

## **Once again strike deferred; Abhimanyu started blame game.**

We are thankful to the leadership of JAC for accepting the NFTE's demand to have strike against VRS during parliament session. According to the circular issued by the convener of JAC we came to know that the proposed one day strike on 15/11/2011 has been postponed to middle of December. As per the information available to us the parliament will be in session from 22nd November-2011 to 22nd December- 2011. We hope the new date for the strike will be fixed during this period. However the leadership of JAC is sticking to the One day strike and not so far agreed to our demand for indefinite strike.

But as usual the General secretary of BSNLEU blamed others for postponement of the strike in a SMS sent to the local leaders. Com. Abhimanyu blamed both NFTE and the Executive associations for the postponement of one day strike on 15/11/2011.

**SMS Sent by Abhimanyu on 31/10/2011:**

Dear comrade, In today's JAC meeting BSNLEU strongly argued for conducting the strike on 15/11/2011. However other unions especially the Executive associations argued for deferring the strike.(NFTE has already conveyed that they are not in favour of strike). Finally to maintain unity we agreed to defer the strike to the middle of December. So strike is deferred.

The above SMS by BSNLEU not only shows its immaturity but also exposes the arrogance. We all agree Com. Abhimanyu is the only man in BSNL ever ready to go on strike(of course while on foreign service only). We knew the history of betrayals by Com. Abhimanyu and his friends since 1980's. These friends joined the famous 21 days strike led by NFTE only on the seventh day on the spacious plea that they are not prepared to go on strike when Mr V.P. Singh was Prime Minister. Com. Abhimanyu is the only fighter left in the telecom sector that is why he betrayed the historic 3 day strike in September-2000 for safeguarding the Govt pension to our employees even after corporatization. We also know the betrayal of these friends who supported the then Telecom Minister Unnikrishnan when NFTE was on agitation against the Minister. We can enumerate any number of such betrayals from the history of telecom trade union movement. But NFTE-BSNL keep quite only for the sake of unity. If Com Abhimanyu continue to slander NFTE-BSNL without any valid reason we will expose the 'dark face' of these friends.

When the one day strike which was originally decided on 10/10/2011 was postponed Com. Abhimanyu put the blame on NFTE-BSNL which was however not true. But for the postponement of 15/11/2011 strike he has now blamed NFTE-BSNL, SNEA and AIBSNLEA. When these comrades will stop blaming others and take responsibility for the decision taken collectively at JAC or in other forums.

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