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**BSNLEU /408 (BSNL MRS)**

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To,

**Shri Ravi Shankar Prasad ji,  
Hon'ble Minister of Communications,  
Government of India,  
Sanchar Bhawan,  
20, Ashoka Road,  
New Delhi - 110 001**

Respected Sir,

Sub: - **Treating BSNL employees as Front Line workers, for the purpose of COVID-19 vaccination – req.**

We wish to draw your kind attention to the following, for favour necessary action.

The first round of administering the COVID-19 vaccine is already completed. The Front Line workers, such as doctors, nurses, other health workers, police personnel, etc., have already been vaccinated in this first round exercise.

The second round of vaccination has started from 01<sup>st</sup> March, 2021, onwards. In this second round, citizens above the age of 60 years, as well as citizens above the age of 45 years and who are having co-morbidities, are being vaccinated.

In this connection, we would like to bring to your kind notice that a sizeable section of the BSNL employees are having close interactions with the general public, on a day to day basis. The field staff who are provisioning new landline / broadband connections, as well as those who restore faults in the subscribers' premises, come under this category. The staff who are engaged in marketing activities as well as those who are working in the Customer Service Centres also have very close interaction with the general public.

The above mentioned categories of BSNL employees are highly prone to the infection of COVID-19. A good section of the BSNL employees have contracted COVID-19 and a number of them have died also. Under these circumstances, there is an urgent necessity to protect the BSNL employees who are susceptible to the infection of COVID-19

Further, it is a fact that, there is a resurgence of COVID-19 in certain states like Maharashtra, Karnataka, Kerala, Punjab, etc. This can happen in some other states also.

Hence, we request you to kindly take necessary steps to declare the BSNL employees also as "**Front Line Workers**" for the purpose of administering COVID-19 vaccine immediately, on a priority basis. Since telecommunications is declared as an essential service by our government, declaring BSNL employees as Front Line workers will be fully justified.

Hence, we earnestly implore upon you to kindly bestow your personal attention to this matter and to do the needful, so that the BSNL employees are declared as Front Line workers and are administered COVID-19 vaccine on a priority basis.

Thanking you,

*Yours Sincerely,*

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