

IRTSA DELEGATES VISITS NEW DELHI FOR THE PERUSAL OF MAIN DEMANDS

Central President along with K.V.Ramesh Sr.JGS, A.N.Ganesh Babu JGS & G.Aranganathan JGS camped New Delhi to pursue issues with Government & Federations.

IRTSA delegates led by M.Shanmugam Central President IRTSA visited New Delhi to pursue main demands of the category and other burning common issues.

- 1) Payment of additional installments of DA & DR due on 01.01.2020, 01.07.2020 & 01.01.2021 as arrears.
- 2) Corporatization of Production units (PUs) of Rolling Stock of Indian Railways – Appeal for reconsidering the decision.
- 3) Justified Pay Level compared to the duties and responsibilities shouldered by JE & SSE for safe, punctual and comfort train operation and disturbance of horizontal parity and vertical relativity.
- 4) Combined Cadre Restructuring of Group A, B and C services on the Railways. Combined cadre strength of Technical Departments including all posts in Group- A, B and C on Indian Railways may please be restructured as comparable with the all India Average % age of Group A, B & C of Central Government employees in other Departments.
- 5) Classification of posts as Group 'B' (Gaz.) on par with our counter parts in other Central & State Government departments.

Meeting with General Secretaries of AIRF & NFIR

Central President held intensive discussion with Dr.M.Raghavaiah GS NFIR and Com. Shiva Gopal Mishra GS AIRF about the main demands. While thanking both the GS for placing the subject in NC JCM meeting for creation of posts in GP Rs.4800 & 5400 for Technical Supervisory category and for supervisors of other departments, he impressed upon the merits for upgrading Pay Level of JE & SSE in Indian Railways.

President IRTSA extended invitation to both the General Secretaries to Grace 55th All India Conference and CGB of IRTSA to be hosted by IRTSA RCF Kapurthala at RCF.

Submission of Memorandum to Hon'ble Finance Minister & Secretary Expenditure

Detailed memorandums on the above mentioned five demands were submitted to Hon'ble Finance Minister & Secretary Finance through their directorates after a brief explanation to the Deputy Director.

Submission of Memorandum to Director General (HR) and discussion held with Executive Director (IR)

Memorandums on demands were submitted to Director General (HR) and detailed discussions were held with Principle Executive Director (IR) and Director (IR). During the discussion it was learned that Railway Board is about to finalize the proposal for introduction of Pay Level 8 and 9 (Grade Pay Rs.4800 & Rs.5400) for Technical Supervisors and other department supervisors.

IRTSA delegates impress upon the exclusivity of JE & SSE, higher duties & responsibilities shouldered by them, historical backgrounds on higher pay scales given to SSE before 5th CPC, higher recruitment qualifications, decision taken by Railway Ministry to place JE & SSE in Grade Pay Rs.4600 & Rs.4800 after 6th CPC, Railway Board proposal sent to Finance Ministry to place SSE and other department supervisors in GP Rs.4800 after 7th CPC, stagnation of Graduate Engineers in the entry grade, meagre percentage of gazetted posts available in Indian Railways etc.

IRTSA delegates requested for individual proposal for upgrading the Pay Level of Technical Supervisors by highlighting the specific recommendation of the 7th CPC for SSE.

Apprehensions and much heartburning among the Railway employees about their survival besides possibility of causing serious loss to the nation on the proposals for Corporatization of Production Units (PUs) of Rolling Stock of Indian Railways was highlighted.

Absence of recognised staff forum at Integral Coach Factory ICF, since 2014 was also discussed. It was apprised that many decisions including statutory requirements of discussion with elected staff forum is not being followed in ICF.

Issue of grant of Pay level-8 and 9 for the Technical Supervisors on the Railways was also highlighted to EDPC-I.

Memorandum submitted to MoSR I & II and CRB & CEO

Detailed memorandum of IRTSA was submitted to MoSR I & II after briefing the issues with respective secretaries. Memorandum was submitted to Chairman & CEO Railway Board.

Meeting with Sri.G.K.Vasan Hon'ble Member of Parliament & Former Union Minister & Sri.M.Shanmugam Hon'ble Member of Parliament

Issues of Payment of additional installments of DA & DR due on 01.01.2020, 01.07.2020 & 01.01.2021 as arrears, Corporatization of Production units (PUs) of Rolling Stock of Indian Railways – Appeal for reconsidering the decision and Justified Pay Level compared to the duties and responsibilities shouldered by JE & SSE for safe, punctual and comfort train operation and disturbance of horizontal parity and vertical relativity were highlighted to both the Parliamentarians.

Both MPs understood the issues and agreed to write to Finance Minister & Railway Minister forwarding IRTSA's memorandum with their recommendations.

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