

BSNL Employees Union
National Federation of Telecom Employees
BSNL Mazdoor Sangh
Telecom Employees Progressive Union

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Two Day General Strike on 08th & 09th January, 2019.
Join enmasse.

Comrades,

We are continuously conducting struggles to protect BSNL, from the anti-BSNL policies of the government. It is only after many struggles, that we have been able to stop the Subsidiary Tower Company. BSNL, which earned a net profit of Rs.10,000 crores in 2004-05, has become a loss making company. It is only because of the anti-BSNL and pro-private policies of the government. After doing everything to weaken BSNL, now the government is saying that, the BSNL employees are not eligible for Wage Revision, because the Company has become loss-making. This is a great injustice to the employees. We must understand that denial of Wage Revision is a part of the larger game-plan of the government, to finish off BSNL. On the other hand, we are witnessing how the government is favouring Reliance Jio out of the way. Only through manipulations Reliance Jio has captured the market. Rules are being twisted to help Reliance Jio. The PMO, the DoT and the TRAI are all working overtime to favour Reliance Jio.

This is happening not only in the telecom sector. The entire Public Sector is under attack from the government. The Indian Railways is being speedily privatised. The entire Public Sector Defence production units are being killed for the benefit of the corporates. The Public Sector banks are being looted by the corporates. They do not repay their loans. Loans worth lakhs of crores of rupees are being written off by the government. So far, the Modi government has written off Rs.2,30,000 crores of bad loans, mostly taken by the big corporates. As a result, all the major Public Sector banks, including the State Bank of India, have gone into loss.

Disinvestments made in India since 1991, comes to Rs.3.63 lakh crores. Out of these, the disinvestments made by the Modi government during the last 4 years alone comes to Rs.2.1 lakh crores. From this, we can understand the magnitude of the attacks being launched by the present government, on Public Sector. The Niti Aayog has been formed by the Modi government, with the sole agenda of privatising the Public Sector. Undoubtedly, the Public Sector is being demolished only to benefit the private sector. Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru said that the "Public Sector undertakings are the modern temples of India." But, Prime Minister Narendra Modi says that, the "Public Sector is born to die."


The government has miserably failed in fulfilling it's electoral promises to control price rise and to generate employment. It is refusing to accept the demand to raise the minimum wage to Rs.18,000. Further, the Modi government is launching all out attacks on the hard won rights of the working people, by changing the Labour Laws to benefit the employers. Fixed Term Employment is being brought, which will soon kill the regular jobs.

It is the need of the hour that the Indian working class should unitedly fight against the anti-worker and pro-private policies of the government. So far 17 General Strikes have taken place against these policies. The next 2 day General Strike is taking place on 08th and 9th January, 2019. BSNLEU, NFTE, BSNL MS and TEPU have jointly called upon the BSNL employees to join this General Strike. Let us join the strike enmasse and make it a success in BSNL.


Charter of demands:

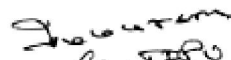
1. Urgent measures for containing price-rise through universalisation of public distribution system and banning speculative trade in commodity market.
2. Containing unemployment through concrete measures for employment generation.
3. Strict enforcement of all basic labour laws without any exception or exemption and stringent punitive measures for violation of labour laws.
4. Universal social security cover for all workers.
5. Minimum wages of not less than Rs.18,000/- per month with provisions of indexation.
6. Assured enhanced pension not less than Rs.3,000/- p.m. for the entire working population.
7. Stoppage of disinvestment in Central/State PSUs and strategic sale.
8. Stoppage of contractorisation in permanent perennial work and payment of same wage and benefits for contract workers as regular workers for same and similar work.
9. Removal of all ceilings on payment and eligibility of bonus, provident fund; increase the quantum of gratuity.
10. Compulsory registration of trade unions within a period of 45 days from the date of submitting application; and immediate ratification of ILO Conventions C 87 and C 98.
11. Against Labour Law Amendments.
12. Against FDI in Railways, Insurance and Defence.

Yours fraternally,


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GS, BSNLEU


(C. SINGH)
G.S. NFTE


(SURESHKUMAR)
GS BSNLMS.


GS - TEPU
(V. Subbaram)