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To
Shri Narendra Modi
Hon'ble Prime Minister
Union Govt. of India
Prime Minister Office
South Block, New Delhi



Subject :- Very pathetic conditions of MTNL employees –
Not in receipt of TWO months salary –
Kind and immediate intervention solicited.

Hon'ble Sir,

The thousands of employees of MTNL are well aware of your huge responsibilities towards our country and countrymen. The employees of MTNL constitute a tiny part of it. We are fully aware how much busy you are as a Prime Minister of this great Nation with innumerable and pressing matters in National and International arena.

Despite this, we most helplessly and desperately bid to draw your kind attention towards very pathetic situation of the employees arisen out of non-payment / very irregular payment of salaries in MTNL since November, 2018. As of now, salaries of two consecutive months i.e. July & Aug. 2019 fell due and none in MTNL/DOT is in a position to tell when salaries are likely to be paid. The situation has drifted to a stage when the employees are not even a position to meet day to day needs of the family, daily groceries, children's education and EMIs etc. They stare at an imminent starvation and bankruptcy. No way out is visible but for some drastic steps are taken at your level, sir.

Why we say so ? Because DOT has recently conveyed to MTNL almost threateningly that MTNL should arrange payment of salaries and implementation of 7th CPC for a handful section of ITS Officers who have preferred to work in MTNL without absorption. Whereas the employees at large have been left in lurch.

We are thankfully aware that PMO is seriously involved in ensuring revival of MTNL and to bring it back on the track. The employees hold their breath to see that the welfare policies

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of the Government under your able leadership will secure their interests in this process. **But as of now the employees are in a "hand to mouth situation". They desperately need their salaries are paid in time.**

MTNL's revenue has fallen steadily over the years. There are formidable and visible reasons for that. But MTNL employees who are DOT recruits and subsequently absorbed in MTNL as per policy of Govt. of India, are no way responsible for this. They have been working hard all along. Even now they are trying their best to save the situation. If not other things, they know atleast that MTNL is their livelihood. But they are clueless about the policy failures that have precipitated this situation where the MTNL employees are only left at the receiving end.

MTNL has conveyed to DOT about serious liquidity crisis in MTNL. It is also conveyed that further mobilization of funds through borrowings from banks are not possible in the current financial parameters. DOT has been repeatedly requested to arrange immediate payment of the dues payable by DOT to MTNL. MTNL's claim of almost Rs 7000 crores as on 31/3/2019 on various heads is still pending. This includes

- (1) Bonds raised by MTNL on behalf of DOT to the tune of Rs 1366 crores appx. including interest.
- (2) Outstanding GPF claims of Group D employees and interest on DCRG on account of over payment is Rs 228 crores,
- (3) CGEIS, pension commutation, payment of employees etc. to the tune of almost Rs 816 Crores appx. that MTNL paid on behalf of DOT and other pending claims regarding stores, custome and insurance etc. to the tune of almost 226 crores appx.
- (4) Outstanding Interest on license fees towards BWA spectrum to the tune of 4200 crores appx. yet to be receieved from DOT. More over there are MTNL's pending claims from BSNL (Rs 835.75 Crores appx.), from ITI (Rs 248 Crores appx. including interest) and from Maharashtra Govt.(250 crores appx.)etc. for which DOT can effectively intervene for immediate payment. But nothing seems to be working in this direction.

Under the very pressing situation as stated in the foregoing paragraphs, we desperately knock at your door, sir. This is our last resort.

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We would request to your honor to direct PMO/DOT to take very urgent steps in this regard also so that the hapless MTNL employees can experience some immediate rescue apart from revival plan.

Thanking your honor,

Yours faithfully,

(K.R. Yadav)

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