

Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited

(A Government of India Enterprise) CIN No. U74899DL2000GOI107739 Regd. & Corporate Office: Bharat Sanchar Bhawan, H. C. Mathur Lane, Janpath, New Delhi-1

Website: www.bsnl.co.in

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(As approved by the Board of Directors on 11th November, 2021)

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1. INTRODUCTION

Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited ("BSNL" or "Company"), is a wholly owned Govt of India Company. The Company was incorporated on 15.09.2000 vide CIN U74899DL2000GOI107739. The Company took over the business of erstwhile Central Govt Departments i.e. Department of Telecom Services (DTS) and Department of Telecom Operations (DTO) w.e.f. 01.10.2000 on going concern basis at a consideration of Rs.63000 Crores. The Company has issued Government of India guaranteed, rated, unsecured redeemable, taxable, listed, non-convertible debentures of face value of Rs. 10 lakh each ("debentures" / "bonds") for cash at par, aggregating to Rs. 8,500 crore on private placement basis. The Bonds are listed on the Wholesale Debt Market (WDM) Segment of the Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE) w.e.f. 28th September 2020. The Company's equity shares are not listed. However due to the listing of the aforesaid Govt guaranteed Bonds with BSE, the Company becomes a 'listed entity' in terms of Section 2(1)(b) of SEBI (LODR) 2015 read with Section 2(h)(i) of the Securities Contracts (Regulation) Act, 1956 [SCRA].

2. NECESSITY

Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI), vide its notification dated 07.09.2021 issued Securities and Exchange Board of India (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) (Fifth Amendment) Regulations, 2021 effective from 07.09.2021. As per Amendment, the provisions of Regulation 16 to 27 under Chapter IV of SEBI (LODR), 2015 shall apply to a listed entity which has listed its non-convertible debt securities and has an outstanding value of listed non-convertible debt securities of Rupees Five Hundred Crore and above. The 'high value debt listed entities' on the date of notification of this amendment would be determined on basis of value of principal outstanding of listed debt securities as on March 31, 2021.

BSNL is high value debt listed entity on the date of notification as BSNL has 8500 Cr. debt securities listed with the Bombay Stock Exchange.

The Regulation 51 (3) of SEBI (LODR), 2015 provides that the listed entity shall disclose on its website, all such events or information which have been disclosed to the stock exchange(s) under this regulation and such disclosures shall be hosted on the website of the listed entity for a minimum period of five years and thereafter as per the archival policy of the listed entity, as disclosed on its website

The Board of Directors of the company in their 210th meeting held on 11th November, 2021 has adopted the Policy and procedure with regard to Archival policy of BSNL.

3. SCOPE AND PURPOSE OF THE POLICY

This Policy provides a framework of archival of records/ information required to be disclosed on website under SEBI Regulations and other information hosted on the website of the company.

4. EFFECTIVE DATE

The Policy shall be effective from 11th November, 2021 (date of Board Meeting in which approval is granted)

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5. DEFINITIONS

- **5.1 Act:** —Act means the Companies Act, 2013 including any amendment or modification thereof.
- 5.2 Company: -Company means BHARAT SANCHAR NIGAM LIMITED (BSNL).
- **5.3 Regulations** -Regulations means the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015.
- **5.4 Policy**: —Policy means Archival policy of BSNL.
- **5.5 Applicable law** --Applicable law means any law, rules, circulars, guidelines or standards under which disclosure of Event or Information on the website has been prescribed.
- **5.6 Event or information** ----Event or information refers to the information / events that are required to disclose on the websites of the company in term Regulation 51 (3) of the Regulations and other applicable law.
- **5.7** Any other term not defined herein shall have the same meaning as defined in the Companies Act, 2013, the Listing Regulations, Securities Contract Regulation Act or any other applicable law or regulation, rules, notifications and circulars made there under or amended time to time.

6. ARCHIVING POLICY OF THE COMPANY

- 6.1 The events or information of the company disclosed to the stock exchanges (the disclosed information), where the securities of the company are listed, shall be disclosed on the website of the company i.e. www.bsnl.co.in and shall be hosted on the website for a minimum period of five (5) years from the date of each such disclosure. (Mandatory Hosting Period)
- 6.2 Beyond the mandatory hosting period, the disclosed information shall be archived for such other additional period as may be required considering the requirement of various statutes, law, regulations etc. and other legal and administrative aspects (the Archival Period)

7. POWER TO REVIEW

The CMD is authorized to amend this Policy to be consistent with the prevailing provisions of Acts, rules, guidelines, regulations and in accordance with administrative/ business requirement of the company, which shall be placed before the Board for information.

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