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To,

Shri Narendra Modi Ji
Hon'ble Prime Minister,
Government of India
South Block, Raisina Hills,
New Delhi – 110 001

Respected Sir,

Sub: - **Merger of BSNL and MTNL will do irreparable damage to the revival of BSNL – requesting for your kind intervention - req.**

Most respectfully, we wish to bring the following to your kind notice for favour of your necessary intervention. BSNLEU is the major Recognised Union in BSNL, which is continuously taking steps to motivate the BSNL's workforce, to improve the quality of services, as well as the financial condition of the Company.

Reports are appearing in the media that, the government is taking action to merge BSNL, MTNL and the BBNL, with the view to convert them into a single entity. The Financial Express dated 21.03.2022 has also reported that, the DoT has floated a Cabinet note for the merger of BSNL, MTNL and BBNL.

In this connection, we wish to express our serious concern regarding the merger of BSNL and MTNL. The BSNL employees are genuinely concerned that, the merger of MTNL with BSNL will certainly ruin the financial condition of the latter. Due to this reason, right from the beginning, the employees of BSNL have been firmly opposing the merger of BSNL and MTNL.

Under these circumstances, a news item has appeared in the Business Line dated 21.03.2022, carrying the remarks made by Shri P.K. Purwar, CMD BSNL, regarding the financial condition of MTNL. According to the Business Line, the CMD BSNL has told that, the debt of MTNL is Rs.26,000/- crore, whereas it's revenue is only Rs.1,300/- crore. The CMD BSNL has further told that, the interest payment of MTNL to the tune of Rs.2,100/- crore. More interestingly, the CMD BSNL has remarked that, **the MTNL is in the ICU and any day it can be declared dead**. He has also stated that **a catastrophe is waiting to happen in MTNL**.

Shri P.K. Purwar, the CMD BSNL, who is also the CMD MTNL has made no bones about the serious financial condition of BSNL. Under these circumstances, it is disturbing to hear that the government is moving fast to merge MTNL with BSNL. Already BSNL is struggling hard to come out of it's financial crisis. In this situation, if MTNL is merged with BSNL, it will only do irreparable damage to the financial revival of BSNL.

In view of the foregoing, we fervently appeal to you to kindly drop the proposal to merge MTNL with BSNL. Alternatively, the government should take over MTNL's debt of Rs.26,000/- crore. In addition to this, the government should also provide sufficient financial assistance to BSNL, for the rehabilitation of the networks of MTNL. This demand is being raised because, both the mobile, as well as landline networks of MTNL are in a dilapidated condition.

Hence, we earnestly urge upon you to kindly look into this issue and to kindly take appropriate action to safeguard the interests of BSNL.

Thanking you,

Yours sincerely,

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