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**BSNLEU /408 (BSNL MRS)**

**20.05.2021**

To,

**Shri Ravi Shankar Prasad ji,  
Hon'ble Minister of Communications,  
Government of India,  
Sanchar Bhawan,  
20, Ashoka Road,  
New Delhi- 110 001**

Respected Sir,

Sub: - **Vaccinating BSNL employees on priority basis, treating them as Frontline Workers – req.**

Ref: - **BSNLEU letter no.BSNLEU/408(BSNL MRS) dated 02.03.2021.**

With reference to our letter cited above, we would like to once again invite your kind attention to the following issue.

Vide our letter cited under reference, we have already appealed to you to take the necessary steps, to treat the BSNL employees as "Frontline Workers" and to vaccinate them on a priority basis. It is needless for us to state that, Telecommunications has been declared by the government as an essential service. In view of this, the BSNL employees, especially those who are involved in the operations and maintenance activities, and also the employees posted in the Customer Service Centres, have been directed to attend their duties, even in places where Lockdown has been implemented.

Thus, the BSNL employees are risking their lives, for providing telecommunication services to the people of this country. In view of the nature of duties being carried out by the BSNL employees, they are highly susceptible to contracting COVID-19 infection. It is horrifying to know that 135 BSNL employees have lost their lives in the last 30 days alone, due to COVID-19. This figure speaks volumes about the vulnerability of the BSNL employees to COVID-19.

In view of this, we once again earnestly implore upon you, to kindly take the necessary steps for getting the BSNL employees declared as the "Frontline Workers" and to vaccinate them against COVID-19, on a priority basis. We shall be very grateful to you, if the needful actions are taken at the earliest on this matter.

Thanking you,

*Yours Sincerely,*

**[P. Abhimanyu]**  
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