

## **Compulsory retirement through back door?**

It is understood that the Sam Pitroda committee appointed by the Prime minister to review the functioning of BSNL& MTNL and suggest recommendations for improving the financial positions of both the companies has already submitted its report to the Govt of India. One of the recommendations with regard to the employees is said to be lowering the retirement age from 60 to 58. It is gathered that by this single step the management can send more than 30,000 employees to home immediately. Indirectly the govt wants to implement compulsory retirement and reduce the staff strength through back door method. NFTE-BSNL neither support the increase nor decrease in retirement age of the employees. Before the implementation of any recommendation of the Sam Pitroda committee pertaining to the employees must discuss them with all unions/associations in BSNL. Otherwise there will not be any industrial peace in BSNL.

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