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## ***Resolution passed in the Central Executive Committee meeting of BSNLEU, held online on 01.11.2022, on BSNL's 4G launching.***

The Central Executive Committee meeting of BSNLEU, held online on 01.11.2022, took serious note of the inordinate delay in the launching of 4G service by BSNL. When the private telecom companies are getting ready to launch their 5G service shortly, it is extremely disappointing to note that, BSNL is not even being allowed to launch its 4G service. Since, BSNL is unable to provide high speed data service, its customers have started leaving the Company massively.

The TCS, which has been identified to supply 4G equipments to BSNL, has so far not completed its Proof of Concept. Further, media reports state that, no meeting point has been reached between the TCS and the BSNL Management, on the question of fixing the price of the 4G equipments. Under these circumstances, news is also appearing in the media that, BSNL may drop the proposal of procuring equipments from the TCS and may approach Reliance Jio, for fulfilling its requirements for the supply of 4G equipments. All these developments suggest that, BSNL is not likely to launch its 4G service in the near future.

On one side, the government has made big announcements regarding the 2<sup>nd</sup> Revival Package given to BSNL. But on the other side, the government has imposed the unrealistic condition that, BSNL should procure its 4G equipments only from domestic vendors. This has put BSNL in a total disadvantageous situation, vis-a-vis the private telecom companies. It is important to mention here that, all the private telecom companies have procured their 4G equipments only from global vendors viz., Nokia, Ericsson and Samsung. Again, they have struck deals with the above mentioned global vendors, for the procurement of their 5G equipments.

As such, there is no logic in the condition imposed by the government on BSNL alone that, the Company should procure its 4G equipments only from domestic vendors. This CEC meeting wishes to point out that, the 2<sup>nd</sup> Revival Package announced by the government will not help in the revival of BSNL, unless BSNL is allowed to launch its 4G and 5G services without delay.

Hence, the meeting resolves to demand that, the government should allow BSNL to launch its 4G service immediately, through upgradation of its existing equipments and also by permitting the PSU to procure its equipments from reputed global vendors.

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