ALL UNIONS AND ASSOCIATIONS OF BSNL

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Comrades.

The meeting of All Unions and Associations of BSNL (AUAB), held on 24.04.2018, has called on the employees of BSNL, to conduct week long street corner meetings, i.e., from 07th to 11th May, 2018, against the anti-BSNL policies of the government and demanding the rolling back of the Subsidiary Tower Company. Earlier, the AUAB had called upon the employees to conduct *March to Raj Bhawan* on 19.04.2018, the whole idea of conducting the March to Raj Bhawan, was to make a campaign among the general public, on the issue of Subsidiary Tower Company. However, it is observed that, permission was not granted in many big circles for conducting the March to Raj Bhawan. As a result, our intention of conducting a massive campaign among the people, against the Subsidiary Tower Company is not achieved. In view of this, the AUAB has now called upon the employees to conduct a massive campaign among the people, from 7th to 11th May, 2018.

It is needless to state that formation of the Subsidiary Tower Company will be the end of the road for BSNL. The whole idea of the government is to weaken BSNL, and ultimately privatising it, as has been done in the case of Air India. Formation of the Subsidiary Tower Company is only the beginning of the government's game plan. Government is already working on a plan to take away all the lands and buildings of BSNL. Thus, the whole idea of the government is to break BSNL into pieces, in the process of which BSNL could be finished off. Thus, formation of the Subsidiary Tower Company is nothing but the continuation of the anti-BSNL policies of the government being adopted for the last 18 years.

The nearly 70,000 mobile towers of BSNL are the company's life line. Earlier, both the government and the BSNL Management, were telling us that, the Subsidiary Tower Company would be under the control of BSNL's Board of Directors. However, the appointment of *Shri Amit Yadav, IAS*, without even the knowledge of BSNL's Board of Directors, has exposed the government's real intention. It has proved beyond doubt that the Subsidiary Tower Company will not be under the control of BSNL Management, but would be directly controlled by the government. Immediately after the Subsidiary Tower Company becomes operational, the Company would be disinvested through strategic sale. A corporate would be inducted as the partner in the Subsidiary Tower Company, who will start dictating terms to BSNL. We have no doubt that the decisions that would be taken by the Management of the Subsidiary Tower Company, would be against the interests of BSNL.

The BSNL employees have already conducted many struggles, including two strikes, against the formation of the Subsidiary Tower Company. However, the government has not paid heed to our demand for the rolling back of the Subsidiary Tower

Company. Under these circumstances, we are left with no other option, but to go to the people of this country and to seek their support and cooperation, to make the government to roll back the Subsidiary Tower Company. Hence, this campaign of street corner meetings from 07th to 11th May, 2018, has to be conducted with all our might.

The street corner meetings should be conducted in each and every town and city of the country. Squads consisting of around 10 comrades should be formed. Each squad should conduct the campaign in each part of the town / city, where people gather in good numbers. We should target railway stations, bus-stands, market places, etc., where people gather. Flex banners and placards should be prominently displayed about the anti-BSNL policies of the government, and demanding the rolling back of the Subsidiary Tower Company. Speeches should be made with the help of mikes, so that our message reaches the general public. The AUAB requests the BSNL employees to successfully organise this campaign of conducting street corner meetings.

It has also been decided that on the last day of the campaign, i.e., on 11th May, 2018, massive demonstrations should be conducted and fax messages should be sent to the Prime Minister, demanding the rolling back of the Subsidiary Tower Company.

Yours fraternally