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To,

**Shri Anupam Shrivastava,
CMD BSNL,
Bharat Sanchar Bhawan,
Janpath, New Delhi – 110 001**

Sir,

Sub: - Proposed curtailment of payment for outdoor treatment with voucher and without Voucher- req.

Ref: - **Letter of AGM(SR) No.BSNL/39 -1/SR/2018 Dated 01-03-2018 addressed to the recognized unions.**

BSNL management vide letter referred to above has proposed.

- 1) to reduce the annual ceiling of outdoor treatment to both employees and retired employees to 12 days of Pay with DA as per the existing orders with retaining the existing provisions like waiver of outdoor ceiling in case of Chronic diseases etc. and
- 2) to withdraw the medical allowance without voucher facility to retired employees in cities covered by CGHS facility.

We strongly protest against the above proposals and request your immediate intervention to desist from such a move.

It is mentioned in the letter that the above measures are proposed due to the financial constraints of BSNL. While appreciating the concern of the management we are of the firm opinion that drastic reduction in the annual ceiling, about 50%, will put the lower salaried employees and retirees into difficulties. And it will be a great discrimination to deny the quarterly medical allowance being paid to retirees residing in CGHS covered places. Now, availing CGHS facilities by the BSNL pensioners is only optional and most of the BSNL pensioners are unwilling to opt CGHS due to lack of sufficient facilities and the required medicines in the CGHS dispensaries/wellness centers.

In this connection, we have a reasonable and simplified suggestion which may be helpful to reduce the expenditure to a great extent.

A uniform amount, irrespective of pay, be determined both for yearly ceiling for outdoor treatment with voucher and for payment of quarterly medical allowance without voucher as the consultation fees to doctor and cost of medicines are one and the same for lower salaried and higher salaried employees / retirees.

A reasonable amount be fixed as the annual ceiling of outdoor treatment with voucher with retention of existing provisions like waiver of ceiling for chronic diseases etc.

So also uniform monthly medical allowance of Rs.2,000/- be paid to all the retirees for outdoor treatment without voucher. Medical allowances are being paid monthly and uniformly by the central government and most of the PSUs including banks.

It is hoped that the above suggestion be considered positively.

Thanking you,

Yours faithfully,

K.G. Jayaraj

General Secretary.

Copy to: Ms. Sujata T. Ray, Director (HR), BSNL, Bharat Sanchar Bhawan, Janpath, New Delhi.