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BSNL Employees to Observe Protest Day on 27.02.2009 demanding immediate Wage Revision

Non-executive employees of BSNL will observe Protest Day on 27th February, 2009 throughout the country by holding massive Lunch Hour demonstrations in each and every office demanding expeditious settlement of their major demands.

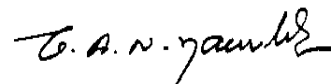
Wage Revision is due from 01.01.2007 for the non-executive employees. Pay revision for the ITS officers, who have not yet been absorbed in BSNL, has been done as per 6th Central Pay Commission recommendations. Pay Revision for other officers including Board members is in the final stage of implementation. However, the management has not yet started serious negotiations with the majority representative union for revision of wages of the non-executive employees of BSNL numbering about 2.5 lakh. This inordinate delay has generated severe discontents among the employees. United Forum demands immediate wage revision.

Other demands include immediate release of 6.2% Dearness Allowance which has fallen due with effect from 1st January, 2009.

Dearness Allowance equivalent to 50% of pay had been merged with pay of the serving employees with effect from 1st January, 2007 almost a year back. But the benefit has not yet been extended to the persons retired from BSNL.

An agreement on Promotion Policy of non-executive employees was signed between the management and the representative union in October, 2008. However, this agreement has not yet been implemented.

United Forum demands immediate settlement of the above demands and other long pending issues to address the genuine grievances of the employees. While United Forum and BSNL employees are very much eager to provide the best services to the people, amicable settlement of genuine long pending demands can't be allowed to be ignored or further delayed.



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