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To

All CHQ Office Bearers/Circle Secretaries
District Secretaries and Affiliates

Dear Comrade.

Historic Coimbatore CEC

The Central Executive Committee meeting of All India BSNL DOT Pensioners Association held at Coimbatore on 29th & 30th July, 2014 became significant on many counts. The CEC members were greeted to the pleasant climate of Coimbatore and their accommodation at the venue of the CEC itself, the Jeev Jothi Ashram, was guite comfortable.

Open Session

The CEC started with an Open Session at 4 p.m. on 29th July, 2014. Com A K Bhattacharjee, President was in chair. Com C K Narasimhan, Circle Secretary, Tamilnadu, welcomed the gathering of 300 comrades, mainly from Coimbatore and Erode, apart from the CEC members. Com A K Bhattacharjee in his presidential address pointed out the peculiar political situation prevailing in the country and the need to fight unitedly against the onslaught of the Modi Government. Com R Muthusundaram, General Secretary, All India State Government Employees Federation formally inaugurated the Open Session. He detailed the history of the enactment of PFRDA Bill, originally initiated by the NDA government in 2003 and adopted by the UPA government with the support of the then opposition party, BJP, despite strong opposition by the Left Parties. He cautioned the big challenge posed by PFRDA Act which may endanger the future of those covered under the defined benefit pension scheme also, particularly in the wake of Narendra Modi Government pursuing the neo liberal policies more vigorously. Com V A N Namboodiri, President, BSNLEU & Advisor, AIBDPA made a special address and explained in detail, the issues of the pensioners, the crisis being faced by the BSNL and the issues of BSNL DOT Pensioners included in the memorandum submitted to the 7th Pay Commission. Com K G Jayaraj, General Secretary, in his brief address narrated the achievements and advancement of AIBDPA and its elevation to one of the mighty organization of pensioners in the country. Com S Krishnamoorthy (CITU), Com S Chellappa, Circle Secretary, BSNLEU, Tamilnadu, Com K Govindaraj, Circle Secretary, BSNLEU, Chennai Telephones and Com A Sundaram, General Secretary, Co-ordination Committee of Central, State & PSU Pensioners Organisations, Tamilnadu also addressed the Open Session. The Open Session came to an end at 7.15 p.m. with vote of thanks by Com L Umapathy, General Convener, Reception Committee.

Subjects Session

The Subject Section of the CEC was held at 7.45 p.m. on 29th July under the Presidentship of Com A K Bhattacharjee, President. Com K G Jayaraj, General Secretary, presented the report for the interim period from 05.10.2013 to 28.07.2014. A Resolution Committee with Com P Ashokababu, Vice President as Convener and Com Susanta Ghosh, Vice President & Circle Secretary, West Bengal & Com M R Das, Assistant General Secretary as members was formed. Then the meeting was adjourned at 9.45 p.m. and was resumed at 9.30 a.m. on 30th July. Com V A N Namboodiri gave necessary guidelines for the discussion. Participating in the discussion, Com C K Narasimham, Circle Secretary, Tamilnadu, Com G G Patil, CHQ Organising Secretary on behalf of Karnataka Circle, Com Pijush Chakraborty, Asst Circle Secretary, West Bengal, Com Mihir Dasgupta, Assistant Circle Secretary, Kolkata, Com Ramachandradu, Circle Secretary, Andhra Pradesh, Com N Ramesan, Circle Secretary, Kerala, Com R P Atmapoojya, Circle Secretary, Chattisgarh, Com B P Petkar, AGS & Circle Secretary, Maharashtra, Com M B Chaniyara, Circle Secretary, Gujarat, Com G R Verma, Circle Secretary, UP (East), Com H S Thakur, Circle Secretary, Madhya Pradesh, Com S N Sarma, Circle Secretary, Assam, Com K Kaliprasad, Organising Secretary, Com Swastika Dasgupta, Organising Secretary and Com R S Viswakarma, AGS

presented their views. Summing up the discussion, Com K G Jayaraj, General Secretary, emphasized strengthening the organization, enrolling more members and forming units in the remaining few Circles. Subscription base of Tele Pensioner also has to be widened and assured to increase the Hindi pages to 4. He also stressed to conduct the Circle Conference wherever it has become due, rather overdue. The exact position with regard to 78.2% IDA merger to pensioners also was clarified.

Com M P Kunhanandan elected CHQ Treasurer.

Com G B Salakki, Treasurer had tendered his resignation in the larger interest of the organization which was accepted by the CEC. Com M P Kunhanandan, Asst Circle Secretry, Kerala who attended the CEC as a visitor was elected as Treasurer unanimously by the CEC. Both Com G B Salakki and Com M P Kunhanandan spoke briefly.

Resolutions Adopted.

The resolutions presented by Coms P Asokababu, Susanta Ghosh and Com M R Das on the following issues were adopted unanimously.

- **1.** Pending issues including 78.2% IDA merger, Anomaly, Rs.2500 FMA to DOT Pensioners, Restoration of quarterly medical allowance and issues included in the memorandum submitted to the 7th Pay Commission, particularly full merger of DA and 25% interim relief.
- 2. Revival of BSNL in consultation with the Unions.
- 3. Communal harmony.
- **4.** Scrap PFRDA Act and coverage of defined benefit pension scheme to those recruited after 01.01.2004 in Central & State governments and 01.10.2000 in respect of BSNL.
- 5. Attack on trade union workers including AIBDPA and BSNLEU in West Bengal by Trinamool goons.

Decisions.

The CEC decided to continue the agitational programme on pending issues and following are the programme.

- 1. Campaign week by holding District Level Conventions in the last week of September, 2014.
- 2. Sanchar Bhawan / Bharat Sanchar Bhawan March on 20th November, 2014.

The CEC also decided to support the agitations of the JAC of non-executive unions in BSNL starting with Demands Day on 07.08.2014 and BSNL CCWF which has decided the following programme.

- 1. Dharna at SSA level on 26.08.2014.
- 2. March to CGMT Office on 25.09.2014.
- 3. March to CMD Office on 05.10.2014.

Reception Committee Congratulated.

The CEC members were in full appreciation of the excellent arrangements made by the Reception Committee and extended congratulations and thanks.

The memorable CEC was concluded at 5 p.m. on 30th July with the concluding remarks by Com A K Bhattacharjee, President.

Memorandum submitted to 7th Pay Commission.

As per the decision of the BCPC, a common memorandum on pensioners' issues was submitted to the Pay Commission. CHQ had given our suggestions on BSNL-DOT Pensioners which was also made part of the memorandum. In the preliminary interaction by VII CPC with BCPC leaders, on 27.07.2014, Com V A N Namboodiri presented the issues confronting the BSNL Pensioners on which the Pay Commission asked to submit a separate note. This has been given on 30th July, 2014 and the details are available in our website. In the common memorandum, merger of DA in full and grant of 25% interim relief are demanded and these have been sent to Government for consideration by the Pay Commission.

Dear Comrades,

I whole heartedly seek your full co-operation and help for implementing the decisions of the CEC and take up the challenges before us unitedly.

Thanking you,

Yours Fraternally,

K G Jayaraj General Secretary