



ALL INDIA BHARAT SANCHAR NIGAM LIMITED RETIRED EXECUTIVES' ASSOCIATION

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Dated: 17th April 2026

To

Shri Narendra Modi,
Hon'ble Prime Minister of India,
South Block,
New Delhi-110001

Sub: **Grievances of the absorbed BSNL IDA pensioners- Resolution adopted in the All India Conference of AIBSNLREA held at Varanasi on 24th and 25th March, 2026 seeking intervention of Hon'ble Prime Minister of India in "Need for a grace period for BSNL pensioners switching to CGHS."**

Hon'ble Sir,

In the All India Conference of this Association convened at Varanasi on 24th and 25th March 2026, which witnessed participation by a substantial number of delegates from across the country, the delegates voiced acute dissatisfaction and concern over the continued non-redressal of pensioners' grievances, particularly those affecting BSNL IDA pensioners. The Conference also recorded its serious disquiet over the consistent disregard by the Department of Telecommunications and BSNL of the binding instructions issued by the Department of Pension & Pensioners' Welfare on several matters.

2. In view of the above, the Conference unanimously resolved to approach the Hon'ble Prime Minister of India for timely intervention, as it was felt that the concerned Ministries and Departments have, in numerous cases, been disposing of grievances with routine and unrelated replies instead of addressing the substantive issues involved. The Conference adopted a total of 13 Resolutions covering various matters. We now respectfully submit Resolution No.7 for your kind consideration, which relates to the Department of Health and Family Welfare and concerns the " **Need for a grace period for BSNL pensioners switching to CGHS**", as detailed in the enclosed resolution, with a request to advise DoH&FW to resolve the issue expeditiously.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

(R.R.Balasubramanian)
General Secretary

Copy to: Ms. Punya Salila Srivastava,
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**ALL INDIA BHARAT SANCHAR NIGAM LIMITED RETIRED EXECUTIVES' ASSOCIATION
THIRD ALL INDIA CONFERENCE HELD AT VARNASI ON 24th AND 25th MARCH 2026
RESOLUTION No.6**

ACTION REQUIRED BY DoH&FW

07. RESOLUTION NO. AIBSNLREA/AIC-VARANASI/07

NEED FOR A GRACE PERIOD FOR BSNL PENSIONERS SWITCHING TO CGHS: The All India Conference of AIBSNLREA held at Varanasi on 24th and 25th March 2026 expresses deep concern over the precarious situation faced by BSNL pensioners who surrender their BSNLMRS card and fall ill before their CGHS card is issued. During this transition period, pensioners and their families are left without any medical coverage for any treatment, exposing them to severe financial and health risks. The Conference notes that the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare has already addressed this issue for Central Government pensioners through its OM dated 15.09.2011, which allows reimbursement for treatment taken within a three-month grace period after retirement, provided the pensioner applies for a CGHS card within the stipulated time. No similar protection exists for BSNL pensioners who are required to surrender BSNLMRS before applying for CGHS. This creates an unjust and dangerous gap in medical coverage that can have catastrophic consequences for elderly pensioners and their dependents. **This Conference urges the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare and the CGHS Directorate to immediately issue guidelines providing a grace period for BSNL pensioners switching from BSNLMRS to CGHS, on the same lines as the OM dated 15.09.2011 applicable to Central Government pensioners.**


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