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Dear comrades!

After assuming charge as General Secretary of our great organization, I am really glad to contact all of you through this first circular.

A landmark All India Conference

The 5th All India Conference of our union was held in Jyothi Basu Nagar, at Thiruvananthapuram, from 12th to 15th May, 2010. Excellent arrangements had been made by the Reception Committee, under the leadership of Com. Anavoor Nagappan (Chairman), Com. Muralidharan Nair (Working Chairman) and Com. K. Mohanan (General Convenor). The conference took off with the flag hoisting ceremony. The National flag was hoisted by com. J.N. Mishra, President and the union flag was hoisted by Com. V.A.N. Namboodiri, GS. The Conference was inaugurated by Com. M.K. Pandhe, Vice President, CITU. Many prominent trade union leaders also addressed the inaugural ceremony. On the same day, a seminar titled, "Challenges faced by BSNL" was held. It was inaugurated by Shri Kodyeri Balakrishnan, Hon'ble Home Minister of Kerala. Shri S.R. Kapoor, Executive Director, Shri K. Srinivasan, CGM, Kerala, Com. J.N. Mishra, President, Com. V.A.N. Namboodiri, GS, Com. P. Abhimanyu, Dy. GS and leaders of fraternal organizations also participated in the seminar.

A colourful procession thronged the streets of Thiruvananthapuram on 13th, in which thousands of workers participated. It was followed by an open session, which was inaugurated by Shri V.S. Achuthanandan, the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Kerala. Com. Tapan Sen, General Secretary, CITU, and many other leaders addressed the open session.

Totally 2408 delegates, observers and visitors participated in this AIC. Out of this, 79 delegates participated in the debate. Lively discussions took place on crucial issues, concerning the employees as well as BSNL. The AIC has passed resolutions on many important issues. The report placed by the General Secretary and the audited accounts placed by the Treasurer were approved by the house unanimously. The entire proceedings of the house went on in a very disciplined manner. The decision of the Bhopal CEC, to purchase a building for our union, was overwhelmingly ratified by the AIC. In the conference itself, many circle unions and delegates spontaneously donated an amount of Rs.3,50,000, towards the building fund. The cultural programme, organized by the Reception Committee, spoke volumes about the cultural depth of the land of Kerala. Election of office bearers was held unanimously. Com.V.A.N. Namboodiri, Com. P. Abhimanyu, Com. P. Asokababu and com.S.C.Bhattacharya are elected as President, General Secretary, Dy. General Secretary and Treasurer respectively. No doubt that this was a landmark conference in all respects which will be remembered and cherished by all those who attended it.

Com. Moni Bose Passes away

The veteran leader of the P&T trade union movement, Com. Moni Bose passed away at Kolkata at 1045 am on 19-05-2010. He had been ill and had been hospitalized for more than a month. Com. Moni Bose got elected as the General Secretary of the E3 union, defeating Com. O.P. Gupta, in the All India Conference held at Bhopal in 1991. Later on he became the President of the Union in 1994. Till he breathed his last, Com. Moni Bose had been contributing to our organization by guiding it in the proper direction. Com. V.A.N. Namboodiri, President and Com. P. Abhimanyu, GS, visited his house on 19th May and consoled his wife Com. Jyotsana, son Dr. Gautam Basu and other family members. They also attended the funeral of Com. Moni Bose on 20th May and paid homage to the great leader. Since a huge expenditure has been incurred for his treatment, CHQ has donated Rs. One lakh for his medical fund. Similarly, in the Thiruvananthapuram AIC, various circle unions announced contributions totaling Rs. One and half lakh.

Meeting with Management

The newly elected office bearers, viz., Com. V.A.N. Namboodiri, president, Com. P. Abhimanyu, General Secretary and Com. P. Asokababu, Dy. General Secretary met the top officers, including the Director(HR) on 18-05-2010. The new list of office bearers, elected in the Thiruvananthapuram AIC was handed over to the management.

Implementation of the decisions of the All India Conference.

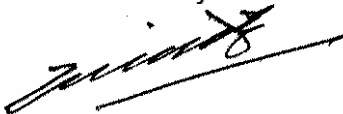
(i) An important decision of the AIC is to launch a massive nation wide campaign against disinvestment as well as to protect and strengthen BSNL. The Central Secretariat Meeting, held on 21-05-2010, discussed this issue at length. The meeting decided to call upon the Circle and District Unions to conduct seminars at Circle and District levels to educate and mobilize the workers. These seminars are to be completed by the end of October, 2010. This is to be followed by a mammoth "March to Parliament" in November 2010. This will be synchronized with the winter session of the Parliament. Circle and Districts are requested to take immediate action on this.

(ii) The AIC has decided to amend the constitution of our union, for increasing the monthly subscription from Rs. 15 to Rs. 20, accepting the strong demand made by the Circle and District Secretaries. However, this can be implemented, only after the constitutional amendment is approved by the Registrar of Trade Unions. CHQ is taking efforts to get the decisions approved early.

(iii) The AIC has ratified the decision of the Bhopal CEC to collect building fund from each member, at the rate of Rs. 300/-. This donation is to be collected at the time of the payment of wage arrears. CHQ will be issuing a separate appeal to the members for this. Collection of Rs. 300/- from each and every member will not be an easy task. Hence, our District and Branch Secretaries are requested to approach each and every employee in advance and get their consent for the collection. Further, they are requested to execute the task of collection of building fund in a well planned manner.

With Warm Greetings,

Yours Fraternaly



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