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31st October, 2020

To,

(1) Shri Anshu Prakash,
Secretary,
Department of Telecommunications,
Sanchar Bhawan, 20, Asoka Road,
New Delhi-110001

(2) Shri P.K. Purwar,
CMD, BSNL
Bharat Sanchar Bhawan,
Janpath,
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Sir,

Sub: - <u>Indefinite delay and breach of assurance in payment of balance 8% Ex-Gratia to the VRS -2019 retirees-intervention sought - reg.</u>

We are constrained to bring to your kind notice an issue of utmost importance which warrants your intervention for early settlement. As you are well aware that the Ex-Gratia payment to the BSNL VRS-2019 retirees were to be paid in two equal installments, first in March, 2020 and second in June, 2020 as per the assurance given during the implementation of VRS. This was rightly pointed out in our earlier letter dated 27-06-2020.

But instead of two installments, it was later made four and the fourth installment of 8% is being delayed indefinitely. The delay is attributed to the failure of BSNL in settling hundreds of cases with disputed LPD and caste certificate. We are quite aware of the efforts being taken by Director(HR), BSNL who is issuing letters at regular intervals to the Circles for early settlement of pending cases. However, it is noticed that no positive result is seen for obvious reasons; mainly due to no clear directive and lack of accountability. And as such, nobody can predict as to when it could be settled by BSNL.

In these circumstances, we naturally feel that further delay in the payment of 8% ex-gratia will put the VRS retirees into unnecessary mental agony and distress. Therefore, we request DoT to kindly allot necessary fund for the balance of 8% Ex-gratia covering all the cases, including the disputed cases, to BSNL so that BSNL could make payment in undisputed cases immediately and in the case of disputed cases, BSNL may make payment as and when cleared. The balance, if any, could be returned to DoT.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

K G Jayaraj General Secretary

Copy to: (1) Shri. P K Sinha, Member (Finance), Department of Telecommunications, Sanchar Bhawan, New Delhi-110001

(2) Shri. Arvind Vadnerkar, Director (HR), BSNL, Bharat Sanchar Bhawan, Janpath, New Delhi-110001