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**BSNLEU/323 (PJB)**

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To,

**Shri H.S. Sohal,**  
**Chief Vigilance Officer, BSNL,**  
**Janpath,**  
**New Delhi – 110 001.**

Sir,

Sub: - **Thefts of BSNL's equipments/ materials in Ludhiana, Punjab circle and the callous attitude of the District and Circle Administrations- reg.**

We wish to bring the following to your kind notice, regarding the thefts of transmission equipments, kept in the Dholewala Telephone Exchange, Ludhiana, Punjab circle, as well as about the callous attitude of the Ludhiana district and the Punjab Circle Administrations.

On 24.02.2020, a truck-full of transmission equipments, which were kept in the second floor of the Dholewala Telephone Exchange building, in Ludhiana, have been carried away. The materials were loaded in the truck and were carried away without any permission or record. Neither the Sub Divisional Engineer, building incharge of Dholewala Exchange, nor the Sub Divisional Engineer (Transmission), Ludhiana, were present on the scene, when the materials were clandestinely carried away.

Again, on the next day, another truck came to the same telephone exchange building and transmission materials were loaded onto the truck. However, this time, the BSNL staff, who were present in the Dholewala telephone exchange, started questioning the driver of the truck and others who were loading the materials, as to where and under whose authority, that the materials were being taken away.

Since, the driver and workers did not give any satisfactory reply, the staff present in the Telephone Exchange, locked the gate and called the Sub Divisional Engineer (Transmission) and the Sub Divisional Engineer, who is incharge of the building. Thereafter, the SDE Building incharge, as well as the concerned DE arrived at the telephone exchange.

Thereafter, the equipments that were getting loaded on the truck were unloaded and were taken back into the Telephone Exchange. Subsequently, the equipments that were unauthorisedly taken away on the previous day, were also brought back to Dholewala telephone exchange. On the next day, police had come to the Dholewala Telephone Exchange and had enquired. However, no FIR has been registered till date.

Undoubtedly, this is a clear-cut case of looting the costly equipments and materials, that are lying in the Dholewala Telephone Exchange. It was a misfortune for the culprits that, the unauthorised carrying away of the equipments on 25.02.2020, was challenged by the staff on duty and thus, the theft was abandoned. Further, it is also clearly understood that, the equipments that were stolen on 24.02.2020 were also brought back by the culprits, only as a strategy to escape from getting caught. This compulsion has been created only due to the timely intervention of the staff who were on duty on 25.02.2020. Otherwise, this looting would have also gone unnoticed.

Now, the larger question is, how much such materials have been looted from the Dholewala Telephone Exchange, as well as from other BSNL Exchanges / Offices in Ludhiana district. It is understood that the connivance of some higher officers is also involved in this episode of theft. This becomes evident from the lack of any serious action by the Ludhiana district, as well as Punjab circle administrations.

In this regard, we would like to bring to your kind notice that, the District Secretary of BSNL Employees Union (The Main Recognised Trade Union in BSNL) has given a complaint to the Administration vide letter number BSNLEU/LD/ORG/2019-21 dated 16.03.2020, demanding a thorough investigation in to this theft and also stringent action against the culprits.

We have every reason to suspect that, the BSNL Administration of Ludhiana district, as well as in Punjab circle, are taking every effort to facilitate the escape of the culprits. This becomes evident from the CGM, Punjab letter no.Staff-vig/complaints/105/2 dated 29.04.2020, vide which, the District Secretary, BSNLEU, Ludhiana, has been threatened of dire consequences, if his complaint is proved to be false. Such a warning issued by the CGM, Punjab circle, to the complainant, even before a proper enquiry is conducted, only speaks volumes about the intention of the Administration to allow the culprits to escape.

In the above mentioned circumstances, we request your goodself to kindly investigate into this case and to take needful actions, so that the culprits are brought to the book.

Thanking you,

*Yours sincerely,*



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