

On strengthening the united struggles of BSNL Employees and Working Class.

The working people and the trade union movement as a whole are facing serious challenges. The unrelenting capitalist crisis engulfing the whole world is heaping miseries on the workers. Capitalist class is trying to transfer the impact of the crisis on to the shoulders of the workers in order to safeguard and maximise their profits. The fundamental rights of the workers and their unions are under serious attack. Reactionary political parties and forces are being utilised to divide the people. The same kind of attack is taking place in our country and it has become more severe under Modi Government.

The Modi Government is going ahead with the program of privatising public sector, taking away the land from the peasants in an unfair manner in the name of development , curtailing the rights of workers and making efforts for amending the labour laws for this purpose, allowing more and more FDI in various strategic sectors, attacking the EPF and Pension benefits, taking away job security by allowing the Corporates to hire and fire the workers as per their sweet will, denying proper wage revision for Central Government as well as public sector employees etc. While chanting the mantra of patriotism, the Modi Government made India as a junior partner in the strategy of the American imperialism. Under Modi regime, the communal fundamentalists are encouraged to create hatred between people of the majority and minority religions and divisive ideologies are encouraged to divide the working class. All these policies are aimed at looting the working class and the people and the natural resources of the country for increasing the profits of the Indian and foreign big capitalists. The demonetisation and cashless economy program undertaken by the Government have imposed more miseries on the people for the benefit of the Corporates.

To protect itself and survive and advance, the working class has to resist and repel this severe attack unitedly. This 8th All India Conference of BSNL Employees Union notes the fact that after the last All India Conference held at Kolkata in November 2014, the BSNL non-executives and executives have unitedly went on two days strike on 20th and 21st April 2015 on the demands for saving BSNL and again went on one day strike on 15.12.2016 against the proposed subsidiary tower company. It also notes the fact that the BSNL non-executives have participated successfully in the two general strikes during this period held on 2.9.2015 and 2.9.2016 on the 12 point charter of demands of working class for resisting the onslaughts on working class. This Conference proudly notes the fact that BSNL Employees Union has played the key role in organising these united struggles.

The need of the hour is to deepen and widen and strengthen this unity of the BSNL Employees and the unity of the working class, to push back these anti people neo-liberal policies and to defeat the divisive forces trying to destroy the unity of the working class. This unity is a must for saving and advancing BSNL and for achieving a good wage revision and for settling our demands. The unity of the entire working class including BSNL Employees is a must for saving India, the working class, the people and the public sector and for achieving real development and advance for the people.

The struggle of the working class has to be raised to a higher level for not only for fighting against the adverse effects of the MRI liberal policies, but also for fighting against the neoliberal policies and for an alternative people oriented economic policies.

This Conference resolves that BSNL Employees Union should contribute actively in advancing this cause.
