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To,
The Chairman & Managing Director
MTNL, Corporate Office
New Delhi

Subject:- Unjustified Civil and Electrical Maintenance charges charged by BSNL to MTNL employees residing in Powai Quarters Mumbai.

Sir,

1. Some MTNL employees have been allotted quarters at Powai by BSNL in the October 2007, when MTNL was not able to provide sufficient accommodation to them. The applications for allotment of quarters were forwarded through MTNL. Out of 12 buildings in the complex only 2 buildings are allotted by MTNL and rest 10 buildings are allotted by BSNL which are occupied by employees of MTNL and BSNL both.
2. BSNL allotted the quarters as per allotment rules.(letter No. BSNL/6-1/SR/2006 dated 09-05-2007) where it was clearly mentioned that MTNL employees have to pay **only the licence fee and HRA directly to BSNL office** in Advance. In the terms and conditions no charges other than license fees is mentioned. These charges are paid regularly by MTNL employees..
3. **As per RTI reply(No. PELA-1-RTI/Case No. 20/2009-10 dated 15-3-2010) from MTNL, the Powai quarters plot is owned by MTNL, Mumbai and the municipal taxes are paid by MTNL.** And apart from this security is also provided by MTNL. Moreover it is also known that **MTNL has paid Rs. 8,53,54,600/- to DOT'civil wing as the cost of construction** of Powai Staff Quarters .(Ref. DGM Plg, MTNL Corporate Office vide letter no. MTNL/13-14/EP/90-91/174 dated 07/02/91 and letter no. 23(467)91/CE/WZ/TC/B/806 dated 02-04-91 of DOT civil wing confirms the same).
4. Later on BSNL has asked only MTNL employees who are paying the HRA and License fees directly to BSNL office, to pay an additional charges for civil and electrical maintenance (vide letter no. 482-9/2009-BG dated 20-01-2010). This letter mentions service charges/taxes etc to be borne by tenant and applicable for the central govt. depts./PSUs with which BSNL has signed **Lease Agreement.** **Neither MTNL nor these employees have signed a lease agreement with BSNL.** These departmental quarters are allotted as per allotment rules. So MTNL employees should not be charged for the extra maintenance charges as they are already paying the license fees and HRA to BSNL since allotment (2007)
5. Again in the year 2011 BSNL called application for allotment of its departmental Quarters for MTNL employees through proper channel. It is clearly mentioned in the

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notification that new MTNL applicants have to pay on cash payment basis only (monthly HRA + license fees).(Reference letter no. of BSNL GM/L&B/Qtr.Allot/2011-12 dated 24-01-2011 and MTNL ref. No. AEO/BSNL/GEN.Corr/10.11 dated 8/2/2011). So it again shows clearly that MTNL employees should not be charged the extra electrical and civil maintenance charges for allotment even after the issue of letter no. 482-9/2009-BG dated 20-01-2010.

6. Recently BSNL has issued one letter No.482-4/2012-BG dtd. 06/02/2013 addressed to GM (L&B), Maharashtra Circle, BSNL, Mumbai (Copy attached). According to this letter/ clarification, civil & maintenance charges are payable for the BSNL Quarters occupied by MTNL employees and to be effected from the date of issue this order/clarification.
7. As per RTI reply, MTNL is the owner of this property. In such a scenario, behaving & using this property by BSNL just like as owner and changing norms/allotment procedures & charging any amount to MTNL employees based on the decision of BSNL alone are surprising and unwarranted.

Therefore, I request your good self to intervene and take up the matter with BSNL management and DOT to take over the possession of entire colony and till the matter is sorted out, the MTNL employees should not be charged any amount in the name of maintenance.


With kind regards

Yours sincerely



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