

14.06.2012: 78.2% IDA MERGER - A MISTAKE RECTIFIED.

The DPE guideline on 78.2% DA was issued on 02.04.2009. However this important issue could not be covered in the non-executive wage agreement reached later, between the BSNLEU and the management. The workers of BSNL were made loose an amount Rs. 2650 correes as on today. The official retired after 1/1/2007 also lost a substantial amount in terminal benefits and monthly pension. .

The representative union BSNLEU and its partners jointly with executive unions organized protests and all India strikes with hidden agenda. FNTTO did not join these strikes, and the strikes fizzled out due to the lack of workers support. Taking advantage of this position the BSNL Management started yielding to the unwarranted demands of the senior officers at the cost of the working class, which was not acceptable to FNTTO. Hence FNTTO decided to join the strike to strengthen the movement. This compelled the management to bend down and agree to restore the 78.2% DA benefits w.e.f 1.1.2007, with a condition that 1) Arrears will not be paid for the time being. (2) The rise will not effect on HRA, Medical Allowance & skill allowances, which will continue to pay at 68.8%. Though FNTTO was totally against surrendering any hard earned perks and allowances, this concession was unavoidable considering the present financial position of the BSNL particularly when the management agreed to review this on 31/3/2013. Already the workers lost Rs. 2650/- correes from 1/1/2007 and a settlement at this junction was need of the hour and a wise step. Thanks to the BSNL workers, the real soldiers whose determination brought this results. .