

Keep the powder dry.

It is already informed through CHQ website that negotiations for revision of wages of the Non-Executives, w.e.f. 01.01.2017, has already started. The first meeting of the Joint Committee for negotiating wage revision of the Non-Executives, was held on 20.07.2018. Com. Balbir Singh, President, Com. P. Abhimanyu, General Secretary, Com. Swapan Chakraborty, Dy. General Secretary, Com. P. Asokababu, Vice President and Com. Animesh Mitra, Vice President, are representing BSNLEU in the Joint Committee. The next meeting of the Joint Committee is taking place on 09.08.2018. Construction of the new pay scales will be taken up in this meeting.

Both, BSNLEU and NFTE BSNL, have decided to function in a coordinated manner, for the early settlement of the wage revision. It has also been decided between the two unions, to sign the agreement for wage revision at the earliest. It is needless to say that the agreement on wage revision has to go for the approval of the DoT. The DoT, may not give the approval for the agreement, unless the Cabinet revisits the issue of wage revision to BSNL employees, and takes a positive decision.

It is a matter of deep concern that, the assurance given by Shri Manoj Sinha, Hon'ble Minister of State for Communications on 24.02.2018, that a Cabinet Note would be sent in the matter of wage revision of BSNL employees, has not seen the light of the day. It appears that, the DoT, which is responsible for preparing the Cabinet Note, has not even started doing the job. It is already 4 months since the assurance on wage revision was given by the Hon'ble MoS(C). Time at our disposal is extremely short. The wage revision of BSNL employees has to be settled, before the announcement of the Parliament elections. Otherwise, every thing will go into the cold storage. The DoT keeps raising query after query from the BSNL Management. The whole game plan of the DoT appears to defeat the assurance given by the Hon'ble MoS(C) on wage revision.

The delay being caused by the DoT, in preparing the Cabinet Note for the wage revision of BSNL employees, is unbearable. Hence, the All Unions and Associations of BSNL (AUAB) has given call for agitational programme, demanding implementation of the assurances given by the Hon'ble MoS(C), on the issues of Wage Revision, Pension Revision, Allotment of 4G spectrum to BSNL and Payment of Pension Contribution on the actual basic pay. Accordingly, the BSNL employees have conducted nation wide demonstrations on 11.07.2018 and a three day Relay Hunger Strike from 24th to 26th July, 2018. These agitations have been organised massively in each and every SSA.

The success of the struggle reflects the restive mood of the BSNL employees. Meanwhile, the AUAB is taking hectic efforts to have a meeting with the Hon'ble MoS(C), in the first week of August. If our efforts to ensure the intervention of the Hon'ble MoS(C) fails, it may become inevitable for the BSNL employees to go on a struggle, to get the assurances of the Hon'ble MoS(C) implemented. A final decision on the matter would be taken soon by the AUAB. In view of this, BSNLEU calls upon it's leaders and cadres to get ready to organise a serious struggle to settle the wage revision.

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