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PREPARE FOR SUSTAINED STRUGGLES

CALL OF DELHI CEC MEETING

Dear Comrades,

The first Central Executive Committee meeting held at Delhi on 5-6 March 2009 after hat-trick victory of BSNL Employees Union in the IV Membership Verification was historic in the decisions taken including call for sustained struggle to defend the rights of the workers as also call to consolidate and further strengthen the organisation.

The meeting was held at Garhwal House, near Jhandewala, New Delhi. Accommodation was also arranged in the same complex, which was very convenient to the members. The Reception Committee made excellent arrangements for stay, food etc.

The National Flag and Union Flag were hoisted by Coms. J.N.Mishra, President and V.A.N.Namboodiri, General Secretary respectively. While Shri Kuldeep Goyal, CMD, BSNL addressed the seminar on "Efficiency of Services" in the open session, Com.M.K.Pandhe, President, CITU addressed the afternoon session on 5th March 2009.

Com.J.N.Mishra, President, presided over the conference. Com.V.A.N.Namboodiri, General Secretary presented the Report on Activities, while Com.S.C.Bhattacharjee, Treasurer submitted the report on financial position. 55 Comrades participated in the discussion.

The Central Executive Committee meeting took the following decisions:

1. BSNLEU has won a hat-trick victory over the alliance of NFTE-BSNL with a margin of more than 28,000 votes. The management was not impartial and created all kinds of difficulties to BSNLEU, while favouring NFTE-FNTO alliance. While the opposition tried to take advantage of anti-incumbency and delay in settlement of some issues during the period of recognition of BSNLEU, the workers appreciated the stand and struggles organized in defence of BSNL and the workers by BSNLEU and United Forum. This helped BSNLEU in getting a good majority with more than 52% of valid votes.
2. The Central Executive Committee appreciated the CHQ in saving the United Forum, despite desertion by FNTO, BSNLWRU etc and strengthening it through new alliances.

3. The Central Executive Committee decided to organise immediate agitational programmes including strike for early Wage Revision, Promotion Policy, Settlement of Anomaly, 50% IDA merger for retired employees, Issues of Contract Workers etc in consultation with United Forum partners.
4. The agitational programmes, including strike, called by Joint Forum should include some other issues like FDI, Spectrum, improvement of Services etc.
5. All out efforts to be made to increase the membership. At the same time, there is much necessity to streamline the functioning of union from branch level to CHQ. Trade Union classes for leaders will be organised to increase the consciousness, commitment to the working class and social responsibilities.
6. It called upon the workers to observe BSNL Day on 22nd March 2009 in a befitting way. Blood donation camps as already decided should be organised on the day.
7. An Editorial Board consisting of Coms.V.A.N.Namboodiri, P.Abhimanyu, Mihir Das Gupta, S.C.Bhattacharjee and K.R.Yadav is constituted to further improve the publication of CHQ journals, i.e. Telecrusader and Telemessage.
8. The new technologies like Website, Email, SMS etc should be effectively used for propaganda and correspondence to speed up the functioning.
9. BSNLEU as the biggest union has the responsibility to coordinate and make effective the work of United Forum.

The following resolutions were unanimously adopted:-

1. On Disinvestment / IPO / FDI / Spectrum / etc.
2. On IV Membership Verification
3. On the unhelpful attitude of BSNL Management in settlement of issues.

Com.J.N.Mishra, President, emphasised the role of BSNL workers to support the candidates in Lok Sabha election, who are with the workers and fight for the common people. He also mentioned to support the Left candidates who have been fighting on the side of the working class and against the anti-worker policies of government.

The Central Executive Committee meeting ended with slogans of Inquilab Zindabad, BSNLEU Zindabad, Struggle for Unity, Unity for Struggle and Unity & Struggle for Progress and Advancement.

Yours Comradely,



[V.A.N. Namboodiri]
General Secretary