



## Editorial

### CHANGE OF HEART OR CHANGE OF TACT?


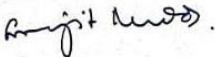
“During last one week, the Covid-19 pandemic has hit India in a very big way. The cases are increasing every day. BSNL employees are also facing the wrath of this disease. In to-day’s trying time, it is our duty and responsibility to ensure that treatment to BSNL employee or his dependent family members 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”. The above words of sympathy for the BSNL employees are from the pen of Director (HR), BSNL in his D.O. letter dated 27.04.2021 addressed to all the Circles, which came a day just after Sr GM(CA), BSNL Corporate Office conveyed sanction of Rupees two lakhs as advance for the treatment of CMD, BSNL who was tested Corona positive and undergoing treatment in a Meerut Hospital. The above words of sympathy are naturally a welcome change of heart in BSNL Management, which otherwise always have been ignoring the frantic SOS calls-particularly from its retired employees to clear even their long pending medical claims, only on the pretext of constraints of Fund. Obviously, these claims also include treatment of various serious diseases including Covid-19 which took India by storm in 2020 itself. It is also a fact that last year too lakhs of families lost their near and dear ones at the altar of this deadly virus. We have also lost a few

our colleagues in the process. But, at that time, none in BSNL Management seemed to care and had even no sympathetic words towards the families of the victims. But now, as it appears from the opening remarks of Director (HR) in his D.O. letter, BSNL Management has suddenly woke up to the crisis and that too after CMD, BSNL was tested Corona positive and had to be admitted in a Hospital. While praying for his early recovery, we may make it clear that we have nothing personal against him or others. But it certainly hurts us when we find that the BSNL Management had no realization in the past about the gravity of the situation and did not open up its Fund to help even its own employees leave alone the retired employees. It woke up only now after CMD, BSNL himself was found corona positive and immediately sanctioned advance for his treatment. Those watching the development may say that this is not a real change of heart – it is rather under certain compulsion to avoid bitter criticism that VVIP culture, even in case of treatment, is prevailing in BSNL. Only a day earlier, Delhi Government had booked 100 odd rooms in a 5-star Hotel in New Delhi for Covid treatment of judges, court employees and their families. But the same was cancelled following uproar in social-media and by the Order of Delhi High Court. Many people now believe that BSNL Management seemingly has changed its heart to avoid similar criticism of allowing advance to the CMD alone and

denying the same to the other employees. But even in this D.O. letter by Director (HR), BSNL, there is a catch. It says that "It shall be our endeavour to extend financial support in deserving and genuine COVID cases by way of giving timely medical advance". What BSNL wants to mean by stating that financial support will be extended only in deserving and genuine Covid cases? Can Covid cases be ungenueine and not deserving financial support? Is it not another way for discrimination among the Covid patients? This exposes BSNL's inhumane mind-set.

As such, there is nothing for the retired BSNL employees to feel elated on the

letter of Director (HR) suggesting to extend financial support to the serving employees. After all, the retired employees are never granted advance. Now that the so-called Fund constraint is no longer seen as a constraint to help the serving BSNL employees, why not BSNL Management at least clear all the pending Medical claims of its retired employees which include both indoor and outdoor claims for many serious ailments including Covid-19? Then only, the feelings expressed by Director (HR), BSNL in his D.O. letter will sound genuine and be appreciated. Let BSNL be fair to both its serving and retired employees.●

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<p>No.12-769/2019-L&amp;A</p>	<p>Dated 26.04.2021</p>
<p>To</p>	
<p>The CGMT, BSNL UP(W) Circle Meerut, UP</p>	
<p>Sub:- Grant of an advance of Rs.2,00,000/- for treatment of CMD, BSNL</p>	
<p>This is to inform you that Shri P.K.Purwar, CMD, BSNL [HR 1900279] has been admitted in Anand Hospital, Meerut today i.e 26.04.2021 due to Covid-19 virus. In this connection, the undersigned has been directed to convey you an administrative approval for an advance of Rs. 2,00,000/- [Rupees two lakhs only], so that GMTD, Meerut enable to deposit the same in the Hospital for the treatment of the CMD, BSNL.</p>	
<p> (Surajit Mandol] Sr. GM(CA) BSNL, CO</p>	
<p>Copy to (i) GMTD, Meerut for necessary action. (ii) Sr.GM(Admn), CO, BSNL (iii) PPS to CMD BSNL, Corporate Office (iv) AGM(R&amp;P), BSNL, CO.</p>	



## Important Developments of the Month

- Director (HR), BSNL, vide his D.O.No. BSNLCO-ADMN/11(15)/2/2021-ADMN dated 29.04.2021, asked the Circles to sanction medical advance to the COVID affected BSNL employees and their dependents who are covered under BSNLMRS.
- Director (HR), BSNL, vide his D.O. No. BSNLCO-ADMN/11(15)/2/2021-ADMN dated 27.04.2021, advised all BSNL Circles to coordinate with State Government/local authorities to arrange a vaccination camp for BSNL employees and their dependents whose names are mentioned in BSNLMRS Card. Cost of vaccination for them, if any will be borne by BSNL.
- Directorate General of CGHS, vide its No. Z 15025/12/2020/DIR/CGHS dated 15.04.2021, issued special sanction permitting the CGHS beneficiaries getting medicines for chronic diseases to purchase medicines based on the prescription held (prescribed by CGHS Medical Officers/CGHS Specialists/other Govt. Specialists/Specialists of empanelled hospitals) till 31st July, 2021 on the same condition as per its earlier OM dated 27.03.2020.
- BSNL Corporate Office, vide its Office Order No. BSNLCO-ADMN/11(15)/2/2020-ADMN dated 08.04.2021, extended the validity of BSNL MRS Card of BSNL Retired employees from 31.03.2021 to 30.09.2021 or till further order.



## Issues taken up

**28.04.2021 AIBSNLREA AGAIN TAKES UP THE CASE FOR ISSUE OF FINAL SUPERANNUATION ORDER FOR SHRI G P BIRADAR, RETD DE, BANGALORE TELECOM DISTRICT ON HIS ACQUITTAL IN A CBI CASE ON 25.10.2018:** AIBSNLREA has again up the case of non-issue of final superannuation Order and consequent non-settlement of final superannuation pension, release of DCRG and grant of Commuted Value of Pension even after completion of judicial proceedings on 25.10.2018 to Shri G P Biradar, Retd DE, Bangalore Telecom District, Karnataka Telecom Circle who was earlier permitted to retire provisionally on 31.12.2010. In continuation to several other representations on the subject by the Association, attention of PGM (Pers), BSNL Corporate Office has been drawn to the fact that BSNL Corporate Office has already issued final superannuation Orders in respect of few other co-accused in the same case who were also acquitted of the charges by the same Court on the same day and by the same Order vide BSNL C.O. Nos (i) BSNLCO-PRII/11(12)/1/2020-PERS-II dated 21.07.2020 in respect of Shri S B Mohare, Retd Accounts Officer, Gulbarga Telecom District, Karnataka, (ii) BSNLCO-PRII/11(12)/1/2020-PERS-II dated 29.09.2020 in respect of Shri M Mathuramani, Retd CAO, Chennai Telephones, (iii) BSNLCO-PRII/11(22)/10/2020-PERS-II dated 10.03.2021 in respect of Shri S V Rojed, Retd SDE, QA & Inspection Circle. The Association has further requested to get the necessary Orders issued by Personnel Branch permitting Shri G P Biradar, Retd DE to retire from BSNL services on attaining the age of superannuation on 31.12.2010 and advising Karnataka

Telecom Circle to take appropriate measures for immediate release of his final pension and other retirement benefits. [View the letter](#)

**19.04.2021 AIBSNLREA REQUESTS MINISTER OF STATE FOR FINANCE TO EXTEND VALIDITY OF FORM 15G AND 15H SUBMITTED TO THE BANKS AND OTHER INSTITUTIONS DURING THE FINANCIAL YEAR 2020-21 DUE TO SUDDEN SURGE SPIKE IN COVID-19 CASES:** In a letter addressed to Minister of State for Finance, Government of India, AIBSNLREA has stated that due to sudden and unexpected huge surge in Covid-19 cases, the depositors – especially the Senior Citizens are not able to move out and visit their banks and other institutions to submit their Form 15G and 15H. In the similar situation last year, the Central Board of Direct Taxes had issued instructions, vide its F.No.275/25/2020-IT(B) dated 03.04.2020, extending the validity of these Forms submitted during the financial year 2019-20 up to 30.06.2020. This helped the Senior Citizens immensely. The Association has thus requested that since the present situation relating to Covid-19 cases has become more problematic and the various State Governments have already issued several restrictions, the Central Board of Direct Taxes issue similar Orders as issued last year vide its F.No.275/25/2020-IT(B) dated 03.04.2020 extending the validity of these Forms submitted during the financial year 2020-21 at least up to 30.09.2021 to give positive relief to all the stake holders including the Senior Citizens. [View the letter](#)

**19.04.2021 AIBSNLREA REQUESTS DIRECTOR (HR), BSNL TO ALLOW OUTDOOR CLAIMS WITH LATEST PRESCRIPTION WHICH ARE NOT OLDER MORE THAN SIX MONTHS DUE TO COVID-19 PANDEMIC:** In a letter addressed to Director (HR), BSNL, AIBSNLREA has brought to his notice that due to sudden surge in Covid-19 cases and the restrictions imposed by several State Governments, the retired BSNL Employees are now facing acute problems in moving out to consult their doctors and get prescriptions to carry out their treatment. Those with chronic diseases requiring long term treatment are suffering the most. The Association has further stated that the CGHS beneficiaries have now been permitted by Directorate of CGHS, vide its No. Z 15025/12/2020/DIR/CGHS dated 15.04.2021, to reimburse the cost of medicines purchased for chronic diseases based on the prescription already held. Pointing out that BSNL had earlier issued orders vide No. BSNLCO-ADMN/12(12)/12020-ADMN dated 02.06.2020 allowing outdoor claims with latest prescription available which are not older more than six months due to Covid-19 pandemic, the Association has requested that to mitigate the hardships caused both to the retired and serving BSNL employees, instructions be issued to all circles/units that the claims submitted with the latest available prescription for chronic illnesses, as a special case, be allowed till normalcy returns. [View the letter](#)

**17.04.2021 UNWARRANTED WITHHOLDING OF EX-GRATIA PAYMENT IN ADDITION TO GRATUITY TO A BSNL VRS-RETIREE FACING DEPARTMENTAL PROCEEDINGS- AIBSNLREA AGAIN TAKES UP THE CASE OF SHRI B M NYAMATI, RETD CAO, BANGALORE TELECOM DISTRICT:** The above issue was earlier taken up by AIBSNLREA, vide its letter No. AIBSNLREA/CHQ/2021/18 dated 15.03.2021 with registered Grievance Docket No. DOPPW/E/2021/09036, requesting to release the Ex-gratia payment to the above-named BSNL-2019 VRS-retiree who is facing a departmental proceeding initiated just a day earlier to his date of retirement. In his case, the ex-gratia payment was also withheld in addition to his Gratuity – even though Rule-69 of CCS (Pension) Rules, 1972 provides for withholding

of only the Gratuity [View posting 16.03.2021 in this website to read the letter]. But Karnataka Telecom Circle had disposed off the grievance stating that “The Grievance cannot be resolved by CGMT Karnataka Circle, BSNL, since he has to act as per BSNL Corporate Office letter No. 1-15/2019-PAT (BSNL) dated 4.11.2019. In view of this, the CGMT has already expressed his inability. In the grievance document, this was made clear. This issue can be resolved by BSNL Corporate Office. DOP&PW has to advise BSNL to strictly follow Rule-69 of CCS (Pension) Rules, 1972 and withhold only the Gratuity of the affected pensioner and not the Ex-gratia payment in addition. Therefore, the grievance needs to be examined only by DOP&PW and not the CGMT, Karnataka Circle.” Since Karnataka Telecom Circle stated that the grievance needs to be examined only by DOP&PW and not by CGMT, Karnataka Circle, the matter was again taken up vide letter No. AIBSNLREA/CHQ/2021/21 dated 01.04.2021 with the grievance registered under DOPPW/E/2021/10864 [View posting dated 01.04.2021 in this website to read the letter]. But the CGMT, Karnataka Circle once again disposed off the Grievance without resolving the same and stating that “Karnataka Circle has disposed off the earlier docket No. DOPPW/E/2021/09636 on the above issue stating that – The Grievance cannot be resolved by CGMT Karnataka Circle, BSNL, since he has to act as per BSNL Corporate Office letter No. 1-15/2019-PAT (BSNL) dated 04.11.2019. Matter to be dealt at CO-ND”. In view of the above – especially when CGMT, Karnataka Circle has stated that the Matter is to be dealt at CO-ND, the Association has now taken up the matter with Director (HR), BSNL. [View the letter](#)

**16.04.2021 AIBSNLREA AGAIN WRITES TO DIRECTOR (HR), BSNL ON THE ISSUE OF CONDONATION OF ADMINISTRATIVE DELAY IN ISSUING APPOINTMENT LETTER AFTER COMPLETION OF PRE-APPOINTMENT TRAINING TO SHRI AJAY KUMAR DUBEY, RETD AGM, AGRA TD FOR THE PURPOSE OF ALLOWING TRAINING PERIOD TO BE COUNTED AS SERVICE UNDER RULE-22 OF CCS (PENSION) RULES, 1972:** UP (West) Telecom Circle, in a reply to AIBSNLREA, had stated in a letter to the Association on the above issue that “Since no guidelines have been issued by BSNL Corporate Office regarding GoI decision (3), hence the request of Sh Ajay Kumar Dubey cannot be accepted” [View posting dated 15.04.2021 in this website to read the UP (West) Circle letter]. Being unsatisfied with the reply, the Association has now again taken up the issue with Director (HR), BSNL. The Association has stated that this stand of UP (West) Telecom Circle is really surprising and unacceptable and went on to say that “In this context, it is once again reiterated that Dept of Telecom, vide No.36-14/88-NB/T/Pen dt 25.06.1990, had issued the necessary guidelines which is being followed even in BSNL after its formation on 1.10.2000 by all its Circles. Even Kerala Circle, based on the above DOT Orders, in the recent times issued several orders condoning the administrative delay in issuing appointment letters. The Circles, being the recruiting and appointing authority of Group C and D employees, are being allowed for over last 30 years to act as per DoT No. 36-14/88-NB/T/Pen dt 25.06.1990 and extend the benefit as permitted under Rule-22 of CCS (Pension) Rules, 1972. Further, BSNL Corporate Office, while forwarding the registered Grievance No. DOPPW/E/2021/01344 to UP (West) Telecom Circle, has already stated in the Remarks column of the Status Report that ‘The grievance of the complainant is forwarded for redressal under intimation to the complainant as Circle is competent to take decision in the matter’. As such, there is no room for any further confusion on the part of UP (West) Telecom Circle in regard to its authority to redress this genuine grievance”. In view of the above, AIBSNLREA has finally requested that the UP (West) Telecom Circle be advised to issue the necessary orders condoning the

administrative delay in issuing appointment letter to Shri A K Dubey, Retd AGM, Agra so that his pre-appointment training period is counted as service under Rule-22 of CCS (Pension) Rules, 1972 for the purpose of pension. [View the letter](#)

**01.04.2021 UNWARRANTED WITHHOLDING OF EX-GRATIA PAYMENT OF SHRI B M NYAMATI, RETD CAO, BANGALORE TELECOM DISTRICT- AIBSNLREA SEEKS INTERVENTION OF SECRETARY (PENSION), DOP&PW:** Since Karnataka Telecom Circle expressed its inability to resolve the grievance and release Ex-gratia payment to the above-named VRS-retiree who is facing department proceedings, the Association has now sought the intervention of Secretary (Pension), DOP&PW in the matter. While disposing of the grievance docket No. DOPPW/E/2021/09036, registered based on the letter of the Association vide No. AIBSNLREA/CHQ/2021/18 dated 15.03.2021 [View posting dated 16.03.2021 in this website to read the letter], Karnataka Circle stated that "The Grievance cannot be resolved by CGMT Karnataka Circle, BSNL, since he has to act as per BSNL Corporate Office letter No. 1-15/2019-PAT (BSNL) dated 4.11.2019. In view of this, the CGMT has already expressed his inability. In the grievance document, this was made clear. This issue can be resolved by BSNL Corporate Office. DOP&PW has to advise BSNL to strictly follow Rule-69 of CCS (Pension) Rules, 1972 and withhold only the Gratuity of the affected pensioner and not the Ex-gratia payment in addition. Therefore, the grievance needs to be examined only by DOP&PW and not the CGMT, Karnataka Circle'. The Association has pointed out BSNL cannot withhold Ex-gratia payment in addition to DCRG payable to a retiree facing departmental/judicial proceedings, since Rule-69 of CCS (Pension) Rules, 1972 provides for withholding of only DCRG. The Association has requested that BSNL be advised to immediately releases Ex-gratia payment to Shri B M Nyamati, Retd CAO, BG TD by keeping his DCRG payment alone as withheld till the final outcome of the charge-sheet is known. [View the letter](#)



## GOVERNMENT/BSNL ORDERS & LETTERS

**30.04.2021 DIRECTOR (HR), BSNL ASKS CIRCLES TO SANCTION MEDICAL ADVANCE TO THE COVID AFFECTED BSNL EMPLOYEES AND THEIR DEPENDENDENTS UNDER BSNLMRS AND SEND CONSOLIDATED FUND REQUIREMENT FOR THE PURPOSE TO CBB SECTION OF BSNL CORPORATE OFFICE:** Director (HR), BSNL, vide his D.O.No. BSNLCO-ADMN/11(15)/2/2021-ADMN dated 29.04.2021, has asked the Circles to sanction medical advance to the COVID affected BSNL employees and their dependents who are covered under BSNLMRS in terms of BSNL O.M.No BSNL/Admn.I/15-10/07 dated 16.04.2010. The Circles have also been advised to send consolidated fund requirement for the purpose to the CBB Section of BSNL Corporate Office giving details of employee-wise advance sought. [View Director \(HR\), BSNL letter](#)

**28.04.2021 DIRECTOR (HR), BSNL ADVISES CIRCLES TO CO-ORDINATE WITH STATE GOVERNMENTS TO ARRANGE VACCINATION CAMP FOR BSNL EMPLOYEES AND THEIR DEPENDENTS COVERED UNDER BSNLMRS:** Director (HR), BSNL, vide his D.O. No. BSNLCO-ADMN/11(15)/2/2021-ADMN dated 27.04.2021, has advised all BSNL Circles to coordinate

with State Government/local authorities to arrange a vaccination camp for BSNL employees and their dependents whose names are mentioned in BSNLMRS Card. Cost of vaccination for them, if any will be borne by BSNL and directly paid to the concerned authorities. Other members of the family, whose names do not find mention in the BSNLMRS Card as dependents, may be allowed to get vaccinated at such centres but on payment basis as per actual cost of vaccination. The employees themselves and their dependents as mentioned in BSNLMRS Card can also get vaccinated at any Government approved vaccination centre at the rates fixed by the Government which will be reimbursed as outdoor claim as a part of annual ceiling for out-door limit under BSNLMRS. It may be added here that Government is vaccinating all those above 45 years of age free of cost in Government Hospitals and other approved centres. As such, BSNL is to pay no charges for them. [View the letter from Director \(HR\)](#)

**17.04.2021 DIRECTORATE GENERAL OF CGHS ISSUES SPECIAL SANCTION PERMITTING THE CGHS BENEFICIARIES TO PURCHASE MEDICINES FOR CHRONIC DISEASES TILL 31.07.2021 IN VIEW OF COVID-19:** Directorate General of CGHS, vide its No. Z 15025/12/2020/DIR/CGHS dated 15.04.2021, has issued special sanction permitting the CGHS beneficiaries getting medicines for chronic diseases to purchase medicines based on the prescription held (prescribed by CGHS Medical Officers/CGHS Specialists/other Govt. Specialists/Specialists of empanelled hospitals) till 31st July, 2021 on the same condition as per its earlier OM dated 27.03.2020. The OM also clarified that CGHS Wellness Centres are functional and CGHS beneficiaries also have the option to collect medicines through CGHS Wellness Centres as per normal practice. [View the DG CGHS Order](#)

**09.04.2021: BSNL EXTENDS THE VALIDITY OF BSNL MRS CARD OF BSNL RETIRED EMPLOYEES:** BSNL Corporate Office, vide its No. BSNLCO-ADMN/11(15)/2/2020-ADMN dated 08.04.2021, has issued orders extending the validity of BSNL MRS Card of BSNL Retired employees from 31.03.2021 to 30.09.2021 or till further order and has requested the Circles to take necessary action. [View the BSNL order](#)



## RESPONSE/ACTION TAKEN ON AIBSNLREA'S REPRESENTATIONS

**30.04.2021 NON-CREDIT OF GPF BALANCE OF SHRI C M UROGIN, RETD JTO, KOLHAPUR FOR THE PERIOD 16.03.1998 TO 06.06.1998 DURING WHICH THE PENSIONER SERVED IN WESTERN TELECOM PROJECT CIRCLE, MUMBAI- CCA MAHARASHTRA & GOA NOW ASKS GM (FINANCE), MAHARASHTRA CIRCLE TO TAKE UP THE MATTER WITH WTP CIRCLE, SUBMIT RESIDUAL PAYMENT AND FORWARD THE LEDGERS TO CCA OFFICE:** AIBSNLREA had been pursuing this issue since long and the last communication in the matter was made vide its No. AIBSNLREA/CHQ/99 dated 11.09.2020 [View posting dated 12.09.2020 in this website to read the letter]. Following this, CCA MH & GOA had earlier asked Kolhapur TD to furnish certain information vide its letter No. CCA/MH&GOA/GPFFP/CUM/PGP/19-20/ dated 13.10.2020 [View posting dated 16.10.2020 in this website to read the letter]. Now based on the various inputs received, CCA MH & GOA has addressed a letter to General

Manager (Finance), Maharashtra Circle requesting him to take up the matter with WTP Circle to sort out certain discrepancies as pointed out and submit the residual payment to the CCA Office at the earliest. GM(Finance), MH Circle has also been requested to forward all the GPF Ledgers from 01.04.1998 to 30.04.2019 to CCA Office. [View the CCA, MH&GOA letter](#)

**29.04.2021 BSNL, TAMILNADU CIRCLE RESPONDS TO AIBSNLREA'S REPRESENTATION REGARDING NON-REFUND OF BALANCE AMOUNT OF GPF CONTRIBUTION TO SHRI V VELAPPAN, RETD DGM, TAMILNADU CIRCLE- SAYS THAT WITHOUT ANY REPLY OR PROOF FROM COIMBATORE SSA AND MTNL MUMBAI, IT IS NOT POSSIBLE TO INTIMATE PROOF TO DOT:** AIBSNLREA had last taken up the above case of non-refund of balance amount of GPF contribution for the period the pensioner Shri V Velappan, Retd DGM worked in Coimbatore, on his joining DOT as Junior Engineer, and in MTNL Mumbai on his promotion as Assistant Engineer from 03.12.1980 to 30.09.1990 vide its No. AIBSNLREA/CHQ/2021/08 dated 09.02.2021 (view posting dated 09.02.2021 in this website to read the letter). Now, BSNL, Tamilnadu Circle, vide its No. TAC/GPF/Genl.Corr/2014-17/V.Velappan/30 dated 20.03.2021, has expressed its inability to concede to the request on the ground that "As at this distance date without any reply or proof from Coimbatore SSA and MTNL Mumbai, BSNL Tamilnadu Circle is not in a position to intimate proof to Department of Telecommunication (DoT)." [View BSNL Tamilnadu Circle letter](#)

**23.04.2021 CTD, BSNL REPLIES TO CORPORATE OFFICE IN RESPONSE TO THE LETTER FROM DGM(ESTT) REGARDING WRONG PAY FIXATION CASES OF THE OFFICIATING JTOs OF CALCUTTA TELEPHONES WHO EXERCISED OPTION FOR PAY FIXATION IN REVISED SCALE FROM THE DATE OF THEIR PROMOTION:** Earlier DGM(Estt-II) of BSNL Corporate Office had addressed a letter to Calcutta Telephones in regard to pay fixation of officiating JTOs who exercised option for pay-fixation in revised pay-scales from the date of their promotion clearly stating that 'fixation does not seem to be correct' and asking to explain how the pay-fixations were carried out. In this background, AIBSNLREA had also addressed a letter to Sr GM(Establishment), Corporate Office detailing where Calcutta Telephones had erred while issuing revised pay fixation Orders [View posting dated 03.03.2021 in this website to read this letter]. Now Calcutta Telephones has sent a reply to DGM(Estt-II) and copy of the same has been sent to AIBSNLREA in response to its letter No. AIBSNLREA/CHQ/2021/17 dated 02.03.2021 addressed to Sr GM (Estt), BSNL C.O. with Grievance Registration No. DOPPW/P/2021/02102. However, this does not address the specific issues raised by the Association. [View the CTD, BSNL letter](#)

**21.04.2021 BSNL RESPONDS TO AIBSNLREA'S REPRESENTATION TO PRIME MINISTER OF INDIA ON THE ISSUES RELATED TO BSNLMRS CONCERNING THE RETIRED EMPLOYEES:** In response to the representation of AIBSNLREA, vide its No. AIBSNLREA/CHQ/2020/119 dated 08.10.2020, addressed to Prime Minister of India on various problems faced by the retired BSNL employees with BSNLMRS, BSNL now sends the same reply as it provided earlier also [View posting dated 09.10.2020 in this website to read the letter]. The reply says that payment of medical bills has not been made since April, 2019 due to severe fund constraints and BSNL has discontinued the practice of deducting TDS at the time of posting bill in SAP. [View the BSNL reply.](#)



**15.04.2021 UP (WEST) TELECOM CIRCLE RESPONDS TO AIBSNLREA'S LETTER REGARDING RESTORATION OF THE ORDER TO CONDONE THE ADMINISTRATIVE DELAY IN ISSUING APPOINTMENT LETTER AFTER COMPLETION OF PRE-APPOINTMENT TRAINING TO SHRI AJAY KUMAR DUBEY, RETD AGM, AGRA TD FOR THE PURPOSE OF ALLOWING TRAINING PERIOD TO BE COUNTED AS SERVICE UNDER RULE-22 OF CCS (PENSION) RULES, 1972:** Following an earlier letter of AIBSNLREA, addressed to Director (HR), BSNL, on the above issue, having been forwarded to UP (West) Telecom Circle with the remarks that "The grievance of the complainant is forwarded for redressal under intimation to the complainant as Circle is competent to take decision in the matter", AIBSNLREA had addressed a letter to CGMT, UP(West) Telecom Circle requesting him to restore his Circle Office Order issued earlier vide No. UP(W)/BSNL/HR-I/6-013/Staff-2017/V/27 dated 08.01.2020 condoning the administrative delay in issuing appointment letter to Shri A K Dubey, Retd AGM or issue a fresh Order so that the pensioner can get the benefit of pension under Rule 22 of CCS (Pension) Rules, 1972 for which he is fully eligible [View posting dated 17.02.2021 in this website to read the letter]. Now, UP (West) Telecom Circle, though agreed with the all the points raised by the Association in its letter justifying the case in accordance with BSNL C.O. No. 1-15/2019-PAT (BSNL)-Part dt 26.11.2019 and Rule-22 of CCS (Pension) Rules, 1972, has replied vide its No. UPWCO-11/20(39)/1/2020-HR AND ADMIN/18122 dated 20.03.2021 expressing its inability to accept the request on the plea that "Since, no guidelines have been issued by BSNL Corporate Office regarding GoI decision (3), hence the request of Sh Ajay Kumar Dubey cannot be accepted". [View UP \(West\) Circle letter](#)



## **STATEMENT OF AMOUNT RECEIVED DURING APRIL 2021**

**Shri Gurappa S Hugar, Retd Accounts Officer, Gulbarga Telecom District, Karnataka** has deposited Rupees five thousand (Rs. 5,000/-) only in the S/B Account of AIBSNLREA with Canara Bank as donation on receiving his last and final instalment of enhanced ex-gratia along with arrears due to settlement of his long pending E5 and E6 Financial upgradations.

**Shimla Branch (Himachal Pradesh State)** has deposited Rupees one thousand two hundred (Rs. 1200/-) only in the S/B Account of CHQ with Canara Bank on 13.04.2021 as CHQ quota for 6 new Life Members.

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