

MAKE 7TH SEPTEMBER 2010 STRIKE A GRAND SUCCESS

DEMANDS

- 1) Control the unprecedented price rise.**
- 2) Stop disinvestment of shares of PSUs**
- 3) Scrap all the retrograde recommendations of the Sam Pitroda Committee on BSNL**
- 4) Ensure financial viability of BSNL**
- 5) Protect employment**
- 6) Strict enforcement of labor laws**
- 7) Cover all unorganized sector workers, including those above the poverty line, under the Unorganized Workers Social Security Act 2008**

Comrades,

The capitalist system is now trying to overcome its crisis by concentrating more on plunder, than on production, and thus gain quick profit. Prices of essential commodities are increased, jobs are cut, PSUs are sold for a song, Pension is under attack, health and education converted into big business, mines are handed over at nominal rates, public money is handed over in the name of concessions in taxes to the big capitalists, labor laws are increasingly violated, corruption reached gigantic proportions, 77% of the population in India are unable to spend even Rs 20/- per day for their livelihood and per capita availability of food grains is going on decreasing. On the other hand, the wealth of the top most ten richest persons in India increased from Rs.3,55,205 crores to Rs.6,05,077 crores in the calendar year 2009.

As a part of this looting, the Sam Pitroda Committee recommended for selling 30% shares in BSNL and removing one lakh employees. The Government is trying to go ahead to implement these recommendations and appointed another Committee for this purpose. Due to the anti-PSU and anti-BSNL policies of the Government, BSNL posted a loss of Rs 1822 crores for the year 2009-10.

Because of the pressure from the supporting Left parties, the previous UPA-I Government was unable to implement several policies aimed at looting the economy and the people. But after winning for a second term and formed without the support of Left Parties, the present UPA-II Government is trying to go ahead with full speed in

implementing these fraudulent policies, aimed at garnering quick profits to the Indian and foreign big capitalists.

The working class of India has decided to fight against these policies of plunder, and to change the system for better. All the major Central Trade Unions (INTUC, CITU, AITUC, HMS, TUCC, UTUC, AICCTU, AIUTUC) and Federations/Unions representing Central Government, State Government, PSU employees and workers have given a call for a General Strike in all sectors on 7-9-2010 protesting against these wrong policies.

Since these policies of plunder are being implemented in several countries in the name of globalization, the World Federation of Trade Unions (WFTU) has given call to the workers of all countries to observe 7th September 2010 as International Day of Action.

It is necessary for every employee/worker, in all sectors, to participate in this strike and say no to the anti-worker, anti-people policies of the UPA Government. This is the only way to protect our future and the future of the Country. Therefore we appeal to all BSNL employees to participate in this strike and make it a grand success.

BSNL EMPLOYEES UNION
-----DISTRICT BRANCH