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Dear Sir,

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Shri Baby Thomas
Secretary General
National Confederation of Officers' Association (NCOA)
C/o HOCL Ambalamugal
Ernakulam – 682302.

Sub : Your representation dated 22.03.2017 – Sale of Public Sector Enterprises.

Sir,

This has reference to your representation addressed to Hon'ble Prime Minister, Gol received from Department of Public Enterprises vide their OM No. DPE/6 (59)/2016-Fin dated 06.06.2017.

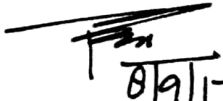
With regard to the issue raised w.r.t. Telecom units, our comments with specific reference to "Telecom public sector units of Govt. i.e. BSNL & MTNL be strengthened through level playing policy frame work are as follows :

Government has taken various steps to make BSNL and MTNL viable in the background of stiff competition in the telecom sector by:

- Refund of surrendered BWA (Broadband Wireless Access) spectrum in two service areas held by MTNL and in 6 service areas held by BSNL. Under this head, Rs. 4533.97 crore has been refunded to MTNL through bonds and Rs. 6724.51 crore has been refunded to BSNL through budgetary resources.
- The pension liability of MTNL for its staff who got absorbed from DoT, has been taken over by the Government.
- Notional loan of Rs. 1411 crore to BSNL which was due to be paid to the Government was waived-off.
- Financial support of Rs. 492.26 crore has been given to MTNL on account of liability arising from levy of Minimum Alternate Tax (MAT).
- Refund of Rs. 458.04 crore to MTNL and Rs. 169.16 crore to BSNL on account of surrender of CDMA (Code Division Multiple Access) spectrum.

Government has also assigned some projects to BSNL, namely:

- Comprehensive Telecom Development Plan for the North-Eastern Region for provision of mobile services in uncovered villages in Arunachal Pradesh and two districts of Assam at estimated project cost of Rs. 1975.38 crore and implementation of Transmission-Media Plan for North Eastern Region at an estimated cost of Rs.295.97 crore on 10.9.2014.
- Implementation of providing mobile connectivity in 2199 identified locations in Left Wing Extremism (LWE) affected areas at an estimated cost of Rs. 3567.58 crores on 4.6.2013.
- Implementation of Comprehensive Telecom Development plan for Andaman & Nicobar Islands and Lakshadweep Islands through augmentation of satellite connectivity/bandwidth at an estimated cost of Rs. 120.49 crores on 7.11.2014.


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