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Grant Navaratna status to BSNL: officers' forum

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The All India Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited Officers Association (AIBSNLOA) has urged the Centre to give Navaratna status to the BSNL for making independent decisions which would pave way for development. Intervention of the Ministry of Communication in day-to-day activities, especially in finalising tenders should be discontinued.

A resolution was passed in this regard at the first district conference of the All India BSNL Officers Association held here on Saturday. The conference had also passed several other resolutions including eradication of corruption at top level which had resulted in the slow growth of BSNL.

Another resolution had stated that the private cellular providers had reduced the rates after the introduction of such services by BSNL and pointed out that BSNL had to be protected by special Act for providing cheap and transparent service. The conference also insisted that the Government and public sector units use BSNL services.

S. Kamaraj, Assistant Circle Secretary of the AIBSNLOA, inaugurated the conference and V. Usha, circle executive member of the Association presided over the inaugural. T. Gunasekaran, district secretary of the AIBSNLOA, M. Victor Louis Anthuvan, professor, Loyola Institute of Business Administration, Chennai, K. Rajasekaran, circle secretary, AIBSNLOA, M. Paramasivam, general secretary of the Tamil Nadu Government Employees Union, P. Sundaram of the National Federation of the Telecom Employees and others spoke at the conference.

R. Chandrasekaran, district president (in-charge), AIBSNLOA, presided over the afternoon session.

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