

## **CITU and BSNLEU:**

In Tamil Nadu very recently election for trade union recognition was conducted by secret ballot in State transport corporation. Fifteen unions participated in the elections. A union supported by ruling DMK party polled more than 70 thousand vote and nearly 60% of vote emerged victorious. Hence it was given the status of sole bargaining agent in State transport corporation. The CITU of CPM party came distant second in this election and was defeated along with all other unions. But the CITU leadership is demanding 2<sup>nd</sup> union status to it despite defeat for maintaining a healthy trade union democracy. All of us know that the CITU is the guiding force of BSNLEU. But BSNLEU oppose recognition to 2<sup>nd</sup> union in BSNL. Is it contradiction or opportunism?

After the defeat in the first verification in 2002 BSNLEU rushed to the Hyderabad High Court appealing for recognition of BSNLEU as 2<sup>nd</sup> Union since NFTE-BSNL did not get more than 51% SUPPORT. However after the victory in 2<sup>nd</sup> recognition elections in 2004 the BSNLEU changed its stand and oppose recognition to 2<sup>nd</sup> union. BSNLEU once more change its stand after the defeat in 5<sup>th</sup> membership verification and dutifully follow the CITU demanding 2<sup>nd</sup> union status for it. We will see this after February -2011 until than let us watch the thamasha.

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