ALL UNIONS AND ASSOCIATIONS OF BSNL (AUAB)

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To

All the General Secretaries,
AUAB.

Dear comrades,

A meeting of the AUAB was held yesterday the 01.08.2019. Com.S. Sivakumar, GS, AIBSNLEA, presided over the meeting. The following comrades participated in the meeting.

BSNLEU:	Com. P. Abhimanyu, GS & Convenor & Com. Swapan Chakraborty, Dy. GS.
NFTE:	Com. Islam Ahmed, President & Com. Rajmouli, Treasurer.
SNEA:	Com. K. Sebastin, GS.
AIBSNLEA:	Com. S. Sivakumar, GS & Com. Prahlad Rai, Chairman.
AIGETOA:	Com. Yogender Kumar, AGS & Sunil Gautham, AGS.
BSNL MS:	Com. Suresh Kumar, GS.
BSNL ATM:	Com. Rewati Prasad, AGS.
TEPU:	Com. Rasheed Khan, AGS.
BSNL OA:	Com. H.P.Singh, Dy.GS.

The meeting reviewed the entire developments taking place in respect of the financial revival of BSNL. The AUAB has already written twice to the Hon'ble Minister of Communications & IT, requesting to grant a meeting. Similarly, the AUAB has also written twice to the Secretary, Telecom, requesting to grant a meeting. However, the meeting noted with regrets that neither the Hon'ble Minister of Communications & IT, nor the Secretary, Telecom, has granted any meeting to the AUAB. Thus, the unions and associations of BSNL are totally kept in the dark, while a lot is being heard about the steps being taken by the government with regards to the revival of BSNL. The meeting strongly felt that the unions and associations of the employees, being the important stakeholders of the Company, should be involved in the decision making, with regards to the financial revival of the Company.

The meeting also noted with serious concern that, the quality of BSNL's services is deteriorating day by day due to the non-availability of working capital. A large number of BTSs, exchanges, etc., have been closed down due to the non-payment of electricity bills and rent. Contract workers are not paid wages for the past 7 months, which is also seriously affecting the services.

The meeting also took serious exception to the repressive measures being taken by the BSNL Management, against the unions and associations. Even peaceful demonstrations and dharnas have been banned in BSNL, which is nothing but the denial of fundamental rights of the employees of BSNL. After serious deliberations, the meeting decided to organise lunch hour demonstrations and gate meetings, throughout the country on 07.08.2019, demanding the following:-

Demands:

(1) Honour the commitments given by the Union Cabinet in the year 2000, to ensure BSNL's financial viability.

- **(a)** Extend immediate financial support to BSNL, for the maintenance of the services.
- **(b)** Extend soft loan to BSNL for it's capital expenditures.

(2) Remove the total ban imposed on capital expenditure by BSNL. Allow field units to carry out capital expenditure, were revenue is assured.

(3) No retrenchment. Honour the commitment given on job security at the time of formation of BSNL.

(4) Stop repressive actions for even legitimate trade union activities.

Com. Chandeshwar Singh
Chairman, AUAB.

Com. P. Abhimanyu
Convenor, AUAB.