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To

Shri Anupam Shrivastava,
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Sir,

Sub: - Ambiguous answer given to Parliament Question on outsourcing the maintenance of BSNL's BTSs - req.

Kindly recollect the discussion that we had with you yesterday, on the subject.

We have brought to your kind notice that a question has been raised in the Lok Sabha on 07.02.2018 (unstared question no.781). It was asked whether BSNL proposed to hand over maintenance of BSNL towers to private companies. In reply to the question, Shri Manoj Sinha, Hon'ble Minister of State for Communications, had replied that BSNL had floated a tender for outsourcing the maintenance of 26,287 BTSs. Further, the Hon'ble Minister had also stated that BSNL's Employee Unions had not opposed the aforesaid outsourcing arrangement.

We were startled to note the reply given by the Hon'ble Minister. In yesterday's meeting we expressed our anguish in this regard. BSNL Management, especially the CMD BSNL periodically discusses the developmental activities with the General Secretaries of the major unions and associations. However, we never informed by the Management, at any point of time, that BSNL had taken action to outsource the maintenance of 26,287 BTSs.

However, in the discussion held yesterday, we were informed that, BSNL floated the above mentioned tender 3 years ago, and that the tender had got stuck in litigation, due to the case filed by some private agency in the Supreme Court. Further, we were also told that neither the Management Committee nor Board of Directors of BSNL had approved the above stated outsourcing, and thus the matter was not discussed with the unions and associations.

We wish to place on record our resentment, to the manner in which the reply to the Parliament Question has been prepared by BSNL Management. The reply given by the Hon'ble Minister in the Parliament had projected the Recognised Union of BSNL in a poor light. In this connection, we wish to state that the Management could have prepared an unambiguous reply to the Parliament Question, by stating that, the matter had never been discussed with the unions and associations. This would have avoided the unpleasant situation. We requests that our protest may kindly be taken note of, for preparing future answers to the Parliament Questions.

Thanking you,

Yours sincerely,


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