

**Leaders of BSNLEU & BSNL Casual & Contract Workers  
Federation meet Parliament Standing Committee  
on Labour on 2<sup>nd</sup> January'2012.**

The representatives of BSNLEU and BSNL Casual & Contract Workers Federation met the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Labour on 2<sup>nd</sup> January'2012 to present the issues of the Casual and Contract workers. The meeting was held at Kolkata. Coms. Animesh Mitra, Circle Secretary, BSNLEU W.B., Saibal Sengupta, CS, BSNLEU, Kolkata Circle, Tapas Ghosh, Circle Secretary, as well as Secretary General of BSNLCCWF, Tapas Bannerjee, CS, BSNLCCWF, Kolkata and other leaders viz. Com Swapan Chanda, BSNLEU, Com. Kalyan Raha, BSNLCMU, Com. Akhilesh Banerjee, BSNLCMU and Com. Tarak Kundu, BSNLCMU were present in the meeting. One memorandum was presented to the members of the Parliamentary Standing Committee. Com. Animesh Mitra explained the burning problems of Casual and Contract labourers before the Members of the Standing Committee, Officers of the Regional labour department, Commissioner of the Regional EPF department and the officers of BSNL CO who were present in the meeting. Com. Mitra informed that except in West Bengal the Casual labours were regularised throughout India during the formation of BSNL i.e. 01-10-2000. He expressed his resentment that the EPF contribution was deducted from the poor labours but the contractors do not pay to the EPF department, therefore he demanded that the principal employer i.e. BSNL Management should deposit the amount of EPF to the respective EPF authority. Similarly the amount of ESI is deducted from the wages of Casual/Contract workers, but the workers are not getting the benefits. He also informed the Committee members that the Recognised Union has already demanded the CGM, West Bengal as well as BSNL CO, that the Group 'D' vacancies should be filled up with the listed casual labourers. Further he informed the members that the management is remaining silent regarding the demand of the Union for grant of TSM status and wages on IDA payscale. Already BSNLCCWF has represented to the Chief Labour Commissioner and a letter was also written to the Prime Minister on these issues.

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