

Preacher should also practice what he says.

BSNL management is telling that the profit of the company is drastically reduced. It is true also. Hence, management is advising the union to postpone issues like 5 promotions, wage revision and also to accept VRS, abolition of uniform etc. We have out rightly rejected all these proposals. It is a fact that the fall in BSNL's profit is due to the bungling done by the management in procuring GSM equipments. Since BSNL was not able to give mobile connections on a large scale last year, it's profit has dwindled.

We are of the firm opinion that to save BSNL, it's wasteful expenditure should be curtailed. In the National Council meeting held on 17-06-2008, the staff side raised this issue. Staff side suggested various ways and means to curtail the wasteful expenditure. Further, the staff side suggested that the Corporate Office should set an example to others in this respect. A few issues raised by the Staff side and the replies given by management side are given hereunder.

Staff side: - Management is holding the Heads of Circle Conferences in 5 star hotels. This involves a huge expenditure. Why can't this conferences be held in our own building, i.e. Bharat Sanchar Bhavan?

Management side: Nearly 125 persons attend this conference. There is no hall in Bharat Sanchar Bhavan which is big enough to accommodate so many persons.

Staff side: - In that case why can't that conferences be conducted in some other convenient halls, instead of holding in 5 star hotels.

Management side could not give any reply.

Staff side: - We come to know that huge amounts are being incurred every month, by the Directors of BSNL Board, being the payment for taxis. Such big amounts are unjustified. Why can't this expenditure be reduced. Staff side quoted the amounts being incurred for some of the Directors.

Management side: These amounts are the need based barest minimum and it cannot be reduced further.

We reproduce hereunder, the month wise amount paid by BSNL CO for hiring taxis for some of the officers. Readers can come to their own conclusion.

**Details of expenditure for hiring vehicles for Sr. Officers of BSNL
CO for the year 2007-08**

Sl. No.	Designation	Transporter	April	May	June
BSNL Board			Amount (Rs.)	Amount (Rs.)	Amount (Rs.)
1	CMD	Sakshi Cabs	47,903	35044	27630
2	Dir (HRD)		40,111	42209	46047
3	Dir (Finance)	Sakshi Cabs	36,874	48775	55645
4	Dir (Op.)	Sakshi Cabs	35,538	39257	55248
5	Dir (Plg & ns)		43,613	45391	61341
6	CVO		39,518	43944	35546
	Sub-Total		243,557	254,620	281,457
	Average		40,593	42,437	46,910