

ALL INDIA BHARAT SANCHAR NIGAM LIMITED RETIRED EXECUTIVES' ASSOCIATION

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No.AIBSNLREA/CHQ/2023/21 To Shri Narendra Modi, Hon'ble Prime Minister of India, South Block, New Delhi-110001

Sub: Grievances of the absorbed BSNL IDA pensioners- Resolutions adopted in the All India Conference of AIBSNLREA held at Kolkata on 7th and 8th January, 2023 seeking intervention of Hon'ble Prime Minister of India in respect of " Stopping of continuous harassment of BSNL pensioners by categorizing the reimbursement of one-time contribution paid to CGHS as taxable by BSNL and reflecting in the Form 26AS."

Hon'ble Sir,

In the recently concluded All India Conference of this Association held at Kolkata on 7th and 8th January 2023, in which a large number of delegates from all over the country participated, widespread frustration and disappointment were expressed by many of the participants due to non-settlement of grievances of the pensioners in general and BSNL IDA pensioners in particular. The Conference also discussed about the financial crisis faced by BSNL in spite of two Revival Packages announced by the Government and identified certain areas in which specific action by the Government is considered crucial.

2. The Conference was unanimous in deciding to seek the intervention of Hon'ble Prime Minister of India to get these issues resolved, since the concerned Ministries/Departments in many instances close the grievance with irrelevant replies rather than attempting to resolve them. The Conference adopted as many as 16 Resolutions on different issues and we now take this opportunity to submit the Resolution No. 16, which pertains to BSNL under Department of Telecommunications, regarding **Stopping of continuous harassment of BSNL pensioners by categorizing the reimbursement of one-time contribution paid to CGHS as taxable by BSNL and reflecting in the Form 26AS, detailed in the enclosed resolution for your kind consideration and advising BSNL to stop harassing the pensioners by showing the reimbursed amount as taxable income.**

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

(R.R.Balasubramanian) General Secretary

Copy to: 1. Shri Ashwini Vaishnaw, Minister of Communications, GOI

ALL INDIA BHARAT SANCHAR NIGAM LIMITED RETIRED EXECUTIVES' ASSOCIATION THIRD ALL INDIA CONFERENCE HELD AT KOLKATA ON 7th AND 8th JANUARY 2023 RESOLUTIONS

ACTION REQUIRED BY BSNL

16. Stopping of continuous harassment of BSNL pensioners by categorizing the reimbursement of one-time contribution paid to CGHS as taxable by BSNL and reflecting in the Form 26AS.

The third All India Conference of AIBSNLREA, which is in session in Kolkata on 7th and 8th January 2023, notes with deep anguish that BSNL continues to show as taxable, the amount it reimburses on account of one-time contribution to CGHS, which creates unnecessary hardships while filing IT Return, in spite of our repeated representations and finally drawing BSNL's attention to the booklet issued in the name "Tax payers information – Series 36 – VALUATION OF PERQUISITES" by the Income Tax Department wherein in page 23, under Para 4.5 b) it has been clearly stated that "Medical insurance premium paid or reimbursed by the employer is not chargeable to tax. The House therefore resolves that BSNL immediately stop harassing the pensioners by showing the reimbursed amount as taxable income.

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(R.R.Balasubramanian) General Secretary AIBSNLREA