

D.O. No.: PGMM STR ENK/COVID-19 outbreak/2019-20/1

Dated 21.03.2020

Dear Madam / Sir,

This is regarding the preventive measure to be taken to safeguard our employees from COVID-19 infections.

BSNL Staff deployed in maintaining Tele-communication facilities, which are expected to be uninterrupted communication services, especially during this COVID-19 outbreak period to assist/support the Govt for dissemination of advisories to General Public and Public to contact the Govt for services and also to be in contact with their kith and kin .

Even in this epidemic outbreak period, after Govt's relentless instructions towards understanding the corona virus outbreak and taking necessary precautions, many agencies are still involved in their routine works.

Like Water Authority pipe works, NHAI road works, PWD Road works, Kseb works, Private Telecom operator's new cable laying works etc are all going on without considering the seriousness of situation. These labour intensive works naturally results in assembling of staff both in day and night times from various departments including the officers and staff of BSNL and their travel in public transports towards protecting their own utilities/Telecom Cable networks etc, which in turn may cause the exposure to the NAVAL CORONA VIRUS.

The locations during these works like drainage areas, dusty roads, platforms and mingling with people are not advisable as per the advisories to maintain a clean environment to follow Basic protective measures against the corona virus and to prevent spreading of this COVID-19 epidemic, which can be avoided by postponing the works temporarily except restoration of faults which are happening so as to provide Telecom services to Customers. If the developmental works are stopped by these agencies, then naturally the faults / damages to the existing Telecom networks also will not get affected and labours and employees movements to attend to faults also will not take place.

I would therefore request your good self to kindly inform the departments concerned from your good office to stop the works temporarily at least up to 31-Mar-2020, so as to give top priority to the staff's health , which in turn may affect the General Public and hence oblige please.

As the Head of Southern Telecom Region of BSNL covering entire KERALA & LAKSHADWEEP, I have all the responsibility in protecting the BSNL staff's health and in turn to the general public of potential social contacts etc in this COVID-19 outbreak period fall in line with Govt advisories.

Being Long distance Arm of BSNL and if any cable damage happens, due to the progress of above mentioned works, then naturally the Communication services (being essential services to public) offered to the public would severely get affected, which will have serious impact in this Corona Out break period, warranting large Number of employees to be deputed for restoration of services.

I would therefore request you to kindly issue a communication to all the Depts. /Agencies to stop all such works and kindly oblige please.

With warm regards,

Yours Sincerely,

To

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