

# UNITED FORUM OF EXECUTIVES' OF BSNL/MTNL New Delhi.

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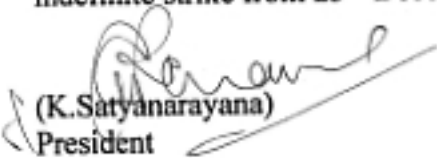
In the present scenario Gr.B, C & D employees who were earlier government servants have already been absorbed as Public Sector employees. The process of Gr. A officers absorption is pending as majority of the Gr.A ITS officers have not taken absorption and are continuing on deemed deputation in BSNL/MTNL which is nothing but dual policy adopted by the government. Off late the absorbed officers of two PSUs namely MTNL & BSNL have been demanding their repatriation to DoT.


The United Forum of Executives' of BSNL/MTNL has unanimously felt that there is a need of homogeneity in matters relating to all its employees. The viability of both the Public Sector giants in Telecom is affected due to pending Gr.A absorption. The revenue and profits of these companies are on the downslide. There is an apprehension in the minds of absorbed employees that if the present trend continues than their job security and pension will be at stake. The benefits which should come automatically to the incumbent operators are being deprived to these PSUs by the lopsided decisions of the government and are on the other side favoring private operators.

The dual policy adopted by the government with respect of absorption of Gr.A officers has been the main cause of frustration amongst the officers absorbed in BSNL/MTNL. The indecisiveness on the part of govt. to allow Gr. A officers to continue as government servants is costing dearly to both the companies and its employees.

There can't be two yardsticks for a similar set of employees. Before absorption all the employees in BSNL & MTNL were government servants and were assured of their job security and pension. Now their job security and pension along with the survival of BSNL/MTNL seems to be in jeopardy. Leaving with no other options the absorbed employees and officers are left with no option but to go for their demand for repatriation to DoT.

In line with the trade union actions the United Forum of Executives' of BSNL/MTNL has asked the officers to again fill up the absorption form and opt for DoT. Besides this on 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2008, we will be holding a rally to Honourable MOC & IT's office and will be going on indefinite strike from 23<sup>rd</sup> December.

  
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