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To,

**Sh. Ravi Shil Verma****General Secretary, AIGETOA****New Delhi.****Reg.: Request to take up the issue for increase in entitlement limit for Mobile Handset Reimbursement**

As per the BSNL Policy, an amount of Rs 1500/-, 2500/- & 3500/- are reimbursable to JTO, SDE & AGM level officers for purchase of Mobile Handset once in three years. However, considering the current scenario where smart mobile phones have become an integral part of employee's professional life and there is no way that job can be completed without using the whatsapp, e-mails, ESS, attendance portal and other important apps through-out the day.

As all are aware that as per prevailing market prices, the starting range of any decent smart mobile phone is Rs 8000/- to Rs 10,000/- whereas the reimbursable amount is stagnant at Rs 1500 to 3500 since the year 2007 when the policy was started 16 years back. There is wide-scale resentment amongst all cadres due to very low amount of entitlement whereas all the officers are expected to do their work on mobiles on 24x7 basis by the management.

Considering the necessity, importance and utility of smart phones in today's work environment, it is imperative that the entitlement for reimbursement of mobile handset is revised to at least Rs 8000/-, 12,000/- & 15000/- for JTO, SDE & AGM level officers respectively. It was also decided in recent AGM held at New Delhi to take up this matter.

Accordingly, AIGETOA Punjab Team requests to kindly take up the issue with BSNL HQ and arrange to get the entitlement limits revised at the earliest please.

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