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BSNL WORKERS ORGANISE ONE HOUR PROTEST WALK-OUT ON 4TH MAY 2009

More than 2 lakh non-executive workers in BSNL will stage a ONE HOUR WALK OUT from office/duty on 4th May 2009 protesting against the very meager Interim Relief granted and also against its highhandedness in arbitrarily issuing such an order without consulting the representative and recognised union.

BSNL employees are eligible for wage revision w.e.f. 01-01-2007. The wages of Group A officers including ITS officers who are on deputation from DoT to BSNL have already been revised w.e.f. 01-01-2006 and arrears of lakh of rupees have been paid. The wages of executives in BSNL have been also revised and arrears paid months back. But neither the wages are revised for the two and half lakhs of non-executives nor any arrears paid.

Under the circumstances, the recognised representative union demanded that Interim Relief or pay advance to the tune of Rs. 50,000 to Rs. 80,000 be paid which is already paid in similar PSUs years back. But instead of accepting the demand the management has issued orders for payment of advance of four months pay only which is very low compared to the payment made to the ITS deputees as also executives. Further the order is issued bypassing the recognised representative union, which is arbitrary and against the conventions.

Protesting against the very meager pay advance as also the arbitrary way of issuing orders without consulting the recognized union, the United Forum of BSNL Unions has called upon the entire non-executive workers to organise one hour walk-out from office/duty on 4th May 2009. The United Forum calls upon the workers to participate in the programme and make it complete success. The United Forum demands the BSNL management to immediately concede the demands of the workers and not to aggravate the situation, when maximum co-ordination of workers and management is required for facing the stiff competition.



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