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**BSNLEU/516 (QRTs)**

**12.11.2020**

To,

**Shri Ravi Shankar Prasad ji,  
Hon'ble Minister of Communications,  
Government of India,  
Sanchar Bhawan,  
20, Ashoka Road,  
New Delhi- 110 001**

Respected Sir,

Sub: - **Steep increase in the rent to be paid by BSNL VRS retirees for the staff quarters - requesting for your kind intervention to mitigate their sufferings - req.**

We wish bring the following to your kind notice, for favour of necessary intervention.

The BSNL Management has steeply increased the rent of BSNL Staff Quarters, to be paid by the retired employees of BSNL. This has created a huge burden to the good number of employees who had voluntarily retired under the VRS-2019, which has been implemented as a part of BSNL's Revival Package.

At a time when the whole country is facing the crisis created by the COVID-19 pandemic, compulsions are there on the part of the VRS retirees to continue to occupy their Staff Quarters, till the situation improves. This is because, it is extremely difficult to get house on rent, during this pandemic situation. Thus, the huge increase in the rent of the Staff Quarters has come as a 'Bolt from the Blue' to the VRS retired employees.

It is needless to state that the 79,000 and odd employees of BSNL had opted to prematurely retire under the VRS, as a part of the Revival Package announced by the Government of India. As such, the Management of the Company is duty bound to treat these employees with honour and dignity. However, the BSNL Management is treating these VRS retired employees as "wastes thrown into the dustbin". This is very distressing. The steep increase in the rent of the Staff Quarters is given in the table below:-

| Type I   | Type II  | Type III  | Type IV  | Type V   | Type VI   |
|--|--|---|--|--|---|
| Existing : 3908/-<br>New : 6010/-<br>Increase : 2102/- | Existing : 5659/-<br>New : 8082/-<br>Increase : 2423/- | Existing : 9467/-<br>New : 13621/-<br>Increase : 4154/- | Existing : 12891/-<br>New : 18835/-<br>Increase : 5944/- | Existing : 17117/-<br>New : 26169/-<br>Increase : 9052/- | Existing: 24033/-<br>New : 38265/-<br>Increase :14232/- |

We have already taken up this matter to the notice of the CMD BSNL vide our letter no. BSNLEU/516 (QRTs) dated 15.09.2020 (copy enclosed). However, neither we have received any response, nor the VRS -retired employees have got any relief. Under these circumstances, we are bringing this matter to your kind notice, with the fond hope that you will make necessary intervention in this matter, for safeguarding the interests of the employees who have opted to retire under VRS, for the sake of the revival of the Company.

Thanking you,

*Yours Sincerely,*



**[P. Abhimanyu]**  
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Enc: As above.

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