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To
Dr A Raja,
Minister of Communications & IT,
Government of India,
New Delhi 110 003.

Subject: TRAI recommendation to stop payment of Access Deficit Charges to Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited by Private Operators – Requesting your kind and immediate intervention.

Sir,

We are shocked to learn from media reports that the TRAI has recommended to Government to discontinue payment of Access Deficit Charges by the Private Operators to Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited despite the fact that the Private Operators are yet to fulfill their obligation to towards rural network. These Operators are always found to have their services mainly in urban areas with the objective to have better profit margin. Ultimately, it is the state run Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited which is taking care of the telecom need of the people of rural areas. Thus, there is no genuine ground to allow the Private Operators from not paying the Access Deficit Charges. The fact that TRAI has also recommended that Government pay Rs 2000 crore to BSNL confirms that TRAI itself is not fully convinced that there is no need to compensate BSNL. But it is not understood how TRAI has concluded that Rs 2000 crore is all that BSNL deserves to be paid as compensation. Further why Government should pay on behalf of the Private Operators ?

2. We strongly believe that TRAI's recommendation is unjust and unfair. It is also to give undue concession to the Private Telecom Operators and further weaken the financial base of BSNL. We, therefore, strongly oppose the recommendation of TRAI and urge you to kindly intervene in the matter so that the recommendation is rejected to protect the interest of BSNL.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

(V.P.Arya)
General Secretary

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