

CMD due to these in his opening remarks stated that presently most important issue is that the pay revision in 2017 should take place and for that the company needs to be in profit. The two schemes viz "Free Roaming" and "Free Night calling" have been launched few months back. Presently, there is neither loss nor profit. The PSU has earned Rs. 200 crores in enterprise business. He felt there is scope to do more in two schemes and advised for creation of attractive atmosphere. Intervening in the discussions Com. Islam drew his attention that nothing has been done in Gujrat circle as for as "Night Free Calling" scheme is concerned. There is shortage of Modemes and materials in circles including in Eastern UP and we are not able to provide Wi-Fi services even to the corporates. Land Line connections are not being provided specially in rural sector on the plea of non-feasibility.

CMD immediately asked the officers for action.

Thereafter, CMD briefed about decision of Govt for formation of Tower Company. He told there is loss to BSNL on account of depreciation value of Towers. An internal ministerial group will evolve the guidelines for Tower Company in which BSNL's should be represented. There are three holding Companies in MTNL as such the Tower Company should be under the control of BSNL Board. He felt, once Tower Company is in the BSNL's control, shares are transferred to it, the BSNL will wipe out the losses. There will be no joint venture or strategic partner in the Tower Company. The BSNL will get Dividends from the holding company and will be free from license fee payment. However, unions expressed apprehensions as Govt's motives are not known. CMD left the issue to the wisdom of unions to accept, reject and protest against the decision of Govt.

The Company has invested Rs. 5000 crores and the Mobile Services have improved considerably. Now all Companies are suffering form call drops disease. Efforts are on for network sharing with the private Companies on reciprocal basis. The Jio-Reliance has no 2G, 3G services and BSNL no 4G services. Discussions are in progress to tie up with the Jio-Reliance. The Company has surrendered one slot of CDMA airwaves and Govt has given Rs. 169 crores. He felt with one slot WLL services can be provided without any loss. The Company is holding discussions with Korian Company to provide 1G services on Copper lines which are in abundance and unused in BSNL. About HR plan he said it has been approved by Board and left to the wisdom of Management Committee for implementation. Com. Islam drew his attention that keeping 90,000 workers against supernumerary posts will cause demoralization and it is not warranted. The news about VRS are not correct. There is no money for VRS either with BSNL or Govt. As a matter of fact the company has requested for grant of soft loan of Rs. 10,000 crores for payment of salary to staff.

After conclusion of the meeting unions held a meeting and decided to meet Secy, DOT etc regarding formation of Tower Company.

The forum will there to after meet to decide future course of action.
