UNIONS AND ASSOCIATIONS OF BSNL

22nd November, 2016

To

- (1) Shri J.S. Deepak
 Secretary,
 Department of Telecommunication
 Sanchar Bhavan,
 20, Ashoka Road,
 New Delhi-110 001.
- (2) Shri Anupam Shrivastava,
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 New Delhi 110001.

Sir,

Sub: Notice for agitation against formation of a Subsidiary Tower Company – reg.

The entire employees of BSNL are very much disturbed to learn that the government is moving fast to form a Subsidiary Tower Company, by hiving off all the mobile towers that are being presently owned by BSNL. 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. It is being assured that the proposed Subsidiary Tower Company will be fully owned by BSNL. However, at a time when the government is moving fast in the direction of disinvesting / privatising the public sector undertakings, there is no guarantee that how long the proposed Subsidiary Tower Company will remain as a government company.

The employees and the Management are taking all out efforts for the revival of BSNL. As a result of these, the financial position of the Company has improved significantly, and the same is acknowledged and appreciated by the Hon'ble Prime Minister, in his Independence Day speech. In such a situation, formation of a separate tower company is totally unwarranted. Neither the BSNL Management, nor the government has been able to tell the employees how the formation of a Subsidiary Tower Company is going to benefit BSNL.

On the other hand, the employees are having a genuine apprehension that, the formation of a separate tower company is being done with the ultimate objective of privatising BSNL. This has already been communicated to the government and to the Management on a number of occasions. The BSNL unions and associations have also conducted various agitational programme, such as demonstration, dharna, etc., against the proposal to form a Subsidiary Tower Company. In the two day strike held on 21st & 22nd April, 2015, this was raised as an important issue. Inspite of all these opposition from the employees to the formation of a Subsidiary Tower Company, it is not known what compels the government to go ahead.

Under these circumstances, the unions and associations of BSNL have decided to conduct the following agitational programme, against formation of the Subsidiary Tower Company.

- (1) Day long dharna throughout the country on 25.11.2016.
- (2) Strike on 15.12.2016.

The unions and associations of BSNL request the government to drop the proposal to form a Subsidiary Tower Company.

Thanking you, Yours sincerely, (RANA PRATAP) (N.D.RAM)

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