

ALL INDIA BSNL PENSIONERS WELFARE ASSOCIATION

DEMANDS RAISED AND ERASED

United Forum of BSNL staff organizations served notice for indefinite strike from 13th June raising six major demands.

Strike is deferred after an agreement was signed on 12th. Agreement is only on one demand of DA merger. All other five demands including restoration of medical allowance are foregotten!

What is the impact?

78.2% shall be considered for Pay revision with effect from 1-1-2007. It is good. Agreement says that it is applicable for pensioners also. Competent authority has to issue the order.

Who is the competent authority for issuing order on pension? **Not BSNL. It is DOT.** Agreement between BSNL and Staff unions is not binding on DoT. Let us wait for the formal order by DoT.

We are happy that they remembered pensioners this time. All the demands could have been achieved had there been complete unity among the leaders. Some leaders ditched by changing the programme from indefinite strike to one days strike. But, they rushed to sign the agreement.

THERE IS NO AGREEMENT ON RESTORATION OF MEDICAL ALLOWANCE.