

To
Shri.N.T.Sajwani,
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Dear Comrade,

On 12th November, I read your write-up about All India Conference in Tele-Labour posted in our website. I found some of your observations in it are very much wrong and wholly false. Hence, this rejoinder. I hope you will print my rejoinder in the next issue of Tele Labour so that our members know the truth.

In the write-up about All India Conference, you have mentioned that, “We are aware All India conference is priority for some individuals, but wage revision is more important for all of us.” I believe your memory is very short. At Lucknow when we met at our National Executive meeting during March 2009, a requisition signed by majority of Circle Secretaries demanding convening of All India Conference immediately was submitted to you. You have agreed to hold the next AIC and announced the same in the National Executive meeting. The Circle Secretary, Bihar offered to conduct the AIC and it was accepted by all of us. Accordingly a Reception Committee was formed and it started the work of organizing the Conference. Com.C.Singh, the Circle Secretary of Bihar and the Secretary of Reception Committee wrote two letters to you two months ago expressing his intention to conduct the AIC in December 2009 at Patna. But till this day, neither you have replied to those two letters nor did intimate them the dates of the Conference.

Now, all of a sudden you have written that “some individuals” only are interested in conducting the AIC, whereas you are very much worried about delay in wage revision for our employees. It is surprising to note that even though the management asked you to submit the proposals for wage revision on behalf of BSNLWA on 1.7.2009, you could submit the same only after a delay of four months on 22.10.2009. This ‘exposes’ your ‘concern’ for the delay in wage revision of our employees.

If you could not hold our AIC before wage revision, how our alliance partner, the FNTO has already conducted their AIC in Patna? Do you consider that FNTO is less worried about delay in wage revision and unconcerned about the welfare of our employees? It is unethical on your part to dub our alliance partner in this manner publicly.

It is most unfortunate that you are at the helm of affairs of NFTE-BSNL when the BSNL and its employees are facing very grave challenges for their survival. You are neither a democratic nor a visionary. Your mad love for ‘posts’ and ‘positions’ in the union is well known. For the last 15 months, you have been playing dual roles one at NewDelhi as our Secretary General and the other at Bhopal as Circle Secretary of Madhya Pradesh. This dual role does not augur well for the organization and has created

obstacles for efficient functioning of CHQ. Being the Secretary General, you should have been the role model. But unfortunately, you are not. You are reluctant to conduct MP Circle Conference for the last 5 years. What moral authority you will have to instruct the other Circle Secretaries to conduct their Circle Conferences in time?

As per the constitution of our union, the AIC has to be conducted once in every two years. The Secretary General of NFTE BSNL is also the custodian of the constitution. But you are angry with everybody who advises you to act as per the constitution and conduct the AIC immediately.

I wish to remind you that you are only a nominated SG due to the untimely demise of Com.M.B.Vichare, for the remaining tenure of the body elected in Saharanpur AIC, which was held in May 2007. It is proper that you yourself should have called for the AIC instead of being pressurized by other. I feel you are afraid of facing the base level employees who will attend the AIC as delegates. This attitude of yours will surely have an impact of on the union and its prospects in the future. I appeal to you not to find out reasons to postpone the AIC indefinitely and continue as SG without facing the conference. Kindly reply to the letters received from the Reception Committee and convey the dates for next AIC without any further delay. May I request you to act as a Leader who is wedded to the rich traditions of NFTE-BSNL so that the employees are inspired and the union will move forward?

With regards,

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Secretary,
NFTE-BSNL,
At Chennai.
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