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To

**CHQ Office Bearers, Circle Secretaries
District Secretaries and Affiliates.**

Dear Comrade,

As you may be aware, Com.K.G.jayaraj, General Secretary had to take six months leave from November, 2017 to go to USA in connection with the delivery of his daughter. Com.D.Basu, Assistant General Secretary, was authorized to act as General Secretary by the available CEC held at New Delhi on 25-10-2017. During his absence from the country, General Secretary was able to do all the required works utilizing internet facility. Other urgent issues were dealt by Coms. V.A.N.Namboodiri, Advisor, D.Basu, Acting General Secretary and Com.R.A.Nair, Treasurer. General Secretary returned to India on 29-04-2018 and has joined CHQ on 15-05-2018.

WAGE REVISION AND PENSION REVISION;-STUGGLES MADE IT POSSIBLE.

In the wake of affordability conditions stipulated by the 3rd PRC BSNL is not eligible for pay revision and the government was taking a negative stand despite positive recommendation by the BSNL management. On the issue of pension revision also the position was same even though AIBDPA conducted a three phased agitational programme. The decision of All Unions and Associations to organize continuous struggle including strike demanding wage revision, pension revision, roll back of subsidiary tower company was the significant turnaround. Finally, the Minister of Communications had to discuss the issues with AUAB leaders on 24-02-2018 and agreed for wage revision and pension revision. And as a result, DPE has replied to DoT, being the administrative ministry, to initiate action to get the exemption of the affordability conditions from the cabinet. DoT has now given the nod to BSNL management to start negotiation with the recognized unions for the wage agreement of the non-executives. BSNL management is reported to be processing the constitution a joint committee for the same.

PENSION REVISION WITH 15% FITMENT FROM 01-01-2017

CHQ had given a detailed letter to the Secretary, Department of Telecom with copies to both Member(Finance) and Member (Service) demanding pension revision for the BSNL absorbed retirees with 15% fitment, recommended by the 3rd PRC and approved by the government, from 01-01-2017. Though the recommendations are for the executives, the same fitment used to be given to the non-executives also after a negotiated settlement. When the recommendations of 2nd PRC was implemented in BSNL, the same fitment was granted for the pension revision from 01-01-2007. Now, the difference from the last pension revision is that the 60:40 condition having been annulled, the entire pension

liability is only with the central government. It is in this background that we have demanded the pension revision without waiting for the wage revision from 01-01-2017. Though the government has agreed for the wage revision in BSNL after continuous struggle and discussion with the Minister of Communications on 24-02-2018, it is likely to be delayed due to various reasons.

Com.K.G. Jayaraj, General Secretary had a detailed discussion on the issue with Shri.S.K.Jain, DDG (Estt), DoT on 29-05-2018. According to the DDG, if the pension revision is given before wage revision, it would create an anomaly to the subsequent retiring officials. General Secretary pointed out that this could be settled by giving the same fitment to the retiring officials. But DDG argued that the pension on retirement should be only 50% of the last pay drawn as per rule 37A. Again on 31-05-2018, Coms.V.A.N.Nambodiri, Advisor and K.G.Jayaraj, General Secretary along with

Com.G.L.Jogi, Chairman, SNEA met Shri.Prabash Singh, Member (Service) and demanded to delink pension revision from wage revision and prepare the cabinet note for pension revision with 15% fitment. The Member (Service) asked the DDG (Estt), who was also present, to consider the issue positively. General Secretary suggested that the problem of giving more than 50% of the last pay drawn to the subsequent retiring officials can be solved if a formulation is incorporated in the cabinet note to the effect that the benefit of pension revision be granted after one week of retirement. The DDG then asked the delegation to give him a note incorporating the inputs for further necessary action.

ISSUES RELATED TO BSNL MRS.

It was after strenuous efforts and struggles by not only pensioners organization but also by the employees organizations that the quarterly medical allowance (without voucher) was granted to the retirees initially for the first two quarters of 2017-18 and after much pressure extended to the remaining two quarters of the last financial year. Com.K.G.Jayaraj, General Secretary had a meeting with Shri.S.K.Sinha, GM (Admn), BSNL Corporate Office on 22-05-2018 and discussed a number of issues related to the BSNL MRS. Regarding extending of the quarterly medical allowance to the financial year, 2018-19, the GM stated that it is being processed. The unscientific and illogical criteria being followed to grant the medical allowance is causing sheer discrimination to the pre 2007 retirees. General Secretary pointed out that such discriminations and rather complex criteria can be undone if a uniform monthly medical allowance of Rs.2000 is granted to all. General Secretary also demanded that another chance be given for those who could not give option to avail the medical allowance due to lack of communication and also to those retiring subsequently. General Secretary also brought to the notice of the GM, the undue delay in payment of medical bills, both indoor and outdoor despite repeated instructions from Corporate Office to settle the bills of the retirees within 30 days. The GM assured to consider these while issuing further guidelines.

MUMBAI TELECOM FACTORY CIRCLE BRANCH.

The 28th circle branch was formed at Mumbai Telecom Factory on 08-03-2018. Com.V.A.N.Nambodiri, Advisor, inaugurated the convention held for this purpose. Office bearers were elected unanimously and Coms.V.H.Pharande, R.S.Wainganakar and M.M.Mahadik are the President, Circle Secretary and Treasurer, respectively.

UP (EAST) CIRCLE CONFERENCE HELD.

UP (East) Circle Conference was held at Varanasi on 14-04-2018. Com.D.Basu, Acting General Secretary inaugurated and Coms.K.R.Yadav, CHQ Vice President, BSNLEU and R.K.Mishra, Circle Secretary, BSNLEU addressed. Coms.B.N.Singh, K.R.Yadav and

Chandrasekhar Singh have been elected President, Circle Secretary and Treasurer, respectively.

CENTRAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING AT JALGAON

The Central Executive Committee Meeting is decided to be held at Jalgaon, Maharashtra on 30th and 31st July, 2018. The venue of the CEC and accommodation is arranged at the spacious Jain Park, Jain Hills, Jalgaon. The CEC will start at 10 AM on 30-07-2018 and may conclude at 4PM on 31-07-2018. In accordance with the schedule of the meeting, the CHQ office bearers and Circle Secretaries are requested to book the tickets to ensure their full participation. Arrival / departure details of the participants should be intimated well in advance to the Reception Committee for making suitable arrangements. Necessary permission may be obtained from the Reception Committee for participation of additional comrades. Accommodation will be arranged for 30th and 31st and for few comrades coming on 29th. The weather will be pleasant but for some rain and umbrella may be taken.

Contact Persons of the Reception Committee.

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Com.AshokDhawale, President, All India KisanSabha has consented to inaugurate the open session.

ALL INDIA CONFERENCE AT KOLKATA

The Circle Branches of Kolkata Telephones, West Bengal, Telecom Factory & Stores, Kolkata and our affiliate Centre of Retired Telecom Officers (CORTO) have jointly taken up the responsibility to host the 3rd Triennial All India Conference at Kolkata in March, 2019. The meeting of various organizations held at Kolkata has formed the Reception Committee for the successful conduct of the AIC. The following comrades were elected as the main functionaries.

Chairman :Com.BikashRanjanBhattacharjee.

Working Chairmen: Coms. D.Basu, SusantaGhosh and SupriyaMitra

Joint General Convenors : Coms. Sanjib Banerjee and PijushChakraborty

Treasurer :Com.Adhir Kr Sen.

DONATION FROM 78.2% FIXATION ARREARS.

CHQ has observed that despite repeated requests some of the district branches have not yet made the payment towards donation from the 78.2% fixation arrears. A few districts have collected and sent the share to CHQ and Circle correctly, some branches have collected but paid only a token amount and some have not at all collected. Comrades, this is not good and should not be encouraged. All our units are accountable and Circle Secretaries and CHQ office bearers have to intervene against any such lapses and to ensure that the donation is collected from all and the 30% shares are sent to the higher bodies.

PAYMENTS IN THE BANK TO BE INTIMATED.

CHQ has requested several times to intimate the payment details made in the bank account of CHQ through SMS, WhatsApp or email. Unfortunately, still some comrades fail to inform and amounts are kept in the suspense account. Therefore those who have remitted in the bank account and not received the CHQ receipt should contact the CHQ Treasurer/ General Secretary immediately.

SUBSIDIARY TOWER COMPANY- A SINISTER MOVE TO KILL BSNL.

Despite strong opposition from all the unions and associations of BSNL and serious struggles, including strikes, the Modi government has decided to form a separate tower company. Though it was assured that the tower company would be under BSNL, the appointment of an IAS officer as CMD has exposed the intention of the government. 70,000 towers of BSNL were built only by BSNL and taking away the towers from BSNL, if allowed, will be the end of BSNL. Fortunately, the AUAB under the leadership of BSNLEU is observing the developments keenly and resorting to appropriate actions to thwart the move. Of late, the Hon'ble High Court of Delhi has admitted a petition filed on behalf of AUAB and has posted the case to 26-09-2018. AIBDPA has joined all the agitations against the subsidiary tower company and CHQ congratulates all the comrades for their sincere participation and we have to join such struggles in future also.

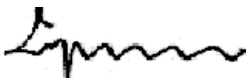
SUPPORT THE POSTAL STRIKE.

The GDS unions in the Postal Department have started an indefinite Strike from 22-05-2018 demanding immediate implementation of Kamalesh Chandra Committee report which had been submitted to the central government in November, 2016. The Grameen Dak Sevaks, former Extra Departmental Agents (EDAs), are the most exploited section of workers and they are denied the civil servant status and not included in the 7th Pay Commission. Now, the government is unnecessarily delaying implementing the Committee report on their wages and other service benefits. Departmental employees also joined the strike in some circles like Kerala, Tamil Nadu, Andhra, Telangana and West Bengal in solidarity. CHQ had already issued a statement and directive for support and solidarity to the strike.

Comrades, the ensuing Central Executive Committee Meeting at Jalgaon and the All India Conference at Kolkata will definitely review the situation in respect of the important issues and take appropriate decisions. Let us earnestly strive to work hard for widening our base by enrolling more and more members and strengthen the organization further.

With Fraternal Greetings,

Fraternally yours,



K.G. Jayaraj
[General Secretary]