

BSNL EMPLOYEES UNION (CHQ)

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General Strike on 09-07-2025 **- make it successful in BSNL**

Dear comrades,

The 10 Central Trade Unions of our country have given call for organising a General Strike on 09.07.2025. In BSNL, BSNLEU and NFTE BSNL have issued strike notice to join this strike. Why BSNL employees should participate in this General Strike?

It is going to be 6 years since the 1st Revival Package was announced for BSNL by the government. Totally, 3 Revival Packages have been announced so far. However, BSNL continues to be in financial crisis. In fact, lakhs of customers are leaving BSNL every month. The recent announcement by the government that, BSNL had earned net profit in the 3rd and 4th quarters of the financial year 2024-2025, is only the result of some book adjustments. Why all these are happening?

Truly speaking, the government is creating hurdles continuously in the revival of BSNL. For example, BSNL was not allowed to purchase its 4G equipments from reputed foreign manufactures like Nokia, Ericsson, and Samsung. BSNL was compelled by the government that it should purchase 4G equipments only from Indian companies. Whereas, private companies like Jio and Airtel have purchased good quality 4G and 5G equipments from foreign companies viz., Nokia, Ericsson, and Samsung. This is a very big hurdle created by the government in BSNL's revival.

According to the decision of the government, TCS (a TATA company) supplied 4G equipments to BSNL. However, the quality of TCS's 4G equipments is not good. As a result, wherever BSNL's 4G service is started, customers are suffering. Customers are unable to even speak voice calls. 4G data speed is very low. This is how government is creating hurdles in the revival of BSNL. The whole idea of the government is to convert BSNL into a sick company and to hand it over to some big corporates.

Government is not only weakening BSNL. The entire public sector companies in Banking, Insurance, Oil, Steel, Coal, etc., are under severe attacks from the pro-private policies of the government. The ultimate aim of the government is to privatise the entire public sector as was done to Air India. This should not be allowed.

Before and after independence, the Indian working class has gone on heroic struggles, as a result of which 29 Labour Laws have been implemented in our country, to protect the right of the workers. However, the Modi government wants to abolish all these 29 Labour Laws and to introduce 4 Labour Codes in their place. These 4 Labour Codes are completely anti-worker and pro-corporate. The functioning of trade unions will be crippled and their collective bargaining power will be curtailed through the implementation of the 4 Labour Codes. In short, workers will be converted into modern day slaves due to the implementation of the 4 Labour Codes. Hence, the government should scrap the four Labour Codes and restore all the erstwhile 29 Labour Laws.

It is the government's policies which pushed BSNL into loss. But, strangely, the government has decided that BSNL employees are not entitled for Wage Revision, since BSNL is running in loss. Due to this decision, Wage Revision is not settled even though many strikes and other campaigns are organised by the unions and associations. More than 60% of the Non-Executives are suffering from the burning problem of stagnation. Hence, we demand that Wage Revision should be settled immediately.

BSNL should be allowed to provide good quality 4G and 5G services. Government is trying to implement 2nd VRS, which should be stopped. A new Promotion Policy should be implemented for the Non-Executives and the discrimination between EPP and NEPP should be removed immediately. Restructuring should be reviewed. 8,906 vacant Non-Executive posts should be filled up. Sufficient number of vacancies should be provided in the LICES for the Non-Executives. Mindless outsourcing of BSNL's works should be stopped.

Demanding settlement of all the above demands, we call upon the BSNL employees to participate in the General Strike on 09-07-2025 and to make the strike a great success in BSNL.
