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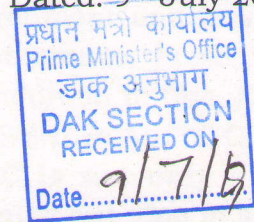
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To

Shri Narendra Modi,
Hon'ble Prime Minister of India,
New Delhi.



Subject: Efforts to take over Advanced Level Telecom Training Centre, Ghaziabad, New Delhi by Department of Telecommunications from BSNL – regarding

Respected Sir,

We are constrained to seek your kind attention towards the illegitimate move by the Department of Telecommunications to take over, one of the important assets of BSNL, the Advanced Level Telecom Training Centre Ghaziabad - the apex training centre of BSNL well-built and equipped with latest telecom technology. ALTTC is a vast campus of around 80 acres of the value of thousands of crores.

2. In this connection, we want to draw your kind attention towards the fact that when BSNL was formed during the regime of Late Shri A B Vajpayee as Prime Minister, the Cabinet had decided to transfer all the assets and liabilities of provisional value of Rs.63000 crores of the erstwhile Department of Telecom Operations to BSNL as on 1.10.2000.

3. A few months back when BSNL started facing financial crunch, the PMO had intervened and held a meeting with BSNL and DoT authorities on 02.04.2019 regarding revival of BSNL and MTNL. One of the important decisions reported to have taken in the meeting that **“DoT to aggressively pursue and lead the phased monetisation of assets of BSNL and MTNL. DIPAM shall actively facilitate the entire process and the monetisation plan should be pursued by the CEO, NITI AAYOG.” “The proceeds of the monetisation shall *inter alia* be utilised for funding the VRS and servicing the debt of the two PSUs.”**

4. The present Minister of Communications Shri Ravi Shankar Prasad has also reiterated the commitment of the Government to revive BSNL and MTNL, as Hon'ble MOC feels the presence of these two PSUs in the sector is essential. According to reports, he has asked the DoT to submit a Cabinet Note at the earliest for revival package for these two PSUs, which also includes monetisation of the assets of PSUs.

5. At this crucial juncture when revival of BSNL and MTNL is under active consideration by the Government, on 21.06.2019, the DoT has issued an Office Memorandum for in-principle taking over of ALTTC campus by DoT for establishing National Telecom Institute for Policy Research, Innovation and Training (NTIPRIT). This NTIPRIT is already working in Administrative Block of ALTTC Building, where the BSNL is also conducting its own training courses. Other administrative offices of ALTTC are also situated in the same Admin block. The NTIPRIT has hardly conducted 20/30 training classes for around 500/700 trainees in the last two years.

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6. ALTTC, Ghaziabad is the apex training institute of BSNL, and having strategic importance for BSNL, conducting hundreds of training classes not only for internal candidates but also for national and international students, engineering graduates and other IT persons. ALTTC is conducting training classes for the employees of other telecom service providers. It was setup as a joint venture of ITU, Geneva, UNDP and the Government of India in the year 1975. It imparts excellent training in all fields of Telecom technology, viz. Digital Switching, mobile communications, GSM, 3G, CDMA, Data communication, Broadband, Database administration, server administration, optical network and network planning, among others. ALTTC also runs summer training to aspiring communication and IT engineering students, which attracts a large number of candidates than any other institution. ALTTC has an excellent faculty and learning environment and imparts high quality training at the same time enforcing discipline and strict adherence. Presently, about more than 200 employees are working in ALTTC Ghaziabad. In addition to this, ERP nodal center and HQ of Global Mobile Satellite Service (GMPS) Centre of BSNL in ALTTC Ghaziabad, where hundreds of employees are working. **For BSNL, ALTTC is not only a telecom training center for national and international telecom fraternity but also is a revenue earner for BSNL.** In addition to this we want to provide following information for your kind consideration which shows that how ALTTC important to BSNL

(i) During the year 2018-19, ALTTC conducted about 600 courses, whereas total courses conducted by ALTTC in the year 2017-18, was about 425.

(ii) More than 11,000 trainees participated in various courses in the Year 2018-19 whereas in the year 2017-18, more than 8000 trainees participated in various training programs.

(iii) Apart from this, ALTTC is also conducting training programs for ITU - Asia Pacific. Some recently conducted training programs are **"Evolution & Emerging Trend of Broadband Access Technology"** and **"Cyber & Information Security - Internal Audit"**.

7. According to PMO, the DoT has to pursue and lead the phased monetisation of BSNL and MTNL assets, it appears that the DoT's illegitimate move to take over BSNL's asset is aimed at thwarting the Government's efforts to revive/restructure BSNL and MTNL. We feel that the DoT's move to take over the asset of BSNL is unlawful and smacks of authoritarianism.

8. In these circumstances, we find no alternate other than to seek your immediate intervention and to cause instructions to DoT to put on hold the 'taking over process' and may be asked to concentrates on revival of the two PSUs of national and strategic importance, the BSNL and MTNL.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

(Rakesh Sethi)

General Secretary

Encl: As stated

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