

No. 51-01/2019-SU-IV
Department of Telecommunications
PSU-IV Division

Sanchar Bhawan, New Delhi
Dated the 20th March, 2019

To,

The Chief Secretaries of all States/UTs (by List attached)

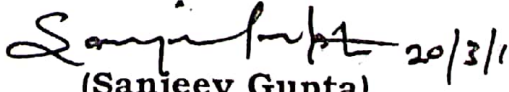
Subject: Request not to disconnect electric connections of
BSNL/MTNL telecom installations-**reg.**

Sir,

You would appreciate that BSNL, a 100% owned Government of India Enterprise is providing bouquet of telecom services throughout India to all Central and State Government departments including election machinery.

At present, BSNL is facing financial stress due to present hyper competitive telecom scenario and there is a slight delay in paying electricity charges to state electricity board. The issue of financial support to BSNL is being handled separately by Department of Telecom. Due to this delay, State Electricity Board is resorting to disconnection of electricity connection at various key installations providing telecom services to election machinery and many other important Government agencies thus hampering the telecom services. Moreover, most of the BSNL/MTNL installations are providing strategic telecom services for the election machinery.

In view of the above, I request you to kindly issue necessary directions to state electricity board of your state not to resort to unpleasant action of disconnection of electricity at vital telecom installations of BSNL across the state atleast during the period of current election process.

 20/3/19
(Sanjeev Gupta)

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