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Recognition granted to BSNLEU

Dear Comrades,

Hope you must have received our Circular No.1 dated 27.01.2009, in which the analysis of election results have been given. We had also indicated that the Recognition Orders for BSNLEU would be issued on 27.01.2009. As stated, the Recognition Orders (No.BSNL/5-1/SR/2009/Vol.II(i) dated 27.01.2009) and orders on Grant of T.U facilities to the recognised union (No. BSNL/5-1/SR/2008/Vol.II(ii) dated 27.01.2009) have been issued on 27.01.2009 itself.

Meeting with CMD and Director (HRD)

A meeting was fixed with CMD BSNL on 27.01.2009. Shri Kuldeep Goyal, CMD and Shri Gopal Das, Director (HRD) congratulated us on our victory in membership verification. The recognition orders along with the orders on grant of facilities to the recognised union were handed over to General Secretary, BSNL Employees Union. Almost all General Secretaries of our alliance unions were present.

We sought the CMD & Director (HRD) to speed up settlement of urgent issues. We also offered our full support to improve the services. CMD stated that BSNL is having more than 25 million mobile lines (2.5 crores) with us and we have to ensure that maximum number of lines are provided at the earliest.

NFTE-FNTO Misinformation Campaign Defeated

NFTE - FNTO Alliance was propagating that since BSNLEU has got only 49.97% votes, no recognition will be given to it. Another mis-propaganda was that since BSNLEU did not get more than 50% votes, NFTE will be recognised as the second union. Third mis-propaganda is that NFTE will get recognition in the five circles, where it has got more than 50% of votes. All these false claims stand shattered now.

Recognition is granted to BSNLEU. NFTE did not get recognition as the second union. There is not going to be any recognition to it in the circles where it got more than 50% votes, except the right to discuss certain local issues of its own members. The staff side in the National, Circle and Local Councils will be nominated only by BSNLEU.

Of course, everybody know, that NFTE-FNTO leadership has to somehow stop the flow of membership to the recognised union, to ensure their existence. But, now their hopes stands shattered; they may approach court of law for grant of recognition as the second union. But, this also is not easy. Already many High Courts had rejected such demands, first when BSNLEU approached court after 1st verification and NFTE approached court after 2nd verification. The management also had taken a similar stand. There is no scope in the present situation for grant of recognition to a second union.

The National Steering Committee of United Forum

A meeting of the National Steering Committee of the United Forum of BSNL Unions was held on 24th January 2009, the minutes of which are enclosed herewith. As can be seen from the minutes, the Staff side of the National Council will be constituted with certain number of members from each constituent of the United Forum.

It has been decided by the National Steering Committee that such Steering Committees should be formed at all Circles / SSA with the available Associations / Unions those who have supported and worked with the United Forum in the verification. The Circle / District Secretaries of BSNLEU should take the initiative. Copies of agreement made with all the unions are also enclosed herewith for information and necessary action.

It is of utmost importance that there should be good coordination with all our alliance partners, which is necessary for further struggles and agitations. Any problem in this connection should immediately be brought to the notice of General Secretary, BSNLEU.

Formation of Staff side of National / Circle / Local Councils

The formation of Staff side of National Council is being finalised as per agreement. Circle / District Secretaries are requested to meet the Steering Committees at their respective level, finalise the list of Staff side members and forward it to General Secretary, BSNLEU with the signatures of all unions in Steering Committee. General Secretary, BSNLEU will furnish the names to the CGM/GM etc.

Membership Campaign

Now that the verification is over, start the membership campaign in right earnest. CHQ is trying to get extension of date for submitting the deduction forms. In case, if we don't get extension, the forms can be submitted in July 2009. 6 months subscription can be collected together in cash (Rs.90/-) and the deduction can start from July 2009.

Council Offices

Wherever the Council offices have been surrendered after notification of the verification, immediate action should be taken to get the same restored to BSNLEU. Any delay in the matter should be taken up with CGM and if not settled even after that, the matter should be brought to the notice of CHQ for necessary action.

Act Fast

Now that the recognition is granted, act fast on all matters. Two years is a short period and the pending issues etc have to be settled at the earliest.

Central Executive Committee Meeting

CHQ is proposing to hold a Central Executive Committee meeting in February / March 2009. Those circles who are prepared to host the same may intimate to CHQ immediately.

CHQ

Coms. Mihir Das Gupta and G.Mathpati, Asst.General Secretaries and Com.K.R.Yadav, Vice-President have been asked to be at CHQ for the two months, February and March 2009. Com.P.Abhimanyu, Dy. General Secretary is on leave for one month.

Settlement of Issues

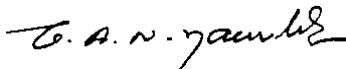
Many Branches / Districts are sending local issues to CHQ direct without taking them first at SSA/Circle levels. Many individual members are also sending their issues of local matters to CHQ. This results in unnecessary delay in settlement. Only those issues which are taken and not settled at SSA/Circle levels are to be sent to CHQ. Of course, on policy matters and general issues which are to be tackled at CHQ level, there is no objection to send them direct after discussing in the union forums at Branch / District / Circle level.

Website

CHQ had used the website very effectively during the election. Thousands of workers were visiting the website everyday. On 23.01.2009, when we were putting the results of SSA/Circle wise at about 1500 hrs the website was jammed and completely became out of order, probably due to thousands visiting at the same time. It is being repaired / reconstructed and will be restarted by tomorrow, 28.01.2009. The engineers are on the job.

With Warm Greetings

Yours fraternally,



[V.A.N. Namboodiri]
General Secretary

Copy to: All District / Circle Secretaries.

They are requested to take photostat copies and circulate to Branches.