

**JOINT ACTION COMMITTEE
OF ASSOCIATIONS/UNIONS
OF BSNL EXECUTIVES & NON-EXECUTIVES
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SAVE BSNL! SAVE TELECOM SERVICES

Dear Comrades / Colleagues,

BSNL and its workers are facing one of the worst crises ever. The recent auction of 3G and BWA spectrum at skyrocketing amount has created another financial crisis. BSNL & MTNL were given the spectrums in advance with the condition that they will have to pay the reserve price to government on both. Now after the auction, an amount of Rs. 10,178 crores for 3G and Rs. 8313 crores for BWA spectrum coming to a total of Rs.18500 crores has to be paid by BSNL. The BSNL management had already paid the 3G spectrum charges to the government. BSNL has been directed to pay BWA spectrum charges by 22nd June, 2010. While the private companies who participated in the auction could select the circles which they preferred, BSNL has to pay for all the circles without even being a party to the auction. BSNL is compelled to pay much more than any other company. This is a gross injustice.

Both the revenue, profit as also market share of BSNL have been drastically going down, especially due to capacity crunch since 2006-2007. The following table shows to which extend is the downfall.

Year	Revenue (Crore)	Profit (Crore)	Total Market Share on 31 st March
2006-2007	39715.11	7805.87	31.29 %
2007-2008	38046.83	3009.39	24.07 %
2008-2009	35811.92	574.85	18.97 %
2009-2010	NA	NA	15.66 %

In 2005, the management floated tender for 45.5 million (4.55 crores) mobile lines, but the purchase order was issued only for 17 million (1.7 crores), that too after the entire workforce went on strike on 11th July 2007 as per the call of Joint Forum. But the lines purchased were far less compared to the demand and the private companies naturally utilized the opportunity to increase their lines far ahead of BSNL.

In 2008 again, tender was floated by BSNL for 93 million (9.3 crores) lines, but it faced the same fate. The tender was entirely cancelled on flimsy grounds. After strike agreement on 20th April 2010 in the presence of Communications Minister, it was agreed that for 2010-2011, in addition to the available 20 million lines, another 10 million lines will be procured. The BSNL Board, in violation of the above clause has decided to reduce 10 million to 5.5 million lines. This will result in further capacity crunch.

It is in this situation that the Joint Action Committee of BSNL Associations / Unions decided to organize lunch hour demonstrations on 14th June and massive dharnas on 16th June 2010, demanding procurement of additional 10 million mobile lines and demanding not to pay the spectrum charges to government and get waiver / and reimbursement if the charges are already paid.

The JAC leaders met Shri P.J. Thomas, Secretary, DoT on 18th June and held discussions, but the issues could not be solved. The JAC met the full Management Committee on 21.06.2010 and discussed with them also. While the management patiently heard our demands, no solution to the problems is in sight.

The JAC met on 21.06.2010 and after detailed discussion has decided to continue our efforts to ensure that BSNL is saved. BSNL is attacked from all sides- MNCs, private companies and by government also. In this context it is the workforce with the support of the people, which alone can save BSNL. For this, continued propaganda and sustained struggle are required. JAC meeting held on 21.06.2010 has therefore decided the following:

1. Post Card Campaign

Post Card with the following matter is to be sent to the Prime Minister.

To
Dr. Manmohan Singhji,
Prime Minister of India,
New Delhi -110001

Respected Sir,

Kindly ensure financial viability of BSNL by reimbursing 3G and BWA Spectrum charges of Rs. 18,500 crores paid by BSNL to enable it to implement the socio-economic commitment of the Central Government.

Yours Faithfully

Signature :
Name :
Designation :
Office :

Place:

Date :

District / Branch Secretaries should ensure that the posts cards are sent by 5th July, 2010 by all the employees with their names, signature etc. Each and every worker should be approached so that more than 3 lakh cards are sent to PM.

2. Conventions

A convention will be held at New Delhi on 21st July 2010 with massive participation from nearby circles which will be addressed by Central TU leaders, M.Ps and others. Similar conventions should be organised in major cities by the JAC at the circle level. The dates of such conventions should be finalized in consultation of JAC Convener / General Secretaries. The JAC proposed conventions at Kolkata, Chennai, Bengaluru, Pune, Jaipur, Thiruvananthapuram, Hyderabad, Guwahati, Lucknow etc.

3. Meetings with Ministers

It was also decided to seek meetings with the Communications Minister, Finance Minister and if possible with Hon'ble Prime Minister to ensure that justice is done to BSNL with regard to payment of spectrum charges.

4. JAC at Circle / District levels should be formed immediately.

Dear Comrades,

As you are aware, the cash balance of BSNL will be drastically reduced after payment of 3G and BWA spectrum charges. In addition an amount of about Rs.5,000 crores is to be deposited towards leave

encashment. After purchase of the mobile lines etc. there will only be negative balance for BSNL by early 2011. Already, payment of bonus is in danger zone. When the balance sheet for 2009-2010 is finalized, a clear picture of BSNL financial condition will be known. The only question is to what extent the danger is.

There is no time to lose. Each and every worker should be met, explained about the situation, so that the entire three lakh workers will rise as one man to defend and save BSNL. Joint Action Committees should be formed, wherever it is not formed so far, and preparations for implementation of the JAC programmes started. Meet Members of Parliament, MLAs and leaders of political parties, TU leaders and other important persons and brief them of the issues and get their support to the cause of BSNL.

Let us march together to save BSNL and the telecom services.

With Greetings,

Yours Fraternally,
C. An. Yambod
Convener, JAC.

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