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To
Shri Arvind Vadnerkar,
Director (HR),
Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited,
New Delhi.

Sub: Revalidation of BSNL Medical card & payment of medical cash allowance with/without voucher facility to retired employees - Request to stop harassment of retired employees
Ref: BSNL letter No.BSNLCO/4/2021-ESTT FIN datd 07.07.2021

Sir,

We are extremely distressed over the contents of the letter under reference, wherein the BSNL retired employees are required to submit fresh option to avail reimbursement without voucher (rechristened as Medical Cash Allowance in this letter) and with voucher, along with details and documents which include updated bank details, PAN card copy, cancelled cheque in original, address proof and working mobile number plus one additional mobile number. The reason attributed for this fresh exercise is that many retired/VRS optee employees have opted for CGHS, changes in bank details, contact address and mobile numbers.

2. It is absolutely disgusting that BSNL, which has been treating its retired employees with utmost contempt in respect of reimbursement of their medical expenses, now wants to put them in unwarranted trouble, making them run around to collect the documents from banks and xerox copies from shops. This at a time when the Government has warned the Indian citizens of complacency against the Corona virus and has advised elders to remain at home. We are unable to understand the necessity of this exercise when all the details are already available with the SSAs concerned.

3. The irony is that while the medical claims, both with and without voucher, of retired employees have not been paid since the financial year 2018-19, this letter says the medical cash allowance and outdoor medical claim with voucher will be released for FY 2020-21 only after fresh options are received, as if the retired employees are objects of scorn. It is silent

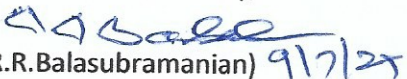
about releasing payment for long pending medical claims for 2018-19 and 2019-20. The entire exercise further appears to be a tactics for delaying the payment of medical claims already pending with BSNL since 2018-19.

4. If the concern of BSNL is really 'changes in the details of the retired employees', it should have called for submission documents ONLY in respect of those retired employees for whom there has been any change. Otherwise, this exercise will be seen only as another attempt by BSNL to harass its retired employees.

5. We, therefore, request you to get the matter examined and cause withdrawal of the letter under reference. Else, the letter may be modified so as to necessitate submission of option **only by those who want to change from one scheme to other and submission of details/documents only by those for whom there have been any change/changes**, so that the unnecessary harassment of the entire retired employees of BSNL is stopped.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,


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