

MOUNTAIN?

"In a swift midnight operation, BSNL management issued orders to extend 13 allowances to unabsorbed ITS by which each unabsorbed ITS, having publicly declared that he has no affinity, concern, interest and commitment in the affairs of a Company which they have already sunk, will on an average get an increase of about Rs 20,000 per month....The expenditure on these allowances will run into hundreds and hundreds of crores." - Thus wrote an Executive Association, known to have always a hidden agenda favouring ITS officers whenever it raised high pitched rhetoric against the ITS officers. Without verifying the truth, the other associations and unions have joined the chorus, announcing indefinite strike to achieve 78.2% pay fixation, revision of allowances, restoration of Medical Allowance etc., to match the benefit(?) of additional(?) allowances extended to the ITS officers.

Why should these demands be linked to the BSNL orders reiterating DPE and DoT guidelines that officers on deemed deputation can avail only allowances linked to CDA scale? Will the ITS officers really get an increase of Rs.20000 per month?

SEE THE TRUTH FOR YOURSELF

Comparison of the Central Government allowances payable to a General Manager level officer as per BSNL's latest circular dated 25.5.2012 with the BSNL allowances they were eligible to draw.

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2 Children Education Upto Rs.15000 per year Rs.100 pm CEA	Rs.100 pm CEA per child	
Assistance & per child Rs.50 pm RTF	Rs.50 pm RTF per child	
Reimbursement of Tuition (Max – 2 children) Rs.300 pm Hosto	Rs.300 pm Hostel subsidy	
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only) children) [Nursen	children) [Nursery to Class	
XII only	XII only)	
3 Family Planning Allowance Rs.550 (fixed) One Special incre	ement (3%	
of basic pay)		
4 Special Allowance for Child Rs.1000 per month per Rs.1000 per month	Rs.1000 per month per	
Care for Women with child for 2 years (Max-2 child for 2 years (child for 2 years (Max-2	
disabilities children children	children)	
5 House Rent Allowance * 30% 20% 10% 30% 20%	30% 20% 10%	
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tour 350 1850 450 300	00	
Transfer Grant 1 month basic pay 1 month basic pa	1 month basic pay	
7 DA on foreign tour 350 US \$ per day 350 US \$ per day	350 US \$ per day	
8 Training Allowance (faculty) 15% of basic 11% of basic	11% of basic	
9 Other Allowances:		
i) Special Duty Allowance 12.5% 12.5%	12.5%	
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iii) Bad Climate Allowance / Rs.400 Rs.400)	
Tribal Area Allowance		
iv) Hill Area Allowance Rs.600 Rs.600	Rs.600	
v) Tribal Area Allowance Rs.400 Rs.400	Rs.400	
vi) Island Special Duty 12.5% 12.5%	12.5%	
Allowance		
vii) Hard Area Allowance 25% 25%	25%	

- Of all the above allowances, HRA only is payable to all the officers. The other allowances are payable only on specific conditions.
- Professional upgradation Allowance @ 2 % of basic pay and furnishing allowance @25% (>100 KM), 37.5% (100-500 KM) and 50% (>500 KM) available in BSNL are not available in Central Government and will not be hitherto paid to the unabsorbed officers.
- Thus a few unabsorbed officers may stand to gain in Children Education Assistance. But all the unabsorbed officers will lose 2% in professional upgradation allowance. All the other allowances are mostly the same in Central Government and BSNL.

 Now let everyone decide whether the BSNL order dated 25.5.2012 will result in spending of crores and crores of rupees by BSNL

OR

• Will the ITS officers stand to gain if this order is withdrawn.



OR MOLEHILL?

Have these unions/associations not made a mountain out of a molehill? [Blowing things out of proportion]

What will happen if the BSNL Management withdraws its order dated 25.5.2012? [it is reported that BSNL Management has already offered to withdraw the order, in the meeting with the Forum on 1.6.2012]. Will the associations and unions withdraw their demands which they have linked to the order dated 25.5.2012?

Then what for is this strike?

Is there any seriousness on demands like 78.2%, Medical Allowance, LTC, Revision of Perks and Provision of superannuation benefits to directly recruited employees as per DPE guidelines? [More facts will follow]