

ALL UNIONS AND ASSOCIATIONS OF BSNL (AUAB)

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**All the General Secretaries,
AUAB.**

Dear comrades,

The online meeting of the AUAB was held yesterday, the 06th July, 2020. The meeting started at 11:00 am and went on till 13:50 hrs. The following comrades participated in the meeting.

<u>BSNLEU:</u>	Com. P. Abhimanyu, GS, BSNLEU & Convenor, Com. Swapan Chakraborty, Dy. GS and Com. John Verghese, AGS.
<u>NFTE:</u>	Com. Chandeswar Singh, GS, NFTE & Chairman and Com. Islam Ahmed, President.
<u>SNEA:</u>	Com. K. Sebastin, GS.
<u>AIBSNLEA:</u>	Com. S. Sivakumar, GS.
<u>FNTO:</u>	Com. K. Jayaprakash, GS.
<u>BSNL MS:</u>	Com. Suresh Kumar, GS.
<u>SNATTA:</u>	Com. Suresh Kumar, GS.
<u>BSNL ATM:</u>	Com. Anil Kumar, GS.
<u>TEPU:</u>	Com. Subburaman, GS.
<u>BSNL OA:</u>	Com. H.P. Singh, GS.

Com. K. Sebastin, GS, SNEA, presided over the meeting, since there was disturbance in the connectivity of Com. Chandeswar Singh, Chairman. Com. P. Abhimanyu, Convenor, introduced the agenda items and made a brief presentation on them. Thereafter, detailed discussion took place and all the comrades participated in the deliberations.

The participants expressed their deep anguish and resentment over the cancellation of BSNL's 4G tender. The meeting disapproved the complaint of the TEPC that BSNL should procure its 4G equipments only from the Indian manufacturers and considered that it is nothing but a ploy, to stop BSNL from rolling out its 4G network. The Government has not allowed BSNL from procuring equipments from Foreign Companies, whereas such a ban has not been imposed on Jio, Airtel and Vodafone Idea. The meeting considered that, this is another discrimination by the Government.

The meeting also expressed its deep concern that, apart from the retrenchment of 79,000 employees under VRS, no other assurance, contained in the Revival Package, has been implemented to revive BSNL. The meeting expressed its concern over the deterioration in the quality of services due to accumulation of faults. The cluster based tender is a big failure and financial burden for BSNL.

The meeting severely criticised the failure of BSNL Management in taking timely action, to upgrade the existing 49,300 BTSs to 4G and issuing add on order for Phase VIII.4 for 4G sites. By doing that, BSNL could have launched 4G services long back. Further, the meeting severely criticised the BSNL Management for not paying salary to the employees on the due date, even after drastic reduction in the salary bill, due to the retirement of 50% of the employees through VRS. The meeting also criticised the Management for failing to ensure cashless treatment to the employees at a time when the COVID-19 pandemic is spreading fast.

After in-depth discussions, the meeting decided to organise the following programme of action: -

- (1) All the employees are called upon to wear black badge on 16.07.2020. Black flag demonstrations are to be organised by the employees during lunch hour on 16.07.2020, against the cancellation of BSNL's 4G tender and against the road blocks being created in the rolling out of BSNL's 4G services.**
- (2) A memorandum is to be submitted to all the MPs during the period from 13.07.2020 to 31.07.2020, urging upon them to intervene in favour of BSNL's expeditious rolling out of 4G network, as well as the early revival of BSNL.**
- (3) Twitter campaign is to be organised on 05.08.2020, demanding immediate rolling out of 4G network by BSNL and implementation of the assurances given in the Revival Package.**

Demands:

- (i) BSNL should immediately be allowed to roll out it's 4G Services.**
 - a) BSNL should take immediate actions to upgrade the 4G compatible BTSs.**
 - b) Add on order for 4G equipments as per Phase VIII.4 tender should be issued immediately.**
 - c) In the matter of procuring new equipments and upgradation, there should not be any discrimination, between BSNL and other private telecom service providers.**
- (ii) The Government should immediately implement the decisions contained in BSNL's Revival Package, like extension of Sovereign Guarantee for the issuing of Bonds.**
- (iii) Urgent measures should be undertaken by the BSNL Management for immediately improving the quality of service.**
- (iv) The Management should ensure that the salary payment of the employees is made on the last working of every month.**
- (v) The Management should immediately take steps to ensure that the employees get cashless treatment from empanelled hospitals during Covid 19 pandemic. The Management should pay Rs.10 lakh to the family of the employees who die due to COVID-19. Based on the instructions issued by the DoT, the Postal Department has already introduced such a scheme to it's employees.**

All the constituents of the AUAB are requested to take all out efforts for the successful implementation of the decisions taken in today's AUAB meeting.



Com. Chandeshwar Singh
Chairman, AUAB.



Com. P. Abhimanyu
Convenor, AUAB.