

ALL UNIONS AND ASSOCIATIONS OF BSNL (AUAB)

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To,

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Respected Sir,

Sub: - **Holding 3 day dharna at New Delhi on 21st, 22nd & 23rd September, 2021 - req.**

Ref: - **AUAB letter no.UA/2020/26 dated 08.07.2021.**

The All Unions and Associations of BSNL will be organising a 3 day dharna programme at Jantar Mantar, New Delhi, on 21st, 22nd & 23rd September, 2021. This programme is in continuation of the placard showing programme held on 15.07.2021 and hunger strike organised on 28.07.2021, for which the AUAB had issued notice, vide letter cited under reference.

The Government is denying level playing ground to BSNL, vis-à-vis private telecom companies, so far as procurement of 4G equipments is concerned. While the private telecom companies, viz., Airtel, Jio and Vodafone Idea, are allowed to procure 4G equipments from global vendors, BSNL is being compelled to procure equipments only from domestic vendors. It is a well-known fact that, no domestic vendor is having proven 4G technology. This is the reason why BSNL is unable to launch its 4G service, even today. Further, the government is not giving approval to the BSNL Management's proposal, for upgrading the existing 18,000 4G compatible BTSs, for providing 4G services. Already BSNL lost 6 precious years on 4G launching. These road-blocks are being created by the government, to convert it into a sick PSU.

80,000 BSNL employees have already been retired under the VRS-2019, as a result of which the Company's salary bill has been slashed down by more than 50%. However, the employees are not being paid salary on the due date. This sorry state of affairs is continuing for the past one and half years. The decision of the Government of India to sell 13,567 mobile towers of BSNL in the name of "National Monetisation Pipeline" clearly shows that, the Government is not keen on Revival rather on the way to privatise BSNL.

BSNL is facing a huge financial crisis. At the same time, it is disturbing to note that, a huge amount remains pending to be paid by the DoT, on account of various dues, to BSNL. These "**claims receivable**" include payment of encashment of the leave related to the DoT period, Viability Gap Funding for rural telephones, excess payment made by BSNL towards Pension Contribution, etc. Thus, the total "**claims receivable**", to be paid to BSNL, comes to a whopping Rs.39,000 crore.

Proper maintenance of BSNL's transmission networks and the BTSs, proper up-keep of the power plants, making availability of batteries and improving the quality of BSNL's FTTH service, are needed to be carried out immediately by the BSNL Management, to ensure good quality services. The cluster based outsourcing system has proved to be a big failure and financial burden for BSNL due to the exorbitant rates, which has resulted in massive surrendering of the landline and broadband connections. An urgent review is required to be done in this regard.

The BSNL employees are denied of their justified 3rd Pay Revision. Similarly, the BSNL Pensioners are denied of their justified Pension Revision. These are great injustices done to the BSNL employees and pensioners.

The 2nd Pay Revision Committee recommended 30% Superannuation Benefits to the BSNL Directly Recruited Employees. Many PSUs have already implemented this. However, the BSNL Management is yet to fully implement this. As a result, the Directly Recruited Employees of BSNL will be facing a huge loss in their pensionary benefits.

It was under the above mentioned circumstances that, the AUAB has launched agitational programme for ensuring the Revival of BSNL, as well as to achieve the burning issues of the employees. The placard showing programme and the hunger strike, organised throughout the country, have fallen on deaf ears. **Hence, the AUAB has decided to organise a 3 days Dharna programme at Jantar Mantar, New Delhi on 21st, 22nd & 23rd September, 2021, to insist upon settlement of the following demands: -**

Charter of demands

- (1) Immediate launching of BSNL's 4G service, by way of upgradation of the BTSs and also steps for moving towards the launching of 5G service.
- (2) Immediate settlement of the dues to BSNL, amounting Rs.39,000 Crore, by the DoT.
- (3) Immediate steps to off-set BSNL's debt, through the Monetization of lands.
- (4) Disbursement of salary on the last date of every month.
- (5) No selling out of BSNL's 13,567 mobile towers, in the name of "National Monetization Pipeline".
- (6) Complete review of the Cluster based Outsourcing System.
- (7) Immediate settlement of 3rd Pay Revision, Pension Revision and Enhancement of Superannuation Benefits (SAB) up to 30%, for the Directly Recruited Employees.
- (8) Speedy measures to improve the quality of BSNL's FTTH service.
- (9) Prompt maintenance of BTSs, proper up-keep of the power plants, as well as availability of batteries.
- (10) Strengthen the transmission networks by carrying out the speedy maintenance works.

Thanking you,

Yours sincerely,



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