

Meeting with Secretary (DoT)

Com. V.A.N. Namboodiri, General Secretary, BSNL Employees Union met Shri Sidhartha Behura, Secretary, DoT on 24.02.2009 and invited him to attend the meeting of Central Executive Committee of BSNLEU to be held at New Delhi on 5 – 6 March, 2009.

Com. Namboodiri discussed the issues of wage revision, Interim Relief, 50% IDA merger for BSNL Retirees and ITS absorption in BSNL and handed over letters on these subjects. He assured favourable consideration on these issues and advised to meet Member (Finance) on financial issues.

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Com. V.A.N. Namboodiri, General Secretary, BSNLEU along with Coms. K.R. Yadav, Vice-President, Mihir Das Gupta, AGS, R.S. Chauhan, Organising Secretary and Zile Singh, Circle Secretary, Corporate Office met Shri R. Ashok, Member (Finance), DoT and discussed the following issues.

- 1. Wage Negotiation & Interim Relief for BSNL Non-Executives:**
Com. Namboodiri pointed out about the undue delay in wage negotiation on the plea by the management that DoT approval is necessary. Member (F) stated that the BSNL, a Miniratna company, has the power to take decisions in the above issues on its own.
- 2. 50% IDA merger for BSNL retirees:** The union pointed out the need for early orders with regard to grant of 50% merger of IDA for the BSNL retirees. Member (Finance) stated that he is on the job and a final decision in the matter will be taken shortly.
- 3. Payment of Pension and Retirement benefits in time:** The delay in payment of retirement benefits and pension orders in some circles were brought to the notice of Member (Finance) with the request that all these should be settled on the last working day (of retirement) itself. Member (Finance) assured that he is aware of the problem. He also asked the union to bring such cases to his notice, in case of undue delay. He assured that circle unions can meet him in this connection whenever he is on inspection tour.