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To

Shri Arvind Vednerkar,
Director (HR),
BSNL Board,
Bharat Sanchar Bhawan,
New Delhi 110001.

Sub: Reimbursement of pending medical claims of the retired BSNL employees in the background of Covid-19 pandemic.

Ref: Your D.O. No. BSNLCO-ADMN/11(15)/2/2021-ADMN dated 29.04.2021 addressed to Circle Heads.

Sir,


Opening lines in your above referred D.O. letter to the Circle Heads states that *"During last one week, the Covid-19 pandemic has hit India in a very big way. The cases are increasing every day. BSNL employees are also facing the wrath of this disease. In to-day's trying time, it is our duty and responsibility to ensure that treatment to BSNL employee or his dependent family members affected by this disease is not hampered due to financial constraints. It shall be our endeavour to extend financial support in deserving and genuine COVID cases by way of giving timely medical advance"*. It is really a matter of great relief that BSNL Corporate Office, which was not reimbursing the medical claims particularly of the retired employees on the plea of Fund constraint, has now assured to give financial support in the form of medical advance to the serving employees affected by Covid-19 keeping aside the earlier excuse of fund constraint.

2. But unfortunately, this does not make any difference in the situation for the retired employees under BSNLMRS, since they are not eligible to receive any advance- even though Covid-19 does not spare them in any way. In fact, many of our colleagues and their dependents lost their lives right from the start of the pandemic in 2020. But it is regretted that even their medical claims have not been settled till now. It is not only Covid-19, other deadly diseases are causing havoc with the lives of the retired employees- many of whom are having comorbidity. Unfortunately, both their indoor and outdoor medical claims are not being reimbursed for years. No one in BSNL seems to have any concern about the retired employees- though all will have to retire one day or the other.

3. Now that 'Fund constraint' is not being talked about to grant advance to the serving employees, may we request BSNL Management to start clearing all pending medical claims of the retired employees including the reimbursement of one-time payment made to CGHS as Life-time subscription for switching over from BSNLMRS.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,


(S Basu)

4.5.2021
General Secretary

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