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BSNLEU/604(DEV)

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To,

(1) Shri K. Rajaraman,
Secretary, Telecom,
Department of Telecommunications,
Ministry of Communications,
Sanchar Bhawan, 20, Ashoka Road,
New Delhi-110 001.

(2) Shri P.K. Purwar,
Chairman & Managing Director,
Bharat Sanchar Nigam Ltd.,
Bharat Sanchar Bhawan,
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Janpath, New Delhi – 110001.

Respected sir,

Sub: - **Recognised Unions and Associations of BSNL are kept in the dark, regarding the merger of MTNL and BBNL with BSNL - requesting to immediately hold the consultation- req.**

Ref: - (1) BSNLCO-PF/1/2022-PF-BSNLCO dated 23rd August, 2022.
(2) BSNLEU letter no. BSNLEU/604(DEV) dated 08.09.2022.

We wish to bring the following to your kind notice, for favour of necessary action.

The BSNL Corporate Office, vide it's letter cited under reference (1), has formed Committees on the merger of BSNL & BBNL, as well as the merger of BSNL & MTNL. It is stated in that letter that, the Union Cabinet has taken decision on 27th July, 2022, approving the merger of MTNL and BBNL with BSNL. In this connection, we would like to draw your kind attention to the following:-

BSNLEU, which is the Main Recognised Representative Trade Union in BSNL, vide it's letter cited under reference (2), had raised certain important issues, regarding the mergers. BSNLEU had demanded that, MTNL's huge debt of Rs.26,000/ crore should be taken over by the government. Further, BSNLEU had expressed it's concern over the condition of MTNL's mobile and landline networks, which are in shambles. BSNLEU had pointed out that, restoration of MTNL's networks would involve a huge amount and that, BSNL should not be made to bear this burden. Similarly, BSNLEU had also demanded that, the HR issues that are likely to arise consequent to the merger of BSNL and MTNL, should be taken care of, before it becomes too late.

It is disturbing to note that, the Recognised Unions and Associations have not been consulted so far, regarding the proposed mergers of MTNL & BBNL with BSNL. The employees of BSNL are important stakeholders of the Company. The mergers are going to have far reaching impact on the employees. Still, we are at loss to understand as to why the Recognised Unions and Associations, representing the employees, are being kept in the dark, regarding the mergers.

Even though, BSNLEU has raised the aforementioned issues 4 month ago, vide letter cited under reference (2), the Management has not even shown the slightest inclination to consult the Recognised Unions and Associations of BSNL.

In view of the foregoing, we earnestly urge upon you to kindly ensure that, the Unions and Associations of BSNL are duly consulted on the important matter of merging MTNL & BBNL with BSNL.

Thanking you,

Yours sincerely,

[P. Abhimanyu]
General Secretary

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