

27.01.2018:- Report of Circle Conference of Punjab Telecom Circle held on 27.01.2018 at Ludhiana

The Circle Conference of AIBSNLEA Punjab Telecom Circle was organized on 27.01.2018 at Ludhiana in a grand manner. The Conference was attended by Com President Shri S.Shivakumar, Com. GS Shri Prahlad Rai and Organizing Secretary (North) Com. Devesh Sharma, from AIBSNLEA CHQ side. The open session of the conference was attended by Shri Rajdeo GMTD Ludhiana as Chief Guest . Shri Balbir Singh AIP BSNLEU, Shri Jasbeer Singh Jt. Secy SNEA (I) CHQ , Shri Gurpreet Singh , CS SNEA (I) , Shri Jaspreet Singh DS AIGETOA Ludhiana attended the Open Session as a special guest. Many Sr. Officers and Office Bearers of Sister Unions/Associations attended the Open Session.

Com. Mohd. Jamil, CS AIBSNLEA Punjab welcomed all the guests in his welcome address. All the dignitaries were welcomed by presenting the bouquets and Shawls. In his Circle Secretary Report it was elaborated that BSNL is in Losses not due to BSNL employees but it is only due to the wrong polices of the management, delay in the purchase of equipment in mobile and competitive plans in the market. He thanked to AIBSNLEA CHQ for extending every support to AIBSNLEA Punjab.

Com. Devesh Sharma, Organizing Secretary (North) CHQ in his address explained the Punjab Circle's importance for not only AIBSNLEA but also for the entire BSNL as a whole. He expressed his full belief that in the days to come, the comrades of Punjab Circle will participate in the Association's calls with full spirit, Strength and enthusiasm. He mentioned the importance of the participation of the members of Punjab Circle in Organizational calls and its impact on the entire country for getting the benefits of 3rd PRC. At last he wished for the grand success of the Circle Conference.

Shri Jasbeer Singh Jt. Secy SNEA (I) CHQ in his address appealed all to work combined for the viability of BSNL and for solving the issues.

Shri Gurpreet Singh , CS SNEA (I) PB in his address expressed the resentment against the tower company formation. He mentioned the need of 4G spectrum for BSNL and term insurance for BSNL Employees.

Shri Balbir Singh AIP BSNLEU in his address told that recent strike of all employees of BSNL on 12-13 Jan 2018 was the most successful and organized strike in the history of BSNL.

DS AIGETOA Ludhiana Shri Jaspreet Singh in his address appealed the management to resolve all pending issues of BSNL Executives to motivate them. He thanked AIBSNLEA Punjab for inviting him in the Open Session.

All India President Com. S.Shivakumar in his address conveyed his gratitude for the successful Open Session. He mentioned in detail about the efforts made by the AIBSNLEA for BSNL's viability i.e SWAS, Customer Delight Month/Year etc.

Com. President mentioned that the good quality 4G spectrum is the need of the hour for BSNL. This should be extended to BSNL at free of cost due to social obligations involved with BSNL. He apprised that the revenue flow will only increase after 4G services starts in BSNL. He informed that DoT is neglecting the BSNL and its growth.

Com. President opposed the Government step of the creation of the Tower Subsidiary and

expressed this move is degradation for the prestige of CMD BSNL post. He appealed all to come forward for the Joint struggle in future for the viability and safety of BSNL and its Employees. Com. President concluded with the wishes of the grand success of Open Session.

GS AIBSNLEA, Shri Prahlad Rai, congratulated the comrades of Punjab Circle for the successful General body meeting and thanked the comrades for their participation.

Com GS informed that after more the 10000 Crores profit in 2004-05, in recent past years BSNL have made the Losses , which is a serious concern for all of us. In his detailed address Com. GS mentioned that due to un-helping and over-jealous attitude of the Govt. i.e. non-payment USOF Charges i.e 2000 Crores/Annum from July 2011, withdrawal of ADC from July 2008, Exhausting 36000 Crores BSNL reserve, non refund of spectrum charges (3G & BWA) of Rs. 18,500 Crores, non-reimbursement of licenses fee, payment of notional loan Rs. 7500 Crores to DoT has adversely affected the viability of BSNL. In addition of this Spectrum Allocation and bidding process on high rates are the example of step behavior of Government towards BSNL, which is a Government owned company. Com. GS explained the efforts extended by AIBSNLEA for the creation of Leave Encashment fund of Rs 4825 Crores on which BSNL is earning 400 Crores Interst per annum.

Com. GS informed the job of BSNL employees is safe under rule 56 (J) of absorption conditions and pension is safe under Rule 37 (a). Com. GS informed that 4G spectrum and technology is a must in BSNL for the public perception and its requirement. In view of that BSNL Board has already taken a decision in its last Board meeting to get allocated 4G spectrum from DoT . He told that BSNL needs to pay Rs. 16000 Crore to get allocated 4G spectrum from DoT for next 10 years. Com. GS informed that BSNL has decided to launch 4G mobile service on 31st January 2018 by improving its existing mobile network in some of the Circles. After allocation of 4G spectrum from DoT, the 4G service will be rolled out throughout the county. He informed that AIBSNLEA has requested DoT to utilize 5000 Crore remaining equity of BSNL in allocation of the 4G spectrum. Rs. 17500 Crore was Govt. equity in BSNL at the time its formation. Out of which equity of about Rs. 12500 Crore has already been utilized.

Com GS further explained the burning issues of the Headquarters level. He informed that AIBSNLEA made the presentation to 3rd PRC committee for relaxing the affordability clause due to social obligation and BSNL's role in natural calamities. He mentioned that BSNL has the constraints of TAC/CAG/CVC and Audits and the private operators are not having these hurdles. But even then BSNL works for nation building and does not think about profit or loss. Com. GS mentioned that the success of DIGITAL INDIA fully depends on BSNL and its Employees.

He informed that due to AIBSNLEA's oppose, the SAM G Pitroda recommendations like 30 % disinvestment, VRS to 1 lakh employees, unbundling of the copper conductor has got diluted and due to the same only the BSNL is having more than 65% BB market share at present. He explained that how the AIBSNLEA is continuously pursuing these viability related issue with the BSNL Management and DoT. Com. GS opposed the move of the Government for the creation of Tower Company and expressed its negative impact on BSNL. Com. GS appealed to all to make successful the call of All Unions and Associations w.e.f 30.01.2018.

Com. GS explained in detail the efforts of AIBSNLEA in getting resolved the important HR issues after the formation of BSNL. He appraised the status of HR issues about AIBSNLEA efforts for various DPCs in various cadres for adhoc postings, AD(OL) case, creation of PPS

posts in field Units,30% Superannuation benefits, Std Pay Scales, smooth CPSU cadre hierarchy etc. Com GS further explained the role of AIBSNLEA in the viability of BSNL.

At last he appealed the all Executives' for make every effort with a team spirit for making BSNL a viable and vibrant organization.

Chief Guest of the Open Session Shri Rajdev Rao GMTD Ludhiana in his address congratulated AIBSNLEA Punjab for a well organized Circle Conference. He appealed to the all Executives of the Punjab Circle to work with the full dedication and enthusiasm for achieving Quality of Service for more revenue realization. He appealed all to systematic implement the best of our strength in revenue realization and curtailment in expenditure. At last he appealed all to work with full determination and dedication for the growth of BSNL. He thanked the AIBSNLEA Punjab for inviting him in the Open Session.

Com Sikandar Singh extended the vote of thanks.

Open Session ended with National Anthem.

For the next term, Circle Body was elected unanimously, in which Com. Ashok Sharma, Com. Mohd. Jameel AGM and Com Baldev Singh CAO were unanimously elected as Circle President, Circle Secretary and Circle Treasurer for the next term. Com Sikandar Singh AO was elected as CWC member.

The entire conference hall was Jam Packed.