

## ALL INDIA BHARAT SANCHAR NIGAM LIMITED OFFICERS' ASSOCIATION

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To Shri Kuldeep Goyal, Chairman & Managing Director, Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited, New Delhi - 110 001.

Subject: Request for deduction of one day's pay from the salary of the BSNL Employees for the month of September 2008 as contribution towards relief work for the victims of the devastating flood in Bihar and also a contribution from the Company for the same cause.

Sir,

We, like any other common human being, are deeply concerned about the miserable plight of our fellow country men in Bihar who have fallen victims to the devastating flood in Bihar due to breach of a dam on the river Koshi in Nepal. It is not known when the flood water will recede. It is reported that 'more than 35 lakh people in distant villages in Bihar have been displaced and around 2.5 lakh houses have been destroyed. Water levels continue to rise amid heavy rains. The water could stay for around three months, increasing the risk of waterborne diseases. Surging waters have swamped 100,000 hectare of farmlands, destroying wheat and paddy crops worth millions of rupees. With no respite in sight, thousands of people, some with all their belongings on their heads, have been walking away from their flooded homes through narrow and submerged roads in Bihar.' A lot of support is needed to rehabilitate them. The situation in Bihar is really a very grim one. Our Hon'ble Prime Minister has called it a National Calamity.

- 2. At this juncture, our members wish to make some contribution for the cause of the flood victims. Accordingly, we would like to contribute one day's pay from our salary for the month of September 2008. We would, therefore, suggest that:-
- (1) One day's pay may be deducted from the salary of all Employees for the month of September 2008 for the assistance and relief work of the flood victims.
- (2) BSNL may, as first installment, immediately contribute to the Prime Minister's Relief Fund from its own account on behalf of the Employees and adjust the same from the contribution to be collected from the employees which could be completed only in the first week of October 2008. The excess amount of contribution by the Employees, if any, after adjustment can again be remitted as second installment.
- (3) The Company i.e. BSNL may also consider to contribute for the same cause from its Fund.

3. We also offer our services for restoration of telecommunication services in the flood affected areas if it becomes necessary.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

(V.P.Arya) General Secretary

## Copy to:

- Shri S D Saxena, Director (Finance), BSNL Board, New Delhi 110 001.
- 2. Shri Gopal Das, Director (HRD), BSNL Board, New Delhi 110 001.
- Shri Siddhartha Behura, Secretary, Department of Telecommunications, New Delhi 110 001.
- Shri A Raja,
   Hon'ble Minister of Communications & IT,
   Government of India,
   New Delhi 110 001.