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To
The CGMT
BSNL Kerala Circle,
Trivandrum.

Sub: Payment of property Tax for Mobile towers - measures taken by LSGD resulting shutting down of BTSs and prosecution against BSNL Officers reg.

This is to bring the following facts for your kind attention to the grim situation being faced for the operation of Mobile services in general and by field officers in particular.

1. The LSG Departments across all SSAs had issued demand note for payment of property Tax against Mobile towers.
2. These demand notes were kept pending without payment as directed by the Circle office as the matter was under challenge before Hon'ble High court of Kerala. (This was dismissed recently)
3. On non-receipt of the payments LSGD had issue revenue recovery notice to all field officers/ Landlords.
4. LSGD have issued instructions to KSEB for disconnection of the power supply to BTSs under section 138 of Kerala Electricity Supply code 2014.
5. KSEB units had issued notice for disconnection of Supply within 15 days to the concerned SDE/ DE BSSs as per the demand from LSGD.
6. LSGD had issued notice to Concerned SDE/DE BSS/GMs intimating the proceedings to SEAL/ Attachment of BTSs and for the prosecution of the concerned officers within 15 days unless the payments are received by them as per the RR notice.

In this context, our opinion is that the views expressed by some quarters that the property tax to be paid by the land lord is not a practical solution and will be counterproductive for running the mobile services. If a landlord is put in to financial loss or dragged in to the proceedings by the LSGDs it will be very difficult to operate the service without the co-operation of the landlords as there is already lots of protests from the public itself.

In these circumstances it is requested to take necessary steps for the smooth functioning of the services as well as to redeem the field units from this grim situation they are being put into presently.

Sincerely Yours

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