

# JOINT FORUM OF BSNL & MTNL UNIONS/ASSOCIATIONS

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## **Decisions of the Joint Forum meeting held on 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2012**

A meeting of the Joint Forum of BSNL & MTNL Unions/Associations was held on 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2012 at KidwaiBhawan, New Delhi. The meeting was presided by Com. M.K.Bagchi, Chairman of the Joint Forum. Com. V.A.N.Namboodiri, Convener, reported about the developments after the last meeting and also presented a review of the Parliament March programme organised on 22 November. All the participants discussed in detail about the agenda and the following decisions were taken:

### **1. Review of the Parliament March on 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2012.**

The meeting congratulated the BSNL & MTNL workers for the massive participation and enthusiasm shown in the Parliament March. In addition to the circle unions in Delhi, the nearby circles also have brought maximum workers to the March. It also appreciated the orderly arrangements made by the organisers. The meeting thanked the Members of Parliament who attended and addressed the rally. The arrangement for live telecasting the procession and rally which was watched by thousands of workers all over India was also highly appreciated. It was also reported that in many centres demonstrations were held on the day.

Some of the unions/Associations are yet pay the quota fixed for the Parliament March programme. It should be paid without delay so that the bills could be paid.

### **2. Future Programmes of Action**

Though many action programmes were implemented, neither the Government nor the management has taken any action for the repatriation of the non-optee ITS officers. The meeting discussed in detail about the various course of action to be taken in this connection, and took the following decisions.

- a) In order to ensure that the Cabinet Note for Permanent Deputation prepared by the DOT is not approved by the government, the Secretaries of the Committee of Secretaries as also certain other connected Secretaries should be met and persuaded not to accept the proposal. Coms. G.L.Jogi, Prahlad Rai and V.A.N.Namboodiri were entrusted with the task.
- b) The meeting expressed its strong protest against the inaction and negative attitude of the government/Management in settling this important issue (Repatriation of non-optee ITS) despite continuous agitation by the unions and called upon the workers to prepare for further intensified agitation and programmes which will be finalised in the next meeting of the Joint Forum to be held on 4<sup>th</sup> December 2012. The unions are requested to come prepared for taking necessary decisions.  
In the meanwhile, the opposition leaders in both Houses of Parliament be approached for support. Com. Suresh Kumar was entrusted with the task.
- c) Suggestions came from some comrades to include issues like Financial viability of BSNL & MTNL, refund of Spectrum charges to BSNL&MTNL and Pension issue in MTNL. for being taken by the Forum in the future agitations so that it will further motivate the workers and also ensure a better future of the two PSUs and its workers and a better service to the people. This will be further discussed in the next meeting.

3. The next meeting of the Joint Forum will be held at 03.00 PM on 4<sup>th</sup> December 2012 at Room No. 756, KidwaiBhawan, New Delhi.

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