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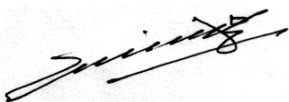
One Day Strike in BSNL to defeat government's nefarious plan to fragment BSNL

The entire employees and officers of BSNL are going on a one day strike on 15th December, 2016. This struggle is against the government's move to finish off BSNL, by fragmenting it into pieces. The Ministry of Communications has sent a Cabinet Note, for forming a subsidiary company to manage BSNL's mobile towers. If the Cabinet approves it, BSNL's 65,000 mobile towers will be hived off to the new subsidiary tower company. The entire trade unions of employees and associations of officers are opposing this move.

It is very important to note that, BSNL is the only PSU in the telecom industry, which remains a 100% government company. VSNL has already been privatised. MTNL has already been disinvested to the extent of 46.5%. Hence, government desperately wants to start disinvestment in BSNL. Formation of Subsidiary Tower Company is nothing but a backdoor method to privatise BSNL.

The employees are not prepared to believe the sweet words of the government that, the Subsidiary Tower Company will be a 100% government company, and that it will be fully owned by BSNL. The policy of the present government is to privatise the public sector companies as soon as possible. It is an open secret that, the fulltime job of the NITI Aayog is to prepare the blue print for the privatisation of the public sector companies. If the Subsidiary Tower Company is allowed to be formed, very soon strategic sale will take place in it, and a private partner will be inducted. Thereafter, days will not be far off, for the total privatisation of the Subsidiary Tower Company. In the present scenario, BSNL's mobile towers are its life line. If BSNL's towers are snatched away from it, then the Company will die its natural death. Hence, the entire trade unions of BSNL have decided not to allow the government to rob BSNL of its precious mobile towers.

The unions and associations of BSNL have conducted various agitational programme during the past couple of years, against formation of a Subsidiary Tower Company. Brushing aside these protest actions, the government is going ahead with its plan to form the Subsidiary Tower Company. The government has not even bothered to call the unions and associations for talks. Hence, it has become unavoidable on the part of the employees and officers of BSNL to go on this strike.



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