

## ALL INDIA BHARAT SANCHAR NIGAM LIMITED RETIRED EXECUTIVES' ASSOCIATION

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To Shri Vivek Agarwal, Joint Secretary (Coop.) & Central Registrar, Dept. of Agriculture, Cooperation & Farmers Welfare, Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi 110001.

Sub: Serious irregularities in "The Government Telecommunication Employees' Cooperative Society, Chennai" resulting in non-settlement of dues of its members who have retired from service and ceased to be the members since long – Request for intervention.

Sir,

We had earlier brought to the notice of all concerned including yourself, vide our letter No. AIBSNLREA/CHQ/2020/39 dated 25.05.2020, about the high handed attitude of the Management of the above named Society in preparing and submitting the Statement for Recovery of Dues to the DDOs of Tamilnadu Circle of BSNL in respect of the retired employees of BSNL, who ceased to be the members, deliberately not taking into account the assets held by the member-employees and ignoring the fact that BSNL had already recovered certain amount of dues as per earlier claims by the Society from the monthly Salary of these retirees. All the members of the Society have substantial amount of assets which include Share Capital, Thrift Deposit, Family Welfare Deposit and any credit on suspense account, which normally runs to lakhs of rupees. Since on their retirement under BSNL VRS 2019, the retirees cease to be the members of the Society, it is improper to retain these assets and then claim recovery of only outstanding dues of loans taken. The Society Management has also acted clandestinely by not taking into account the assets held by the members in the Society, while calculating the final dues to be recovered from the Leave Encashment.

- 2. We also brought out that BSNL, on its part, had illegally obliged to the wrong demand made by the Society, by recovering the amount as claimed by the Society from the Leave encashment of the VRS retirees, despite some individual retirees and this association in particular raising the issue in advance. The VRS retirees who were members of the Society have thus been penalized for no fault of theirs and have been put into unwanted financial and mental stress as the amount involved runs into lakhs of rupees.
- 3. Earlier the Society Management was justifying its acts on the plea that BSNL had not transferred the amount recovered from the Society members to the Society. But even after BSNL confirming clearance of all the dues to the Society up to March 2020, the Society is not

paying/repaying the dues to its members running to lakhs of rupees to each member on one or other plea.

- 4. Now, it is learnt that the Society is covertly paying/repaying the dues to a few individuals on selective basis without following any procedure based on the date of retirement/date of withdrawal of membership from the society.
- 5. Further, the Society Management itself appears to have been caught in a web of controversy by attempting to sell a property and another group vehemently opposing the move. In the mess thus created, it is the BSNL retired employees, including those who opted for BSNL VRS 2019, have been put in serious financial problems, wondering as to when will they get their dues paid/repaid by the Society.
- 6. Since, 'The Government Telecommunication Employees' Cooperative Society, Chennai' is registered with Central Registrar New Delhi with Regn. No. MSCS CR 10/86, being a Multi-State Cooperative Society and the present crisis in the Society has become so deep and severe that it needs immediate intervention by the Central Registrar, New Delhi.
- 7. In view of the above, we request intervention of your Office in the affairs of 'The Government Telecommunication Employees' Cooperative Society, Chennai', registered with Regn. No. MSCS CR 10/86, to protect the interest of its members who are supposed to receive back lakhs of rupees upon cessation of their membership.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

General Secretary

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- Shri Kshatrapati Shivaji, Secretary (Pension), DOP&PW.
- 2. Shri Anshu Prakash, Secretary (Telecom), DOT.
- 3. Shri P K Sinha, Member (Finance).
- 4. Shri Arvind Vadnerkar, Director (HR), BSNL.