

ALL UNIONS AND ASSOCIATIONS OF BSNL

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Shri

His Excellency Governor,

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MEMORENDUM

Sub: - Memorandum regarding formation of BSNL's Tower Subsidiary Company.

Hon'ble Sir,

We are extremely thankful to your kind honour, for granting a meeting to all the All Unions and Associations of BSNL, to submit the memorandum regarding the pressing issue of creation of BSNL's Subsidiary Tower Company. The decision of the Government to form BSNL's Subsidiary Tower Company is seriously agitating the minds of the entire BSNL employees. The hiving off of BSNL's 66,800 mobile towers to the Subsidiary Tower Company, will certainly jeopardize the future of BSNL and it's employees. About 1.25 lakh mobile BTSs are installed on these Towers. The decision of the Union Cabinet that the Subsidiary Tower Company would function under the control of BSNL Management, has been violated, with the appointment of an IAS officer as the CMD of the Subsidiary Tower Company, even without the knowledge of the BSNL Board.

The formation of the Subsidiary Tower Company is nothing but depriving BSNL of it's tower assets. The existing mobile services and the future expansion plans of BSNL will be seriously affected by this decision. It is the considered opinion of the Unions and Associations of BSNL that, the formation of a Subsidiary Tower Company will be detrimental to BSNL. The Unions and Associations of BSNL are of the firm view that, formation of the Subsidiary Tower Company will ultimately culminate into it's privatisation, through the route of strategic sale, and thereby ruining the future of BSNL. The entire employees and their Unions and Associations of BSNL vehemently oppose the formation of the Subsidiary Tower Company and request the Government to roll back the same.

The employees and the Management are taking all out efforts for the revival of BSNL. As a result of this, the financial position of the Company has improved significantly, and the same is acknowledged and appreciated by the Hon'ble Minister of State for Communications (I/C). Under these circumstances, absolutely there is no need to split BSNL into pieces.

The BSNL unions and associations have also conducted various agitational programme, such as demonstration, Dharna, two days strike on 12th & 13th December, 2017, and March to Sanchar Bhawan on 23rd February, 2018. Rolling back the decision of the government to form the Subsidiary Tower Company is an important demand of all these struggles. In spite of all these opposition from the employees to the formation of the Subsidiary Tower Company, it is not known what compels the Government to go ahead.

Under these circumstances, the Unions and Associations of BSNL urge upon your honour to kindly recommend to the Government of India to take immediate steps to roll back the decision to create the Subsidiary Tower Company of BSNL, to Save BSNL.

With kind Regards,

Yours Sincerely

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