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To

Shri Ravish Kumar ji
Executive Director
ND TV India
New Delhi

Subject :- MTNL employees not paid salaries for August and September, 2019.

Sir,

In earlier some occasions ND TV in its Prime Time program, has highlighted the plight of MTNL / BSNL and their employees quite in details. That the employees have staged protest demonstrations against non-payment of salaries from time to time is also highlighted. We are thankful to ND TV and you for this.

MTNL continues to suffer for non-payment of salary. In these months of festive seasons they did not receive yet the salaries of August and September.2019. Now it is already the 3rd week of October. This is due to the liquidity crisis in MTNL. The reasons for this are not known to anybody. DOT/Govt. knows this better than any one else. It is sheer dishonesty to blame the employees for present situation of MTNL. Employees do whatever best they can. They can work hard. They do so. They know very well, apart from serving to the customers, MTNL serves for their livelihood. So they can not do anything detriment to the viability of MTNL.

But they have understandable limitations. They can not upgrade the age-old copper cable network on their own. They can not increase the switching capacities without availability of switching equipment's. They can not boost up the cellular signals without necessary equipment's and accessories. They can not install 4G and put it to the service on their own. They can not prevent JiO from indulging in unfair trade practice. They can not responsible themselves from being recruited in DOT and then subsequently absorbed in MTNL. They had no control over the series of bad policies adopted by DOT/Govt. years after years to deliberately harm the business interests of MTNL and blunt its ability to compete successfully. They were helpless onlooker to Govt's move for providing 4G to private operators only barring Govt's own telecom service providers to get it. One after another decision of DOT/Govt has blindly favored the private operators, particularly JiO and to the maximum

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detriment to MTNL. They don't have means for ensuring "level playing ground" for MTNL in such situation. MTNL slowly and steadily succumbs to the onslaught of cut throat competition. All these have caused MTNL to bleed over the years. There were steady loss of businesses and consequently loss of revenues. Thus ultimately it has come to the present stage of what expert committee has designated as insipid sickness.

Even though, they are no way responsible for this, the employees are unfortunately at the receiving end of this deterioration. They are suffering helplessly.

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 projections in the balance sheet. DOT has been requested to come to rescue with adequate financial packages. DOT has also been repeatedly requested to arrange immediate payment of the various dues payable by DOT to MTNL. Forget financial assistance, DOT is not even paying back what is due to MTNL against various claims.

MTNL's claim of almost Rs 3700 crores as on 31/3/2019 on various heads is still pending. This includes Bonds raised by MTNL on behalf of DOT, outstanding GPF claims of Group D employees, interest on DCRG on account of over payment, license fees, pension commutation, payment of employees to the tune of almost Rs 816 Crores that MTNL paid on behalf of DOT and other pending claims.

More over there are MTNL's pending claims from BSNL (Rs .1700 Crores) for which DOT can effectively intervene and ask BSNL for immediate payment. But nothing seems to be working in this direction.

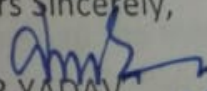
Further the total income from all sources for the FY-2018-19 has decreased to Rs. 2606.71 Crores as compared to that of Rs.5057.82 crores for FY 2009-10 . The finance cost against interest on borrowings has increased by Rs.1701.92 Crores in 2018-19 with compare to FY 2009-10. Now the loss as per the audited financial report the net losses for FY is Rs. 3397.58 for FY 2018-19 as compared to that of Rs.2610.97 Crores for FY 2009-10 owing to the above said reasons

The employees are holding demonstrations alternately before the Corporate Office at Lodhi Road and Sanchar Bhawan (DOT)at Ashoka Road, New Delhi. In Mumbai the employees are holding periodical demonstrations before the Office of Executive Director at Prabhadevi. But all were of no avail so far.

Under this compelling circumstances, we knock your door once again, Ravish ji, with a hope to find a window to vent our agony and frustrations out of sufferings. For God's sake, help us through your powerful media.

Thanking you,

Yours Sincerely,


K.R.YADAV

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