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To,
Shri Jyotiraditya M. Scindia Ji
Hon'ble Minister of Communications
Government of India
Sanchar Bhawan, New Delhi.

Subject: Appointment of a regular CMD in BSNL on urgent basis and discontinuation of the prolonged ad hoc arrangement - Regarding.

Respected Sir,

With utmost respect, Bharatiya Doorsanchar Manch (BDM) wishes to express its deep concern over the continued extension of the ad-hoc arrangement for the post of Chairman & Managing Director (CMD) of Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL). We wish to highlight that BSNL, a strategic public sector undertaking in which the Government has made substantial investments of approximately ₹3.22 lakh crore for revival and strengthening, **continues to function without a regularly appointed CMD through repeated extensions on look after basis for almost two years now.**

BDM has been highlighting the matter of regular appointment of CMD BSNL since May 2025 through various representations and memorandums but the ad-hoc arrangement still continues despite availability of many eligible officers for the job. **The continued ad-hoc arrangement on additional charge basis for the highest executive post of a strategic PSU like BSNL for almost two years now is not in line with the needs of the organisation and it must be stopped immediately now. It will be pertinent to mention that even regular CMDs, many a times, get tenure of two years and here in BSNL, the ad-hoc arrangement will continue for more than two years now with the latest extension.**

It will also be pertinent to submit that from DoT, officers who are in HAG grade (Sr. DDG Level) or above on the date of creation of vacancy i.e. 15.07.2024 were eligible to apply for the post of CMD BSNL. Subsequent to the completion of tenure of previous CMD on 15.07.2024, additional charge was extended to Shri A. Robert J. Ravi, DDG (SR&I) from DoT. **Thereafter, six extensions for holding additional charge as CMD, BSNL were granted and now a seventh extension has been issued vide OM dated 12.05.2026.**

It is further submitted that the interviews for the shortlisted officers who applied for the post of CMD for BSNL were conducted in March 2025. The PESB found **all the shortlisted candidates unsuitable for the position and recommended the formation of a search committee to identify a suitable candidate.** However, despite passage of considerable period, no suitable candidate has still been finalized for the post of CMD and the ad-hoc arrangement for CMD BSNL still continues. **It is understood that search committee has also not notified/published anything with regard to the Selection of regular CMD BSNL till date which is further cause for worry.**

We would like to submit that during this period, appointments/promotions to several other senior positions, including Member level positions in the Digital Commission, Director General of Telecom, Advisors in DoT, and various HAG level posts in DoT as well as BSNL, have been made. In such circumstances, the continued non-finalization of a regular CMD for BSNL is matter of serious concern.

The matter assumes greater significance at a time when BSNL has rolled out the indigenous 4G technology, which represents an important step in India's technological self-reliance and places it amongst the select league of five nations. The involvement of BSNL in "critical projects of national importance" and "Aatmanirbhar Bharat" requires **stable, accountable, and full-time leadership**. Uncertainty at the top leadership level of BSNL creating concern not only amongst employees but also for the general public, especially when BSNL is expected to improve operational revenue, market position, customer base, and give best quality of service.

In view of the facts mentioned above, the appointment of a full time regular CMD is very much needed now and the practice of giving repeated short term extensions on additional charge basis must be stopped.

Hence, Bharatiya Doorsanchar Manch humbly requests your kind intervention on the following:

1. Directions to the concerned authorities to end the present ad-hoc arrangement and appoint a regular CMD BSNL either through search committee or any other route as deemed fit on immediate basis.
2. Seek records to ascertain the reasons for the non-finalization of a regular CMD till date.

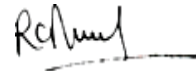
Sir, BSNL is a vital national asset and hence continuity in the leadership is essential for achieving the country's telecom and digital objectives. We also reaffirm the strong commitment on behalf of employees of BSNL to ensure the execution of all the steps being planned for the revival of BSNL and the fulfilment of the national telecom objectives being entrusted to BSNL.

We sincerely request for your kind intervention in this matter.

With Highest Regards,



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1. **Shri Narendra Modi Ji**, Hon'ble Prime Minister of India, Seva Tirth, Raisina Hills, New Delhi, 110011 with an humble appeal for intervention.
2. **Dr. Pemmasani Chandra Sekhar Ji**, Hon'ble Minister of State for Communication, Sanchar Bhawan, New Delhi.
3. **Dr. P K Mishra**, Principal Secretary to Hon'ble Prime Minister of India, Seva Tirth, Raisina Hills, New Delhi.
4. **Smt. Mallika Srinivasan**, Chairperson, Public Enterprises Selection Board Public Enterprise Bhawan, CGO Complex, New Delhi.
5. **Shri Amit Agrawal**, Secretary, Department of Telecom, Sanchar Bhawan, New Delhi.
6. **Shri Surendra Kumar Pandey Ji**, General Secretary, Bharatiya Mazdoor Sangh (BMS), Dattopant Thengadi Bhawan, New Delhi with an appeal to take up the matter with appropriate authorities.
7. **Shri Ashok Kumar Ji**, All India Secretary & Telecom Prabhari BMS, Dattopant Thengadi Bhawan, New Delhi.