

'U'-turn by BSNLEU:

BSNLEU at last withdrew the court case in Lucknow High Court filed against extending the **"Check-Off"** facility to all the un-recognized union and allotment of two seats for NFTE(BSNL), the works committee throughout the country. This 'U' turn by BSNLEU is to salvage its alliance with TEPU since it is threatened to pullout the alliance if the said court was not withdrawn by 18th Oct 2008. Com. Namboodri has already a broken man after the exit of FNTO from its alliance. Now he has left with only with TEPU union which is having less than 1% of support.

BSNLEU vehemently oppose the **'Check-Off'** for other union and recorded its strongest objection with CMD BSNL. After this , On the advice of Com. Namboodri the circle secretary of UP(EAST) filed a case in Lucknow High Court. In the last election BSNLEU promised on stamp paper to FNTO to share the recognition with that union. But the promise was never kept up. However the joint efforts by NFTE (BSNL), FNTO and TEPU the minister extended the 'Check-Off' facility to all unions which are not recognized. FNTO is justified in quitting the alliance led by BSNLEU since it's felt betrayed by Com. Namboodri on the issue of **'Check-Off'** system. Agitated over the break up of the alliance with FNTO majority of the circle secretaries of BSNLEU criticized Com. Namboodri for forcing the FNTO to go out of the alliance. They insisted the court case was foolish and hence demanded it's withdrawal. Attacked by TEPU and majority of circle secretaries of BSNLEU, Com. Namboodri has no alternative except to withdraw the court cases. However he may resort to it once the election was over.

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