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ITS OFFICERS ABSORPTION – JONT FORUM CALLS FOR AGITATIONAL PROGRAMMES

Dear Comrades,

As all of you are fully aware, the non-absorption of ITS officers in BSNL, even after 8 years, is creating a lot of issues connected with the future of BSNL. There can not be any dual policy on absorption. While 3 lakh executives and non-executives have already opted and got absorbed in BSNL, the non-option by 1500 or so ITS officers has created this dual system which can not be accepted. The development, expansion and growth of BSNL are completely hampered as the deputationists can not be expected and are not actually in the mood for taking the responsibility expected of them as the natural leaders of the company. This unhappy condition and anarchy has to be put an end to.

The Joint Forum has discussed this matter with the Hon'ble Minister, Secretary DOT and CMD BSNL but no fruitful decision has been taken by the Government or management. While we completely sympathise with the demands of the ITS officers, the company can not be taken to ransom by them on the demand of absorption.

It is in view of this complicated situation and after much detailed discussion, the meeting of the Joint Forum of BSNL Associations / Unions of Executives & Non-Executives held on 12th February 2009 took a decision to go on agitational path to sort out the issue and save BSNL. The programmes finalised are as follows:

- **24th February 2009:** **Observe Black Day by wearing Black Badges and organising demonstration**
- **17th March 2009:** **Daylong Dharna at Circle and SSA levels.**
- **25th March 2009:** **One day strike.**

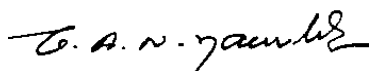
If the issue is not settled, indefinite strike will be organised.

The absorption of ITS officers in BSNL is a crucial issue and we cannot sit as silent spectators any more. Hence the above decision of Joint Forum.

Comrades, take the initiative to call the meeting of all executive, non- executives unions in your Circle /SSA and organise the programmes in an effective and successful manner.

With Warm Greetings

Yours Fraternally,



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