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BSNL Workers Strike on 11-12 December, 2008

More than 2 lakh BSNL workers will strike work on 11th & 12th December, 2008 demanding wage revision, grant of Interim Relief and other long pending demands.

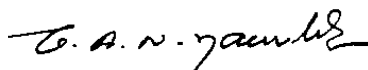
Central Govt. employees have already been given wage revision based on the recommendations of VI Central Pay Commission with effect from 01.01.2007. In the case of executives in Central PSUs, Government has accepted the recommendations of the II Pay Revision Committee and issued necessary orders for its implementation. But in the case of 2,40,000 non-executives in BSNL. So far not even negotiation for wage revision has started. It is more than 2 years since the wage revision is due, but the government and the management is keeping silence in the matter despite continued demand by the BSNL employees the recognised and negotiating union. The lame plea of the management is that they have not received any approval from the government for starting wage negotiation.

Interim Relief is usually granted when there is delay in finalization of wage revision from the due date. BSNL Employees union has demanded a minimum of Rs.3000/- as Interim Relief, which is to be adjusted on wage revision. This reasonable demand is also rejected by BSNL management.

A Promotion Policy for non-executives has been agreed between the management and union in October 2008. But so far no orders are issued, resulting in much financial loss to the concerned employees. There are many other long pending issues which are yet to be settled.

It is under these circumstances that United Forum of BSNL unions has decided to go on two days strike on 11th & 12th December, 2008. Massive dharnas will be organized at all Districts on 5th December, 2008 as a prelude to the strike.

BSNL Employees union demands the government and BSNL management to discuss and concede the demands so that a confrontation can be avoided.



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