

BSNL WORKERS STRIKE

FROM 20TH APRIL 2010

0600 hours on 20th April the Indefinite Strike of the BSNL workers will start to save BSNL and its workers. Three lakh workers of the BSNL, irrespective of cadre, executive or non-executive, is on the warpath to safe guard the interests of the biggest Public Sector in India – to save it from the onslaught of the MNCs and the Indian big business. The neo-liberal policy of the Government has already made many profitable PSUs in to loss making. Many have been sold at throw away prices like VSNL, Balco, Centaur Hotel etc. The unholy alliance of the Government, Multi - National Companies and the Indian big business has already made the moves to pound upon BSNL, to tear and throw it to the wolves.

But they forgot that the working class is there to defend the PSUs, which have helped India to grow to the present status. The people of this country know the value of the PSUs which had stopped the global recession to a great extent in India. They know that it is because of the telecom PSUs, BSNL and MTNL, that India has got the cheapest telecom tariffs. No private company is going to provide telecom services in the lakhs of villages, from where you will not get any profit. Only BSNL is providing service in those places.

BSNL has got lakhs of acres of valuable land in the heart of cities, towns and villages. The real estate sharks want to take over them. Privatisation is necessary for the same. Sam Pitrodas are aiming for this through disinvestment and later privatisation. Example of another telecom PSU, VSNL is in front of us. Now it is Tata Telecommunications and private.

Sam Pitrodas want that the lakhs of workers who have sacrificed their all for the company is to be thrown out by giving them some pittance. This is the glorified VRS Scheme. Government wants to deny Pension revision to the retirees only because they agreed for absorption to BSNL from Government service out of compulsion. At the same it does not make any serious effort to settle the absorption issue of ITS officers, which is causing real damage to the development and expansion of BSNL. Orders for the Wage revision of non-executives even three months after an agreement has been signed is not issued causing much heart burning.

The notice for the strike has been issued about one month back. The management and government have not cared to settle the above fully justified demands of the workers. There is no alternative but to march ahead with our programme of indefinite strike.

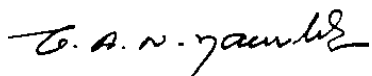
Comrades, the telecom workers have always been in the forefront of struggle. Contact each and every worker and ensure that cent per cent workers are on strike. Let all the offices stand closed.

We do not want that the people should suffer. But the management and government are fully responsible for the critical situation. We are not trigger happy. We want that the genuine demands of the workers are settled.

We seek the support of the people, the trade unions and all in this fight for justice.

Let us march ahead with unity! Towards victory!

With Revolutionary Greetings



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