

Unity Disruptors

NFTE Chennai Telephones Circle Secretary Com. Mathivanan usually criticize our leadership in an indecent way. It is his habit to criticize our general secretary with false allegations. In the latest PLI issue also com. Mathivanan spilt venom against the unity developed between BSNLEU and NFTE at all India level. BSNL Employees Union General Secretary Com. Abhimanyu rightly pointed out that “The achievement of PLI should galvanise the unity of the non executives for the achieving the settlement of Wage revision from 01.01.2017”. It shows the magnanimity of our General Secretary and his intention to build unity with other unions. It may be recalled that BSNL management offered two digit PLI for the year 2014-15 during 7th membership verification and NFTE did not reject the proposal whereas BSNLEU rightly rejected it and conducted struggles. This is the basic reason management could not make paltry PLI to BSNL employees.

How PLI was possible when BSNL is running loss?

This is the question raised by the NFTE.

BSNL management linked PLI with profit. The BSNL Employees Union vehemently opposed linking PLI with profit. BSNL was making loss continuously from 2009 due to the wrong policies of the Government. BSNL Employees Union mobilized all the non executives and executive associations under an umbrella, and fought continuously. Due to the efforts taken by FORUM of BSNL Unions / Associations, BSNL started to earn operational profit for the year 2014-15 (692 crores) and for the year 2015-16 Operational profit is 3854 crores. BSNL employees are working very hard to achieve this status. Hence it is the legitimate right of the employees to demand PLI for the year 2014-15 even though BSNL is still running a net loss of Rs.3880/- crores. BSNL Employees Union demanded PLI for employees and conducted so many struggles including one day strike in November 2015. So it is clearly understood that BSNLEU continuously fighting for achieving payment of PLI.

The unity between BSNLEU and NFTE is developed in settling PLI. This was rightly pointed out by our General Secretary. But NFTE Circle Secretary Mathivanan could not tolerate the unity approach and trying to disrupt the unity.

It may be recalled that 78.2% IDA arrears to pensioners was settled by the Forum of BSNL Unions / Associations. But NFTE Mathivanan conducted a celebrating meeting at Chennai stating that 78.2% IDA arrears to pensioners was settled by NFTE president Com. Islam Ahamed. Com Mathivanan even sidelined his own union's General Secretary Com. Chandeshwar Singh and gave importance to Com. Islam Ahamed. Moreover the fact was hidden by him that the FORUM of BSNL Unions / Associations only settled the issue by conducting two days Glorious Strike on 21, 22 – April 2015. This is the attitude of Com. Mathivanan.

We still feel that Com Mathivanan will change his attitude and to come forward for fighting the rights of the employees unitedly.