

## **Brief of open session held on 9<sup>th</sup> June, 2019:-**

The open session took place on 9<sup>th</sup> June at Regional Telecom Training Centre under the Presidentship of Com. Islam Ahmad. The spacious hall was packed up to its capacity with large number of staff standing to hear the leaders. The Electronic and Print Media were also present.

At the outset Com. K.S. Seshadri, Dy. General Secretary and Com. A.C. Krishna Reddy, Circle Secretary welcomed the CGM, Shri Sushil Kumar Mishra, Shri K.L. Jai Ram, PGM and leaders sitting on dais. Factually, the reception accorded to the guests was ever remembering.

Com. Chandeshwar Singh, General Secretary addressing the packed house stated about the progress and developments in Pay and Pension revisions, Realisation of pension contribution from BSNL at par with the Central Govt employees as well as allotment of 4G spectrum to BSNL and monetization of lands etc. The union has demanded for New Promotion Policy as the present scheme, NEPP, has brought enormous hardships and sufferings to employees. The present financial crisis in BSNL has come as a surprise to us. However, there should not be panicky atmosphere. The NFTE will protect Job of employees and ensure financial viability of the company. He demanded that the Govt must bail out the BSNL from present financial crunch. The 8<sup>th</sup> membership verification has been declared and it has to be faced. The wage revision process start will once unions are recognized after the verification.

The CGM, Shri Mishra and PGM, Shri Jairam in their eloquent speech said that the present crisis is temporary and will be blown over. The BSNL's longevity is certain. We have to work hard jointly. He dispassionately appealed to the employees to upgrade their knowledge and Technical skills to fight against Private Telecom players. The Govt will revamp the BSNL, he felt. The PGM, Shri Jairam also addressed the large gathering.

The President in his concluding speech mentioned that the employees are ready to rise to the occasion to tide over the crisis in BSNL but the management and the owner, DOT, both are not transparent. Till date revival plan has not been discussed with the unions. The posts of Directors are vacant for long. The stop gap arrangement with the additional charge of circles cannot do justice to their responsibilities. The DOT must discharge its responsibilities in this regard. The joint efforts are needed to revamp the PSU.

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