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**BSNLEU/102 (Circular No.13)**

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To,

**Circle Secretaries,  
Central office-bearers,  
and District Secretaries.**

## ***General Strike on 26.11.2020***

***Make it a resounding success.***

Dear comrades,

The Central Executive Committee meeting of BSNLEU, is held online on 02.11.2020. Even though the last Central Executive Committee meeting was held only in September, 2020, the CHQ felt it necessary to hold one more Central Executive Committee meeting, specifically for planning to successfully organise the General Strike, to be held on 26.11.2020.

Except a few circle secretaries and central office bearers, all other CEC members participated in this meeting. Com.Animesh Mitra, President, presided over. Com.Swapan Chakraborty, Dy.GS, welcomed everyone. Com.John Verghese, AGS, moved the condolence resolution and the meeting maintained one minute's silence to pay homage to the departed leaders.

Thereafter, Com.P.Abhimanyu, GS, presented the note for discussion. He briefly explained about the dead-lock, created by the government, in BSNL's 4G launching and also about the campaign programme conducted as per the decisions of the last CEC meeting. Further, he explained about the decision of the Central Trade Unions to organise a General Strike on 26<sup>th</sup> November, 2020. Thereafter, deliberations by the CEC members took place. After in depth discussions, the following decisions are taken unanimously.

- 1) The meeting decided to successfully organise the General Strike on 26<sup>th</sup> November, 2020. It also decided that, the demands of BSNL employees shall also be included in the charter of demands, together with the demands of the Central Trade Unions. The meeting directed that, the circle and district unions should take all out efforts to popularise the demands and also to make the strike successful.
- 2) The meeting vehemently opposed the **"System Integration Model"**, reportedly being recommended by the DoT Committee, for the rolling out of BSNL's 4G network. This is nothing but a game-plan to delay the launching of BSNL's 4G service and also to make the service inefficient. The meeting demanded that, the government should immediately permit BSNL to procure 4G equipments, on an equal footing with the private telecom operators.
- 3) Similarly, the meeting also strongly opposed the DoT's direction that, BSNL should not make any more investment in 2G networks. It is to be remembered that 70% of BSNL's customers are still in 2G and a stoppage of investment in 2G networks will adversely affect the Company's revenues. The meeting decided that the CHQ should take up these issues through the AUAB.

- 4) The CHQ has already printed pamphlets and posters in English and Hindi, for organising the strike. The meeting decided that a **“Week Long Drive”** is to be organised by the circle and district unions, from **17<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup> November, 2020**, for meeting the employees and to mobilise them in the General Strike.
- 5) Around 4,100 comrades have viewed the Facebook live address made by Com.Tapan Sen, General Secretary, CITU, on 28.10.2020. Similarly, the meeting decided to organise one more Facebook live address in Hindi and requested the Circle and District Unions to effectively mobilise the employees to view this programme.
- 6) The meeting decided that, circle and district level press meets should be organised to take the message of the strike, to the general public.
- 7) The meeting called on the circle and district unions to organise lunch hour demonstrations, gate meetings and press meets, for organising the strike, together with the other participating unions.
- 8) The meeting decided that demonstrations should be organised in all places at 10:00 am, on the day of the General Strike, together with all the participating unions.
- 9) All circle unions should send the strike figures to the General Secretary, through WhatsApp, latest by 11:30 am on 26.11.2020. The strike figures should include the total number of Non-Executives, number of Executives and the number of employees participated in the strike.

It is also decided that, within a week after the strike, the circle unions should send a detailed report to the CHQ, containing the efforts taken for organising the strike, including the number of meetings, demonstrations, press meet, etc., and also the number of pamphlets distributed and posters displayed.

- 10) The meeting heartily thanked and congratulated all the circle and district unions for contributing donations to the WFTU Fund, which has enabled BSNLEU to send **Rs. 2,20,000/- as WFTU Fund**. The meeting directed such of those circle and district unions, which have contributed the WFTU donation from their fund, should collect Rs.20/- from each member, in next month's salary payment.
- 11) The meeting approved CHQ's decision regarding nomination of Staff Side members to the National Council. The meeting condemned the Management for playing a double game in this connection.
- 12) The meeting approved the formation of the RTI Cell by the All India Centre, with Com.C.K. Gundanna, as Convenor and Com.Mihir Dasgupta and Com.M.K. Dave, as members.

Thanking you,

Yours fraternally,



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