

# ALL INDIA BSNL-DOT PENSIONERS' ASSOCIATION

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Dear Comrades,

## **CONTINUOUS STRUGGLE TO SAVE BSNL**

A serious crisis has developed with the submission of Sam Pitroda Committee report. It is learnt that the Committee has recommended for 30% disinvestment of BSNL shares, VRS of one lakh employees and cancellation of 93 million GSM development plan. There is no doubt about the fact that the recommendations are aimed to eliminate BSNL and for its complete privatization. AIBDPA condemn the Sam Pitroda Committee report and demand the Central Government to reject it in the best interest of BSNL and the country.

The Joint Forum of Unions and Associations of Non-executives and Executives promptly gave a call for a spontaneous protest against the anti-national recommendations by conducting lunch hour demonstration throughout the country on 15<sup>th</sup> March, 2010. While formulating the demands for the struggle, the Joint Forum also included pension revision on IDA scale to the pre-2007 BSNL retirees. On receiving the information about the decision of Joint Forum our CHQ asked our members to join the programme en-masse as we are committed to resist such attacks calculated to subvert the very existence of BSNL. Reports from various Circles reveal that the call was taken in right spirit by our members participating in the programme in good numbers.

### **Dharna on 26.03.2010 & Strike on 20.04.2010.**

The Joint Forum has further decided to conduct mass Dharna in all Telecom Districts on 26.03.2010 and a total strike on 20.04.2010. We should join the Dharna on 26<sup>th</sup> March, 2010 and extend all the co-operation and help for the success of strike on 20<sup>th</sup> April, 2010.

### **Meeting with Members, Finance (DoT)**

On behalf of AIBDPA, Com. C K Narasimhan, Circle Convener, Tamil Nadu met Smt. Vijayalakshmi Gupta, DoT, Member, Finance on 09.03.2010 at Chennai. 50% IDA merger for pre-2007 retirees, anomaly in pension, delay in payment of IDA etc. were discussed. The Member Finance assured all possible help at DoT level to settle these issues.

### **Dharna on 29<sup>th</sup> January, 2010 – Grand Success**

The dharna called upon by AIBDPOA on 29.01.2010 focusing 50% IDA merger, revision of pension, anomaly in pension, move to revise the pension from IDA pattern to CDA pattern, Rs.1000/- medical allowance to the DOT retirees was conducted successfully in all parts of the country. CHQ has received reports from New Delhi, West Bengal, North East, UP East, Kolkata, Kerala, Tamil Nadu, Maharashtra, Rajasthan, Karnataka etc. Other Circles are directed to send the report without further delay.

### **Small, but Significant Achievement**

The DOT has started the process of revision of pension to the pre-2007 BSNL retirees on IDA scale changing their earlier proposal on CDA scale. The continued and sustained efforts of BSNLEU and AIBDPA including meeting the Hon'ble Minister of Communications and IT, Secretary, DOT and the country wide Dharna on 29.01.2010 as also the 48 hrs. strike on 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> August, 2009 have yielded this small but significant achievement. Further pressure is necessary as Cabinet decision is required to settle the issue for ever. CHQ is trying to meet the Hon'ble Prime Minister in this regard. If it is further delayed we have no other option but to continue the struggle vigorously.

### **Wage Agreement, Hats Off to BSNLEU**

The long awaited wage agreement for BSNL non-executives was signed by the BSNLEU, the only majority and recognized Union with the management on 15.01.2010 defeating the negative attitude and nefarious game of the management. This is the best wage accord in the given circumstances and has been well appreciated by all. It has been approved initially by BSNL Management Committee and now the BSNL Full Board. After getting the formal approval from DOT, the wage agreement will be implemented. AIBDPA wholeheartedly congratulate CHQ BSNLEU and its UF constituents for this great achievement. The pension issues also find a mention in the wage agreement.

### **Organisation**

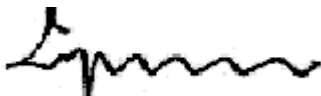
**Circle Conferences: UP East.** The Circle convention held on 12.01.2010 at Lucknow has formed the Circle Association of AIBDPA. A set of office bearers including Com. R.S. Yadav, a veteran leader of the P&T trade union movement as President and Com. G.R. Verma as Circle Secretary was elected unanimously. Com. V A N Namboodiri, Advisor, AIBDPA and K R Yadav, Vice President, BSNLEU CHQ, Com. Mohd Samad, AGS, AIBDPA participated.

**Kerala:** Circle convention was held on 20.02.2010 at Kozhikode. Com. Ananta Kr Bhattacharjee, All India President, AIBDPA inaugurated. Com. V A N Namboodiri, GS, BSNLEU and Advisor, AIBDPA, Com. PV. Chandrasekharan, All India Patron AIBDPA, Com. K G Jayaraj, General Secretary, AIBDPA addressed. 400 delegates from all the districts of Kerala attended the convention. Circle Association was formed with the election of Office bearers, unanimously including Com. V. Kesavan (Patron), Com P V Chandrasekharan (President), Com N Ramesan (Circle Secretary), Com R.R. Warier (Treasurer).

**West Bengal** Circle convention has been decided to be held on 30.03.2010. Central office bearers of AIBDPA and Circle Secretaries of BSNLEU in other Circles are requested to take initiative to hold the Circle level convention without further delay. In some circles, district units are formed before the Circle convention. However, the organizational obligation of forming the Circle and District association has to be completed not later than 30.04.2010.

It is also requested to continue the membership campaign with vigour so that AIBDPA is made the majority and mighty organization of BSNL and DOT pensions.

*With Fraternal Greetings.*



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