



BSNL employees to go on two-day nation wide strike from April 21

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MANGALURU: Are you a [BSNL](#) customer? Then brace yourself for two-days of service disruption at various levels from April 21 including delay in attending to fault repairs, if any, outages in mobile networks not being attended to during the period and skeletal functioning of customer service centers that attend to a large number of service requests just to name a few. Reason: BSNL employees across India are going on a two-day nationwide strike from that day.

Forum of BSNL unions/associations of non-executives and executives have given a two-day strike call demanding that the union government and BSNL management take immediate steps for revival of BSNL and ensuring financial viability of the company.

The unions have already served a strike notice to the chairman and managing director of BSNL, secretary, department of telecommunications and minister of communications and IT on March 12.

Muralidhara KS, district secretary, Sanchar Nigam Executives Association, Dakshina Kannada Telecom District told reporters here that the various unions of BSNL have been forced to go on strike after massive lunch hour demonstrations held on March 12 did not elicit any response from the authorities concerned. Employees also organized a 'Save BSNL Campaign' holding circle level conventions and collecting signatures from people in support of their demands, he said.

Asserting that the employees of BSNL were not fighting for any individual benefits, he said they have submitted a 21-points charter of demands to the ministry and management seeking to revive the company and give them an opportunity to serve the people better. These include immediate procurement of equipment, compensation to BSNL for loss making rural services, financial assistance to BSNL to expand services, and no merger of BSNL and MTNL in metros.



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In support of their demands – most important being revival of Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited, that is currently incurring huge losses, its employees have planned a two-day strike in April. Services will be affected as faults on lines cannot be attended and subscribers might not be able to pay their bills on those two days.

Members of Forum of BSNL Unions/Associations, Tamil Nadu Circle, alleged that the BSNL has suffered losses since 2009 because of the Centre's pro-private sector policy. Association's convenor S. Chellappa told presspersons here on Thursday that the BSNL had gone on loss because of on-purchasing of equipment and cancellation of tenders.

“We plan to go on strike on April 21 and April 22 in support of our demands, including merging Bharat Broadband Network Limited with BSNL and the latter's expansion,” he said.

Over 2.5 lakh BSNL workers will be taking part in the all-India strike, including 8,000 in Chennai.



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BSNL employees' two-day nationwide strike begins today

The joint forum of the BSNL employees have announced to observe a two-day strike from tomorrow. The call for the nationwide strike has been given in support of the 20-point charter of demands that aims at strengthening the survival of the BSNL, claimed a spokesperson of the forum.

“We have decided to strike work from Tuesday, as all the efforts to make the government understand the issues concerning the proper functioning of the BSNL have failed,” claimed Arvind Pal Dahiya, the national assistant general secretary, Sanchar Nigam Executive Association.

Describing the stir as a “save BSNL- save nation” move, he said the nigram urgently required financial assistance to expand and improve services. The other demands include giving up the proposal of merger of the BSNL and MTNL, filling up the posts of directors, refund of the spectrum charges to the tune of Rs 6,700 crore, free spectrum to the BSNL and recruitment against vacant posts.

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Unions of state-owned telecom firm BSNL will go on a 2-day strike from tomorrow to protest against government for not taking concrete action to revive the loss making company.

"BSNL has been running in losses to meet government's commitment. In year 2000, BSNL had cash of about Rs 40,000 crore but all the money has been taken by government in form of interest and spectrum price. Revival of BSNL is must for interest of consumers," Forum of BSNL Unions and Associations Convener VAN Namboodiri told PTI. The forum claims to represent over 2 lakh employees.

Consumers will be impacted only in case there are major issues like cable cut or where manpower is required, Namboodiri said. "Technology has improved a lot so there will not be much impact on service except in few cases," he added.

He said the association has requested Telecom Minister [Ravi Shankar Prasad](#) five times to meet the union on this subject but is yet to get an appointment.

Namboodiri said that if BSNL fails then mobile call rates will go up in the range of Rs 10-16 as in foreign countries and it is because of BSNL mobile tariffs are at lower levels.

DoT Secretary Rakesh Garg has agreed to meet the unions on April 25.

"It is already five months since the Forum issued the strike notice. However, the DoT did not get time all these five months to hold talks with the Forum. Now, the DoT has invited the Forum for talks on 25th April. Despite this invitation, the Forum, in its meeting held today morning, decided to go ahead with the strike call," Namboodiri said.

"Government made promises but did not keep it. It gave BSNL notional loan of Rs 7,500 crore in year 2000 and took back Rs 12,500 crore at interest rate of 14.5 per cent. In 2010 spectrum auction,

all private operators were given choice to bid in circles of their choice but BSNL was not given any choice," Namboodiri said.

He said the government has not paid it Rs 6,700 crore for the spectrum that company surrendered.

"An amount of Rs 1,250 crore, allotted to BSNL in lieu of access deficit charges for providing loss making connections for 2012-13, is still pending payment. We are losing about Rs 10,000 a year on rural landline connection just to meet government's commitment. If government bears the cost, BSNL will turn profitable," Namboodiri said.

The telecom minister has been saying that BSNL was ruined under previous government but "no sincere work has been done in last 10 months since he has taken over", he said.

The BSNL employees are also not against the merger of MTNL and BSNL but government should resolve liability of about Rs 20,000 that exists on MTNL and it should not be transferred on to BSNL. Also, government should buy back 45 per cent stake divested in MTNL before the merger, he added.



BSNL staffers to go on indefinite strike

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Members of Forum of BSNL Unions and Associations (FBUA) have decided to go on an indefinite strike from March 17.

They are demanding the Central government and the BSNL to take immediate steps for the revival of BSNL, which is said to be facing losses since last four years.

Speaking to media at a protest by the employees at the BSNL office here on Thursday, K S Sheshadri, Secretary, National Federation of Telecom Employees (NFTE) Secretary, said: The government and the BSNL are moving ahead towards closing BSNL and making it a private organisation, while, the employees want to retain it as a public sector undertaking.

The members will stage a "Parliament March" on February 25, where they will put forth their demands before the prime minister and the Telecom Ministry. If their demands are not met then they would go on an indefinite strike from March 17. The association has prepared a charter of 21 demands, which includes - compensation for loss on landlines for rural and remote service areas, drop merger of BSNL with MTNL, fresh recruitment of staff, free allotment of spectrum to BSNL, BSNL should start 4G services, provide financial assistance to BSNL to expand network and BSNL services be made mandatory in the Central government, State government and all the PSUs.