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Government of India

Ministry of Health & Family Welfare
Department of Health & Family Welfare
(CGHS III Section)

Nirman Bhawan, New Delhi

Dated: the 9th January, 2014

To

All Addl. Directors/Joint Directors of
CGHS cities

Sub:- Extension of CGHS facilities to the employees of BSNL/MTNL - reg

Sir,

References are being received from several Additional Directors, CGHS of CGHS cities seeking clarification on the issue of extension of CGHS facilities to the BSNL & MTNL employees. The issue has been examined in consultation with the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare and the requisite clarification is provided as under;

The Central Government Health Scheme (CGHS) is primarily meant for the Central Government employees and pensioners drawing their salary / pension from Central Civil Estimates of Government of India. The Scheme is not available to the persons drawing their salary / pension from other sources. The Central Government employees when on deputation to other organisations viz. statutory body / autonomous body or PSU are entitled for medical facilities provided by that organisation as per their rules.

It is learnt that BSNL and MTNL have introduced distinct medical care schemes for their serving and retired employees. The BSNL / MTNL absorbees are entitled to avail the medical facilities under the same. It would not be possible to extend them the CGHS facilities during their service period. However, the absorbees who have opted for pro-rata pension from Central Civil Estimates of Government of India, after their retirement from BSNL/ MTNL, will be eligible for CGHS facilities subject to the condition that they are in receipt of central civil pension from Government of India.

In view of the above, it is clarified that BSNL and MTNL officers and employees including the officers on deemed deputation / deployment to BSNL / MTNL and drawing their salary from the above organisations are not entitled for CGHS facilities. It is further clarified that :

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a) The erstwhile Central Government employees who got absorbed in BSNL/MTNL and retired from there and currently in receipt of central civil pension from Central Civil Estimates under 'Major Head - 2071' are eligible to join CGHS. Their subscription rate and ward entitlement may be determined as per their PPO.

b) The retired BSNL/MTNL employees who are drawing pension from BSNL / MTNL account are not entitled for CGHS facilities and therefore the cases, if any, where CGHS cards have been issued to them, the same should be discontinued and no further renewal should be allowed.

c) CGHS facilities, if issued to a serving employee of BSNL / MTNL may be withdrawn under intimation to the HoD of BSNL/ MTNL local office and the employees concerned.

All Additional Directors of CGHS cities are hereby directed to adhere to the above guidelines scrupulously. They should personally ensure that CGHS facilities are granted to only the entitled class of persons as per Government of India's instructions / guidelines.

This issue with the approval of competent authority.

Yours faithfully,

(Dr. B.C. Mohapatra)

Addl. Deputy Director General (HQ), CGHS

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