

AUAB meeting with Addl. Sect(T), DoT:

The representatives of AUAB met Addl. Secy (T), DoT and discussed regarding settlement of AUAB demands. AUAB expressed their serious concern against non settlement of AUAB demands even after assurances given by Secy(T), DoT & Hon'ble MOSC(I/C) in the meeting held on 2nd Dec., & 3rd Dec., 2018. We categorically told that despite the assurances given in the Digital Commission Meeting held on 5th Feb., 2019 for 4G Spectrum allocation to BSNL and issues related to revival of BSNL, payment of pension contribution on actual basic instead of maximum of the pay have not been cleared by IFD(DoT) and not send to DoE. The queries raised by DoP&PW regarding IDA pension revision formula has not yet been replied by DoT. The Cabinet Note on pay revision of BSNL executives & non-executives for relaxing affordability clause of 3rd PRC has not been sent to Cabinet for approval. The left out issues of 2nd PRC are not yet settled.

AST explained that in yesterday's Digital Commission Meeting, MTNL revival plan could not be discussed due to some queries. He further explained that in MTNL revival plan, MTNL Management has suggested for reduction of age from 60 years to 58 years, VRS & there is no proposal for pay revision. The BSNL revival plan is now ready but informally Digital Commission has advised to DoT to take the comments of TRAI on this issue in view of the Hon'ble Supreme Court Judgement. Thus 4G spectrum allocation will be send to TRAI for comments shortly.

The other issues related to monetisation of non-core land of BSNL & VRS are to be discussed in the next Digital Commission Meeting to be held on 21st Feb., 2019 at 11.00 AM.

He mentioned that regarding VRS in BSNL Rs. 6000 Crs. ex-gratia liability will be born by govt. through souvenir guarantee.

On the issue of pay revision, AST further mentioned that even 5% fitment benefit on pay revision is difficult to get clear from DoE. On the AUAB demands AST told that he will shortly arrange a meeting with Hon'ble MOSC (I/C). He appealed to defer three days strike. We explained that three days strike notice has been served to divert the attention of govt. for the settlement of AUAB demands. In case the demands are not settled, AUAB will be forced to resume indefinite strike.