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To,

Shri P. K. Purwarji
Chairman & Managing Director,
Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited, New Delhi

Subject: Allegations of corruption in NOFN works and irregularities in electrical/civil works in Jorhat SSA (Assam Circle) during tenure of Shri H.S. Pawar, Ex GMTD Jorhat and thereafter suspected tampering of evidence/records as alleged—REQUEST FOR FAIR INVESTIGATION BY EXTERNAL AGENCY i.e. CBI TO UNFURL ALLEGED CORRUPTION AT JORHAT SSA. - Regarding

Reference: AUAB/Assam/CGM/Assam Circle/SSA_JRT/2020 dated 04.05.2020

Respected Sir,

Your kind attention is invited towards allegations of corruption charges to the tune of Rs 15 Cr in NOFN works in Jorhat SSA and severe irregularities in civil/electrical works carried out in the SSA during the tenure of Shri Hari Singh Pawar, Ex GMTD Jorhat. As per information, Circle Vigilance team conducted an enquiry and found large scale irregularities in NOFN works including award of Tender, laying optical fiber Cable etc resulting in exchequer loss to the tune of Rs 15 Cr in his tenure.

It is alleged that serious manipulation were made in changing the terms and condition of the tender to change the nature of works of laying optical fiber cable from open trenching to HDD by compromising the interests of BSNL, inflicting grave financial loss to the exchequer of the organization in the tenure of Sri H. S. Singh as GMTD Jorhat. Another serious allegation leveled is that the healthy optical cable of BSNL was first shown lossy and thereafter the same was shown laid through HDD and was charged to get undue favour in his tenure as GMTD Jorhat. We have been informed that the above activities continued unabated by posting newly promoted/recruited JTOs at key positions as SDEs by the then GMTD and by misusing his official position of the unit head. Besides, NOFN it is also alleged that large scale irregularities happened in Civil and Electrical works in Jorhat SSA, where such works were carried out by units other than Civil and Electrical wings of BSNL, who are generally entrusted with such jobs. These jobs were awarded through Limited Tenders for similar and repetitive works to selected and favoured agencies by comprising standard procedures in many cases.

It is also apprised to us that Circle Vigilance conducted enquiry on the allegation and found corruption charges true and referred the matter to CVO and in turn CGM Assam was intimated to act as per the procedure. But Assam Telecom Circle issued NOC and allowed the officer to superannuate smoothly and get all his due pensionary benefits ignoring all advisories and instructions of the CVO and Circle Vigilance Team. It has been reported by the unions and associations of the Circle that he was even allowed to visit his erstwhile Jorhat office after his superannuation on 31.03.2020 and handled files/records giving sufficient scope to tamper the evidence and destroy various records of the cases. It was informed to us that he was allowed to do so under the knowledge of current GM Jorhat, Sri Ranjit Basumatary, who was earlier working as DGM (Planning) under Sri H. S. Pawar (Ex GMTD Jorhat) and is presently posted as look after GM-Jorhat by CGMT, Assam. This gives ample reason to believe that the

present GM Jorhat, Shri Ranjit Basumatary is fully facilitating the alleged officer, Shri H. S. Pawar instead of protecting the interest of BSNL and its exchequer. It is also quite unfortunate to see that CGM Assam has also not shown his fair attitude to protect the interests of BSNL by raising the matter to highest investigating authority for free and fair probe and showing it as deterrent for others to not indulge in corrupt practices.

It is therefore requested your good self to take suitable actions for free and fair probe to punish the culprits and recover the losses incurred to BSNL to set it as an example for others. Accordingly, we demand for a CBI enquiry to ensure impartial and unhindered probe of entire episode, considering the fact that alleged person was holding high office and he still enjoys support of few senior officers.

With warm regards,

Dated: 14.05.2020

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**[MD. WASI AHMAD]
General Secretary**

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1. The Director (HR) BSNL Board, New Dehi for kind information please.
2. The Central Vigilance Commissioner, Satarkata Bhavan, New Delhi for kind information Pl.
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4. The Central Vigilance Officer BSNL, BSNL CO, New Delhi for kind information and n/a please.