

BSNL CASUAL & CONTRACT WORKERS' FEDERATION

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Press Release

Parliament March by BSNL Casual Contract Workers.

More than 4,000 Casual Contract workers engaged in the telecom PSU, BSNL, marched to Parliament today, 22nd February, 2017, as per the call of the BSNL Casual and Contract Workers Federation, demanding Equal Wage for Equal Work, Regularisation of Casual Contract Workers, Implementation of Labour Laws, Payment of Minimum Wage, Implementation of Gratuity, EPF & ESI, Reinstatement of retrenched workers for union activities etc. There are about one lakh casual contract workers in BSNL working for more than 15 to 25 years. They are brutally exploited by the contract workers and the management is not taking any action to get the labour laws implemented.

The Parliament March was inaugurated at BSNL Office, Easter Court, by Com. A.K. Padmanabhan, Vice President, CITU, who demanded the government to ensure the Supreme Court order on Equal Wage for Equal Work and other labour laws. Coms. Tapan Sen, MP, General Secretary, CITU, V.A.N. Namboodiri, President, BSNLCCWF, P. Abhimanyu, General Secretary, BSNLEU, Animesh Mitra, Secretary General, BSNLCCWF, Swapan Chakraborty, Dy.GS, BSNLEU, Tapas Ghosh, Working President, BSNLCCWF, Balbir Singh, President, BSNLEU, Saibal Sengupta, Vice President, K.R. Yadav, Vice President and other leaders addressed. On the mass gathering of Casual Contract labours at Jantar Mantar, New Delhi, Com. Tapan Sen, MP & General Secretary, CITU, explained in details about the role of Central Government to exploit the Casual Contract Labours in PSUs and other Central Government Establishment including BSNL. He also questioned that while the BSNL workers are trying to improve the financial health of BSNL, but the Management is ignoring the demand of workers like minimum wages, PPF, ESI and Gratuity. He calls upon the workers to build up a countrywide struggle to implement the court verdict equal pay and equal work in real. Com. P. Abhimanyu, General Secretary, BSNLEU and Animesh Mitra, Secretary General, BSNLCCWF emphasised on the role of the workers to maintain the communal harmony as well as to build up the united struggle to defeat the government policies and the anti-workers role of the BSNL Management.

Memorandum of demands was submitted to the Prime Minister, Labour Minister, Communications Minister and CMD BSNL seeking early settlement of the issues.



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