

**Resolution adopted in the CEC meeting of BSNLEU,
held at Ghaziabad, on the two day General Strike to be held
on 8th and 9th January,2019.**

The National Convention of Workers, held at New Delhi on 28.09.2018, has called on the working class to go on at two day General Strike on 8th and 9th January, 2019.

It is already 27 years, since the Neo-Liberal Policies were implemented in 1991, by the Narasimha Rao – Manmohan Singh duo. Thereafter, all the governments that came to power have meticulously implemented these policies. During this period, year after, big concessions were given to the Indian and multinational corporates. At the same time, the subsidies being to the poor, for food, health care, education, etc., have been steadily cut down. That is why we call the Neo-Liberal Policies as pro-rich and anti-poor.

Big corporates are allowed to loot people's money deposited in Public Sector Banks. Lakhs of crores of rupees, taken as loan by the corporates, were not repaid. The government, instead of taking stringent actions to collect the money, is declaring them as bad loans, and are waiving them from time to time. Thus, through it's policy decisions, the successive governments have facilitated the corporates to loot people's money, and on the other side, converting the Public Sector banks into sick entities.

Due to the wrong policies of the government, the agricultural sector is in a big crisis. According to the government statistics, 2,96,438 farmers have committed suicide between 1995 and 2014. Most of them are small farmers. This is a very big tragedy. However, the successive governments have neglected the farm sector. Debt burden, failure of monsoons, failure to ensure remunerative prices by the government, etc., are the reasons for this tragedy. The present day government also continues to close it's eyes towards this issue.

The implementation of the Neo-Liberal Policies during the past 27 years, has created a very big inequality in the country. On one side, starvation deaths are being reported from many parts of the country. On the other side, there is huge concentration of wealth, in the hands of a few people. As per the report of the Oxfam, 73% of the wealth created in 2017, has reached the hands of the top 1% of the population. Whereas, the bottom 67 crore Indians have got only 1% of this wealth. Similarly, as per the report of French Tech Firm, Capgemini, the number of High Networth Individuals (HNI) has increased by 20% in 2017. An HNI is the one who is having one million investible assets.

The Modi government, which is having absolute majority in the Lok Sabha, has launched unprecedented attacks on the Public Sector. The Indian Railways and Public Sector Defence manufacturing factories are facing privatisation in a big way. In 2017 – 18, the government has garnered Rs.1 lakh crore from disinvestments, as against the target of Rs.75,000 crores. This speaks volumes about the anti-Public Sector policies of the Narendra Modi government.

The Telecommunication Sector is facing a very big crisis due to the predatory pricing being adopted by Reliance Jio. The Modi government is out and out supporting the Mukesh Ambani led Reliance Jio, in an unabashed manner. The unceremonious dumping of Shri J.S.Deepak, from the post of Secretary, DoT, just because he opposed the predatory pricing of Reliance Jio, is a classic example for this. Simultaneously, serious efforts are being taken by the government to finish off BSNL. Formation of the Subsidiary Tower Company is one such attempt. Fleecing exorbitant money from BSNL, in the name of pension contribution, non-allocation of 4G spectrum to BSNL, are all part of the game plan of the government, to close down BSNL.

The Central Trade Unions, along with the independent federations of various industries, including BSNLEU, are continuously fighting against the pro-rich and anti-worker policies of the government. They are demanding settlement of the 12 point charter of demands. The one day general strike in 2015, the two day strike in 2016, the Mahapadav conducted in 2017, are all the struggles, conducted against the anti-worker and pro-corporate policies of the Modi government. However, the government is in no mood to concede any of the 12 point charter of demands.

Under these circumstances, the National Convention of Workers, held at New Delhi on 28.09.2018, has given call for the two day strike. BSNLEU, has participated in all the General Strikes, ever since it's inception in 2001. This Central Executive Committee meeting of BSNLEU, endorses the call of the National Convention of Workers. This meeting calls upon the CHQ, the circle and the district unions to undertake a serious campaign programme, for successfully organising the strike in BSNL.
