

## **MEETING WITH MEMBER STAFF**

### **Upgrading Pay level of Technical Supervisors & change in eligibility criteria for MACPS is under consideration said Member Staff.**

January 24, 2018: IRTSA office bearers met Shri. D.K. Gayen, Member (Staff) Railway Board at Chennai during his visit to ICF. E.Ramesh Sr.Org Secy felicitated MS on behalf of IRTSA and K.Gobinath Zonal Secretary ICF handed over memorandum on main demands of IRTSA. K.V.Ramesh Sr.JGS IRTSA explained the demands of Technical Supervisors on Pay level & MACPS.

K.V.Ramesh explained that change of eligibility criteria for financial upgradation under MACPS from 'Good' to 'very Good' has hampered the chances of financial upgradation of senior supervisors and demanded for immediate withdrawal of eligibility criteria 'very good'.

Inclusion of training period for the purpose of MACPS is also need to be addressed by Railway Board, it was explained to Member Staff that DoPT is the nodal agency for implementation of MACPS rules for all central Government departments including Railways. Ministry of Communication & IT is accounting the period of pre-appointment training for the purpose of MACPS and same is needed to be extended in Railways.

He further briefed on the demand of implementation date of MACPS w.e.f. 1.1.2006. As per Gazette notification & Resolution issued by Finance Ministry, 6<sup>th</sup> CPC recommendations on pay were implemented w.e.f. 1.1.2006 & allowances w.e.f. 1.9.2008. In its recent judgment, Hon'ble Supreme Court held that financial upgradation under MACPS should be implemented from 1.1.2006, since recommendations of 6<sup>th</sup> CPC on MACPS is related to Pay, and it cannot be treated as allowance to be implemented from 1.9.2008. MS was urged to take favourable decision on this issue also.

While explaining the demand of Higher Pay level for Technical Supervisors, K.V.Ramesh demanded for implementation of decisions already made by Railway Board in this regard. He briefed that in 2010, Railway Board have send a proposal to Finance Ministry for upgrading the GP of JE from Rs.4200 to Rs.4600 & SSE from Rs.4600 to Rs.4800. Railway Board also send another proposal to Empowered Committee of Secretaries formed after 7<sup>th</sup> CPC to upgrade 50% of cadre strength of Technical Supervisors to GP Rs.4800. MS was urged for persuasion of Railway Board's proposal further with Ministry of Finance to get atleast minimum justice for this vital category.

In his reply Member Staff said that, he agrees on the demand of change in eligibility criteria for MACPS and said that this issue is being persuaded by Board with DoPT. On the demand of higher Pay Level for Technical Supervisors, MS said that it under the consideration of Ministry of Railways.