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To,

**Shri Ravi Shankar Prasad ji,
Hon'ble Minister of Communications,
Sanchar Bhawan,
20, Ashoka Road,
New Delhi- 110001**

Sir,

Sub: - **Heartily thanking for mandating the Central and State Government Departments and the PSUs to avail BSNL's Landline, Broadband and Leased Circuit services – requesting similar mandate to be given to avail BSNL's mobile service also - req.**

Ref: - **(1) DoT letter No.F.No.19-1/2019-SU-I dated 12th October, 2020.
(2) DoT letter No.F.No.19-1/2019-SU-I dated 12th October, 2020.**

We wish to bring the following, for favour of your kind consideration and for necessary action, sir.

At the outset, BSNLEU heartily thanks you sir, for all the good steps that are being taken by your good self, for the financial revival of BSNL, such as allotment of 4G spectrum free of cost and issuing sovereign guarantee, to enable BSNL to raise Rs.8,500 crore from the market, through the issuing of bonds.

BSNLEU also heartily thanks you sir, for the above cited orders, issued by the Department of Telecommunications, mandating the Central Government Departments, the CPSEs, the State Government Departments and their PSUs to avail BSNL's Landline, Broadband and Leased Circuit services. This has been the long time demand of BSNLEU, as well as the joint platform of BSNL's unions and associations. We are very grateful to you sir, for fulfilling this demand.

At the same time, we wish to bring to your kind notice sir, that the crucial mobile service, being provided by BSNL, is not included in the DoT's letters cited above. It is needless to state that, Mobile is the most important technology in the present day communication services. In fact, a vast section of the people access the internet only through mobile network nowadays.

Hence, it is all the more important that, the Central Government Departments, CPSEs, State Government Departments and their PSUs are also mandated to avail BSNL's mobile service. In this context, it is very important to bring to your kind notice that, the entire Railway Department is availing the mobile services being provided by Reliance Jio. Many other departments and PSUs are also availing mobile services of the private operators.

It is a known fact that, BSNL was not allowed to expand its mobile networks during the period from 2006 to 2012. As a result of this, BSNL was handicapped from reaping the benefits of the exponential growth in the mobile segment, witnessed by the country during the above mentioned period. Soon after becoming the Minister of Communications in 2014, it was your goodself who made open statements to make the country to know about this fact.

From the foregoing, it becomes evident that the growth of BSNL's mobile business is very crucial to its financial revival. Hence, we earnestly implore upon you to kindly cause the DoT to issue mandate to the Central Government Departments, CPSEs, State Government Departments and their PSUs, to avail BSNL's mobile services. We shall be very grateful to you sir, if positive steps are taken in this direction expeditiously.

Thanking you,

Yours sincerely,



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