

## **GENERAL SECRETARY IRTSA ADDRESS LARGELY ATTENDED MEETING AT AMRITSAR ALONG WITH DARSHAN LAL & KV RAMESH**

Er. Harchandan Singh GS/IRTSA along with Er. Darshan Lal Working President IRTSA, Er. K. V. Ramesh Senior JGS/IRTSA, Er. M. K. Bhatnagar, Zonal Secretary RCF and other CEC members addressed a largely attended meeting of IRTSA at Amritsar Workshop, Northern Railway on 20<sup>th</sup> January.

General Secretary IRTSA was given a rousing welcome at the gate by members of IRTSA. Er. B. S. Bedi, Secretary IRTSA/ASR welcomed the gathering and felicitated GS/IRTSA and other office bearers. Er. Darshan Lal in his spirited speech called upon all Technical Supervisors to unite under the banner of IRTSA which is now in its Golden Jubilee Year. He said that IRTSA has safeguarded the interests of the category for the past 50 years. He further added that IRTSA has filed two Court Cases, one for Grade Pay of Rs.4800 for JEs and Rs. 5400 for SSE at CAT Chennai, another one at CAT Chandigarh demanding Group 'B' gazetted status to SSE, CMS, CDMS & Sr.Er. (IT).

Er. K. V. Ramesh explained the presentation made by IRTSA during its oral evidence in front of 7<sup>th</sup> CPC at Jodhpur on 12<sup>th</sup> December 2014. He said that the presentation was intensively focused on the Pay Scale / Grade Pay, Promotional Avenue & Classification of posts in Railways for the Technical Supervisors. He said that the Chairman, Members & Secretary 7<sup>th</sup> CPC had interacted with IRTSA team and sought clarifications for their doubt. On behalf of IRTSA ICF Unit & Er. M. Shanmugam Central President he invited all the member of Amritsar unit to the 50<sup>th</sup> All India Annual Conference of IRTSA to be held at Chennai in November, 2015, hosted by ICF Zone.

In his motivating speech Er. Harchandan Singh GS/IRTSA narrated the history and achievements of IRTSA, representation made by IRTSA in front of various Pay Commissions right from 3<sup>rd</sup> CPC to 7<sup>th</sup> CPC and representation made to many expert committees like Railway Accident Enquiry Committee and Railway Reforms Committee etc. He explained injustice done to the category by the 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Pay Commissions. He explained the need for more involvement from younger generation and readiness of IRTSA leadership to induct more youngsters as office bearers of IRTSA. He said that IRTSA maintains cordial relations with both the recognised Federations & Unions.

At the end of the meeting GS/IRTSA answered the quarries raised by the members. During the meeting General Secretary IRTSA released Working Diary of IRTSA brought out by the Amritsar unit. Er. Ramesh Chander President ASR/IRTSA thanked the GS and other CEC Members for visiting and addressing them.