

# **UNITED FORUM OF BSNL UNIONS**

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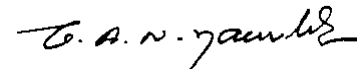
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## ***BSNL Employees Observed Mass-Fast on Duty on 24<sup>th</sup> April throughout the Country***

More than 2 lakh non-executive employees of BSNL resorted to FAST ON DUTY throughout the country today (24.04.2009) demanding early settlement of wage agreement, 5 year agreement with fitment benefit at par with executives, payment of Interim Relief etc. United Forum of BSNL unions which had given the call, congratulates the workers for the massive response. Reports received from various parts of the country indicates that apart from observing Fast on Duty, BSNL employees participated in large number in demonstrations, gate-meetings also in almost all places including Kolkata, Chennai, Bangalore, Trivandrum etc. Com. V.A.N. Namboodiri, General Secretary, BSNLEU and other leaders addressed a massive gathering at BSNL Corporate Office in New Delhi during recess period. Employees have exhibited their strong support to the demands and demanded early settlement of the same. They also showed their strong resolve to make the Two-days' strike on 19–20 May'09 a total success if the demands are not settled amicably.

Director (HRD) of BSNL Shri Gopal Das called the union representatives for discussion during the day and offered only 4 months' Basic Pay as Interim Relief. Such a small amount was not acceptable to the union and no settlement could be reached. United Forum calls upon all employees to carry on full preparations for the proposed strike on May 19-20.



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