

26.7.2019

A complaint is redirected from the o/o Hon'ble MOS (Independent Charge), Labour & Employment through the proper channel with a direction to intervene in to the matter and ensure that the legitimate dues in r/o the workmen concerned is paid as soon as possible. Accordingly all the concerned union and management of BSNL were issued notice to appear before the undersigned today 26.7.2019 at 1130 hrs.

The rep. of contract labourers/workmen mentioned the following facts:

1. Almost 80,000 to 1 lakh contract labourers are employed in BSNL through a number of contractors all over the country who are not paid even their subsistence allowance i.e. minimum wages since last six months and as a result at least 7 concerned workmen have already committed suicide (as reported by unions 5-at WB, 1-Assam and 1 in Tamilnadu).
2. Such issue was also raised by various others unions before 2-3 month especially in West Bengal and Tamilnadu Circle. Such issues are seized by the concerned Dy. CLC(C) at Kolkatta and Chennai under I.D.Act. But any considerable result not yet arrived at.

The reps. of management submitted that the BSNL management is suffering with acute problem of financial crunch as the revenue income of the management is almost 1400 crore per month whereas the expenditure is Rs.2500 crore p.m. However management is trying to overcome the problem as soon as possible.

In view of the facts above the unions appearing requested to call Apex level management of BSNL and ensure payment of at least minimum wages to the contract labourers engaged through contractors.

Perceiving the intensity of problem CMD of BSNL was contacted over telephone who also admitted the facts submitted by his rep. during the course of discussion and assured that he is trying his level best to overcome the problem.

At this stage discussion is adjourned with an intent to discuss the issues either by calling or by visiting the Apex level management of BSNL and come to an alternative arrangements so that at least part payment/interim relief be made at the earliest.

Next date for joint discussions is fixed for 22.8.2019 at 11.30AM.

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