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To
Shri Narendra Modi,
Prime Minister of India,
South Block,
New Delhi 110011.

Sub: Earnest request to mitigate a serious problem of the absorbed BSNL IDA pensioners arising out of non-payment of claims for medical reimbursement by BSNL for about last one year.

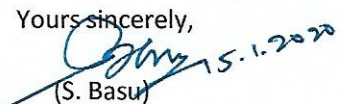
Sir,

While appreciating the concerns expressed by the Government on the genuine problem of the pensioners of Dr Shyama Prasad Mukherjee Port, Kolkata (Kolkata Port Trust) and release of Rs 501 crores to the Pension Fund for uninterrupted payment of their pension, we take this opportunity to draw your kind attention to a serious problem being faced by the BSNL IDA pensioners for almost last one year due to non-payment of their claims for medical reimbursement under BSNLMRS.

2. On the plea of financial problem, BSNL Management is not reimbursing the medical claims of the absorbed BSNL pensioners, who are the beneficiaries of BSNLMRS, for both indoor and outdoor treatment almost for past one year. In some of the cases of claims submitted for outdoor treatment, the TDS (Tax Deducted at Source) has already been deducted but no payment has been made. The empanelled Hospitals are also refusing cashless treatment. As a result, the pensioners are themselves to meet the huge expenditure with others' help, since pension is too meagre for them to meet such huge unforeseen and unavoidable expenditure. Even the onetime subscription that some BSNL pensioners have made to the CGHS in order to switch over to CGHS regime are also not being reimbursed. This has put the absorbed BSNL IDA pensioners in a very critical position. Since the claims for outdoor treatment is taxable, these pensioners will also face serious problem while submitting their Annual Income Tax Returns, if the pending claims are not reimbursed before 31.03.2020.

3. In view of the above and considering the financial limitations and constraints of the BSNL IDA pensioners, we seek your urgent kind intervention in the matter so that all the pending medical claims of the BSNL IDA pensioners are reimbursed immediately by BSNL.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

(S. Basu)
General Secretary

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Shri Ravi Shankar Prasad,
Minister of Communications & IT.