

Message From
M. Shanmugam, Central President IRTSA



Dear Er. N. K. Sinha,

IRTSA- NE Railway Zone is having the pride of hosting 45th CGB & Annual Conference of Indian Railways Technical Supervisors Association. I hope that the Rail Engineers meeting will make important decisions at this crucial juncture - in the Historical City of Gorakhpur - which played important role in India's freedom struggle.

After the implementation of Sixth Central Pay Commission Recommendations w.e.f. 1.1.2006, four years have passed, but Government is not conceding the main demand of Pay up-gradation of Rail Engineers. In this crucial situation the CGB gains lot of importance to make important decisions to effectively pursue the Government to accept vital demands of Rail Engineers.

Indian Railways is attempting to make a big leap to increase its infrastructure. The ambitious VISION-2020 document presented by Honorable Minister for Railways proposes huge increase in the Rail network, manufacturing and maintenance infrastructure of Railways. Over the years IRTSA has been continuously propogating the necessity to increase the Rail Route length in the country from 64000 km to more than 2 lac km. IRTSA's Vision of increasing the Rail network of the country may come true early.

When Railways is making the attempt to increase its business with out even filling up the vacancies in the safety categories, the responsibilities on the shoulders of Rail Engineers will be alarmingly high in the days to come. At this critical juncture Rail Engineers from all over the country should unite under the umbrella of IRTSA not only to get their legitimate grievances redressed, but even to safe guard their basic rights.

The deliberations at Gorakhpur will discuss all these subjects and decide the further course of action.

I wish the Conference all success; and thank the organizers for hosting this important function.

Yours' fraternally
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