

## **PMO Intervenes; ...DOT Acts**

Nearly 73, 000 officials belonging to the SC/ST community are employed in BSNL. Out of this 15,000 are in executive cadre and 58, 000 in non-executive cadre. These SC/ST employees were denied reservations in promotions in violation of constitution of India. However the executive association AIBSNLEA & SNEA compromised with the management on promotion policy without reservation for executives. Similarly BSNLEU also signed a agreement on 30/10/2008 with the management in which once again reservation for SC/ST employees are denied. Protesting against the betrayal of Com. Namboodri the national president of SEWA-BSNL Com. T. Muthukrishnan resigned from the national council and came out of united forum alliance. However the General secretary of SEWA-BSNL continued his support to BSNLEU despite the betrayal of SC/ST employees.

Com. T.Muthukrishnan, National president of SEWA-BSNL joined hands with NFTE(BSNL) continued his effort for extending reservation on promotion to both the executives and non executive officials belonging to SC/ST community. The NFTE(BSNL) whole heartedly supported the effort of Com. T. Muthukrishnan for getting reservation in promotions. Com. T. Muthukrishnan approached the Prime Minister on 17/06/2009 to seek justice for executives and non executives. Now at the intervention of PM office , the DOT has written to CMD BSNL to look into the demand of reservation in promotions for SC/ST employees/ executives in BSNL. Dr. Vincent Barla, director(SR) of DOT has written a letter to this effect on 22/7/2009 to Shri Kuldeep Goyal, CMD BSNL. NFTE(BSNL) hopes at least now the management of BSNL will realize the mistake and agreed to extend the reservation for SC/ST employees/ executives. Com. Namboodri was keen only getting the votes of SC/ST employees and provides some seats in the National council to his loyalists among SC/ST employees but never serious about the denial of rights to the SC/ST employees. He betrayed the SC/ST employees by agreeing with the management for three promotions without reservations for SC/ST employees. We wish Com. T. Muthukrishnan to succeed in his effort and appeal to all SC/ST employees to support him and expose the betrayers of cause of the SC/ST employees in BSNL.

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