

ALL UNIONS AND ASSOCIATIONS OF BSNL (AUAB)

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To,

- 1) Shri P.K.Purwar,
CMD BSNL,
Bharat Sanchar Bhawan,
Janpath, New Delhi-110001
- 2) Shri K. Rajaraman
Secretary, Telecom,
Department of Telecommunications,
Ministry of Communications,
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Sir,

Sub: - **Issuing notification for organising Black badge wearing lunch hour demonstrations on 28.07.2022 - req.**

The All Unions and Associations of BSNL (AUAB), the umbrella organisation of all the major trade unions of the Non-Executives and associations of the Executives of BSNL hereby issues notification for organising Black badge wearing lunch hour demonstrations on 28.07.2022 on the following issues:-

(1) *Handing over of BSNL's mobile towers to the private.*

The government has decided to handover BSNL's 14,917 mobile towers to the private, under the National Monetisation Pipeline. The BSNL Managing is taking speedy action to implement the decision of the government. In the budget for the year 2021-2022, the government has categorically stated that, it would earn Rs.40,000 crore, by way of handing over BSNL's mobile towers and optic fibre (OFC) to the private. If BSNL's towers and OFC are handed over to the private, under the National Monetisation Pipeline, thereafter, BSNL will have to pay rent to the private, for using it's own towers and OFC. It is needless to state that, the handing over of BSNL's mobile towers and OFC to the private will kill BSNL. **Hence, the AUAB strongly opposes the handing over of BSNL's towers and optic fibre to the private, and demands to immediately drop the implementation of the National Monetisation Pipeline.**

(2) At a time when the private companies are getting ready to launch their 5G service, launching of BSNL's 4G service is no where in sight. The TCS has so far not completed it's Proof of Concept (PoC). The original deadline set for TCS to complete it's PoC was 30th November, 2021. This deadline has been extended many times. However, TCS has not been able to complete the PoC till today. It means, the TCS has not been able to prove that, it is having the technology to supply 4G equipments to BSNL. It must be noted that, TCS has committed to supply 1 lakh 4G BTSs to BSNL. However, no one knows how and when TCS is going to do this. Since, BSNL has not been able to launch it's 4G service, it has already started losing it's customers. In May, 2022 alone, BSNL has lost 5.3 lakh customers, as per media reports. BSNL's Revival Package remains only on paper. The Company's financial condition is deteriorating and it is returning fast to the pre-VRS situation. **Hence, the AUAB strongly demands that the government and the Management should take meaningful steps for the immediate launching of BSNL's 4G service.**

The Black badge wearing lunch hour demonstrations will be organised at the Corporate Office, circle and Business Area levels.

Thanking you,
Yours sincerely,



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