

One More “Drama” By BSNLEU?

The recognized union to cover up its failure to revise the wages of 2.5 lakh Non-Executive employees even after all the executives got their pay revised as announced two day strike on 18th & 19th August with the sole intention of diverting the attention of employees. It is well known fact that Com. Namboodri always serve strike notice to the management only to withdraw it at last minute. The present strike notice will also meet the same tragic end.

During the last 54 months, BSNLEU enacted “Similar Dramas” and compromised with the management/Government. The following issues are pending for very long time but BSNLEU never gone on strike for settlement of these issues.

- 1) Implementation of pay anomaly’s committee recommendations are pending from 2005.
- 2) Three promotions agreement is pending from Oct-2008.
- 3) Wage revision for BSNL employees pending from Jan-2007
- 4) Grant of IDA pension as per 6th Pay commission recommendations for BSNL employees is not implemented since 2007.
- 5) 50% IDA merger for BSNL pensioner is pending from May -2008.
- 6) BSNL medical reimbursement scheme was systematically disrupted by the management from 2005.
- 7) Several conditions are imposed for grant of compassionate appointments are still not removed by the management.

The management formed the wage revision committee in 2007 itself under the chairmanship Shri S.C. Mishra, the then Sr. DDG. But BSNLEU wasted 30 months to re negotiate the 2nd wage revision for our employees even though all the officers got their wages revised long back. The irresponsible behavior and casual attitude of Com Namboodri has resulted in non- implementation of wage revision. In Banks/ Coal industries all the trade unions united

and bargained hard with their management. But in BSNL Com Namboodri divided the unity of trade unions by insisting only BSNLEU should negotiate with the management for wage revision and other issues. The clever management utilized this disunity created by BSNLEU and refused to settle any of the demands of the employees including promotions and wage revisions.

Only a united and strong strike action will compel the management to settle our demands. But due to the arrogant attitude of the BSNLEU , NFTE(BSNL) and FNT0 and other unions of the workers alliance are not participating in the present strike on 19th & 20th August-2009.

Without the participation of Workers Alliance no agitation in BSNL will make success. Knowing fully well this reality Com. Namboodri deliberately gave notice for strike action unilaterally without consulting NFTE(BSNL) & FNT0. Further he has put forth a demand in the strike before the management which will affect the interest of all the unrecognized unions. Hence there is no question of joining the strike proposed by BSNLEU ON 18th & 19th August 2009. By his immature activities Com. Namboodri not only disrupt the unity of all trade unions in BSNL. But also indirectly help the management.

It seems the BSNLEU under the leadership of Com .Namboodri is only worried about his status as the recognized union. It is very much interested only in the collection of crores of rupees as union subscription from our employees. Further it is very keen to harass and transfer the members of other unions to strengthen BSNLEU. Apart from these aims and object the leadership of BSNLEU does not have any other thing for the development of BSNL and welfare of the employees.

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