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To,

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

Dear Comrades,

## CEC meeting held online on 17.10.2021.

BSNLEU organised an online meeting of the Central Executive Committee on 17.10.2021. The last CEC meeting was held at Hyderabad only on 06<sup>th</sup> & 07<sup>th</sup> August, 2021. However, the CHQ decided to hold another CEC meeting, in view of the serious developments that are taking place in the country, as well as in BSNL. A serious development at the national level, is the announcement of the "National Monetisation Pipeline", by the Narendra Modi government. In the name of monetisation of assets, the precious assets of the nation are being handed over to the Indian and foreign corporates for paltry amounts.

According to the announcement of the government, 26,700 kms Highway (worth Rs.1.6 lakh crore), 400 railway stations and 150 trains (worth Rs.1.5 lakh crore), 42,300 circuit kms of Power Transmission Lines (worth Rs.0.67 lakh crore), 5,000 MW Hydro, Solar and Wind Power Generation assets (worth Rs.0.32 lakh crore), 8,000 kms of National Gas Pipe lines (worth Rs.0.24 lakh crore), 4,000 kms Pipe lines of IOC and HPCL (worth Rs.0.22 lakh crore), 2.86 lakh kms of Bharatnet Optic Fibre and 14,917 towers of BSNL and MTNL (worth Rs.0.35 lakh crore), 21 Airports and 31 Ports (worth Rs.0.3 lakh crore), 160 Coal Mining Projects (worth Rs.0.3 lakh crore) and 2 Sports Stadiums (worth Rs.0.11 lakh crore) are going to be handed over to the Indian and foreign corporates, in the name of "National Monetisation Pipeline".

The decision of the government to handover 14,917 mobile towers of BSNL and MTNL to the private corporates, is nothing but the **beginning of privatisation of BSNL and MTNL**. As per the proposals already made in the budget, the government has decided to raise Rs.40,000 crore, by way of monetisation of the towers and optic fibre of BSNL and MTNL. Hence, it clear that, the privatisation of BSNL and MTNL has started now. The CEC meeting of BSNLEU was held mainly to discuss this issue.

The CEC meeting started at 10:00 am and was presided over by Com.Animesh Mitra, President. Totally, 45 CEC members participated in the meeting. Com.Swapan Chakraborty, Dy.GS, delivered the welcome address and Com.John Verghese, AGS, moved the condolence resolution. The meeting observed a minute's silence and paid homage to the kisans killed at Lakhimpur Keri and to other comrades who have passed away after the last CEC meeting. Com.P.Abhimanyu, GS, presented the note for discussion. In his presentation, he explained in detail about the National Monetisation Pipeline, the 3 day dharna organised at Jantar Mantar by the AUAB and also about the other calls of the AUAB, like Twitter campaign, black flag / black badge wearing demonstrations, etc.

All the CEC members who attended the meeting, participated in the deliberations. In one voice, they condemned the National Monetisation Pipeline and insisted that, elaborate campaign should be organised among the employees, as well as among the general public, exposing the sinister move of the government to handover valuable national assets to the corporates, in the name of "National Monetisation Pipeline". The "Meet the Members Campaign", organised from 01<sup>st</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> September, 2021, "The Young Employees Convention", organised on 19<sup>th</sup> September, 2021 and the agitational programmes being organised by the Co-ordination Committee of BSNLEU, AIBDPA and BSNLCCWF, were subjected to review. The following decisions are taken unanimously.

## **Decisions**

- (1) The meeting resolved to organise widest possible campaign against the National Monetisation Pipeline, by way of holding human chain and other protest actions in public places.
- (2) District and circle level conventions are to be organised, to mobilise the employees against the National Monetisation Pipeline.
- (3) A signature campaign is to be organised among the employees and the general public, against the National Monetisation Pipeline.
- (4) A WhatsApp campaign is to be organised among the relatives and friends of the employees, explaining about the ill-effects of the National Monetisation Pipeline.
- (5) All the above proposals are to be discussed and finalised in the Co-ordination Committee meeting.
- (6) As a sequel to the Young Employees Convention, held online on 19.09.2021, zonal conventions are to be organised online in the North, West and East zones. Considering the language issue, it is decided to organise circle wise conventions in the Southern circles.
- (7) The Twitter campaign and the black flag / black-badge wearing demonstrations, called on by the AUAB, are to be organised effectively.
- (8) An online meeting of the BSNL Working Women's Co-ordination Committee is to be organised at the earliest.
- (9) Circle and district conferences of BSNLEU should be immediately conducted, wherever they have become due.
- (10) The UP (East) and UP (West) circle conferences are scheduled to be held on 25.10.2021 and 28.10.2021, respectively. In both these conferences, the decision of the Vadodara CEC meeting should be strictly implemented.

All the circle and district unions are requested to effectively implement the decisions of the CEC meeting.

Thanking you,

Yours fraternally.

[P. Abhimanyu] General Secretary