

***Resolution adopted in the 9<sup>th</sup> All India Conference of BSNLEU,  
calling on the BSNL employees to join the two day General Strike to be held  
on 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> January,2019.***

The National Convention of Workers, held at New Delhi on 28.09.2018, has called on the working class to go on a two day General Strike on 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> January, 2019.

It is already 27 years, since the Neo-Liberal Policies were implemented in 1991, by the Narasimha Rao – Manmohan Singh duo. Thereafter, all the governments that came to power have meticulously implemented these policies. During this period, year after year, big concessions were given to the Indian and multinational corporates. At the same time, the subsidies being given to the poor, for food, health care, education, etc., have been steadily cut down. That is why we call the Neo-Liberal Policies as pro-rich and anti-poor.

Big corporates are allowed to loot people's money deposited in Public Sector Banks. Lakhs of crores of rupees, taken as loan by the corporates, were not repaid. The government, instead of taking stringent actions to collect the money, is declaring them as bad loans, and is waiving them from time to time. As per the reply given on 11.12.2018, in the current session of the Parliament, by the Minister of State for Finance, the NDA government has written off Rs.2.41 lakh crore bad loans, from 2014 to 2017. Thus, through it's policy decisions, this government is facilitating the corporates to loot people's money. Through this process this government is also converting the Public Sector banks into sick entities.

Due to the wrong policies of the government, the agricultural sector is in a big crisis. According to the government statistics, 2,96,438 farmers have committed suicide between 1995 and 2014. Most of them are small farmers. This is a very big tragedy. However, the successive governments have neglected the farm sector. Debt burden, failure of monsoons, failure to ensure remunerative prices by the government, etc., are the reasons for this tragedy. The present day government also continues to close it's eyes towards this issue.

The implementation of the Neo-Liberal Policies during the past 27 years, has created a very big inequality in the country. On one side, starvation deaths are being reported from many parts of the country. On the other side, there is huge concentration of wealth, in the hands of a few people. As per the report of the Oxfam, 73% of the wealth created in 2017, has reached the hands of the top 1% of the population. Whereas, the bottom 67 crore Indians have got only 1% of this wealth. Similarly, as per the report of French Tech Firm, Capgemini, the number of High Networth Individuals (HNI) has increased by 20% in 2017. An HNI is the one who is having investible assets of one million US dollars.

The NDA government continues to make relentless attacks on the Public Sector of the nation. For the financial year 2017 – 18, a target of Rs.72,000 crores was fixed by the government, to be realised through disinvestments and privatisations. However, due to the rigorous implementation of it's agenda of disinvestment, the government has been able to exceed it's target and has garnered Rs.1,00,000 crore. The total amount of money collected by the various governments since 1991 is Rs.3.63 lakh crores. Out of this, the amount collected by the NDA government, during the last 4½ years comes to Rs.2.1 lakh crores. In the recent deal, struck between the Indian government and the French Dassault Aviations, to purchase Rafael fighter jets, the Government of India has dumped the public sector Hindustan Aeronautics Ltd. and taken Anil Ambani's company, as the offset partner. All these show what sort of onslaught is being unleashed by the NDA government on the Public Sector.

The Telecommunication Sector is facing a very big crisis due to the predatory pricing being adopted by Reliance Jio. The Modi government is out and out supporting the Mukesh Ambani led Reliance Jio, in an unabashed manner. The unceremonious dumping of Shri J.S.Deepak, from the post of Secretary, DoT, just because he opposed the predatory pricing of Reliance Jio, is a classic example for this. Simultaneously, serious efforts are being taken by the government to finish off BSNL. Formation of the Subsidiary Tower Company is one such attempt. Non-allotment of 4G spectrum to BSNL, fleecing exorbitant money from BSNL in the name of pension contribution, are all part of the game plan of the government, to weaken BSNL.

The BSNL employees must understand that only through the relentless struggles being conducted by the Central Trade Unions, against the policies of the government to dismantle the Public Sector, that BSNL is able to survive as a 100% Public Sector Company even today. The 2 day General Strike to be held on 08<sup>th</sup> and 09<sup>th</sup> January, 2019, as per the call of the Central Trade Unions, is one such strike to defend the Public Sector. Hence, this 9<sup>th</sup> All India Conference of BSNL Employees Union calls upon the BSNL employees to enmasse participate in this 2 day General Strike.