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BHARAT SANCHAR NIGAM LIMITED
(A Govt. of India Enterprise)

No. BSNLCO-NWCF/14(13)/2/2020-NWO CFA/

Dated: 06-06-2023

To,

The General Secretary
AIBSNLREA, Central Headquarters,
Flat No.6, Second Floor, Subiksha Apartment,
10/41, Sowrashtranagar, 7th Cross Street,
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Sub: Display of default/ seizure notice by Greater Chennai Corporation(GCC) in Chennai BSNL exchanges - Damaging the reputation of the Government owned PSU - Request intervention to avoid such instances in the future.

This is in reference to your complaint dated 16.03.2023 regarding above cited subject. The matter was examined and the following is to be informed:

Harbour Exchange.

The taxes upto 2022-23 (pre-revision) has already been paid. GCC has revised the tax for 2022-23, which is not paid as revised tax amount is not correct. The field in-charge of CHTD had already taken up the matter with GCC. Before affixing of non payment of property TAX banner at entrance of exchange the Assistant Revenue Officer(ARO) was explained that reply from GCC is awaited in this regard and it was requested not to affix such banner but the request was ignored.

Adyar Exchnage

The taxes upto first half of 2022-23 has been paid. GCC has again revised the taxes of first half and also raised demand for second half of 2022-23 which is pending as proper rebates were not taken care of by GCC while calculating the amount. The field unit is co-ordinating with GCC for proper revision of taxes for which the reply from GCC is pending. However, BSNL ADYAR is processing the payment to GCC. Again the respective ARO of GCC was explained before affixing the banner that the payment of tax is in process and pay by date is 31.03.2023 but the request for not to affix the banner was ignored.

Further, it is informed that as per the judgment dated 21.12.2018 of Honourable division bench of High court of Madras, BSNL is required to pay tax and other local taxes w.e.f. 19.04.2011 only. The Honourable court has also directed the respondents i.e. Municipality/ Corporation to adjust the already paid property tax prior to year 2011 with the future property taxes which is to be paid by BSNL after year 2011.

In this regard, PGM CFA met the Deputy Commissioner of GCC on 16.03.2023. During the meeting, the above said issues and the judgment of Honourable division bench of High court of Madras were discussed. The Deputy Commissioner after hearing the issue agreed to remove posters & accept the request for reconciliation as per the direction of High Court. Subsequently all the posters are removed by GCC.

(Signature)
06.6.2023
(BALBIR SINGH)
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