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Ministry of Communication
Department of Telecommunications

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New Delhi-110001
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To


Shri Chandeshwar Singh,
General Secretary, NFTE,
MS-II, Q. No. 21 & 17, Atul Grove Road,
New Delhi-110001

Subject: PMO reference – forwarding copy of letter dated 17.2.2017 of Shri Chandeshwar Singh, General Secretary, NFTE regarding recommendation of “Niti Aayog” for sale of BSNL/Transfer to states and Formation of subsidiary tower company in BSNL- reg.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to your letter No. TF.6/4 dated 17.2.2017 forwarded by the Prime Minister's Office vide ID No. 180/31/C/2/2017-ES.I dated 3rd March, 2017 on the subject mentioned above and to state that as per inputs received from NITI Aayog, at present there is no proposal regarding closure of BSNL. The proposal regarding formation of a separate tower company as a 100% subsidiary of BSNL is as per “in principle” Cabinet decision of 2015.

Yours faithfully,


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NATIONAL FEDERATION OF TELECOM EMPLOYEES

BSNL

(Regn. No. 4906 dated 17/9/2001)

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TF-6/4

Dated:-17-02-2017

To,

Shri Narendra Modi
Hon'ble Prime Minister of India
New Delhi.

Subject:- Recommendation of "Niti Ayog" for sale of "Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited/Transfer to states and Formation of Subsidiary Tower Company in BSNL – reg.

Respected Sir,

It is very respectfully submitted that the "National Federation of Telecom Employees (BSNL)" is recognized and representative union in PSU and represents the grievances and problems of thousands of employees. The BSNL came into existence on 1st October, 2000 sequel to corporatarisation of Telecom Services by 1st NDA Govt. The Govt took cabinet decision to keep the BSNL, financially strong and viable as it was also required to discharge social obligations of the Govt.

The financial condition of the company started dwindling as UPA Govt did not allow the PSU to procure equipments and materials for expansion of the services. This caused erosion in revenue considerably and entity entered into the arena of loss. However, the management and workforce strived hard during last three years due to which it is now in operational profit in thousands of crores.

We are, however, extremely sorry to express that the recent recommendation of "Niti Ayog" for sale of BSNL and its transfer to states has generated avoidable resentment and anguish amongst the employees specially when the company is on path of revival and is in operational profit for last two years. You have been kind enough, Sir, to declare the above while addressing the nation on 15th August, 2016. Despite this vital fact the "Niti Ayog" has sent pernicious proposal to Telecom Ministry.

It is worthwhile to mention that at the time of corporatarisation the then NDA Govt took cabinet decision and asserted to keep the BSNL financially strong. The

recommendation of "Niti Ayog" is arbitrary and unwarranted. The sale or transfer of BSNL to states will deprive the public to avail Telecom Services at affordable rates.

The employee are alarmed over another issue of formation of a separate "Subsidiary Tower Company". The proposal is dangerous and will destroy the BSNL. The condition of "MTNL" is an example before us although it is providing Telecom Services at Mumbai and Delhi only contrary to BSNL which is providing services in far flung and remote areas.

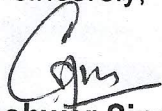
Sir, we wish to state that on 13th/14th instant the representatives hailing from different states assembled at Calicut, Kerala and discussed the twin issues at length and decided to approach your goodself with the following request in largest interest of all.

- (I) The pernicious and arbitrary recommendation of "Niti Ayog" be discarded and rejected.
- (II) The proposal for formation of separate Tower Company be dropped and cancelled.

We hope and trust that the requests will be considered in the interest of nation and public.

With deep regards,

Yours sincerely,


(Chandeshwar Singh)
General Secretary