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No. AIBSNLEA/CHQ/Secy(T)/2020

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Shri Anshu Prakash, IAS Secretary (Telecom) and Chairman DCC, DoT, Sanchar Bhawan, New Delhi.110001

Subject: Request for allotment of USO Fund Projects to BSNL on Nomination Basis and to give a chance to BSNL to fulfill the dream of Hon'ble Prime Minister for the New India.

Reference: No. AIBSNLEA/CHQ/Sect(T)/2020 Dated 01.01.2020

Respected Sir,

We would like to draw your kind attention on the above cited letter, wherein we have requested that the LWE-II and other Projects may kindly be allotted to BSNL on nomination basis so as to utilize the resources efficiently and effectively for the welfare of the Nation as well as the State Owned BSNL.

USOF has successfully executed several prestigious Projects of National importance, which are basically to connect the uncovered areas by providing the Telecom Facilities based on the latest Technology through BSNL, such as NOFN, LWE, NFS, MARR, VPTs and RDEL etc., which are funded by USOF and are/were executed by BSNL on nomination basis successfully to the satisfaction of the intended purpose.

LWE Phase-1 is one of the Projects, which were completed successfully in record time and now is being satisfactorily maintained by BSNL. This Project was envisaged to provide Mobile connectivity in LWE Area and the Project has got appreciation from one and all, including National Security Advisor. In view of the foregoing, it is pertinent to mention that USOF Projects are basically related to the Areas which are commercially unviable and only because of the BSNL operations for a pretty long time; these Areas become viable.

Earlier efforts of USOF to unnecessary push the Private players into USOF has resulted only in delaying the Projects like "2G GSM in some of the areas of NE" and none of the Project got successfully completed. BSNL being the Government Agency and having resources at ground level on all the unconnected places can best deliver the Projects in time bound manner and it has its own reputation for executing such Projects successfully.

Recently, USOF has notified an Open Tender for the provision of 4G based Mobiles Services at MHA identified Tower locations in uncovered Villages and along National highways in Meghalaya.

Union Cabinet in its meeting dated 23.10.2019 has also approved allotment of dedicated 4G spectrum to BSNL. Accordingly, BSNL is in a position to provide 4G Services as envisaged in the Tender.

Considering the above facts and the presence and infrastructure of BSNL in these Areas, for providing Mobile Services in left over LWE area with desired advantage to maintain homogeneity in Network and seamless mobile connectivity, it is requested that the current Task of provision of 4G based Mobiles Services at MHA identified Tower locations in uncovered Villages and along National highways in Meghalaya may kindly be allotted to BSNL on nomination basis so as to utilize the resources efficiently and effectively for the Welfare of the Nation as well as the State Owned BSNL.

With kind regards,

Yours Sincerely, -sd-S.Sivakumar (General Secretary)

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