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Dated at Kolkata, 15th September, 2021

To,

The General Secretary,

SNEA CHQ

RE: Various Issues Related to the Formation of New Sikkim Telecom Circle and Overall Development thereof

Ref: BSNLCO-PERS/ 15(11)/4/2021-PERS1 dated 31.08.2021

As you must know that a new Telecom Circle has been created in the capacity of Sikkim Telecom Circle by separating it from WBTC all of a sudden vide above reference. Now the whole process has been done in so much haste and unplanned manner that it may result in complete disaster for the new circle if some measures are not taken immediately.

Henceforth some of the observations that need to be heeded upon to alleviate the initial problems may be noted.

1. Since Sikkim has come as a separate circle, separate funds are required for development of telecom services without considering the initial profitability.
2. Deployment of more number of BTS is required to stand on par with the private operators.
3. Since Sikkim is a tough terrain, 7 Ghz Microwave may be deployed for formation of hub connectivity to provide inter BTS communication.
4. Main backbone connectivity on OTN media is required from Siliguri to Gangtok on BSNL media in addition to the existing PGCL connectivity.
5. NOFN Project is vital for Sikkim state. The project is at the edge of completion but presently halted due to pending payments to contractors. Funds may be released immediately
6. Huge rental payments are pending and owners are mounting huge pressure for their payments and demanding to vacate their premises. Immediate funds are required for settlement of the issue. Otherwise it may be difficult to continue the services.
7. Huge EB bills in the tune of Rs 10 crores are pending for payment. As of now Sikkim Government is supporting, but it may not be continued further.

8. Deployment of more staff is required to run the Circle office setup. To encourage the staff to come from other circles, Sikkim may be made 1½ year tenure circle.
9. At present all vendor bills are pending since last 6 to 9 months. Considering Sikkim as under developed, timely payments to vendors must be ensured.
10. CSCs may be upgraded to top class facility to provide better services to customers.
11. Renovation of all the staff quarters is immediately required. At present quarters are in very bad shape.
12. Timely relieving of executives after completion of their tenure back to their choice of posting.
13. Corporate Office should ensure to provide full support to make the Sikkim Telecom Circle to stand up to the expectations of Sikkim Government which is a very prestigious matter to BSNL.
14. Co laying of O/H OFC for NOFN along the Army NFS alignment is immediately required to provide services to North Sikkim. NFS is a national army project executed by BSNL. Because of AMC issues, there is no maintenance presently resulting in wastage of national infrastructure.
15. Young (between 45 years) officers should be deployed in Sikkim Telecom Circle, for better output.

You are hereby requested to kindly take up these matters with BSNL Corporate Office immediately for early resolution and thereby smooth functioning of the newly formed Sikkim Telecom Circle.

In anticipation of your sincere solicitation,

With regards,



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Circle Secretary, SNEA WB

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