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Sub: Repeal PB Act 1990 – violation of agreement by Prasar Bharati

Ref: Minutes of the meeting with Three Member Committee on 06/12/2010
Letter No.A-10/(ii)118/2007-PPC dated 11/12/2010 signed by M(P)&M(F)
Letter vide D.O.No.45011/20/2010-BA (P)(Pt) signed by JS(B), Min.of I&B
Letter dated 11/12/2010 by NFADE to M (F) & M(F) intimating deferment
of agitation

Madam,

As you are kindly aware this Federation has deferred its proposed agitation, from 13 December 2010, only after the assurance from the Three member committee that "a committee under the chairmanship of Member (P), along with both DGs and 5 members of this Federation shall be constituted to discuss comprehensive amendments to the various sections of the Prasar Bharati Act proposed by the Federation". It was also agreed upon in the letter that "the Federation may make a presentation on the various suggested amendments to the Act before the Prasar Bharati Board after finalization of the Report of the Committee" (Copy of letter from TMC attached).

It may kindly be noted that we have clearly stated in our letter referred above that "The Federation has taken this step of deferment in the light of the confidence building measures undertaken and the mutual trust reposed in the negotiation process by the TMC".

Accordingly the committee was notified as per the letter in reference and we have proposed the five members to the said committee vide our letter dated 31/12/2010. The committee had meetings on 27/1/2011 & 01/2/2011 in which the NFADE proposed to make amendments in Sections 3,9,10,11,16,17,19,20,32 & 33 of the PB Act 1990 to ensure that the employees and assets should continue with the Government and Prasar Bharati should only be given functional autonomy.

But, it is astonishing to note from various news reports that the Prasar Bharati Board in its meeting held on 16th March 2011 decided to approach the Govt to get 50% of the operational expenditure, which include the maintenance of assets and the salary of the employees recruited after 05/10/2007 and to be recruited in future. The most vital question is that How the Prasar Bharati, which is not in a position to make timely payment of salary to the employees for the last two years, for whom we are getting funds through Grant in Aid, going to feed its employees which may increase after five or ten years since the number of present employees will come down drastically.

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It is a painful joke for the employees that the members of the Board were never serious to settle the issues of the employees, including the timely payment of salaries and other dues for the employees of the organization. It will be revealed if any body monitor the minutes of the 101 meetings of the PB Board. By keeping the real experience for the last 11 years, this Federation was compelled to demand Repeal of the PB Act 1990 to protect the organization and thereby its employees. When it was advised repeatedly by PB officials and other senior policy makers of the country, we have brought an alternative option to amend the PB Act 1990 for the Retention of employees & Assets with Govt of India. We have raised it in various committees like the committee headed by Secretary, Ministry of I&B in 2008 and now the committee headed by Member (P), PB.

The latest developments regarding the coverage of Commonwealth games proved that the Board was never serious about the utilization of the occasion to procure equipments for Doordarshan, with the amount drain out to outside agencies, so that Doordarshan should have ensured monopoly in the High Definition TV production & transmission throughout the country. It is pertinent to note that the project report submitted by NFADE in this regard was ignored by the authorities, depriving the country from the HDTV revolution in similar lines with the Colour TV revolution in the country took place at the time of Asiad Games in 1982. The only difference was AIR&DD were directly under the control of the Govt of India at that time but under the Board this time. The Board which played the role of a mute spectator on all those vital & vibrant issues is now dreaming for bright future at the cost of the organization & its employees.

But it is very unfortunate that the Board is least bothered about the agreement with this Federation. *Any violation of the decision taken as a mutual agreement on 11/12/2010 will not be acceptable to this Federation and it will be considered that the PB Secretariat/Board is not interested to maintain industrial peace in the organization.*

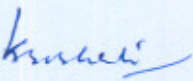
Under these circumstances, the General Body of this Federation, in its meeting held today decided to go back to our main demand of the Repeal Prasar Bharati Act 1990 since the employees of AIR&DD who contributed their sweat & blood for this organization cannot witness further destruction of this organization.

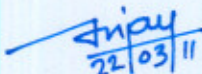
It is decided to organize a Gate Meeting on 24/3/2011 at 13.30hrs at Akashvani Bhavan to prepare the members for further agitation programme in the light of the negative approach by the PB Board.

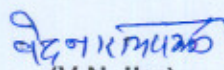
It is requested not to send any proposals for the amendments in PB Act 1990, to the Hon'ble GoM, without taking the NFADE into confidence.


We may be compelled to restart our agitation programme to ensure the existence of AIR&Doordarshan, the National & Public Service Broadcaster of the country.

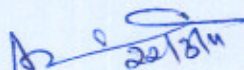
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

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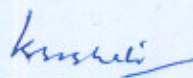

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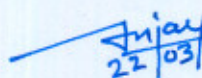

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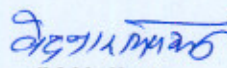

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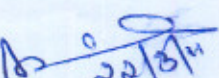
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