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To

**Shri J.S. Deepak,
Secretary,
Department of Telecommunications,
Sanchar Bhawan,
New Delhi - 110001**

Respected Sir,

Sub: - **Free spectrum and financial assistance to BSNL - reg.**

Kindly recall your meeting with the undersigned on 18.10.2016 regarding the above issue.

You are fully aware that BSNL is struggling to improve its finances, provide a better service to the customers and restore its past glory.

After 4 years of loss, it has posted operational profit in 2014-15 as also in 2015-16 and is expected to be profitable by 2017-18. The programmes implemented and continued to be implemented like "Customer Delight Year", "Service With A Smile" etc. as also the beneficial packages for the customers, BSNL will improve its position, financially as well as in providing service.

The main issue for BSNL is the scarcity of funds. For the last six months or so, BSNL has been providing maximum number of mobile connections, say 20 lakh or more and still continues to be the leader. If sufficient funds are made available, there will be much more progress.

It was not that BSNL was not having funds. The Rs. 40,000 crore surplus fund was mostly taken for spectrum charges to the extent of Rs.18,500 crores, refund of an imaginary loan of Rs.7,500 crore at high interest rate etc.

BSNL was assured financial assistance at the time of its formation, like ADC, refund of licence fee and liberal assistance from USOF for providing loss making services in villages and remote areas for implementation of the universal connectivity policy of the government. All these, except USOF support, are arbitrarily discontinued putting BSNL in a fix.

Now that the spectrum auction is over and the government have received about Rs.66,000 crore from the same, it is our request that a portion of the same, say about Rs.10,000 crore be given to BSNL as assistance or as refundable loan without interest. It is also requested that the 700 Mhz and 800 Hhz spectrum which had no bidders in the last auction may be allotted free to BSNL. This will help BSNL as also government, since private operators will bid for the same to face the competition. This will help BSNL in a big way for recovery. As promised earlier, either the licence fee for BSNL be waived or refunded. It is also requested that the government honour its assurances and commitment made at the time of formation of BSNL, on which 3.5 lakh workers got absorbed themselves in the PSU.

As a representative of the DoT & BSNL Pensioners Organisation, I may submit that many of our issues are also connected with the future of BSNL.

Expecting favourable decision.

Thanking you,

Yours faithfully,

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