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To,

**Shri R Mani,**

Chief General Manager Telecommunications,  
**BSNL, Karnataka Circle, Bangalore-560008.**

**Respected Sir,**

**Sub: Urgent need to reconsider the proposed move to shift the NGN Core main site from Bangalore to Chandigarh reg:**

It is learned that there is a move to shift the NGN Core main site from Bangalore to Chandigarh, Punjab Circle. The prestigious NGN project and the Core sites are finalized after lot of deliberations at various level. After finalization of the tender, the APO issued, accepted and PO is under issue. As per the original plan and the tender, the Core site is planned at Bangalore, Karnataka.

Changing the core site from Bangalore at this point of time raises so many questions. Projects and strategic locations should not be altered only for the interest of some senior officers, it should be implemented after thorough examination of all the factors. The reasons should be convincing to all. **While doing so the competency of the officers to efficiently install the system and maintaining it, extending support to the field units during operations and maintenance throughout the life of the equipment, availability of manpower for operations and maintenance etc are to be considered.** Chandigarh and Punjab/HR Circles having acute shortage of Executives and in all the promotions, Executives from Southern Circles are forcibly posted to these Circles. On the other hand all the Southern Circles having sufficient manpower and having excellent track record in maintaining the critical network elements like BB NOC, MPLS NOC, ITPC etc etc. Again the security aspect also should be taken into serious consideration. **The risk of putting the main Core site at a place close to the International border to be examined.**

**Before taking a final decision to shift the main Core site location from Bangalore, the following factors may be considered.**

- 1. Whether proper examination or study has been made before finalizing the tender and Core site location at Bangalore.**
- 2. If so, what is the justification or advantage of shifting the Core site at the last moment.**
- 3. Availability of manpower in the new site viz-a-viz existing site.**
- 4. Security concern of the new site viz-a-viz existing site.**

BSNL is already had very bad experience of very poor performance and suffering due to the repeated failure of certain sensitive systems installed at Kolkata etc. Frequent complaints are receiving that no response is getting to the field units from such places. Shortage of officers is one of the major reasons cited for such a pathetic condition.

**Association expects serious reconsideration on the subject and the apprehensions stated above are to be thoroughly examined before taking a final decision in the matter.**

**Therefore, we request you to kindly intervene in the matter as head of Karnataka Circle, and appraise BSNLCO in this regard taking into consideration of all the above facts and ensure that the core switch is installed at Bangalore as was planned earlier.**

Thanking you,

Yours faithfully,

(Nagavi S B)

Circle Secretary

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