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To  
Dr. Manmohan Singh,  
Hon'ble Prime Minister of India,  
New Delhi

**Sub: Draining of BSNL resources at a time when BSNL's falling revenue is a cause for concern - reg**

Hon'ble Sir,

We are constrained to seek your kind attention to the manner in which BSNL resources are being drained out at a time when its declining revenue continues to remain a cause for concern.

2. While on one hand austerity measures are being advocated by the BSNL Management, on the other hand BSNL's resources are drained unnecessarily to keep a section of unabsorbed officers merry. When the entire absorbed employees and executives of BSNL were deprived of Bonus for the first time in 25 years, these unabsorbed officers were pampered with a gift of Blackberry mobile sets costing upto Rs.30000/- each. And, now Blackberry services with 3G BIS unlimited plan is being provided to the officers of BSNL Corporate Office, from MTNL, again costing around Rs.3099/-per month per connection. We fail to understand the rationale behind this spending spree, particularly when the Government of India's concern about the security issues related to Blackberry remains unresolved.

3. Earlier BSNL resorted to leasing of vehicles for 50% of its PGMs and GMs through a tripartite agreement between M/S MSIL, M/S L&T Finance Ltd. (Lessor) and the BSNL (Lessee). The PGMs or GMs are the users of the vehicle and entitled for a reimbursement (per month) of an amount of Rs.5000 and Rs.4000 respectively for driving charges and also cost of 120 litres and 100 litres of fuel respectively. These officers will carry the vehicles with them on transfer and shall become owners of the vehicle on retirement by paying the pre-closure charges. *We had earlier pointed out that this was in violation of DPE guidelines issued vide its No.DPE/3(4)/2008-Fin. Dated 8th October, 2009 with a view to ensuring availability of adequate resources for meeting the objectives of critical development and priority schemes.*

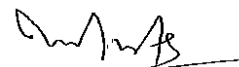
4. We would also like to point out that there is violation of another guideline of DPE vide its letter No.10(2)/09-DPE (WC)-GL.XV/09 dated 8<sup>th</sup> June 2009, which states that **"It may be emphasized that the pay revision of the executives is a total package and the scales, perks and allowances should not be mixed. Accordingly the executives getting CDA pay scales will continue to get benefits, perks and allowances applicable to the CDA scales and executives who are getting IDA pay scales will get perks and allowances applicable to IDA scales."** It is pertinent to mention here that the beneficiaries of the above orders by BSNL would be the senior Officers of DOT working in BSNL on deputation and drawing pay and allowances on CDA scales. Therefore reimbursement of fuel charges and driving charges for leased vehicles, which are not a part of perks and allowances allowed with CDA scales, is completely against the essence of the above said DPE guideline.

5. Since you are really concerned with the survival and growth of BSNL as a Government owned PSU, we thought it appropriate to bring all these to your notice, with a hope that your intervention will put an end to this type of extravaganza enjoyed by a section of the officers who are on virtual indefinite deputation at the cost of BSNL.

6. We therefore request your urgent intervention in this matter to arrest the unwarranted expenditure.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,



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