

Tamilnadu Circle Administration Terminates 11 Contract Labourers working in Circle Office – We will fight for reinstatement – Struggle started..

BSNL was formed on 01.10.2000. BSNL employees and officers are celebrating the birthday of BSNL. It is most unfortunate that the 11 contract labourers working in Circle Office for the past 15 years were terminated from duty on 01.10.2016. The tender was floated by Civil Wing for housekeeping of Circle Office (Five Floors) and the tender was finalized and awarded to a contractor to carry out the work from 01.10.2016.

The Tamil Nadu circle unions of BSNLEU and TNTCWU fought from 1999 that even though contractors are changed, contract laborers should not be terminated and the new contractor should engage the contract laborers those who are working continuously. The circle unions got an order from high court to pay wage arrears for contract laborers from 20.05.2009 to 07.05.2010. Circle Administration is taking steps to pay the arrears to the contract laborers. Anyone can understand very well that the contract laborers are working continuously in BSNL for the past fifteen years. We are fighting with the management to ensure EPF,ESI facilities to contract laborers.

In this back ground, the contract laborers are working in Tamilnadu Circle for the past so many years .Now the Circle office is taking unethical route and terminated 11contract laborers. We met the management and explained that the termination will affect seriously on contract labour families who belongs to the most downtrodden section. But all our views were turndown ruthlessly by the management stating that they are concerned only with the contractors and not with the contract labourers.

We vehemently opposed the management's statement and decided to fight tooth and nail to get justice for the poor contract labourers. Our district union conducted an effective demonstration on 03.10.2016 and decided to go on relay fast from 04.10.2016.

The circle unions decided to uphold the struggle path and also decided to conduct serious struggles to reinstate the terminated contract labourers.

Let us fight with full vigour to get justice.