

BSNL EMPLOYEES UNION

Recognised Union in BSNL

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Donate Liberally to CHQ Building Fund

Dear Comrades,

BSNL Employees Union, which was formed on 22nd March 2001 at Visakhapatnam in the massively attended All India Telecom Convention, by merging 7 existing unions, has grown step by step and is the only recognised union of non-executives in BSNL since 2004. It has won with huge margin of votes in all the membership verifications since 2004 till the last held in January, 2009. Even the combination of NFTE and FNTD along with its partners has to face utter defeat from BSNLEU and United Forum which won with a huge majority of more than 28,000 votes – giving shock waves both to management and also NFTE-FNTD alliance.

During the last 5 – 6 years of its recognition period BSNL Employees Union had settled many important demands and issues of BSNL Workers like Group Insurance, Refund of CGEGIS, Promotion Policy etc. the latest of which is the excellent wage settlement in the very difficult adverse conditions. BSNLEU had to resort to sustained agitations including the glorious 48 hours strike on 19 – 20th August, 2009 to make the management to agree for a better wage settlement.

BSNLEU took the initiative in uniting all unions under the platform of Joint Forum to fight against the government move to disinvest / privatize BSNL. The government had to rescind its decision to disinvest / IPO BSNL twice in the face of employees strong protest and agitation. BSNLEU defeated managements agreement with NFTE to retrench 50,000 workers under the guise of Voluntary Retirement Scheme (VRS).

BSNLEU always stood to protect and safeguard the interests of the BSNL Workers. It is part and parcel of the trade union movement in the country. It is spearheading the workers struggle.

BSNLEU need its own Building

This mighty organization have no own building at Central Head Quarters at Delhi to function. It is functioning at Dada Ghosh Bhawan, the ownership, tenancy etc. of which are in dispute in court. There are 6 employees engaged at CHQ in addition to the General Secretary, Dy. General Secretary, Asst. General Secretaries etc who function at CHQ. The present space is completely insufficient with General Secretary, Dy. General Secretary, one Asst. General Secretary and two computer operators working in the same room. There is hardly any space even for seating accommodations for visitors & guests.

While General Secretary is staying at Gole Market, Other Office-bearers are staying at Dada Ghosh Bhawan. When more office-bearers are called to work at CHQ, hotel rooms have to be arranged which is most expensive. CHQ feel very embarrassed and unhappy when it is not able to arrange accommodation even for one or two days when Comrades visit Delhi for union or their own purposes.

Mysore CEC takes a bold decision

The Mysore Central Executive Committee meeting held in August 2009 after discussing the various aspects unanimously decided to purchase a building for BSNLEU CHQ to meet the above requirements. CHQ enquired the availability of such a building, market price etc. There are buildings for sale in the vicinity of 5 to 8 miles from the Corporate Office. A moderate building of 2 or 3 floors will require a minimum of Rs.2.5 to 3 crores to purchase. Registration fee as well as furnishing will need some more amount. We must have an independent building so that our name board, flag etc. can be displayed.

Bhopal CEC calls for Donation

The Central Executive Committee meeting of BSNLEU which was held at Bhopal from 14th to 16th February, 2010, after detailed discussion on all the above points has decided to call for liberal donations from members to enable to purchase of the building for union.

Accordingly it has been decided to collect donations at the time of payment of wage arrears @ of Rs.600/- (Rs. Six Hundred only) out of which Rs.300/- will go to CHQ Building Fund and the other Rs.300/- will be equally divided between Circle, District and Branch @ Rs.100/- towards their organizational fund. Some circles have offered to collect more for which CHQ have already expressed thanks. Some others have offered to pay the entire donation to CHQ.

Since CHQ was able to cope up the expenditure through subscription to a certain extent, we did not call for Bonus donation last time. It is the system of PSU unions to collect donations on % basic from workers on the occasion of payment of Bonus, Wage arrears etc. But we have been collecting donations only when it is unavoidable.

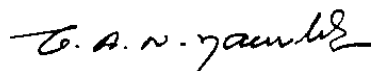
The wage revision settlement has been reached and the arrears will be paid after approval of DoT and DPE (if necessary). Workers have appreciated the wage agreement and are prepared to donate to the noble cause. Our job is to approach and collect the same from each and every member and all those including executives and non-executives who support this cause.

You are requested to start the propaganda now itself so that by the time the arrears are being paid, the fund could be collected fully and effectively.

Let all of us unitedly make maximum efforts to make our dream of acquiring a building for union at Delhi fulfilled. The name of donors will be published in CHQ journals.

Thanking You,

Yours Fraternally,



[V.A.N.NAMBOODIRI]
General Secretary

Copy to: *All CEC members & District Secretaries for information and necessary action.*

Tamil Nadu shows the way

The response to the appeal of CHQ for Building Fund has very enthusiastic and spontaneous response from workers.

While addressing the Circle Conference of BSNLEU, Tamil Nadu Circle, held at Tutukudi from 27th February to 2nd March, 2010, Com. V.A.N. Namboodiri, General Secretary briefed the decision to purchase a building for CHQ and appealed the workers to donate to the cause.

There was unexpected and spontaneous response from the delegates. Immediately many delegates, one after another, came to the stage and started handing over donations to the General Secretary. The full house applauded the donors by clapping hands during entire period while the donations were being made. Within a short period of half an hour an amount of Rs.75,080 was donated and handed over to General Secretary.

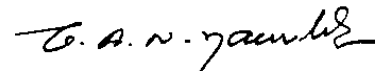
Com. S. Chellappa, Circle Secretary, Tamil Nadu assured General Secretary that the circle will collect donations from each and every member and remit at the earliest.

CHQ expresses its great appreciation and thanks to the Tamil Nadu Comrades for their spontaneous response to the noble cause.

West Bengal donates Rs.60,000/- as first installment

General Secretary, Com. V.A.N. Namboodiri addressed the Circle Conference of BSNLEU, West Bengal held at Asansol from 8th to 10th January, 2010 and appealed for Building Fund as per decision of the Central Executive Committee meeting. There was immediate and inspiring response from the house. Com. Animesh Mitra, Circle Secretary, West Bengal offered Rs.60,000/- as the first installment from the West Bengal and handed over the same to General Secretary. He assured that donations will be fully collected and remitted to CHQ.

CHQ expresses our thanks to the Circle Secretaries and other Comrades of West Bengal and Tamil Nadu for the excellent examples shown by them. The workers have once again shown their appreciation, dedication and commitment to BSNLEU, which is fighting to protect safeguard and advance their interests.



**[V.A.N. Namboodiri]
General Secretary**