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To

Shri Anupam Shrivastava,
Chairman and Managing Director,
Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited,
New Delhi.

Subject : Situation arising out of disconnection of electricity services due to non-payment to exchanges and Tower sites - reg

R/ Sir,

We are constrained to draw your kind attention towards delay in payment towards current consumption charges by the field units due to shortage in cash flow for the past two months. While some Circle Heads, like the CGM Kerala have taken up the issue with the concerned State Electricity authorities and have ensured that no disconnection of electricity is done due to non-payment of electricity bills, the situation is entirely different in other circles.

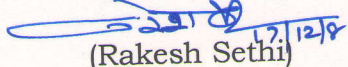
2. For example, in Tamilnadu Circle, in the absence of any such understanding between BSNL and the Tamilnadu Electricity Board (TNEB), electricity has been disconnected for many exchanges and tower sites, affecting our mobile services and consequent loss of revenue. This may become a vicious cycle. Efforts taken by the Executives locally to request the TNEB not to disconnect the services have failed. Our Circle Secretary, Tamilnadu has taken up the issue with the CGM Tamilnadu circle but there has been no change in the stand taken by the TNEB that BSNL does not fall under 'Government' category and therefore disconnection will be the automatic consequence of non-payment of bills. This, despite the fact that BSNL has never in the past suspended its services to TNEB offices for non-payment of BSNL bills.

3. It is reported that recently some funds have been received but these funds are far from sufficient to pay the pending electricity bills.

4. We therefore request you to kindly advise all Heads of Circles to have active liaison with the State Electricity Boards immediately and to ensure that disconnection of electricity to our exchanges and sites is not resorted to by them.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,


(Rakesh Sethi)
General Secretary

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