

BSNLEU's reply to the baseless outbursts of SEWA BSNL.

On 17.07.2018, the SEWA BSNL has made an updating on their website, maligning BSNLEU and Com. P. Abhimanyu, GS. We desisted from replying to this updating, with a view to maintain over all unity. However, this matter is being widely circulated on whatsapp groups, with a view to damage the image of BSNLEU. The insulting remarks made in that updating, about the general Trade Union movement, has hurt our comrades, who have demanded that the CHQ should clarify the issues raised by SEWA BSNL.

In it's website updating, the SEWA BSNL has stated that the notice for the agitational programme (demonstration and 3 day hunger strike) was issued without the consent of SEWA BSNL, and that the scanned signature of the GS, SEWA BSNL is misused by the GS, BSNLEU. This criminal act of the GS, BSNLEU has made SEWA BSNL not to participate in the agitational programme. Further, it is also stated in the updating that, BSNLEU is writing many letters against SEWA BSNL, trying to make SEWA BSNL defunct and is creating internal disputes. Further, SEWA BSNL has made a nasty remark in that updating saying that, ***during strikes, the leaders become gate keepers and virtually beg the employees to support the strike.*** Several of our comrades have requested the CHQ to clarify these issues.

Firstly, we want to state that all the decisions of the All Unions and Associations of BSNL (AUAB), are being taken only in the meetings attended by the General Secretaries of the constituents, or their representatives. SEWA BSNL is a constituent of AUAB. From March, 2018 onwards, 8 meetings of the AUAB have taken place. The dates of these meetings are: - 27.03.2018 : 17.04.2018 : 24.04.2018 : 08.05.2018 : 23.05.2018 : 24.05.2018 : 26.06.2018 & 04.07.2018. Com. N.D. Ram, GS, SEWA BSNL, has not attended any of these meetings. Only the meeting held on 08.05.2018, was attended by Shri Ram Avatar Meena, office bearer of SEWA BSNL. From these figures, the employees can understand how serious the GS, SEWA BSNL is about the unity and functioning of the AUAB. When all other General Secretaries, including Com. P. Abhimanyu, GS, BSNLEU, Com. Chandeshwar Singh, GS, NFTE BSNL, Com. Sebastin, GS, SNEA, Com. Prahlad Rai, GS, AIBSNLEA and General Secretaries / Representatives of AIGETOA, BSNL MS, TEPU, BSNL ATM, BSNL OA, etc., have attended all these meetings, except one or two, we do not understand what stopped Com. N.D. Ram, from attending all these 8 meetings of the AUAB. He cannot claim that he was not given intimation for these meetings. When all other General Secretaries are getting the intimation Com. N.D. Ram, cannot claim that he did not get the intimation.

It is the basic democracy of an umbrella organisation like the AUAB, that all the decisions collectively taken by the organisation, should be obeyed by each and every constituent. It is a fact that GS / representative of one or two organisations are not be able to attend a particular meeting. But, they all accept and implement the decision democratically and collectively taken in the AUAB.

The decision of the AUAB, to conduct demonstration and Relay Hunger Strike, is collectively taken in the meeting held on 26.06.2018. SEWA BSNL did not attend this meeting, even though intimation was given to him. On the same day itself (26.06.2018), the minutes of the meeting, containing the decisions taken in the meeting, was e-mailed to all the General Secretaries, including to the GS, SEWA BSNL (Circular No: UA/2017/24 dated 26.06.2018). **At that time GS, SEWA BSNL, did not object to the decisions.**

The notice for the agitational programme was issued to the Secretary, DoT and CMD BSNL on 06.07.2018 (AUAB letter No: UA/2017/26 dated 06.07.2018). As per the practice being followed in the AUAB, this notification was sent with the scanned signatures of the General Secretaries. It must be clearly noted that, before the notice is sent to the Secretary, DoT and CMD BSNL, the draft notice for the agitation, was e-mailed to all the General Secretaries, including to Com. N.D. Ram, GS, SEWA BSNL, on 05.07.2018 itself, for their suggestions if any / approval. A few suggestions were given by Com. K. Sebastin, GS, SNEA and Com. Prahlad Rai, GS, AIBSNLEA. Those suggestions were incorporated in the notification, and the same was sent to the Secretary, DoT and CMD BSNL on 06.07.2018.

Had Com. N.D. Ram, GS, SEWA BSNL, got any objection, he should have immediately raised his objection, on receiving the draft notification copy, sent to him on e-mail. If he did not want his scanned signature to be affixed in the notification, he should have honestly intimated the same. However, he did not do that. He cannot claim that he did not receive this e-mail. Record is there, to prove that the draft notification copy was sent on e-mail to Com. N.D. Ram, GS, SEWA BSNL. It is a fact that **at this point of time Com.N.D. RAM, GS, SEWA BSNL, did not object to the using of his scanned signature.** Had he got any objection, he should have intimated the same. The AUAB would have deleted his name and signature from the notice for the agitation.

From the above, it can be clearly understood how democratically and collectively the AUAB is functioning, and that how one person, viz., Com. N.D. Ram, GS, SEWA BSNL, is trying to block the entire struggles for safeguarding the interests of the employees and that of the BSNL.

BSNLEU is not writing to the Management against SEWA BSNL, nor has it tried to create any internal dispute. BSNLEU is strongly opposed to the decision of SEWA BSNL that SC / ST employees should only be the members of SEWA BSNL, and that, they should not become members of any other trade union. Yes. Against this BSNLEU has written letters to the Management, demanding that SC / ST employees can be both the members of trade unions as well as that of SEWA BSNL. What is wrong in this? BSNLEU is never tried to create any internal dispute in SEWA BSNL.

As pointed out by Com. N.D. Ram, GS, SEWA BSNL, in his website updating, it is true that every time the strike takes place, the leaders of the AUAB stand at the gates of the offices and beg to the employees to join the strike. Every time strike takes place, majority of the

employees willingly join the strike. However, some employees try to go to office. The leaders of the AUAB stand at the gate and beg to the employees not to break the strike.

Com. N.D. Ram, GS, SEWA BSNL, should understand that, this begging is being done not to fill the coffer of any of the leader, but to settle the justified demands of the employees. It is a matter deep regret that the General Secretary of SEWA BSNL has stooped to such a low level, and has insulted the struggles and the leaders of the trade union movement. He should understand that each and every benefit being enjoyed today by persons like Com.N.D. Ram, are the fruits of great struggles, in which the leaders had also did a little bit of begging.
