

# UNITED FORUM OF BSNL UNIONS

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## ***STRIKE BY BSNL WORKERS***

BSNL Non-executive employees numbering more than two lakh forty five thousand will resort to two days strike on 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> May demanding immediate wage revision which is due with effect from 01.01.2007 and Interim Relief.

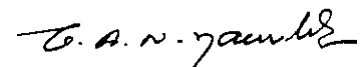
The wage revision of ITS officers who are on deputation to BSNL as also that of executives numbering about 60,000 have already been implemented and arrears of lakhs of rupees paid. But neither Interim Relief nor wage revision is granted to non-executives, despite their demands submitted several months earlier. While Board of Directors and top executives are granted more than 70% of fitment, management is not prepared to give the same benefit to workers. The minimum of CMD was increased from Rs.27,750/- to Rs.80,000/- while the maximum was increased from Rs.31,500/- to Rs.1,25,000/-. The management is refusing to increase the pay of non-executives in the same way.

The demand of 5 year agreement with full fitment is denied to non-executives eventhough it has been agreed by government on the basis of assurance given by Prime Minister to the Central Trade Unions. For 5 year agreement only 10% fitment is offered while more than 70% fitment benefit is available to CMD and top executives.

The Management is offering a pittance of 3 months pay as interim relief to cover the arrears of 27 months from 01.01.2007 till date. They offer Rs.400/- p.m. increase to the lowest paid employer.

The BSNL workers have decided to go on a two day strike on 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> May against this gross discrimination and injustice to low paid workers.

The United Forum of BSNL unions which is spearheading the agitation has also called upon the workers to organize **FAST ON DUTY** on 24<sup>th</sup> April as a protest against injustice.



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