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Dated: 2nd August 2019

To

Shri P. K. Purwar Ji, Chairman and Managing Director, Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited, New Delhi.

Sub: Request for review and modification in consolidation of SSAs into Business Areas with particular reference to Tirunelveli & Nagercoil SSAs in Tamilnadu – regarding

Ref: Our letter No.AIBSNLOA/CHQ/2019/21 dated 29th May 2019

Sir,

We had brought to your kind notice vide our letter cited above that during consolidation of SSAs into business areas, Tirunelveli SSA in Tamilnadu Circle has been consolidated with Nagercoil SSA notifying Nagercoil as Business Area.

- 2. We had pointed out that for the following reasons, it will be logical and rational that Tirunelveli is treated as Business Area with Nagercoil consolidated with Tirunelveli BA.
- (a) As far as geographical area is concerned Nagercoil SSA is having two SDCAs while Tirunelveli has 6 SDCAs.
- (b) The Sivagiri telephone Exchange is about 100 KMs North west of Tirunelveli HQrs and the Koodankulam Telephone Exchange is about 80 KMs East from Tirunelveli H.Qrs. Similarly, the Puliyari Telephone Exchange is about 80 Kms West of Tirunelveli H.Qrs bordering Kerela State and Radhapuram Telephone Exchange is about 85 KMs East of Tirunelveli H.Qrs. Whereas Nagercoil SDCA comprising only two SDCAs having width and breadth of about 85 KMs East West and about 60 Kms North South.
- (c) In case of operation from Nagercoil as H.Qrs, it will be of great difficulty to reach the Nagercoil from various areas of Tirunelveli, requiring to travel more than 200 KMs whereas it will be of about 80 Kms to reach Tirunelveli from any place in Nagercoil SSA.
- (d) Infrastructure wise, Tirunelveli SSA is more advantageous as BSNL Tirunelveli has 7 storied Building located in the heart of Tirunelveli City.
- (e) Tirunelveli population is double in size than that of Nagercoil Distrcit, so business potential is more in Tirunelveli SSA than Nagercoil SSA.
- (f) Most of the Central Govt.'s organizations/ Institutions like EPF, Income Tax, IOB etc., are having their regional offices in Tirunelveli only.
- (g) Strategically important institutions such as NPCIL, INS, ISRO (Liquid propulsion system centre) are located in Tirunelveli District and they are Tirunelveli SSA's corporate customers.



- 3. When we met General Manager (Restg) and discussed the matter, he said that a committee had decided this based on input from the Circle but since Tamilnadu Circle has now sent a request for reconsideration of the issue, the matter will be taken up if and when review is done.
- 4. Recently, Smt. Vijila Sathyananth, Hon'ble MP in the Rajya Sabha, has also raised the matter in Rajya Sabha and it is learnt that assurance for review has been given to the MP.
- 5. We therefore request you to kindly look into the issue and cause early review based on the changes suggested by Tamilnadu Telecom Circle administration, in view of the justifications listed above.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

· (Rakesh Sethi) General Secretary

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