

“Teri Meri Kahani”

(An imaginary conversation between Guru and his disciples)

Disciples: Guruji, only a few days back you wanted abandoning of Special Lateral Direct Recruitment for recruiting ITS officers. You had even given a call for **“non-cooperation by boycotting the unabsorbed ITS officers, not to report to them and to disobey their orders.”**

Guru 1: Yes, what is the doubt in it?

Disciples: But immediately thereafter you abandoned your call by agreeing to formation of a Committee which was not to discuss this issue at all.

Guru 1: Yes - that is true.

Disciples: Now suddenly you have given a **“dispassionate appeal” to the ITS fraternity** stating that, **“it is extremely vital for ITS to get into the mainstream of the Company quickly and lead it from the front to rebuild the Company which is in dire straits.”**

Guru 1: That is also true.

Disciples: But Great Guruji. You opposed Special Lateral Direct Recruitment of ITS Officers and also asked us to agitate against the move, but now you are appealing to the ITS Officers to join BSNL and lead it from the front. Is it not contradictory and so far as your stand on this issue is concerned, is it not “180 degrees apart”?

Guru 1: Taking contradicting stands on issues at different points of time is my favourite pastime. You should have been accustomed to it by this time.

Disciples: You have also said that, **“They will also have greatest of great satisfactions of protecting the families of about 3 lakh telecom employees. Safeguarding the future of the families of these 3 lakh employees and securing them from coming on to the streets will give virtually them everything in the world.”** Do you mean that without the ITS officers, BSNL will not survive? Is it not contradicting your own sermons to us for the last few months against the ITS and thereby betraying your own disciples?

Guru 1: Is it the first time that I am betraying you? I am proud to declare that I have ever been loyal to my ITS Gurus and shall continue to be so. But I am

also confident that you will not leave my Mutt although knowing well that I am a betrayer. That suits me well. Better you do not ask this question again and again.

Disciples : But Great Guruji, we want a little more enlightenment.

Guru 1: What is that?

Disciples: In your ‘dispassionate appeal to ITS fraternity’, you have said that *“This great Organization (BSNL) with unparalleled strategic importance in the telecom sector and huge commitments towards country and society at large has given everyone in BSNL its best in terms of career growth, status in society.....”*.

Guru 1: Yes, I have said so.

Disciples: Guruji, our point is that if you are satisfied that BSNL has given everyone in BSNL its best in terms of career growth, status in society.....”, then only a fortnight back why you asked us to agitate for introduction of CPSU cadre hierarchy and E-2, E-3 pay scales?.

Guru 1: Ha! Ha! Have you not seen that the others were demanding these? How can I allow these demands to be settled? I often adopt other’s demands, agitate on it and ensure through an agreement that those demands are not settled.

Disciples: So, are we to be fooled by you like this all the time?

Guru 1: Yeh hi **“Teri Meri Kahani”**.

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