

IRTSA meeting with MoSR

Hon'ble MoSR interacted on Pay Level of JE/SSE, Corporatization of Production units & private train operators.

On 19th Oct 2019, IRTSA delegates met Sri. Suresh Angadi, Hon'ble Minister of State for Railways at his office in Belgaum. Er.K.V.Ramesh, Sr.JGS/IRTSA, Er.K.L.Vinod Kumar, Zonal Secretary SWR and Er.Manje Gowda President Mysore Workshop represented main issues of IRTSA.



K.V.Ramesh explained one of the main demands of IRTSA, higher Pay Level for Rail Engineers / Technical Supervisors. He draw the attention of MoSR on Railway Board's proposal to empowered committee of secretaries (E-CoS) / Finance Ministry to place 50% of posts of SSE in Pay Level Rs.4800, based on the recommendations of 7th CPC in para 11.40.113 pertaining to Technical Supervisors of its report. Since Railways made it as a common proposal along with other categories even though 7th CPC recommendation is specific for Technical Supervisors, ministry of Finance replied to Railways that any proposal beyond the recommendations of Pay Commission had not considered and it was decided that other administrative issues specific to individual departments may be examined by the concerned ministries as per allocation of business rules. Office memorandum of Railways sent for the approval of Finance Ministry for upgradation of Grade Pay of JE/SSE after 6th CPC was also highlighted to MoSR.

Stagnation of Graduate Engineers in the entry grade, poor promotional avenue of JE & SSE, anomaly in the Pay Level of JE by placing Senior Technicians working under JE in the same Pay Level, etc were explained to MoSR. IRTSA delegates requested MoSR for sending independent proposals by Railways to Finance Ministry for the categories need to be improved in their Pay Level. MoSR was requested by IRTSA to advice Railway Board to send exclusive proposal for Pay Level upgradation of JE & SSE to Finance Ministry.

Hon'ble MoSR gave a patient hearing and interacted with the delegates very warmly and enquired members of IRTSA delegates individually about length of service & number of promotion earned by them, etc.. He advised the delegates that, Engineers should put their full efforts to make Indian Railways as world class service provider and cost competitive.

The delegation made appeal to Hon'ble MoSR to reconsider the decision on Corporatization of Production Units of Indian Railways and permitting private passenger train operators to provide passenger service and explained the fear among the Railway men of losing job besides other issues.

