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Dated: 23rd April 2020

To

Shri Ansu Prakash,
Secretary,
Department of Telecommunications,
New Delhi.

Sub: Extending the benefit of payment of compensation of Rs.10 lakhs to all employees of BSNL to cover death due to Covid -19 while discharging official duties - reg.

Ref: Department of Posts letter No.100-4/2020-Pen. dated 17.4.2020

R/Sir,

We draw your kind attention to the Department of Posts letter cited under reference (copy enclosed), wherein provision has been made for payment of compensation of Rs.10 lakhs to all Departmental employees of Department of Posts and all categories of Gramin Dak Sevaks (GDS) succumbing to the disease while brought on duty. This decision has been taken on the grounds that Post Office is performing departmental duties as well as serving the social cause in COVID-19 crisis times.


2. There can be no second opinion on similar importance of BSNL services, as is being highlighted by the media in one or other corner of the country during the COVID-19 crisis. When every citizen of India is staying safe in their homes, in order to provide them the much-needed connectivity to gather information, keep in touch with their near and dear, BSNL employees are performing exemplary services in the field and offices. In the process, they are exposed to infection by the Corona Virus. Ministry of Home Affairs, in its O.M. No.40-312020-DM-I(A) dated 15.04.2020 has listed operation of utilities providing telecommunication and internet services functional during the second phase of the lockdown, as it is an essential service.

3. When both the DoP and DoT come under the same Ministry of Communications, employees performing the essential services rendered by both these two Departments need to be treated in the same manner without any discrimination.


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4. Hence, we request you to kindly cause issue of an order extending the benefit of payment of compensation of Rs.10 lakhs to all employees of BSNL also, to cover any unfortunate death due to Covid -19 while discharging their official duties.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,

(Rakesh Sethi) 23/4/2020
General Secretary

Enclosure: As stated

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2. Shri P.K.Purwar,
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