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To

Shri P K Purwar,
Chairman & Managing Director,
Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited,
New Delhi 110001.

Sub: Extension of date for revalidation of BSNLMRS Cards for the retired BSNL Employees on pan India basis.

Sir,

At the very outset, we express our sincere thanks for conceding our request and issue Orders, vide No. BSNL/Admn/2020/Medical dated 04.05.2020, extending the date for revalidation of BSNLMRS Cards for the retired BSNL Employees, who are covered under BSNLMRS, on pan India basis. This will a go long way to give some mental peace to the retired BSNL employees, most of whom are aged and suffering from various ailments, so that they will not face avoidable trouble to get the Cards revalidated once the lock down in the country is withdrawn.

2. However, we are unable to refrain from once again expressing our serious concern that till to-day the retired BSNL Employees have not been paid even a single medical bill for their outdoor treatment that they submitted from time to time during the whole financial year 2019-20. Even the Medical Allowance to the retired BSNL employees, who opted for the same, has not been paid even for a single quarter. Incidentally, both of these are taxable benefits. On the other hand, many retired BSNL employees who had been hospitalized for indoor treatment and submitted their claim for reimbursement are still waiting to get their bills reimbursed.

3. Surprisingly, though no outdoor claim to any retired employee has been reimbursed during the whole financial year 2019-20, BSNL has claimed to have credited some amounts and even deducted TDS out of these purported payments and also deposited the same to the Income Tax Department. The 26-AS page of the retired BSNL employees uploaded in the e-filing page of Income Tax Department has clear mention about this.

4. The retired BSNL employees, whose monthly income suddenly gets halved on their retirement, are finding it very difficult to carry on with their medical treatment, since BSNL is not reimbursing their medical claims for over a year. The plight of the patients with chronic

diseases like diabetes, hypertension, cancer, heart, kidney and liver problems etc. needs no elaboration.

5. In view of the above, we earnestly request you to kindly draw a road map to immediately clear all the pending claims for reimbursement of medical bills/payment of medical allowances of the retired BSNL employees and thus allow them to live with mental peace without having to face deep financial crisis and to carry on with their indispensable medical treatment.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,


(S Basu) 6.5.2020
General Secretary

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