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To,

Circle Secretaries,
Central office-bearers,
and District Secretaries.

Collect "Contract Workers Relief Fund".

Comrades,

All of us are aware that the contract workers in BSNL are facing extreme hardship due to the non-payment wages. As of now, more than 10 months' wages have not been paid to them. You are also aware that BSNLEU and BSNL CCWF are continuously pressing hard upon the Management, for the clearance of the wage arrears.

The issue has been raised in the Parliament and has also been taken up with the Hon'ble Minister of Communications, by some of the Hon'ble Members of the Parliament. Both BSNLEU and BSNL CCWF have organised several agitational programme also. However, not much improvement has come. Unable to face the suffocation caused due to non-payment of wages, 10 contract workers have committed suicide. These suicides speak volumes about the agony being undergone by the contract workers.

It is needless to explain the ordeal being suffered by the unorganised workers, in the wake of the 21 day lock-down, that has been imposed by the government, to contain the spread of the Corona Virus disease. They have been left high and dry due to stoppage of work and non-getting of wages. The condition of the contract workers in BSNL, is not better than theirs.

Once again BSNLEU wrote to the CMD BSNL, demanding immediate payment of wage arrears of the contract workers. Finding that no relief has come from the Management, the CHQ sought the opinion of the circle secretaries and central office bearers, on raising funds from our members and well wishers, for providing relief to the contract workers. The CEC members overwhelmingly consented for the collection of a "Contract Workers Relief Fund".

Based on this, the CHQ has given call on 31st March, 2020, through WhatsApp messages to all the circle secretaries and central office bearers, for the collection of "Contract Workers Relief Fund". Many circles have already started collecting the relief fund in right earnest. However, it is observed that some circles have not started any work to collect the Fund. Hence, CHQ calls upon the entire circle and district unions to immediately gear-up the collection of the relief fund.

Thanking you,

Yours fraternally

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