

## **FORUM OF BSNL UNIONS / ASSOCIATIONS**

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### **IMMEDIATE INDEFINITE STRIKE**

**BSNL Workers will go on Immediate Indefinite Strike, if government takes arbitrary decision to merge BSNL and MTNL with out resolving the Disinvestment, HR and other connected issues as also on Bifurcation of BSNL by formation of a Tower Company.**

**Dear Comrades,**

The meeting of the Forum of BSNL Unions / Associations held at New Delhi today, 3rd March 2014, after detailed discussion and taking all factors in to consideration has decided to go on Immediate Indefinite Strike, if the government takes arbitrary decision for merger of BSNL and MTNL, with out resolving the Disinvestment, HR and other related issues as also on the formation of a Tower Company, bifurcating BSNL.

It was only government that divided the DOT services in to three companies, VSNL, MTNL and BSNL, which the workers had opposed at that time. The bifurcation has seriously and adversely affected the growth of the PSUs. During these decades many changes have taken place on issues like disinvestment (MTNL is disinvested to the tune of 46.5%, while BSNL is 100% govt. company), Salary ( MTNL salary is one step higher than BSNL), Perks etc. The proposal of the government now for Merger of the two companies BSNL and MTNL (VSNL already privatised) and at the same time bifurcating BSNL by forming a Tower Company without solving the above issues will further complicate the situation and will seriously and adversely affect the future of BSNL and its workers. Despite the fact that the Forum has already expressed its strong protest at these arbitrary actions and asked to be heard, the government has not discussed the issues with the workers and their unions, who are most important stakeholders. The BSNL workers have already expressed their strong protest by organising massive demonstrations on 28<sup>th</sup> Feb 2014, despite at short notice.

While the government has sufficient time to meet the private companies/corporates and favourably consider their view points, there is no time to meet the workers and their

unions/associations and also consider their views. The government is trying to take arbitrary decisions against the interests of BSNL and its workers just before the country goes to poll. Such hasty decisions will create havoc for both the telecom PSUs and their workers.

It is under such grave conditions that the Forum has taken decision to go on Immediate Indefinite Strike if the government takes decision on the merger of BSNL and MTNL and also on formation of Tower Company by bifurcating BSNL.

The Forum Calls upon each and every worker and all the unions/associations of non-executives and executives in BSNL to be ready for immediate action if the government takes its anti-BSNL decisions. The Immediate Indefinite Strike is to save BSNL and its workers from collapse and utter destruction.

Meet each and every worker and explain the grave situation and prepare for sustained struggle. Earlier we had stopped disinvestment, we have stopped VRS, through mighty struggles. Now it is our duty to wage another mighty struggle for the survival of BSNL. Wait for the Call from Forum.

**UNITY FOR STRUGGLE! STRUGGLE FOR UNITY! UNITY AND STRUGGLE FOR SAVING BSNL!**

**Comradely,**

**V.A.N.Namboodiri  
Convener, Forum**

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