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To,
The Director (HR), BSNL Board
BSNL Corporate Office, New Delhi.

Subject: Postponement of EPP Exam on sudden spurt in Covid Cases resulting in severe casualties.

Reference: No BSNLCO-TRG/27(11)/2/2020-TRAINING dt 18.05.2021 of AGM(Trg) BSNL CO New Delhi

Respected Sir,

This is to apprise once again that the prevailing Covid Pandemic is one of the worst in the century and infected so many lives in our country in last two months including about 175 casualties in BSNL. Your good self will agree that the current situation in the country is totally unprecedented and hazardous due to Covid, where traveling and gathering both have to be avoided at any cost to save precious life.

The referred letter allowing the ALTTC and other RTTCs to conduct EPP Exam is nothing but playing with the lives of executives. It may be sounding that ONLINE exam has to be conducted by the RTTC but it has been completely ignored that even for appearing in the online EPP Exam at RTTC will require traveling by executives for more than 300-400 Kms from their place of posting to the RTTC in the Circle. This will again give an ample chance to get infected in course of long traveling and other reasons to appear in the exam. When most of exams in the country have been either postponed or being carried out from home through ONLINE, calling of our officers to the RTTC venue is not only gross violation of the Pandemic advisories but risking of the valuable lives. Further, the said online EPP Exams don't add any betterment in administrative or technical skill, which was the soul of the earlier EPP Training Program.

So, its utmost required to immediately postpone the EPP Exam for entire Pandemic Period and offline EPP Training Program of 1-2 weeks duration should be introduced after normalization of the situation to enhance administrative, technical skills as well as energize the executives for higher responsibilities, which was discussed by the association with the then GM(Training) in Feb, 2021. In the meantime, those who have either completed or going to complete 2 years in current Pay Scale should be given exemption to appear in EPP till new policy is rolled out and their increment shouldn't be withhold on this account.

Therefore, it is requested to direct the concerned cell to issue a suitable order in this regard, considering the fact that proposed exam is scheduled from 1st week of June, 2021 and the candidates are in extreme distress as their period of two years in current scale has completed and they fear loss of increment.

With Warm Regards

Sd/-
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General Secretary

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1. The GM(Training), BSNL Corporate Office, New Delhi for kind information and NA please.