ALL UNIONS AND ASSOCIATIONS OF BSNL (AUAB)

No: UA/2019/65 17.01.2019

To,

Shri Manoj Sinha Ji, Hon'ble Minister of State for Communications (I/C), Sanchar Bhawan, 20, Asoka Road, New Delhi, 110001

Respected Sir,

Sub: - Non-settlement of the demands- reg.

We wish to draw your kind attention to the following for favour of necessary action.

The AUAB issued notice for going on Indefinite Strike from 03.12.2018. Discussions took place between the Secretary, Telecom and the AUAB on 02.12.2018. The Hon'ble Minister of State for Communications (I/C) held talks with the AUAB on 03.12.2018. Assurances were given for the expeditious processing / settlement of the demands of the AUAB, viz., settlement of 3rd Pay Revision, Allotment of 4G spectrum to BSNL, settlement of Pension Revision, implementation of Government Rule on Payment of Pension Contribution by BSNL and settlement of left out issues of the 2nd PRC.

The Hon'ble Minister of State for Communications (IC) was also kind enough to inform that an Institutional Mechanism would be put in place, to monitor the processing / settlement of the assurances given by him. More than one and half months have already elapsed since the meeting was held between the Hon'ble Minister of State for Communications (IC) and the AUAB. We are sorry to inform that not much improvement is observed in the settlement of our demands.

As regards the formation of the Institutional Mechanism is concerned, the AUAB demanded that it should be presided over by the Additional Secretary, Telecom. However, our request was not accepted. A Committee (Institutional Mechanism) was formed with the Joint Secretary (Admn.). A meeting of the Committee was held on 10.01.2019. Our apprehensions with regards to the efficacy of the Committee with the Joint Secretary (Admn.), have proved to be true. The DoT side of the Committee miserably failed to give any information related to the status of the demands.

After taking part in the meeting of the Committee held on 10.01.2019, the representatives of the AUAB met the Additional Secretary, Telecom, and conveyed their anguish about the functioning of the Committee (Institutional Mechanism). The Additional Secretary, Telecom, in turn, held some discussions with the representatives of the AUAB. He also assured that further talks would be held in the following week. However, we are told that no meeting would be held this week, as was assured, since the Additional Secretary, Telecom, was busy.

Under these circumstances, we are constrained to inform you that the DoT is not interested in settling our demands and is simply buying time. Hence, we wish to inform that we would be compelled to go on the strike, which has been deferred at the intervention of the Hon'ble Minister of State for Communications (IC).

Thanking you,

Yours sincerely,

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