

Cordial and productive meeting held between the GS, BSNLEU and the CGM, UP(East) circle.

Com. P. Abhimanyu, GS and Com. R.K. Mishra, CS, UP (East), met Shri T.N. Shukla, CGM, UP (East) circle today, and held discussion on certain important issues of the employees and the contract workers. The meeting took place in a very cordial atmosphere, and the CGM responded positively to all the issues raised by the representatives. The details of the discussions are as follows:-

a. *Implementation of Corporate Office orders on the payment of minimum wages and implementation of EPF, to the contract workers.*

The GS and the CS, UP (East), told the CGM that none of the orders of the Corporate Office, in respect of the contract workers, are being implemented in UP (East) circle. They pointed out that only a very paltry amount is being paid as wages, and also the payment is being made after many months. They brought to the notice of the CGM that there is total non-implementation of the EPF facility in UP (East) circle. They demanded that, payment of wages to the contract workers should be made only through cheques and that EPF account should immediately be opened in the name of all the contract workers. The CGM accepted both the demands and assured that it will be implemented immediately.

b. *Re-engaging the retrenched workers.*

The Union representatives pointed out that many contract workers have been retrenched due to the sole reason of starting trade union. They pointed out the recent judgement of the Hon'ble Supreme Court, where in it is stated that, holding protests is the fundamental right of every citizen. It was demanded that the contract workers who were retrenched due to trade union activities should be taken back immediately. The CGM assured that the matter would be looked into with due compassion.

c. *Implementation of the Corporate Office order on settlement of pension.*

Recently the Corporate Office has issued letter that, settlement of pension of the retirees should not be affected due to cases pending in courts, and when no disciplinary action is pending against the official. They pointed out that settlement of pension to some officials has not been done in Varanasi, under the pretext that court cases are pending against them. The Union representatives told that the order of the Corporate Office should be implemented in respect of the affected officials in Varanasi. The CGM agreed to look into the matter and to do the needful.
