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Organise Satyagraha / Jail Bharo on 5th March, 2010 Call from Central Trade Unions

Dear Comrades,

The rocketing price rise of essential commodities have made life miserable for the aam admi and the toiling masses of the country. The prices of vegetables have more than doubled as also that of rice, grams etc. The government proposal to increase prices of petrol, diesel and cooking gas etc. will increase the prices further. There is no respite for the common man from the spiraling prices.

The global recession did not affect India very seriously due to the Public Sector including the banking sector. However, employment and job opportunities have gone down drastically. The stimulus package offered to big business by the government has not benefited the workers.

Managements and employers are floating all labour laws with impunity with confidence that the government will not interfere since the neo-liberalisation policy of the government is completely anti-worker. Exploitation of the workers in the unorganized sector continues without any intervention of government.

The disinvestment process of Public Sector units which was halted during the first UPA government due to the stiff opposition of Left Parties supporting the government and strong protest from trade unions is again in the priority agenda of II UPA government. Divestment has already taken place in NTPC.

It is most welcome that the Central Trade Unions – CITU, AITUC, INTUC, HMS, BMS, AIUTUC, TUCC, AICCTU and UTUC – have come together to protest against the anti-worker policies of the government. The historic All India Convention held at Mavalankar Hall, New Delhi on 14th September, 2009 had decided for action programme to protect the interest of workers with the following demands:

DEMANDS

- ✓ Contain price rise of essential commodities through appropriate corrective and universal distributive measures; contain speculation in commodity market.
- ✓ Take concrete proactive measures for employment protection in the recession stricken sectors along with the stimulus package being offered to the concerned entrepreneurs.
- ✓ Ensure strict enforcement of all basic labour laws without any exception or exemption and stringent punitive measures for violation of labour laws.
- ✓ Take steps for removal of all restrictive provisions based on poverty line in respect of eligibility for coverage of the schemes under the Unorganised Workers Social Security Act

2008 and create National Fund to provide for National Floor Level Social Security to all unorganised sector workers.

- ✓ Stop disinvestment of shares of Central Public Sector Enterprises; instead use their growing reserve and surplus for expansion and modernisation purposes and also for revival of sick Public Sector Undertakings.

As the first step All India Protest Day was observed on 28.10.2009 by jointly organizing demonstration, rallies etc.

Satyagraha / Jail Bhara on 05.03.2010

As the next step, it has been decided to organize Satyagraha / Jail Bhara on 5th March, 2010 throughout the country.

The demands raised by the Central Trade Unions are directly connected with the issues of the toiling masses of the country. BSNL Employees Union is part of this movement and has organized all programmes called for by the Central Trade Unions.

CHQ calls upon all Circle / SSA / Branch Secretaries to immediately prepare for the successful implementation of the programme jointly with the other unions / federations. Co-ordinate with the Joint Committees at your level and ensure maximum participation of BSNL Workers.

You are also requested to send detailed report on the programme, preferably with photos.

All India Conference at Thiruvananthapuram

The Vth All India Conference of BSNLEU will be held at Thiruvananthapuram (Kerala) in the second week of May 2010. The date will be finalized within a few days. The Reception Committee is being formed and all arrangements will be made for the successful conduct of the conference.

Central Executive Committee Meeting

The CEC Meeting will be held at Bhopal from 14th to 16th February, 2010. Trade Union leaders also Senior Officers will be addressing the CEC.

Wage Revision

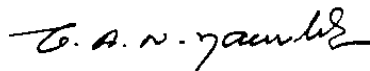
The Management Committee of BSNL in its meeting on 3rd February, 2010 has approved the wage revision for non-executive employees. Now it has to be approved by the full BSNL Board which will be held by the fourth week of February. After Board approval, it will be forwarded to DoT for its approval since pension is involved.

Promotion Policy

CHQs demand for implementation of the Promotion Policy, without waiting for approval for 9,200-13,200 scale which is awaiting approval of DPE, is being favourably considered by the Management. Decision is expected soon.

With Warm Greetings,

Yours comradely,



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