BSNL EMPLOYEES UNION

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To

All Central office-bearers, Circle Secretaries & District Secretaries.

Comrades,

The historic 3 day strike.

The historic 3 day strike, called on by the AUAB, from 18th February, 2019, was a historic success. 3rd Pay Revision, issues related to BSNL's revival, Pension Revision and Superannuation benefits of the DR employees, were the demands. The strike was exceedingly successful in most of the circles. J&K circle was exempted by the AUAB, in view of the tense situation prevailing in that state, after the terror attack at Pulwama. This strike was the direct result of the non-implementation of the assurances given by the Hon'ble MoS(C), in the meeting held on 03.12.2018. The AUAB has given call for the follow-up action, after this 3 day strike. All circle unions are requested to send a report on the strike, containing SSA wise details of total number of Executives and Non-Executives, participants in the strike and non-participants. A detailed review of the strike will be made in the forthcoming CEC meeting. All circle unions are requested to send the report by 28th March, 2019.

March to Sanchar Bhawan.

The AUAB has given call to organise a massive March to Sanchar Bhawan on 05.04.2019, to pressurise the DoT, to accept the demands contained in the charter of demands. This is a very vital campaign programme and the circle unions are requested to mobilise maximum number of employees in this March to Sanchar Bhawan. The All India Centre meeting held on 15.03.2019, has fixed the following quota for various circle unions, for mobilising our comrades in the March to Sanchar Bhawan. All circle unions are requested to take immediate steps to mobilise comrades in the March to Sanchar Bhawan, according to the quota allotted to them. The CHQ will arrange staying accommodations for the comrades.

UP(West)	700	Punjab	500	Haryana	500
Rajasthan	500	UP(East)	400	Maharashtra	300
NTR	300	Kolkata	250	West Bengal	250
Madhya Pradesh	250	Tamil Nadu	200	Gujarat	100
Himachal Pradesh	100	Andhra Pradesh	100	Telangana	100
Kerala	100	Uttarakhand	50	Assam	50
Odisha	50	Chhattisgarh	50	Bihar	50
Chennai	50	NE-I	25	NE-II	25
Jharkhand	25	J&K	10	Telecom Factories	5 each
Telecom Stores	5	All other circle unions	5 each		

Non-payment February, 2019, salary.

For the first time in the 18 years' of existence of BSNL, salary was not paid to the employees for the month of February, 2019. It was paid only on 15.03.2019. This was due to the drastic dip in BSNL's revenue earnings, consequent to the predatory pricing being practiced by Reliance Jio, and also the hostile approach of the DoT / government towards BSNL. The DoT did not give the necessary permission to BSNL, to take bank loans for it's operational expenditure. This unfortunate development could have been avoided, had the DoT released the payments on time, which had already become due for the projects completed by BSNL, for the government. The DoT continues to adopt a hostile policy towards BSNL, like not giving approval to BSNL's Land Management Policy. Hence, the AUAB has

taken decision to massively campaign against the anti-BSNL steps of the DoT and also demanding necessary steps by the government, for the revival of BSNL.

CEC meeting of BSNLEU to be held at New Delhi on 06th & 07th April, 2019.

The All India Centre has decided to conduct a meeting of the Central Executive Committee at New Delhi on 06th & 07th April, 2019. Since most of our Circle Secretaries and Central Office bearers will be participating in the March to Sanchar Bhawan to be held on 05th April, 2019, it is decided to hold the CEC meeting on 06th & 07th April, 2019. All Circle Secretaries and Central Office bearers are requested to participate in this crucial CEC meeting without fail.

14th Congress of the WFTU – TUI of Transport and Communications unions.

14th Congress of the WFTU – TUI of Transport and Communications unions was held at Istanbul, Turkey, on 01st & 02nd March, 2019. 83 delegates participated in this 14th Congress, from 29 countries. Nakliyat Is, the militant trade union of Turkey, hosted this Congress. Com.P.Abhimanyu, GS, represented BSNLEU, and addressed about the struggles of BSNL employees, against the government policies. He also insisted about the importance of bringing all the trade unions of the communications sector under the banner of WFTU. All the delegates who participated in the deliberations, narrated about their struggles against the Neo-Liberal Policies, mainly about the attacks being made on Public Sector and the livelihood of the workers. A 24 member General Council, with Com.Ricardo Maldonado Olivares of Chile, as President and Com.Ali Riza Kucukosmanoglu of Turkey, as General Secretary was elected unanimously. Com.P. Abhimanyu,GS, BSNLEU is elected as the Convenor of the trade unions of the Communications Sector. The election of the General Secretary of BSNLEU to this important post, signifies the necessity of BSNLEU to involve itself more in the international trade union movement, under the banner of the WFTU.

Corporate Office Circle Union of BSNLEU dissolved.

The entire circle office bearers of BSNLEU, Corporate Office circle union, did not participate in the 3 day strike, held from 18.02.2019. They also did not participate in the 2 day General Strike held on 08th & 09th January, 2019. These are serious violations of the decisions of the Higher Bodies. Further, this circle union has become defunct almost for the past one year. None of the decisions of the higher bodies is being implemented by this circle union. The issue was discussed at length in the All India Centre meeting held on 15.03.2019. The All India Centre decided to dissolve the Corporate Office circle union. Further, the meeting has also authorised the General Secretary to reorganise the circle union.

Thanking you,

Yours fraternally,

[P. Abhimanyu] General Secretary