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To  
The Chairman,  
Standing Committee on Information Technology,  
No.315, Parliament House Annexe,  
New Delhi-

Sir,

I would like to bring to your kind notice, the following hurdles being faced by the B.S.N.L., Management, a govt owned Public Sector Undertaking, in providing telecom service to the public.

In this connection, I would like to state that B.S.N.L a Telecom Service Provider is a Central Govt owned PSU which is having it's largest network in the country and providing all telecom facilities such as landline/mobile/broadband and other Value Added Services (VAS) even in the loss making area of rural villages. The other private telecom service providers who are working on commercial motive are also depending on BSNL network and it's infrastructure across the country. Apart from this, BSNL has got more social commitments to provide all telecom needs including network of the e-governance programme of the Central and State governments during the 12<sup>th</sup> five year plan. You would also know that the BSNL is facing much financial crunch for the past 3 years. In this situation, it is brought to my notice that some of localbody administrations in Tamil Nadu state have decided to levy Licence fee amounting to thousands of rupees per year from BSNL for it's Mobile Towers. This would add more burden to the existing financial crisis.

In this connection, I would like to bring to your notice that the Government of Kerala in a symbolic gesture, has issued instructions in it's circular No. 11414/RD2/2009/LSGD of Local Self Govt (RD) Thiruvananthapuram dt 30.10.2010 exempting from collection of such licence fees by the Municipal corporations of Kerala state from BSNL.(Copy enclosed). I would like to impress upon the Chairman that we can also recommend to the Central Govt for the suitable enactment of act/rules for such kind of exemption to the BSNL Telecom Service Provider throughout the country so that the govt owned BSNL can reduce it's financial burden in the years to come.

It was also brought to my notice that the BSNL Service provider is also facing major hurdle in maintaining of Optic Fiber

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Cable and Under Ground Copper Cables. As you know that the road expansion work is going on in almost all the State Highways and National Highways throughout the country. During this road expansion works BSNL cables are being damaged or cut which affect the total BSNL telecom services and in turn the customers are suffering which leads to huge revenue loss to the BSNL. To avoid this, the committee can recommend to the government for giving Right Of Way along these Highways in the form of ducts with a nominal charges as annual rent may be collected from BSNL. This will help BSNL to maintain uninterrupted services to the telecom users. This ducts can also be utilized by all other telecom service providers on payment basis.

I request that the Chairman may kindly be pleased to recommend to the Government Of India, the issue of **grant of exemption from paying licence fee to BSNL Mobile Towers** and as well as giving **Right Of Way along these Highways in the form of ducts across the country by enacting appropriate guidelines.**

Thanking you

Yours Sincerely

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