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10th July, 2021

To,

Shri P.K. Purwar,
CMD BSNL,
Bharat Sanchar Bhawan,
Janpath, New Delhi – 110 001

Sir,

Sub: - Proposal to call fresh option for 2020-21 by BSNL CO from BSNL retirees for change to without voucher, medical allowance- request to withdraw the proposal- reg.

Ref: - **BSNL CO 4/ 2021/ ESTT FIN dated 07-07-2021.**

Regarding the contents of this letter, we are at a loss to understand the rationale or justification for calling for fresh option for 2020-21 when majority of the retirees have already submitted the option with all the required documents. The only thing warranted now is to grant an extension of time limit for submission of option by the remaining retirees who could not submit the option within the stipulated time limit of 30-06-2021 due to the pandemic situation as requested vide our letter dated 02-07-2021.

The reason attributed for the fresh option that changes in Bank account, change of address etc due to switch over of a large number of retirees/ VRS retirees to CGHS are far from convincing. On the contrary it has created a lot of confusion, discontent and anger among the retirees and they naturally think that it is a ploy to harass and deny the medical benefits to them. It is absolutely impossible and rather dangerous also in the present worsening pandemic situation to collect all documents again and submit the fresh option by those who have already submitted the option for 2020-21. If at all, if any document missing, these could be collected by the Circle/ SSA from such retirees.

One thing brought to our notice in this regard is that the name and other particulars of the retirees who migrated to CGHS are being deleted from the software once their one time subscription to CGHS is reimbursed. This is causing difficulties to effect payment of medical bills/ allowance for the period prior to migration to CGHS. This problem has to be resolved at the earliest.

It is pertinent to point out that BSNL management has failed to do justice to the aged and ailing retirees by refusing payment of medical bills and allowance for the last three years. The management may show a bit of sympathy to them by desisting from further harassment in the form fresh option.

We hope good sense would prevail to withdraw the controversial letter under reference or modify to limit the same to those who are yet to submit the option.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

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General Secretary.

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