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To
Shri P K Purwar,
Chairman and Managing Director,
Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited,
New Delhi-110001

Sub: Display of default/seizure notice by Greater Chennai Corporation in Chennai BSNL exchanges – Damaging the reputation of the Government owned PSU – Request intervention to avoid such instances in the future

Sir,

We are constrained to convey the immense mental pain and humiliation felt by the BSNL Pensioners over the disheartening event of display of default/seizure notice by Greater Chennai Corporation on the main gates of three BSNL Telephone Exchanges two days back [photos attached] allegedly for non-payment of arrears of property tax dues. Having put in 30-40 years of service in DoT and then in BSNL, shedding their blood, sweat and tears for the growth and glory of the organisations, the BSNL pensioners are extremely shocked to hear about the news which shows BSNL in bad light and damages its reputation.

2. Last year a similar event was reported wherein a Municipality displayed such a notice and even went to the extent of seizing the furniture from the BSNL exchange in the outskirts of Chennai. It was reported in the media too. Such events project BSNL in bad light in the eyes of the public. It appears that BSNL has not learnt lesson from that episode. We do not know whether there have been similar incidents in other circles.

3. The Government has been showing keen interest in the survival of BSNL, by approving revival packages twice in recent years. Minister of Communications had said that “With the latest relief package, we expect BSNL to become net profitable in the next three-four years.” To achieve this, it is rather important to do everything to keep the image of BSNL aloft by carefully avoiding

such damaging events. After all, the dues payable by BSNL is not huge, running to only a few lakhs of rupees, in the instant cases. We believe that shrewd handling and proper co-ordination with the local administration would have ensured avoiding this unpleasant situation.

4. We, on behalf of the pained pensioners, request you to kindly look into the matter personally and to cause some mechanism to be put in place, to avoid such situations in the future.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

Handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'R.R. Balasubramanian', with the date '16/3/23' written below it.

(R.R. Balasubramanian)
General Secretary

Encl: As stated

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