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To.

The Circle Secretaries and Central office-bearers, BSNLEU.

Comrades,

Holding the Circle conference of J&K Circle - some facts.

The CHQ has already informed the Circle Secretaries and the CHQ office bearers about the decision of the All India Centre of holding the Circle Conference of J&K circle at Jammu on 09.06.2024. The following are the circumstances under which the All India Centre has taken the step.

The last Circle Conference of J&K circle was held on 16th & 17th May, 2017. It is already 7 years since the last Circle Conference was conducted. According to the Constitution of BSNLEU, the Circle Conference has to be conducted once in 3 years. Accordingly, the Circle Conference of J&K circle should have been conducted in May, 2020. However, even after 4 years, the Circle Conference is not conducted. Com.Bashir Ahmad Khan was only making some show about this. Hence, the All India Centre has withdrawn the recognition of the circle union and the General Secretary has issued notification for holding the Circle Conference. The All India Centre is taking action strictly in accordance with the Constitution.

It is important to mention here that, Com.Bashir Ahmad Khan has continuously involved in undemocratic activities, as a result of which our union has been greatly weakened in J&K Circle. He disrupted the democratically elected district union of Srinagar, by way of conducting a secret meeting and declaring his supporter as the District Secretary of Srinagar. When these issues were brought to the notice of the CHQ, Com.Bashir Ahmad Khan was advised by the CHQ not to violate the Constitution. However, he continued with his disruptive activities. As a result of this, a good number of BSNLEU members in Srinagar district have left our Union, since Com.Bashir Ahmad Khan was running a parallel district union.

Finally, left with no other option, on 13.01.2021, the All India Centre suspended Com.Bashir Ahmad Khan from the post of Circle Secretary for a period of 6 months. It was decided that the first Assistant Circle Secretary would look after the duties of Circle Secretary, during the period of suspension of Com.Bashir Ahmad Khan. Against this decision of the All India Centre, Com.Bashir Ahmad Khan made an appeal to the Central Executive Committee meeting.

The CEC meeting held at Chennai on 07th to 09th March, 2021, looked into the appeal made by Com.Bashir Ahmad Khan. The CEC meeting completely disapproved the undemocratic activities of Com.Bashir Ahmad Khan. After careful consideration of the case, the CEC meeting unanimously decided to completely remove Com.Bashir Ahmad Khan from the post of the Circle Secretary of J&K circle. Further, the CEC meeting debarred Com.Bashir Ahmad Khan for 2 years, from taking office bearer post at any level of BSNLEU.

However, against the decision of the CEC meeting, Com.Bashir Ahmad Khan filed a case in the Civil Court at Srinagar. The Court gave an interim order. Accordingly, the decision of the CEC meeting, to debar Com.Bashir Ahmad Khan for 2 years, from taking up office bearer post at any level, was kept under abeyance by the court. Against this decision, CHQ filed an appeal in the District Court, which is still going on. Com.Bashir Ahmad Khan is trying to take shelter under the Court order, for not conducting the Circle Conference. It is very clear that the court has not given any concession to Com.Bashir Ahmad Khan, for not conducting the circle conference even after 7 years.

It is under these circumstances, that the All India Centre has withdrawn the recognition of the J&K circle union and has decided to conduct the Circle Conference at Jammu on 09.06.2024. This time, the CHQ has filed Caveat Petition in the Srinagar Court. Hence, Com.Bashir Ahmad Khan cannot get any stay order from the court. It is important to mention here that all the district unions of J&K circle, viz., Srinagar, Jammu, Leh, Udampur and CGM Office, are fully supporting the decisions of the All India Centre They are extending their fullest cooperation for conducting the Circle conference at Jammu on 09-06-2024.

It is under these circumstances, Com.Bashir Ahmad Khan is trying to play the victim card. It is important to mention here that, all the decisions taken by the CHQ, are done only after discussions in the All India Centre and the Central Executive Committee meetings. There is no individual decision making with regards to any action taken against Com. Bashir Ahmad Khan.

Thanking you,

Yours fraternally,

(John Verghese)
Acting General Secretary