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To

Hon'ble Ashwini Vaishnaw,
Minister of Communications,
Government of India,
'Sanchar Bhawan'
20, Ashoka Road,
New Delhi – 110001.

Sir,

Sub : Request to implement III Pay Revision for employees and officers of BSNL – reg.

Ref : Letter from the office bearers of BSNL Employees Union, National Federations of Telecom Employees – BSNL, All India Graduate Engineers Telecom Officers Association and SC/ST Employees Welfare Association of BSNL dated : 16.7.2022.

I come to know that the employees and officers of BSNL who come under the purview of III Pay Revision did not get their pay revision till date. Whereas the Executive Officers of BSNL who come under the VII Pay Revision of the Union Government have got their pay revision.

Citing the financial crunch of BSNL, the management of BSNL has not implemented the III Pay Revision for the employees and officers of the BSNL.

BSNL is facing the financial crisis not because of the inefficient performance of the employees and officers of BSNL but because of the policy decisions of the Union Government.

Let me give the reasons for the financial crisis of BSNL as follows : -

1. BSNL as a public sector unit was not given level playing field and hence it could not successfully compete with the private telecom companies.
2. In order to extend its services, the BSNL was not allowed to purchase 2G equipments from 2007 to 2012. Hence BSNL could not give mobile services. As a consequence the BSNL was recording losses since 2009-10.

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3. While the private telecom companies are ready to extend 5G services, the BSNL was not even allowed to give 4G services by the Union Government.

Had the BSNL been given the level playing field, it would have been the leader in the telecom sector. Due to the improper and pro-corporate policies of the Union Government, the BSNL once a leader in the telecom sector is now pushed aside.

I conclude that the employees and officers of BSNL are in no way responsible for the financial health of the company. The Union Government should introspect and try to save the BSNL by giving it the level playing field in the telecom sector.

I earnestly request you to implement the III Pay Revision for employees and officers of BSNL since 1.1.2017. Any further delay in implementation of III pay revision would cause damage to the morale of the employees and officers of the BSNL.

Expecting your positive action.

Thank you.

Yours sincerely,

(S. VENKATESAN)

Encl : As referred above.