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To

The Chief General Manager Telecom, Karnataka Circle, Bangalore.

Respected Sir,

Sub: COVID-19 vaccination for BSNL Employees and bringing roster in office working Hour's reg:-

We would like to bring to your kind attention to the fact that the second wave of the COVID-19 pandemic is gaining momentum throughout the country and especially in Karnataka state. The number of COVID-19 infected people is rising exponentially day by day and the number of people infected through social contact is also rising comparatively. On the 18th April 2021 alone, 19067 people tested positive for COVID-19 and out of these 12793 are from Bangalore itself and 81 death cases, people are infected through contact with other infected people. The test positivity rate stands at an alarming rate of 15 for Karnataka state. The fact and figures point to the fact that the second wave is more severe than the first.

BSNL employees are always in the forefront of any activities happening in the state to overcome the present situation, be it digitalization of schools, offices, providing FTTH/ BB to households to work from home etc. There is considerable increase in the footfall in our front offices like CSCs as people are moving to more and more for digital connectivity. All of this means that BSNL employees are among the most exposed lot to bear the brunt of the COVID-19 pandemic. More helpful if roster in office working hours/ work from home where ever it is feasible may kindly be implemented please.

As most of BSNL empanelled hospitals are not giving cashless treatment to BSNL employees, under this pandemic situation all employees should be ensured at least one hospital in each SSA for getting cashless treatment. Request your kind self to impress upon the Honble Health Minister for state to extend the facility of vaccinating all BSNL employees without age restrictions as BSNL employees are in the front line for providing essential Telecom services to Public and Government organization and are more chances of getting affected with Covid 19. Priority may be ensured to BSNL employees in getting Covid treatment in the Hospitals.

Recently Department of Telecommunications have also given certain guidelines via their letter dated 12th April 2021, BSNL CO on 16th April 2021 and requested every employee to get vaccinated to prevent the spread of COVID-19. Hence necessary instructions may be given to BA heads to liason with the District Medical authorities to do necessary arrangements for setting up vaccination centers at BA level, to get the employees vaccinated at their workplace itself, without further difficulties and unnecessary travel.

Thanking you

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Yours Paithfully