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Dear Shri. Narendra Modi ji,

I am forwarding herewith a Memorandum submitted to me by the "All Unions and Associations of BSNL" (AUAB) requesting the intervention of Hon'ble Prime Minister for expeditious launching of 4G Service by BSNL and speedy implementation of BSNL's Revival Package, announced on 23-10-2019.

It is pertinent to mention as explained in the Memorandum that BSNL is already lagging behind the Private Telecom Service providers by 4 years, so far as the 4G technology is concerned. Since the Government delayed allotment of 4G spectrum to BSNL, it could not launch its 4G service on time. Until now, BSNL is providing 2G and 3G services only. Hence, it is losing huge revenue from the 4G customers. BSNL is unable to come out of its loss, since it could not compete with other operators, who are having 4G technology. The Government of India approved a Revival Package for BSNL and MTNL, on 23.10.2019. **The Revival package consists of i) Allotment of 4G spectrum to BSNL and MTNL. ii) Land Monetisations for repayment of loans and for meeting the expenditure for Network expansion and rolling out of 4G service. iii) Approving of Rs.8,500 Cr Sovereign Guarantee to BSNL, for issuing long term Bonds. iv) Implementation of a Voluntary Retirement Scheme for the employees.**

But, recently the Government has directed BSNL to cancel its 4G Tender, based on the complaint from the Telecom Equipments and Services Promotional Council (TEPC), which is an industry body. Thus, BSNL's ambitious Revival Plan has become a big question mark. Another decision contained in the Revival Package is the monetisation of BSNL's surplus lands, for the repayment of about Rs 25,000 Cr of loans and for meeting the expenditure towards expansion of Network. AUAB, through this Memorandum appeal to the **Hon'ble Prime Minister** that BSNL's surplus lands should be sold only at the Market rate and through a trustworthy and transparent process.

It is the foremost duty of the Government of India to protect the BSNL so as to render better Service to the Nation Considering the importance of this issue, I would therefore, request your good self to kindly intervene in this matter and favourably consider the demands and concerns put forth by the AUAB and kindly do the needful to ensure that the concerned authorities examine this matter in a time bound manner for the expeditious launching of 4G service by BSNL and speedy implementation of BSNL's Revival Package, announced on 23-10-2019.

Thanking You

Yours sincerely,

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