

D GOPALAKRISHNAN, SECRETARY, ASIA REGION.

Dear Com General Secretary Quim Boix,

On behalf of All India BSNL Pensioners' Welfare Association, I attended the 1st Congress of TUI P&R held in Barcelona in February 2014 along with our then General Secretary, Com G.Natarajan.

We presented a document about the pension system in India in three languages viz. English, Spanish & French. It was well appreciated by the delegates. We also participated in the discussion. We gained a good experience. The discussions were very purposeful and useful. The demands were finalised. I was elected as Secretary for Asia Region. Very good arrangements were made by the host. Com Quim Boix spent few hours with us and interacted and that interaction was also very useful.

The message of the 1st congress was taken to the pensioners, particularly telecom pensioners throughout India. The call of TUI P&R was implemented by our organisation. We invited Vice-President, Asia Region, Com Mohan Bahadur to our All India Conference held in Bengaluru in November 2015 and he delivered a very good speech.

WFTU, parent organisation of TUI P&R, is a class organisation opposing the capitalist path and fights for the rights of workers and pensioners. It extends solidarity support to the struggles launched by workers of various countries in the world.

I approached some pensioners organisations and AIPRPA became an affiliate of TUI P&R from India. We do not have access in many countries of Asia Region. I regret that I could not do much to enlarge TUI P&R in this region. 2nd congress should seriously discuss the ways and means to expand the base in this region.

I wish the 2nd congress all success and on behalf of AIBSNLPWA, I extend full cooperation for the future struggles.

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