

**Message From  
M.Shanmugam, Central President IRTSA**



My Dear Er. Ramanamurthy,

It is heartening to note that South Central Railway Zone of IRTSA is conducting its Zonal conference on 14.2.2010. Along with the Zonal conference a big social cause of Blood Donation Camp is being organized. Seminar on "Indian Railways Vision 2020" will enlighten the Rail Engineers of South Central Railway on ambitious expansion plan of Indian Railways.

As a New Year Gift, IRTSA's Long pending demand of First class pass to all JE/CMA/DMS and others in the Grade Pay of Rs.4200 has become a reality. Decades old demand of IRTSA was finally met with after continuous & vigorous persuasion which peaked especially after the Sixth Pay Commission - supported by numerous statistics & series of logical arguments. IRTSA thanks Honourable Minister for Railways Km. Mamata Banerjee, Railway Board officials & Com. S.G.Mishra, GS/AIRF and Sri. M.Raghavaiah, GS/NFIR and all others who understood the genuine demand of IRTSA and made the dream come true.

But, 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 IRTSA has to make firm decisions to make the Government to accept very 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 Honourable Minister for Railways proposes huge increase in the Rail network, manufacturing and maintenance infrastructure of Railways. Over the years IRTSA is propagating continuously 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 to a reality.

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 get redressed, even to safe guard the basic rights.

I hope the deliberations going to be held at Secunderabad will through light on all subjects. I wish the organizers all success and my heartfelt thankfulness.

Yours' fraternally

**M.Shanmugam**

Central President IRTSA