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Dated:-25-07-2016

To,

Shri Arvind Panagariya Vice Chairman Niti Ayog Patel Chowk New Delhi.

Subject:- Strategic sale of BSNL – reg.

Respected Sir,

We are extremely sorry to write to you as the imagination of strategic sale of PSUs including BSNL has spread like wild fire into e entire country and more than two lakhs fifty thousand employees of the entity greatly perturbed over the issue. This has necessitated to seek your kind attention in the matter.

It is humbly submitted that the "National Federation of Telecom Employees (BSNL)" is second recognized and representative union in the company and represent thousands of non-executive staff. In this situation you will appreciate, Sir, we are stake holders in the company.

We may submit that there has been series of natural calamities (Earth quake, floods, Sunami etc) in Andaman – Nicobar, Gujrat, Uttarakhand, J and K, Tamilnadu, Odisha, Andhra etc and during the turbulent period the BSNL provided services to the distressed personnel whereas the private operators interested for earning profits have run away from the field. These facts can be verified from the central and state Govts, if necessary. Thus the PSU is serving the people of the country.

It will not be out of context to state that the Ministry of Communication during UPA régime has not permitted the BSNL to procure equipments which largely and greatly affected the expansion of services and company become loss making. However, the employees worked hard in recent years and placed the PSU in operational profit for two successive years. It is not only showing upward trend but it is matter of a year or so when the giant PSU, BSNL, will be in profit as a whole. The Govt, DOT, has still not refunded to BSNL the money of surrendered spectrums.

In this situation imagination of strategic sales in unwarranted and NFTE is strongly opposed to this. The disinvestment via strategic sale will affect the future of staff also besides creating anxieties and frustrations.

Under the circumstances we request you to please make it convenient to supply to the union the relevant papers and documents on the basis of which strategic sale has been thought over. Hope in the name of fair play and transparency the request of the union will be acceded to.

With esteemed regards,

Yours sincerely,

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To.

Shri Manoj Sinha Hon'ble Minister of Communication Sanchar Bhawan New Delhi

Sub:- Proposed strategic sale of BSNL - reg.

Hon'ble Sir.

At the outset we are extremely pleased that you have taken over the charge of Ministry of Communication and looking forward that your experienced and dynamic leadership will help in acceleration of further growth of BSNL services. We, on behalf of Unions of National Forum of BSNL Workers extend a warm welcome and assure you our unstinted cooperation for better services to the public.

It is submitted that the "National Federation of Telecom Employees (BSNL)" which is heading "National Forum of BSNL Workers" is second recognized and representative union in the BSNL for non-executive staff. We are unfortunate that we could neither write nor meet you in time due to pathetic condition in my family forcing me to keep away from Head Quarter.

Some time past news appeared in the media that the "Niti Ayog" is considering for disinvestment of BSNL through strategic sale. The Union has written to "Niti Ayog" on 25-07-2016 and a copy of the same is enclosed for information. The union is very strongly opposed of any such move as it will not be at all beneficial to the PSU.

We may mention that the BSNL is presently on revival path and it is now in operational profit of more than Rs. 3,000 crores and it has acquired customers in all the services more than all the Tele Companies. Any talk of disinvestment at this juncture will prove counter productive as a sense of insecurity will develop amongst the work force. Need of the hour is that BSNL services should grow and expand which is possible when PSU does not feel crunch of shortage of materials and equipments. This should get best attention of the ministry.

The BSNL is continuously discharging the social obligations and responsibility of Govt. since inception and providing rural telephony. Apart from above during calamities at Andaman-Nicobar, Bhuj, Uttarakhand, J & K, Tamilnadu etc. the BSNL has served the people unlike private companies which cared only for profits. Therefore, the usefulness of the BSNL cannot be overlooked as far as service to the people of the country is concerned.

We, therefore, solicit you to kindly intervene so that the idea / imagination of strategic sale is dropped and PSU is provided adequate funds including refund of claims and dues pending with the DOT.

With best regards,

Yours sincerely

(Chandeshwar Singh) General Secretary