

## ***Meeting with CMD on procurement of equipments and 78.2% IDA merger***

Discussion is held with the CMD, BSNL, on the procurement of equipments. Assurance has been given by the Hon'ble MOC that 10 million line equipments would be procured by BSNL immediately. However, BSNL has floated a tender to procure only 5.5 million line equipments. This is far less to meet requirement of BSNL. Hence, the leaders pressed hard on the CMD to increase the procurement to 10 million lines. CMD accepted this demand of the leaders and assured to do necessary modification in the tender.

The leaders also urged upon the CMD to immediately increase the merger of IDA from 68.8% to 78.2%, for the purpose of the wage revision of the Non-Executives and Executives. CMD replied that a committee has been formed in BSNL to study this issue. But the leaders told the CMD that there is no necessity for forming any committee, but the 78.2% merger should be given immediately. From BSNLEU, Com. V.A.N. Namboodiri, President and Com. P. Abhimanyu, General Secretary participated in the discussion.

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