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To
Shri Vivek Aggarwal,
Additional Secretary & Central Registrar,
Department of Agriculture, Cooperation & Farmers Welfare,
New Delhi.

Sub: Serious state of affairs 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 to end the plight of the pensioners

Sir,

We had earlier brought to the notice of all concerned, including yourself, vide our letters No.AIBSNLREA/CHQ/2020/39 dated 25.05.2020 and AIBSNLREA/CHQ/2020/121 dated 13.10.2020 [copy enclosed], about the high handed attitude of the above named Society, by refusing to pay the dues of its members who have retired long back and thereby ceased to be its members but brazenly recovering huge amounts as its dues even without adjusting the assets of the members available with the society.

2. After more than a year now, the situation is still worse, with the hundreds of past members of the society, those who ceased to be members after their retirement, remain clueless as to when will they get back their dues running to lakhs of rupees for each individual. The plight of these pensioners is comparable in a way to that of people cheated by private chitfund companies, in which case these people loose forever lakhs and lakhs of rupees of their hard earned money. But unlike these people, the BSNL employees got their money recovered and paid to the Society by BSNL, the employer. Therefore no one ever even imagined that they will land in the present situation.

3. Regrettably, neither the Management of the Society, who are also employees of BSNL, nor the BSNL Management which recovers the subscription and other dues from its employees and deposit to the Society, appear to have the least concern about the sufferings of the pensioners. BSNL which recovered the dues but failed to deposit with the Society for


a long period and thereby contributed to the present fiasco, has turned its face away as if it has no role in resolving the grievance of its pensioners. It has not even put any pressure on the Society Management constituting BSNL employees. Meanwhile there have been no dearth of controversies surrounding the affairs of the Society and its functioning.

4. The Government Telecommunication Employees' Cooperative Society, Chennai is a Multi-State Cooperative Society and is registered with Central Registrar New Delhi with Regn.No.MSCS CR10/86. We would also like to draw your attention to the Constitution 97th Amendment through which Part IXB under the chapter heading 'The Co-operative Societies' was introduced, **"the Central Government has committed to ensure that the co-operative societies in the country function in a democratic, professional, autonomous and economically sound manner."** Therefore, we earnestly believe that the Central Registrar cannot remain a silent spectator and should intervene immediately to ensure that the pensioners' plight comes to an end.

5. In view of the above, we request immediate intervention by your office in the affairs of the The Government Telecommunication Employees' Cooperative Society, Chennai, to protect the interests of its ex-members, now pensioners, who are supposed to receive back lakhs of rupees on cessation of their membership.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,


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