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To,

Circle Secretaries,  
Central office-bearers,  
and District Secretaries.

***Let us provide uninterrupted services,  
while ensuring our personal safety.***

Comrades,

The COVID-19 (Corona Virus Disease-19) is spreading like a wild fire. So far, it has spread in 198 countries. When this circular is being issued, 5,33,000 people are infected by this disease world over and more than 24,000 people have already died. In India, more than 600 people are affected and 19 have died so far. No medicine has so far been discovered, to prevent or cure this killer disease. To contain the spread of Corona Virus Disease, the Government of India has closed down the entire nation for a period three weeks from 24th March, 2020.

Even though the nation has been closed down for three weeks, the people have to be provided with water supply, electricity and essential commodities. It is needless to state that, telecommunication services are essential for maintaining electricity and water supplies, as well as the supply of essential commodities. Hence, the networks of BSNL have to be maintained and operated even at this critical juncture, without any interruption.

Whenever natural calamities like cyclones, floods, etc., struck the country in the past, it was only BSNL which has stood with the affected people. It has provided uninterrupted telecommunication services, for carrying out the relief and rescue operations. Similarly, in the present scenario also, when the country is faced with an extreme danger from the Corona Virus, BSNL is expected to play it's due role.

The BSNL Corporate Office, vide it's letter dated 24.03.2020, has issued detailed guidelines regarding the maintenance and operations of telephone exchanges, OFC networks, BTSs, BFC, MSC, DSAM, OLTs, etc. Further, it has also issued instructions, regarding steps to be taken, to ensure the safety of the employees.

Thus, it is needless to state that, the field staffs of BSNL have to carry out their duties, so that the un-interrupted services of BSNL are made available to the people. At the same time, they have to ensure their personal safety also. Medical experts have suggested precautionary measures to avoid the infection of the Corona Virus. Wearing masks, frequently washing hands with soaps, disinfecting hands by using sanitisers, etc. have been advised, to keep the disease away.

At this juncture, the CHQ earnestly appeals to our comrades to compulsorily follow these precautionary methods and avoid themselves getting infected with the COVID-19. The circle and district secretaries are requested to continuously monitor, whether the arrangements as stipulated in the above mentioned Corporate Office letter, are being made at the field level.

We have to ensure the maintenance of BSNL's services. Simultaneously, we have to ensure the safety of our field level comrades also. Any issue which needs to be taken up by the CHQ in this connection, may promptly be brought to the notice of the General Secretary over phone and through WhatsApp or email.

Thanking you,

*Yours fraternally*

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