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***Indefinite Strike of BSNL employees called off
after agreement with Minister***

The Indefinite Strike of BSNL Workers have been called off after discussion with Communications & IT Minister Shri A. Raja today, 20th April, 2010.

The strike was complete all over the country with most of the 3000 and odd BSNL offices completely deserted due to strike by executive and non-executive employees numbering more than 3 lakhs. Many offices stood closed since nobody was available. The employees on strike organized rallies, dharnas etc. in front of their offices raising the demands of the strike. Thousands of workers mobilized in the metro cities like Kolkata, Chennai, Bangalore, Hyderabad, Lucknow, Patna Jaipur, Bhopal and other centres.

Hundreds of workers who were on strike organized rally in front of Bharat Sanchar Bhavan, Corporate Office, New Delhi. V.A.N. Namboodiri, Convenor, JAC and other leaders addressed.

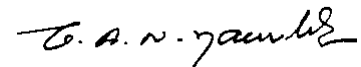
The Minister Communications called the JAC leaders for discussion by 1100 AM. After protracted discussion for about two hours agreement has been reached on the following points.

Minister assured that all stake holders including the unions will be taken in to confidence before any decision is taken with regard to VRS, Disinvestment and Sharing of infrastructure.

It was also assured that in the case of absorption issue of ITS officers as also revision of pension of BSNL retirees, note will be prepared and submitted to cabinet within 3 months. 30 million mobile lines will be made available this year to BSNL to provide connections to people. It was also assured that the wage revision of non-executives will be approved by DoT within 15 days.

The Joint Action Committee met and on the basis of the assurances withdrew the strike and called upon the workers to resume duty.

The Joint Action Committee congratulates the workers for organizing the historic struggle. It also thanked all the Central Trade Unions, Service Association, Political Parties and others who supported the struggle.



(V.A.N.NAMBOODIRI)
Convenor, JAC