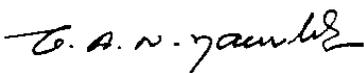


FORUM OF BSNL UNIONS / ASSOCIATIONS **CALLS FOR STRUGGLES**

A meeting of all the unions / associations in BSNL was held on 23rd May 2012 at the office of the BSNLMS. Representatives from BSNLEU, NFTE, SNEA, AIBSNLEA, BSNLMS, SEWA BSNL, BSNLWRU, BSNLATM and BTEU participated. Other unions like FNTO, TEPU, NFTBE etc. had intimated that they will come, but could not reach. Com. C.Singh, GS, NFTE, presided. Welcoming all the participants, Com. V.A.N.Namboodiri, who convened the meeting, briefed the house about the intention of the meeting i.e., to organise united struggles on the issues on which the workers have gone on strike on 15th December 2011, and which are not yet settled. He also briefed about the latest developments on the various issues of the financial viability of the BSNL.

Detailed discussions took place with all the members actively participating. There was strong protest against the non-implementation of assurances on the part of the management and the DOT on issues like ITS absorption, 78.2% IDA fixation, financial viability of BSNL, procuring sufficient equipments etc. The speakers condemned the attitude of the BSNL management in appealing to the High Court for grant of more time for the repatriation/relieving of the ITS officers who have not opted for BSNL. The meeting severely criticised the policy of the government in supporting the private companies instead of its own company, BSNL. After detailed discussion the meeting took the following decisions unanimously:

1. A Demands Day will be organised on 6th June 2012 focussing the demands raised in the 15th December Strike by holding joint meetings, demonstrations etc. The first demand will be the ITS absorption/repatriation.
2. A Post Card Campaign will be organised. Maximum Post Cards will be sent to the Prime minister by name demanding early settlement of the issues. We should ensure that all employees send the Post Cards.
3. In the meanwhile, the branch/district unions should meet the Members of Parliament in their area and submit the memorandum on the important issues which will be prepared and sent by the all India Unions.
4. March to CGM / GM office will be organised at Circle / SSA levels on 27th June 2012 with massive participation.
5. Two Days Dharna will be organised on 18th and 19th July 2012 at All India/Circle/SSA levels. Maximum participation of members should be ensured.
6. The unions will meet and chalk out further programme of action including strike in the meeting scheduled to be held on 13th June 2012.
7. It was also decided that the programmes/struggles will be organised under the banner of "FORUM OF BSNL UNIONS / ASSOCIATIONS" involving all the unions/associations in BSNL.
8. Next meeting will be held on 13th June 2012.



V.A.N. Namboodiri
Convener of the meeting