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Struggle ahead March on!

Dear comrades,

a) General Strike on 7th September, 2010

The Central Trade Unions and Industrial Federations conducted the 2nd Worker's Convention at New Delhi on 15th July, 2010. BSNLEU took part in this convention. Dr. G. Sanjiva Reddy, President, INTUC presented the draft declaration of the convention. It has decided to launch a country wide General Strike on 07.09.2010 on important issues such as price rise, disinvestment of PSUs including BSNL etc. The fact that even INTUC, which owes allegiance to the Congress Party, has decided to join the strike speaks volumes about the anti-labour policies of the UPA government. BSNL is facing the threat of disinvestment. Now Central Trade Union have decided to launch a powerful strike against disinvestment. Hence, it is our duty to see that this strike takes place successfully in BSNL. Circle and District Secretaries are requested to gear up and mobilize the workers for this strike.

b) Massive BSNL Workers convention at Delhi – 19.07.2010

As a part of the ongoing nation wide "Save BSNL" campaign, a massive convention of BSNL Workers was held in the Mavlankar Hall, at New Delhi on 19.07.2010 by the JAC. All the unions and associations in BSNL participated in this convention. A huge number of BSNLEU members participated in the convention from Rajasthan, Punjab, UP (West), Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Uttaranchal and many other circles. The convention has given call for a 3 day's strike from 19th to 21st October, 2010, against the wrong policies of the government towards BSNL and on various demands to save BSNL. CHQ requests Circle and District Secretaries to take effective steps for the success of the strike. Circles which have not yet conducted the "Save BSNL" convention are requested to conduct the same without further delay.

c) United Forum decides struggle against the lethargy of BSNL management

A number of demands have been raised before the BSNL management on problems connected with the implementation of the Non-Executive Promotion Policy and the Wage Revision orders. The benefits of the promotion policy are being denied to the workers due to the non-issue of clarifications and also non-acceptance of our demands for issuing of certain modifications. All our efforts to get the issues settled without delay have not fructified. The management is not understanding the difficulties of the workers due to the non-settlement of certain other issues. Hence, the United Forum meeting, which took place on 20.07.2010, has decided to give call for holding **demonstrations on 05.08.2010** and **dharnas on 12.08.2010**. CHQ requests Circle and District Unions to immediately convene the United Forum meetings to conduct the struggles successfully.

d) 78.2% IDA merger – JAC meets CMD

A meeting between the JAC leaders and CMD and Director (HR) took place on 20.07.2010 to discuss the issue. JAC leaders forcefully argued that BSNL fulfils all the conditions for the implementation of the DPE order on 78.2% IDA merger. While we can say that the attitude of the CMD was not negative, he assured to place the issue for approval in the next meeting of the Board of Directors. We hope for positive results.

e) Building Fund

While generally CHQ has received good response from the workers for it's call for the building fund, it is observed that still many Circle Unions have not taken effective steps for the mobilization of the funds. Every Day, our CHQ website is updated with the details of donations sent by various District and Circle Unions. Payment of wage revision arrears is almost completed in all the circles. Still we have to go a long way to fulfil our dream of purchasing a union building at Delhi. A list of donations received from various Circle and District Unions is enclosed herewith for reference. Circle Secretaries are requested to complete the collection and send the amount to CHQ immediately.

f) 50th anniversary of the glorious 1960 strike

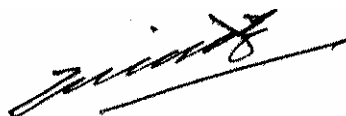
A convention was held on 16.07.2010 in Mavalankar Hall at New Delhi to commemorate the glorious strike of 1960. It was presided over by Com. Umraomal Prohit (AIRF), Com. Saila Battacharjee (AIDEF) and Com. S.K. Vyas, President, Confederation. The declaration of the convention was introduced by Com. K.K.N. Kutty, SG, Confederation. The convention recollected the sacrifices made by a large number of leaders and workers during that strike. Among others, Com. V.A.N. Namboodiri, President, BSNLEU and Com. Pabitra Chakraborty, Ex-General Secretary, Administrative Union are honoured in the convention for their participation in the strike.

g) Post card campaign

The JAC had given call to conduct a massive post card campaign, addressed to the Prime Minister, demanding reimbursement of Rs.18,500 crore, which has been fleeced from BSNL towards spectrum charges. The last date was 19.07.2010. CHQ is hopeful that the programme has been implemented successfully. Circle Secretaries are requested to send the district wise figure of post cards sent to the PM. This may kindly be done without further delay.

Thanking you,

Yours fraternally



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