ALL UNIONS AND ASSOCIATIONS OF BSNL (AUAB)

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Dear Comrade,

Sub: - Intimation for holding an online meeting of the AUAB - reg.

BSNL is facing a huge crisis and the future of the Company and it's employees have become a very big question mark. Systematically, the government is creating road-blocks to ensure that BSNL does not start it's 4G service. As a result, the revival of BSNL has become a distant dream.

In the meanwhile, the Government of India has drawn an ambitious plan for pocketing Rs.40,000 crore, through the monetisation of the mobile towers and optic fibre of BSNL and MTNL. Around 80,000 employees have already been sent home under VRS, as a result of which the pay bill of the Company has been drastically cut down. Still, the employees continue to be denied disbursement of salary on the last date of the month.

After the implementation of VRS, the Management has retrenched thousands of contract workers, who have worked for 20 / 25 years and has outsourced the works. The net result is that, the landline and broadband connections have got surrendered massively.

So far, 212 BSNL employees have died due to COVID-19. Hence, the Government should urgently consider the vaccination of BSNL employees on a priority basis. Further, the families of the Covid victims should be provided with Compassionate Ground Appointments.

In this backdrop, a meeting of the AUAB will be held online on 19.06.2021 at 17:00 hrs. The agenda for the meeting will be as follows:-

- (1) Heavy delay in BSNL's 4G launching.
- (2) Government's plan for monetisation of BSNL's mobile towers and optic fibre.
- (3) Non-disbursement of salary on the last date of every month.
- (4) Outsourcing of works and the massive surrendering of landline and broadband connections.
- (5) Vaccination of BSNL employees on a priority basis, by treating them as frontline workers.
- (6) Providing of Compassionate Ground Appointments to the families of Covid victims.

Thanking you,

Yours fraternally,

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