

Revival of BSNL/MTNL

On the issue of Revival of BSNL GS and President met the concerned Senior Officers of DoT and discussed regarding the DoT proposal for Revival of BSNL to be approved by the Union Cabinet.

It is learnt that the proposal on Revival of BSNL/MTNL as directed by PMO was taken up with the Ministry of Finance, wherein MOF has advised DoT to reexamine the proposal and to submit to the next Government for consideration. It is understood that the Govt./DoT is now of the opinion that since the BSNL/MTNL Employees are covered with the Govt. Pension under Rule-37 A provisions then no ex-gratia/incentive can be offered to the Employees on the pretext of VRS.

For example MTNL Employees were given VRS twice when they were not paid Govt. Pension under Rule- 37 A. Thus Govt. is not considering financial support to BSNL/MTNL for VRS. Regarding monetization of BSNL/MTNL Assets it is to be decided that whether DEEPAM or DoT will do the Mutation process. Allocation of 4G spectrum to BSNL/MTNL will also be considered by the next Govt. only