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To:

Sr. Citizen's Case

Hon'ble Shri Ashwini Vaishnav, Minister for Communications, Sanchar House, Ashoka Road, New Delhi 110001.

Respected Sir,

Sub: Revalidation of BSNL Medical Card and payment of Cash Allowance with/without vouchers facilities to retired Employees – A Request to modify BSNLCO Letter dated 07.07.2021.

Sir, we write to convey our heartiest greetings on your becoming our most respected Communication Minister who is equipped with all resources to understand the issues of Sr. Citizens – in our case BSNL Retirees – and to minimize their hardships by adopting reasonable and just humane procedure keeping in view their age-related issues. Sir, by this letter we wish to bring to your kind notice how the pensioners are systematically placed in agonistic situation and have to run from pillar to post for get their legitimate rights available to them.

Through this letter we wish to bring to your kind notice, such one example for your knowledge. We are fully aware that you have multiple responsibilities and it will be nearly unreasonable for us to expect to take your time but the circumstances have placed into such a situation that we can not keep silence. We cite one example as under:

- 1. BSNL Corporate office has issued instruction vide his No: BSNLCO/4/2021 dated 7th July 2021 citing its earlier orders dated 08.05.2020 and 10.06.2020 on the subject "Revalidation of BSNL Medical Card and payment of Cash Allowance with/without vouchers facilities to retired Employees" (Copy enclosed).)
- 2. On face value, it seems simple and no one should have any grievance had it been issued for current financial year 2021-22.
- 3. For your kind information, since 2019-20 onwards BSNL Pensioners have not received their in-door/out-door medical claims who has opted with vouchers.
- 4. Also, who have opted for fixed cash medical amount without vouchers have not received their payment, which will be Rs.24000 per pensioners. Needless to say, that though they have incurred huge expenditure towards their outdoor medical treatment,

- due to their old age, inability to personally visit the office and save themselves from humiliation, they have opted for the fixed amount.
- 5. We therefore seek your kind favor to accept all the Options for with and without vouchers and for CGHS for the year 2019-20 and 2020-21, which are already received by the respective office may be treated as final and suitable early action should be initiated to effect the payment.
- 6. Further, the present order may be implemented for the current year 2021-22 and date for submission should be kept as 30th September 2021 and clear instruction for online acceptance of option with required details and option forms maybe initiated by the BSNL Corporate office.
- 7. Further in order to relieve from the burden of medical payment, dialogue should be initiated with health ministry to issue the CGHS Medical cards to all the BSNL Pensioners who are opting for the same and the payment against such facilities should be given by BSNL Corporate Office as per availability of finance in a phased manner.

Sir, we lookward to have sympathetic consideration to our prayer and save the senior citizen from further agonies.

With regards,

Yours Sincerely

(D.D. MISTRY)

Secretary BSNL/PSU, Bharat Pensioner Samaj

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- 1) Hon'ble Narendrabhai Modi, PM, Govt. of India, New Delhi.
- 2) The CMD, BSNL, New Delhi.
- 3) The Secretary, DOT, New Delhi.
- 4) The Director (HR), BSNL, New Delhi.
- 5) The SG BPS New Delhi.