is surprising to note that, the DoT is continuously taking over the assets from BSNL, whereas, the liability remains with BSNL only. BSNL should be allowed to utilise it's assets for revenue generation, instead of the assets being taken over by the DoT.

Under the above circumstances, we would earnestly solicit your kind intervention on this issue, to ensure that the DoT does not violate the MoU, that it has signed with the BSNL, with regards to the transfer of assets and liabilities to the BSNL.

Thanking you,

Yours sincerely,

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Encl: As above.

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