

## **FORUM OF BSNL UNIONS / ASSOCIATIONS**

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**Circular No.5**

**07<sup>th</sup> August, 2015**

**To**

**General Secretaries of all Unions  
and Associations of Forum.**

*Comrade,*

I wish to draw your kind attention to the following:

**(1) *Demonstrations on 12.08.2015, protesting the decision of the Cabinet for the formation of a Subsidiary Tower Company.***

We have come to know through the media that, the Cabinet, in its meeting held on 05.08.2015, has given approval for the formation of a Subsidiary Tower Company. All the 65,000 mobile towers of BSNL, will be hived off to the Subsidiary Tower Company, through this decision. The entire Unions and Associations have been opposing right from the beginning, the idea of forming a Subsidiary Tower Company. It is one of the most important issue in the charter of demands on which the entire BSNL employees went on a two day strike on 21<sup>st</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> April, 2015. The decision of the Cabinet is detrimental to the future of BSNL. The Forum has decided to hold nation wide protest demonstrations on 12.08.2015, protesting the decision of the Cabinet for the formation of Subsidiary Tower Company. I request you to inform your circle and district units to effectively participate in this demonstration.

**(2) *Massive post card campaign for the revival of BSNL***

In the Forum meeting held on 26.06.2015, it has been decided to conduct a massive "post card campaign" in the month of August. It is also decided that this campaign is to be conducted from 10th to 22nd August, 2015. The decision of the Forum is that one post card should go from each of the 2.25 lakh BSNL employees, to the Hon'ble Minister of Communications, demanding immediate steps for the revival of BSNL. The text of the post card shall be as follows:-

**"Hon'ble Minister of Communications & IT is requested to immediately settle the demands submitted by the Forum, for the revival of BSNL."**

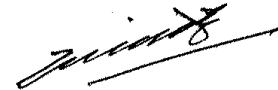
The post card should be signed by the individual employee, with his name, designation and the name of the SSA. If the task of sending the post cards is left to the individual employees, everyone may not send the post card. Hence, it is decided that the Forum at the SSA level should undertake the responsibility of purchasing the post cards in bulk, get the matter hand written on the post cards, obtain the signatures of the employees, and finally post the post cards. Let us arrange to send one post card from each of the 2.25 lakh BSNL employees. Let us make the Minister and the government to understand the determination of the BSNL employees to revive BSNL.

Address of the Minister of Communications & IT:

Shri Ravi Shankar Prasad,  
Minister of Communications & IT,  
Sanchar Bhawan, 20, Ashoka Road,  
New Delhi 110001

**(3) Campaign for widening BSNL's mobile and landline customer base.**

The Forum has already called upon the BSNL employees to conduct a massive campaign to popularise the "Night Free Call Scheme", as well as the "Free Incoming on Roaming Scheme", and thereby widen BSNL's mobile and landline customer base. The impact of the implementation of the Night Free Call and Free Roaming schemes is being regularly reviewed by the Forum, through its interaction with the CMD BSNL and Director (CFA). As per the information given by the CMD BSNL, in the review meeting held on 24.07.2015, the number of mobile connections given by BSNL stood at 11 lakh and 15 lakh in the months of June and July, 2015, respectively. Whereas, the number of mobile connections given before the implementation of the Free Roaming, i.e., in the month of August was only 8.6 lakh. Similarly, due to the introduction of the Night Free Call scheme, surrender of landlines has got reduced to 30,000 to 40,000 per month. Before the introduction of the Night Free Call scheme the surrender was 1,20,000 landlines per month. Further, it is reported that 10 circles have turned positive in the landline segment, after the implementation of the Night Free Call scheme. All these details show that with more effort we can definitely achieve the revival of BSNL. Hence, I request you to kindly ensure that your circle and district units actively participate in this campaign.



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