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**Dated: 10.10.2019**

To,

Shri. Anshu Prakash,  
**Chairman (DCC) & Secretary (T),**  
**DoT, Govt. of India,**  
New Delhi -110001.

**Subject: Request for issuance of Press Release against the false and fake report/news published in some Print/Electronic Media on 08.10.2019 regarding Closure of BSNL- Reg.**

**Respected Sir,**

**We would like to draw your kind attention regarding fake and false News published in some Print Media including Financial Express dated 08.10.2019 with the Caption "Closing bell? Finance Ministry wants BSNL, MTNL closed down" which drastically affected and tarnish the image of BSNL amongst the Public, Esteemed Customers, BSNL Vendors and Employees.**

**It is very surprising and shocking to note that a false propaganda against the BSNL is being spread in the Print and Social Media despite GOM has given their recommendation for the Revival of BSNL and after the Group of Secretaries' Meeting held on 26.09.2019 at PMO, the discussions are going in positive direction with the concurrence of Finance Ministry and we are expecting with a fond hope that the Revised Cabinet Note will be approved by the Union Cabinet in the last week at least before Diwali.**

**We, All India Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited Executives' Association (AIBSNLEA) representing over 20000 Executives is a leading and responsible Executives' Association of BSNL, is of the firm view that such fake news are leaked out by some Business Houses with ulterior motive and to grab the valued Customers of BSNL and to defame the image of the Govt. PSUs i.e. BSNL/MTNL. The false news spread in the Social Media adversely affected the BSNL Revenue and credit worthiness of the BSNL amongst the Customers, Public, Nationalized Banks, as well as BSNL Vendors. The fake news going viral in the Social Media demoralized and de-motivated the BSNL Employees also.**

The State owned BSNL is formed on the Specific Agenda of the Govt. of India as per National Telecom Policy-1999 to provide World Class Telecom Services in India including the NE Region/Rural/Hilly/Far- flung/Tribal areas at an affordable rates in 2000 by the Union Govt.

Even the State owned BSNL is declared as Incipient Sick Unit by the DPE (Department of Public Enterprises), but as Per the NITI Aayog and DPE Norms, BSNL is comes under the Higher Priority and Strategic Sector and providing Telecom Services for the Security of the Nation, performing Sovereign Functions and Market Imperfections as per the Specific agenda of the Govt. of India and providing Services in Natural calamities as social obligations and cannot be closed or sold out or Disinvested. But the misleading reports were appeared in the Print/ Electronic Media against BSNL with vested interest to tarnish the image of BSNL and to reduce its Customer Base.

**In view of the foregoing, we feel that it is the bounden duty of the Govt. of India (DoT) and BSNL Management to condemn such false and fake news immediately and we would request your good self to kindly issue a press release from the Govt. (DoT) and BSNL Management side against the false and fake news in the Print, Electronic and Social Media and explaining the latest status of the BSNL Revival Plan so as to bring the confidence amongst the Valued Customers of BSNL, Public, and also to boost the morale of the employees.**

**With kind regards,**

Yours sincerely  
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(S.Sivakumar)  
General Secretary

**Copy to:**

- 1. Shri. Shri Rajiv Kumar, Finance Secretary, Ministry of Finance for info and n/a pl.**
- 2. Shri. P. K Purwar, CMD, BSNL for issuance of a press release against the false and fake news.**