

## Talks failed –

### AUAB decides to go ahead with the strike :

CMD BSNL and Director HR met the AUAB leaders today. AUAB representatives told the Management that they are prepared to accept 3rd Pay Revision with 5 % fitment, as offered earlier by the DoT. However, they demanded that this commitment should be given in writing by the DoT, so that the AUAB can consider deferment of the strike. Even this demand of the AUAB was not accepted. Further, the DoT has also diluted its earlier assurance to give DA neutralisation. The DoT is demanding that the AUAB should call off the strike, in view of the terror attack in Pulwama. The Secretary, Telecom, has put a condition that she would not meet the AUAB leaders unless they call off the strike. Immediately after the meeting with the BSNL Management, all the General Secretaries of the AUAB met and decided to go ahead with the strike. In the backdrop of the terror attack, AUAB has also decided to exempt J&K circle from the strike to ensure maintenance of services. AUAB requests all the circle and district unions to organise the strike powerfully.