



ALL INDIA BSNL DOT PENSIONERS ASSOCIATION

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To

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

Dear Comrade,

Memorable Jalgaon CEC meeting and the decisions.

The Central Executive Committee Meeting held at Jalagaon, Maharashtra on 30th and 31st July, 2018 was a stupendous success. The nature friendly venue, Jain Hills, itself created a great sense of appreciation among the participants. The excellent arrangements made by the Reception Committee for the two day CEC were simply commendable.

The CEC started with the Open Session at 10 AM on 30th August with Com.A.K.Bhattacharjee , President in the chair. The guests and leaders were honoured by the Reception Committee in typical Maharashtra culture. Com.R.N.Patil, Circle Secretary, Maharashtra welcomed the gathering. Com.Ajit Abhyankar, CITU State Council Member inaugurated the Open session with an educative speech exposing the anti people and anti-worker policy of the central government. Shri K.B.Patel (Vice Chairman, Jain Irrigation), Coms.V.A.N.Namboodiri, Advisor, K.G.jayaraj, General Secretary, Balachandra Mane, Assistant Circle Secretary, BSNLEU addressed the open session. Com.A.R.Patil, President, Reception Committee proposed vote of thanks.

In the subject session held at 2.30 PM, Com. A.K.Bhattacharjee, President presided. Com.K.G.Jayaraj, General Secretary presented the report on activities since the last Mysore CEC meeting and Com.R.A.Nair, Treasurer submitted the accounts for the years, 2016-17 and 2017-18. Initiating the discussion, Com.K.G.jayaraj, General Secretary briefly dealt the items in the agenda with particular focus on pension revision, wage revision, Option 1, Medical issues, the struggles being conducted and the organizational issues. Serious discussion took place thereafter in which 22 circle secretaries and 8 office bearers participated. General Secretary replied appropriately to the discussion and stressed for immediate intervention by the circle secretaries and CHQ office bearers for remitting 30% of the full donation collected by the district branches after which both the report and accounts were adopted. Resolutions on important issues presented by Com.Susanta Ghosh on behalf of the resolution committee were approved unanimously. Com.V.A.N.Namboodiri, Advisor then spoke on future tasks to be undertaken earnestly with particular reference to widening the membership base according to our potential. He also appealed to increase the number of subscribers to the Tele Pensioner.

The CEC took the following decisions:-

1. To chalk out a two phased agitational programme for immediate pension revision.
 - (i) Pension Revision Day on 30-08-2018 - Demonstration with maximum participation of pensioners at all levels.
 - (ii) Postcard Campaign to Prime Minister in the last week of September, 2018 involving all the pensioners.

MATTER

The Hon'ble Prime Minister,
Government of India,
South Block,
New Delhi-110001.

Respected Sir,

Seek your kind intervention for immediate pension revision of BSNL retirees from 01-01-2017 with 15% fitment, recommended by the 3rd PRC and approved by the government, delinking the wage revision.

Yours faithfully,

Signature

Name of the pensioner.

Place and date.

2. The CEC approved the proposal of the CHQ to hold the 3rd Triennial All India Conference at Kolkata on 23rd and 24th February, 2019. It is a huge burden on the three circle branches, West Bengal, Kolkata Telephones, Telecom Factory & Stores and our affiliate CORTO, who have taken up the responsibility of holding the AIC, particularly in the prevailing situation in West Bengal. Therefore the CEC decided to collect @Rs.100 each from all the members and 50% should be remitted to the bank account directly by the district branches with intimation to both the reception committee and CHQ without fail and the bank details are as under; Allahabad Bank, Jawharlal Nehru Road Branch, Kolkata- SB a/c No. 50450962359, IFSC: ALLA0211708. The amount be sent either by transfer or NEFT. Merely depositing the amount will cost unnecessary bank charges. The remaining 50% may be utilized for participating delegates/observers in the AIC. The reception committee should also be helped by collecting maximum advertisements, possible, for the souvenir. The address and other details of the Reception Committee are given below.

Reception Committee,
3rd Triennial All India Conference,
All India BSNL DOT Pensioners Association,
56, Metcalfe Street, Kolkata- 700013
Email : aibdpa3rdaic@gmail.com.
Mobile Nos. Com.Sanjib Banerjee (Joint General Secretary) - 9477305005
Com.Pijush Chakraborty (Joint General Secretary)- 9432455222

The number of delegates will be allotted on the basis of quota received up to September, 2018. Circle /District conferences wherever become due has to be conducted before the AIC.

3. The CEC decided to extend solidarity and support to the great workers and peasants March in Delhi on 5th September, 2018 and participate in the march by the Delhi NTR and neighboring circles of UP(West), UP(East), Haryana, Rajasthan and Madhya Pradesh.

4. To organize solidarity demonstration in support of the one day strike on November 15, 2018 by the Confederation of central government employees and workers demanding settlement of genuine issues including Option 1 and scrapping of PFRDA.

General Secretary informed the CEC that Com.P.Abhimanyu, General Secretary, BSNLEU has consented to function our CHQ from Dada Ghosh Bhawan. It is really a matter of proud to have our CHQ at Dada Ghosh Bhawan. The address is as follows:-

All India BSNL DOT Pensioners Association, CHQ,
Dada Ghosh Bhawan,
2151/1, New Patel Nagar,
New Delhi – 110 008.

Com.A.K.Bhattacharjee delivered the inspiring concluding speech recalling the great tradition of the P&T Trade Union movement in organizing continuous struggles which enabled the advancements and achievements. AIBDPA is following this great legacy and we have to strengthen our organization further to meet the challenges ahead. Reception Committee comrades were felicitated for the excellent arrangements made for CEC which contributed much for the success of the CEC. With vote of thanks by Com.A.R.Patil, President, Reception Committee, the historical CEC came to an end at 5PM on 31-07-2018.

NCCPA National Executive held at Chennai.

The National Executive of NCCPA was successfully held at Chennai on 05-08-2018. It was chaired initially by Com.S.S.Roy, Working President and later by Com.Shiv Gopal Mishra, President. On behalf of AIBDPA, Coms.V.A.N.Namboodiri, Advisor and K.G.Jayaraj, General Secretary participated in the meeting. Com.K. Raghavendran, Dy Secretary General welcomed. Com.K.K.N.Kutty spoke on the agenda items. Com.K.G.Jayaraj raised the issues of follow up action after the Mass Dharna at Delhi on 25-10-2017, Pension Revision of BSNL retirees from 01.01.2017 with 15% fitment, delinking the wage revision, Monthly Medical Allowances of Rs.2000, Option 1, CGHS issues, full pension to the pre 2006 pensioners with less than 33 years service etc. 15 comrades participated in the discussion and put forward valuable suggestions and Com.K.K.N.Kutty, Secretary General replied appropriately. Com.Shiv Gopal Mishra briefed on the National Anomaly Committee meeting and stated that the NJCA meeting slated on 18-08-2018 will review the position and take suitable decisions.

The National Executive decided to launch a four phased program of action on the following 10 point charter of demands.

1. Implement Option 1
2. Revise the Pension of BSNL absorbed retirees immediately with 15% fitment, recommended by the 3rd PRC and approved by the government, from 01-01-2017, delinking the wage revision.
3. Revise the pension of Central Autonomous Body pensioners.
4. (a) Provide notional fixation of pension under Option No.3 on the basis of the pay scale/pay level of the cadre or grade from which the pensioner retired. (b) Provide fixation of pension in the case of all pre 2006 pensioners on the basis of grade pay/pay level or pay scale of the post or cadre from which one has retired, as per the judgments of courts.
5. Extend the benefit of CS(MA) Rules to all pensioners who are not covered by CGHS.
6. Increase the FMA to Rs.2000 as has been granted to the PF pensioners.

7. Raise the minimum pension to 60% of the minimum wage, ie Rs.10,800.
8. Restore the commutation after 10 years.
9. Provide increased rate of pension from 70 years.
10. Scrap the contributory pension scheme and restore the defined benefit pension to all irrespective of their date of entry.

PROGRAMME OF ACTION.

1. Post Card Campaign to the Prime Minister- 15th to 30th December, 2018
2. Regional/State level Dharna in January, 2019 (date to be decided later) at the following places.
 - (i) Thiruvananthapuram (ii) Chennai (iii) Hyderabad (iv) Bangalore (v) Kolkata (including Odisha, Bihar and Jharkhand. (vi) Guwahati (Assam and North Eastern states) (vii) Jaipur (including Delhi) (viii) Ambala or Chandigarh (Punjab, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh and J&K) (ix)Lucknow (x) Bhopal (MP &Chattisgarh) (xi) Nagpur (Vidharba region of Maharashtra.) (xii) Mumbai- (Excluding Vidharba)
3. Mass contact/ campaign programme in February, 2019.
4. Token Mass Fast in New Delhi in March, 2019.

The National Executive decided to organize solidarity demonstration on the day of a National Strike by the central trade unions in December, 2018. The meeting also decided to demand exemption of income tax for pensioners up to Rs.5 lakh.

The resolution moved by Com.V.A.N.Namboodiri for universal pension of Rs.1000 minimum to all senior citizens of above 60 years was adopted unanimously.

Pay Revision of Non-Executives in BSNL.

The discussion on pay revision has started by the BSNL management and Staff Side. Two rounds of meeting has already taken place and in the second meeting held on 09-08-2018, the staff side has presented the proposed pay scales. Next meeting is decided to be held on 27-08-2018.

Assam Circle Extended CEC meeting held.

Com.K.G.Jayaraj, General Secretary has participated in the well attended Extended Circle Executive Committee Meeting held at Guwahati on 10-08-2018. The open session was inaugurated by Com. Satanjib Das (LIC) and was presided over by Com.D.N. Baishya, Circle President. Com. S.N.Sarma presented the report and accounts. All the District Secretaries and Circle Office bearers participated actively in the discussion. Com.K.G.jayaraj, General Secretary spoke on the important issues and the necessity to strengthen the organization by enrolling more members. He also explained the decisions of the Jalgaon CEC held on 30-31, July, 2018 including the programme of agitation and ensuing All India Conference at Kolkata. Com.M.R.Das, AGS also spoke on organizational issues.

North East I Circle Conference.

The NE I Circle Conference was held at the BSNLEU office, Shillong on 11-08-2018 under the presidentship of Com.K.W.R. Nongrum, Circle President. The biennial report and audited accounts were presented by Coms.Gopal Das, Circle Secretary and N.G.Paul, Treasurer, respectively and were adopted after discussion. Office bearers were elected unanimously with Com.K.W.R.Nongrum (President) and Gopal Das (Circle Secretary).

Addressing the open session Com.K.G.Jayaraj, General Secretary gave a detailed account of the developments with regard to pension revision, medical issues and the decisions of Jalgaon CEC. Coms.M.R.Das, AGS, P.K.Bhattacharjee, ACS, Assam, Shivjee Ray, Circle Secretary, BSNLEU, Shylla, Circle President, BSNLEU and M.N.Bhattacharjee (Convenor, Joint Pensioners organizations), also addressed.

***Circle Executive Committee meeting of Kolkata
Telecom Factory & Stores.***

Utilizing the opportunity of General Secretary's visit to Kolkata, Telecom Factory & Stores held its Circle Executive Committee Meeting at BSNLEU office, Telecom Factory, Alipore, Kolkata on 13-08-2018. Com.Sujit Mukharjee, Circle President controlled the proceedings. Addressing the CEC, Com.K.G.jayaraj, General Secretary explained the present position of pension revision and wage revision, BSNL MRS issues and protection of BSNL. The decisions of the Jalgaon Central Executive Committee meeting also reported and appealed to make the ensuing AIC at Kolkata a grand success. Coms. Om Prakash Singh, Circle Secretary, BSNLEU and General Secretary, BSNL Co-Ordination Committee and Adhir Kr Sen, Circle Secretary also addressed.

Reception Committee Meeting of AIC held.

The meeting of the Reception Committee of the 3rd Triennial All India Conference was held at BSNLEU Kolkata Telephones Circle office on 13-08-2018. Coms. Supriya Mitra, Susanta Ghosh and D.Basu, Joint Working Chairmen were in the presidium. Inaugurating the meeting, Com.K.G.Jayaraj pointed out the significance of holding the conference at Kolkata at a crucial juncture and extended the gratitude to the three circle branches and CORTO for taking up the huge responsibility of holding the AIC at Kolkata. He also drew the attention of the Reception Committee, the basic amenities to be provided to the delegates for the successful conduct of the conference. Coms.Sanjib Banerjee and Pijush Chakraborty, Joint General Secretaries reported the arrangements already done with respect to the venue and accommodation. Coms.A.K.Bhattacharjee, CHQ President, Adhir Kr Sen, Treasurer, Animesh Mitra, Circle Secretary, BSNLEU, West Bengal, Saibalsen Gupta, AGS, BSNLEU, Om Prakash Singh, General Secretary, BSNL Co-Ordination Committee, Arup Sarkar, Circle Secretary, BSNLCCWF also supplemented. The meeting also approved the proposals for various sub committees. After due consideration of all aspects, the Reception Committee in consultation with the General Secretary fixed the Delegate Fee to be Rs.1000, including CHQ Levy of Rs.200.

Help disaster hit Kerala.

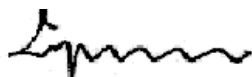
Disaster has hit Kerala in the form of heavy rain resulting in unprecedented floods that affected almost all districts of the state. Shutters of 27 dams were compelled to be opened due to raising of water levels beyond the danger mark which aggravated the flood situation. 324 people have lost their lives, thousands of people have lost everything as their homes were swept away in the floods, bridges, roads, electrical and telephone installations etc are destroyed. It is really an unusual situation and the government fund alone cannot meet the huge expenditure for revival and rehabilitation. The Chief Minister of Kerala has appealed all to contribute liberally to Distress Relief Fund. Our Kerala Circle Branch has already initiated for relief fund collection and it is worth mentioning that Kannur District Branch has contributed Rs.1 lakh on 13-08-2018. CHQ requests all the Circle and District Branches to extend an helping hand to the people of Kerala and the amount may please be sent to Chief Minister's Distress Relief Fund, State Bank of India, City Branch, Thiruvananthapuram- Account No.67319948232, IFSC : SBIN0070028 with intimation to CHQ .

General Secretary at CHQ.

After a successful tour to Assam, NE-I and West Bengal/Kolkata, Com.K.G.jayaraj, General Secretary has joined CHQ on 17-08-2018 and will be available in New Delhi up to 10th September, 2018.

Comrades, we have ahead an hectic schedule of organizational activities and struggles as well. Let us rise to the occasion to meet the challenges with vigour and determination.

Yours fraternally,



K.G.Jayaraj
General Secretary.