

# **Co-ordination Committee of** **BSNLEU, AIBDPA and BSNL CCWF**

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Dear Comrades,

A meeting of the Co-ordination Committee of BSNLEU, AIBDPA, BSNLCCWF, was held online on 26.10.2021. Representatives of BSNLEU, AIBDPA, BSNLCCWF, participated in the meeting. Com. K.G. Jayaraj, Chairman, presided over the meeting.

The meeting reviewed the agitational programme launched by the Coordination Committee. The SSA/ BA office March on 05-10-2021 and CGM Office March on 22-10-2021 were by and large held with good participation, reflecting the enthusiasm on the formation of the Co-ordination Committee and the struggles being organised. The meeting also noted the weakness in certain circles like Gujarat, Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh and decided to intervene so as to avoid recurrence. The meeting also discussed the burning issue of nonpayment of wage arrears to the contract workers and medical benefits to pensioners. Com.P Abhimanyu, Convenor, agreed to raise both the issues in the meeting to be held on 27-10-2021 between AUAB and BSNL Board of Directors.

Further, the meeting held in depth discussions about the ***“National Monetisation Pipeline.”*** It noted with serious concern that, the government has decided to handover 14,917 mobile towers of BSNL and MTNL to the private. The meeting viewed that, this is nothing but, the beginning of privatisation of BSNL

The meeting also took note of the fact that, proposal has already been made in this year's budget, to monetise towers and optic fibre of BSNL and MTNL and thereby to raise Rs.40,000 crore. Hence, it is obvious that, as the next step, the government is going to hand over BSNL's optic fibre also to the corporates. Handing over of BSNL's mobile tower and optic fibre is part of the sinister game plan of the government, to eliminate BSNL from the telecom sector.

The meeting also noted with serious concern that, in the name of National Monetisation Pipeline, the government has decided to hand over the valuable national assets like trains, railway tracks, roads, gas pipeline, airports, ports, optic fibre, etc., to the Indian and foreign corporates at throw away price. The government ridiculously argues that, it is handing over the above mentioned assets on lease to the private entities and that, the ownership of these assets will continue to remain with the government.

We must understand that, the Modi government has failed to privatise the Public Sector Undertakings, as speedily as it originally planned. This is because of the continuous struggles against privatisation, organised by the Indian working class. Hence, it has brought the National Monetisation Pipeline, to hand over the national assets to the private.

The Co-ordination Committee feels that, it is the duty of the BSNL employees, pensioners, as well as casual and contract workers, to organise awareness programmes and agitations against the National Monetisation Pipeline. After detailed discussions, the Co-ordination Committee has decided to organise the following campaigns / agitations, against the National Monetisation Pipeline.

- (1) Leaflets to be printed in English and Hindi by 10.11.2021. The matter of the leaflet to be translated into regional languages and leaflets are to be printed.
- (2) Demonstrations in all places on 09.11.2021, against the National Monetisation Pipeline.
- (3) Signature Campaign to be organised among employees and the public.
- (4) District and circle level conventions to be organised by 30.11.2021.

The meeting requested all the circle and district Co-ordination Committees to effectively organise the above mentioned programmes.



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