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To

Shri Narendra Modi,
Prime Minister of India,
South Block,
New Delhi 110001.

Sub: Appeal for allotment of Special Fund to BSNL to clear all long pending Medical Claims under BSNLMRS of the retired BSNL Employees.

Sir,

We are constrained to draw your kind attention to the hard reality that despite Government's various measures and decision for revival of BSNL, the situation still remains the same as before. Though nearly 80,000 BSNL employees were virtually sent out under BSNL VRS-2019 on 31.01.2020 and BSNL saving huge amount on the salary head and pension contribution on them to DOT, the crisis is far from over. It seems that BSNL Management is clueless to tackle the situation.

2. In the process, the retired BSNL employees, who are beneficiaries of BSNLMRS, are the worst victims. Though recently BSNL Management allotted Fund to clear the pending medical claims up to 31.03.2020 of its serving employees, it is not reimbursing the medical claims of the retired employees almost for last two years. Though no rule, law or ethics permits such blatant discrimination against the elders, BSNL Management had no hesitation to clear the pending claims only of its serving employees leaving its own retired employees in lurch. Whenever request is being made to clear the long pending claims of the retired employees, pat comes the reply that there is no Fund available or it is a Policy matter of BSNL.

3. Thus, the retired BSNL employees under BSNLMRS are now at a receiving end. The retired employees, who were admitted in Hospitals for serious chronic diseases like cancer, heart ailment, kidney, liver and many others including Covid-19 like life-threatening and expensive treatment and were forced to spend huge amount by arranging from different sources, are now facing serious trouble since BSNL has stopped reimbursing their claims. In addition to the above indoor medical claims, the claims for outdoor treatment for follow up treatment or for chronic diseases also need to be cleared immediately.

4. In view of the above, we earnestly appeal to the Government to allot special Fund to BSNL for the sole purpose of clearing all the pending medical claims of the retired employees with the arrangement that BSNL would refund the said Fund to the Government in due course.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,


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General Secretary

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