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To,

Com. Md. Wasi Ahmad,
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Comrade,

Sub: - **United action for protecting BSNL – req.**

Ref: - **(1) AUAB letter no.UA/2020/11 dated 18.09.2020**
(2) AIGETOA letter no.GS/AIGETOA/2020/129 dated 23.11.2020
(3) AIGETOA website updating dated 24.11.2020

With reference to the above, we wish to bring the following to your kind notice.

You may remember that, immediately after declaration of the results of the Membership Verification for the Executives, I called up and congratulated you. During that conversation, I appealed to you that, AIGETOA should once again become a part of the AUAB and join the struggles that are going on to protect BSNL from the pro-private and anti-BSNL steps being taken by the government.

Thereafter, vide it's letter cited under reference (1), the AUAB wrote to you as far back as on 18.09.2020, and appealed to you to join the united actions, to ensure the early launching of BSNL's 4G service, as well as the Company's revival. In that letter, it has been well explained, as to how BSNL has become a victim of the biased policy decisions of the successive governments. However, till date, the AUAB has not received any response from you.

About a week ago, you had a telephonic conversation with me. At that time also, I appealed to you to join the united actions of the AUAB, going on to clear the roadblocks that are being created in BSNL's 4G launching. During that conversation, you requested me to speak to the General Secretary of a particular organisation and to request him also to join the AUAB. I told you that I had no hesitation, or ego problem, in talking to that gentleman and also requesting him to join the AUAB, provided he is prepared to join the AUAB. You told me that, you would talk to that gentleman and would revert back to me. However, thereafter I have not heard anything from you.

Under these circumstances, you have written the letter cited under reference (2) and has appealed for "**a common protest call against the order of the Dearness Allowance freezing to employees of all CPSEs.**" In this connection, we would like to remind you that, a joint platform of unions and associations, viz., AUAB, is already functioning in BSNL very effectively for the past so many years. It is not out of context to mention here that, the AUAB has organised many glorious campaigns and struggles in the past, to protect the interests of the Company, as well as that of the employees.

I can proudly record that, the government has been compelled to allot 4G spectrum free of cost to BSNL, only because of the various campaigns and struggles conducted by the AUAB in the years 2018 and 2019. It is a fact that, the AIGETOA had also been a part of these programmes. Even in the matter of IDA freezing, the AUAB has already given call to organise protest lunch hour demonstrations on 25.11.2020. It is unfortunate that, NFTE, which is a part of the AUAB, has preferred to give call for a separate programme on 24.11.2020, due to the reasons best known to them.

DA freezing is certainly a matter of serious concern. However, more dangerous is the denial of 4G technology to BSNL. The revival of BSNL is unimaginable, without it's launching 4G service. The AUAB is continuously organising campaigns and struggles to ensure the early launching BSNL's 4G service.

For instance, Black Flag demonstrations were organised throughout the country by the AUAB, on 16th July, 2020, against the cancellation of BSNL's 4G tender. A massive Twitter Campaign was also organised by the AUAB on 10th August, 2020. 87,000 tweets and retweets were made in that campaign, demanding the early launching of 4G service by BSNL. Thereafter, hunger strikes were organised throughout the country on 01.10.2020, demanding the government to remove the roadblocks that have been created in BSNL's 4G launching.

When such serious struggles were organised by the AUAB, it is unfortunate that, the AIGETOA did not join these programmes, despite the AUAB had already made an appeal to the AIGETOA on 18.09.2020 itself. When these being the facts, we are at loss to understand your statement made in the letter cited under reference (2), wherein the efforts taken by you for forging common action against the IDA freezing have been explained.

We welcome the AIGETOA's decision to support the demonstration, called on by AUAB, on 25.11.2020, against IDA freezing. However, it is in bad taste that, you have referred to this agitation as a "gimmick", in your website updating dated 24-11-2020. If the demonstration being organised by the AUAB is a gimmick, then why should the AIGETOA support it? We request you to exhibit maturity in making reference to the actions of other organisations.

Further, you have endorsed a copy of your letter cited under reference 2, to the GM(SR) of the BSNL Corporate Office. What is the necessity to endorse a copy of this letter, wherein the internal matters of the trade union movement are discussed? This is totally unwarranted.

Before concluding, I wish to state that, there is no need for you to go in search of a joint platform, for defending the interests of BSNL and it's employees. A vibrant joint platform, viz., AUAB, is already functioning in BSNL. Hence, I once again appeal to you, to kindly consider returning to the fold of the AUAB.

Thanking you,

Yours fraternally,



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General Secretary

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