

Indefinite Strike called off with out any agreement:

The strike called by the JAC of unions/associations in BSNL was called off in the afternoon of today without any agreement signed. The decision to call off the strike was taken by the JAC after it's leaders held second round of discussion with the MOC&IT, Hon'ble A.Raja on 20/04/2010 at about 13.00Hrs. There was no change in the attitude of the Minister/ Govt Of India with regard to the following 3 main demands notified for strike.

1. No disinvestment in BSNL- It was not agreed by the govt.
2. No VRS scheme as per the Sam Pitroda panel recommendations-This demand was also not agreed by the govt.
3. No unbundling of BSNL cables & permitting the infrastructure sharing by Private operators- This demand too was not agreed by the govt.

However, It was reported that the Minister has agreed to speedy implementation of second wage revision and absorption of ITS officers will be speeded up after 3 months.

NFTE-BSNL thanks all comrades for participating in this historic strike. As per the report received from all over the country nearly 99% of our employees/Executives have participated very enthusiastically in the strike. But we could not understand the reasons for calling off such a massive strike action without settling any of the demands notified for the strike. Thus the indefinite strike was called off by the JAC with in 7 hours but without achieving any thing. we all know the assurances of the Minister were unkept and unimplemented in the past when we unitedly gone on a day strike on 11th-July 2007 for protesting the inordinate delay in the expansion of mobile services. Hence, we feel disappointed at the way the Joint action committee wasted the glorious strike by more than 3 lakh employees /executives.

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