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To

ShriR.Chandrasekhar,
Secretary,
Department of Telecommunications,
New Delhi

Subject: Giving priority to BSNL by Centre/State governments and PSUs for their telecom Service requirement- reg

Sir,

The various initiatives finding place in the Memorandum of Understanding between DoT and BSNL for the year 2012-13 aimed at ensuring the financial viability of BSNL has won accolades from all the BSNL employees and executives alike. The All India Conference of our Association held recently at Tiruchirapalli in Tamilnadu had some exclusive discussions on the MoU and has passed a resolution urging the Government to implement the said initiatives with all seriousness and the earliest. *The Government's endeavor to ensure that the Center/State Governments and PSUs give priority to BSNL for their telecom service requirements was widely welcomed by all the participants.*

2. But to our dismay, Department of Expenditure under Ministry of Finance has issued a OM vide No.24(5)/E.Coord/2012 dated 11th May 2012 (copy enclosed) allowing use of data card for internet purposes by all Ministries/Departments subject to some conditions, wherein the users have been given the liberty to choose any operator/plan beneficial to them and the usage will be reimbursed by the concerned Ministry/Department.

3. There is no need to emphasize the fact that BSNL's plans alone offer transparent and lowest tariffs on real terms. Therefore the officers of these Ministries/Departments will be benefitted by using BSNL services only. Though this facility is being offered to Secretary level officers and 25% of Group A officers in these Ministries/Departments, asking them to take service/ Plans from BSNL will be a good initiative.

4. We would therefore request you that this issue may kindly be pursued urgently with the Department of Expenditure and all the Ministries, so that the spirit of the Memorandum of Understanding between DoT and BSNL does not remain merely in the paper.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

(Rakesh Sethi)

General Secretary

Encl: As stated

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No. 24(5)/E.Coord/2012
Government of India
Ministry of Finance
Department of Expenditure

New Delhi dated the 11th May, 2012

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject:- Internet facility through data card-reg.

References are being received from various Ministries/Departments seeking clarification/relaxation for internet facility through Data Card. The matter has been reviewed and it has been decided to allow use of data card for internet purposes subject to the following conditions:-

- (i) No Data-Card (Hardware etc) would be provided by the office and only reimbursement for data use, through data card, will be allowed on submission of bill.
- (ii) The User has the liberty to choose any operator/plan beneficial to them.
- (iii) Re-imbusement would be allowed for one data card connection only.
- (iv) There would be no separate ceiling for the internet through data card and the reimbursement will be allowed to the entitled officer according to the ceiling/guidelines/clarification laid down vide this Department's OMs No. 7(14)/C&V/2006 dated November 14th, 2006, dated April 14th, 2007 and dated July 9th, 2007. As such, the maximum monthly reimbursable amount, towards charges on residential telephone/mobile phone/broadband/data card use (for internet purposes), to a category of a officer will be as under:-

Rank/Designation	Ceiling Amount (in ₹)
Secretary to the Government of India and equivalent rank	2800
Additional Secretary to the Government of India and equivalent rank	2500
Joint Secretary to the Govt. of India and equivalent rank	2000
Director and Deputy Secretary to the Government of India and equivalent rank	1500
Below the rank of Deputy Secretary to the Government of India (restricted to 25% of Group 'A' Officers below the rank of Deputy Secretary)	800

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