

**BSNLEU/123 (Res.)**

**30.07.2008**

To

**Shri Kuldeep Goyal,  
CMD, BSNL,  
Bharat Sanchar Bhawan  
New Delhi – 110001**

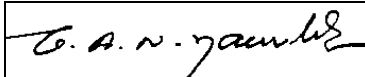
Sir,

Sub: - **Resolution on “Nationwide General Strike on 20<sup>th</sup> August, 2008” adopted in the Central Executive Committee meeting of BSNL Employees Union at New Delhi on 21 – 22 July, 2008**

I am forwarding herewith a copy of the resolution on “**Nationwide General Strike on 20<sup>th</sup> August, 2008**” adopted in the Central Executive Committee meeting of BSNL Employees Union held at New Delhi on 21 – 22 July, 2008 for favour of your information and necessary action.

Thanking you,

*Yours faithfully,*



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

Encl: As above.

# ***BSNL Employees Union***

## ***Central Executive Committee Meeting***

### ***New Delhi, 21 – 22 July, 2008***

## **Resolution**

### ***Join En – masse and make the Nationwide General Strike on 20<sup>th</sup> August 2008 a resounding success***

This Central Executive Committee meeting of BSNL Employees union held at New Delhi on 21 – 22 July, 2008 notes with utmost seriousness that the National Sponsoring Committee of Trade Unions and Federations has given a clarion call from the National Convention held on 13<sup>th</sup> May, 2008 to embark upon one day's General Strike on 20<sup>th</sup> August 2008 to cry a grinding halt to the anti people policies of the Govt. at the centre leading to continuous unprecedented price rise, widespread violation of labour rights, disinvestment / privatization etc. and press for the genuine demands of the working class and toiling masses of the country. The charter of demands of the Strike is:

- 1) **Take urgent steps to contain price-rise through (a) universalizing the public distribution system, (b) ban on futures and forward trading in all essential commodities, (c) reduction of tax in petrol and diesel, (d) stringent action against hoarding and black marketing.**
- 2) **Strict implementation of all labour laws particularly in respect of minimum wages, working hours, social security and safety and stringent action against all cases of violations; stop contractorisation and outsourcing.**
- 3) **Scope of the Unorganised Sector Workers Social Security Bill pending in Parliament should be expanded to cover all unorganized sector workers irrespective of BPL or APL category to ensure a national minimum social security benefit for them as per unanimous recommendation of the National Commission for Enterprises in the Unorganised Sector (NCEUS) and the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Labour with Central Govt. Funding.**
- 4) **Farmers Loan Waiver Scheme to be extended to loans from private money lenders; nationalized banks to extend easy credit to peasants at lower interest rate.**
- 5) **Lift ban on recruitment in Govt services; remove the negative and discriminatory features in the recommendation of 6<sup>th</sup> Pay Commission and finalise the same for implementation in consultation with the employees organizations; expedite regularization and grant of pension to gramian dak-sevaks.**
- 6) **Expedite wage negotiations for the employees of Central PSUs including the contract workers without any conditionalities.**

The Bhopal session of the CPSTU held on 19<sup>th</sup> July, 2008, while extending full support to the Strike Demands, further decided the strike will reiterate the core demands formulated by it as under:

- (1) No to disinvestment/privatization and contractorisation/outsourcing in PSUs.**
- (2) Relativity between Workers and Executives in pay and benefits turned widely adverse during last round of wage negotiations, must be restored.**
- (3) Annual increment system as percentage of basic pay to be calculated cumulatively every year.**
- (4) Wage rise for the contract workers in PSUs ensuring at least the minimum wage and benefits available to the permanent workers in all the respective PSUs.**
- (5) Merger of DA equal to 50% of the basic pay with effect from 01.04.2004.**
- (6) Financial and policy support for revival of sick PSUs and Wage revision for the concerned employees.**
- (7) Filling up of all vacancies for workman category in PSUs through fresh recruitment of regular workers.**

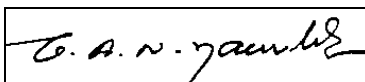
This CEC meeting notes with satisfaction that both the charters of demands include demands concerning BSNL Employees, besides very important common issues.

This meeting further notes with grave concern that reports of VI-CPC and Justice Rao Committee on pay revision of Executives of CPSEs have raised certain issues which are against the basic principles of rights and privileges of the workers. These recommendations are bound to adversely affect the non-executive employees of BSNL also, which are to be opposed and defeated.

BSNL Employees union is a party to the decisions of the National Sponsoring Committee and CPSTU. It is our bounden duty to implement those decisions successfully.

This CEC meeting of BSNLEU while endorsing the strike call on 20.08.2008 calls upon all Circle, District and Branch unions to launch a vigorous campaign throughout the country on the Strike-demands and make the strike a resounding success. This meeting calls upon all employees to join en-masse in the strike to safeguard the interest of ourselves, the entire working class and the nation.

***(Unanimously passed)***



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