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**MEMORANDUM TO THE PRIME MINISTER**  
**SAVE BSNL - SAVE INDIA**

To

**Shri Narendra Modi,  
Hon'ble Prime Minister of India,  
New Delhi - 110001**

*Respected Prime Minister,*

We, the people of this country, are very much worried about the present financial position and services of Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL), the telecom public sector company, which was formed in 2000 from the Department of Telecom. Most of us have been the users of the telecom service from the DoT, before corporatisation and also continue now with BSNL.

During the last few years, we understand that the market share of BSNL has come down to about 10%, the services are not as efficient as earlier and development and expansion are not taking place as it should be. There is an urgent need to improve BSNL's services, as well as its development and expansion.

We understand that BSNL is running in loss for the last four years since 2009-2010, with an accumulated loss of about Rs. 28,000 crore, though it was earning good profit during the earlier 9 years with a cumulative profit of Rs. 48,000 crore. We are informed that BSNL is weakened mainly due to the present Neo-Liberal policies of the government, which favours the private companies instead of its own company BSNL. The assurances like payment of ADC to BSNL, reimbursement of Licence Fee paid by BSNL to DOT and liberal grant from the USO Fund for the loss incurred by BSNL for providing connections in rural areas, as part of the universal service obligation of the government, have been stopped without any justification, causing grievous loss to BSNL. We are of the strong opinion that these assistance to BSNL should be restored and the assurances should be honoured.

The main reason for the deterioration of services is the scarcity of equipments like mobile, broadband modem, drop wire, telephone equipment, cable etc. which has seriously and adversely affected the services. When BSNL had sufficient funds and finalised tenders for procurement of mobile equipment, which was urgently required in 2006, the same was got cancelled three times at the instance of the government to favour the private companies. Had those tenders been finalised and equipments been purchased, BSNL would have been the number one in the telecom sector. At least now, the government should facilitate BSNL to get loans from the Nationalised Banks, which will enable it purchase the required equipments, including towers, which will improve the quality of its services.

The proposed formation of other companies from BSNL, like Tower company etc. will only result in disintegration and as such should be discontinued. The proposal of BSNL's merger



