

IRTSA LEADERS HOLD CONFERENCE WITH SENIOR ADVOCATES FOR HEARING OF GROUP 'B' CASE AT CHANDIGARH

IRTSA central leadership including Er. Harchandan Singh GS/IRTSA, Er. Dharsan Lal Working President/IRTSA and K. V. Ramesh Senior JGS/IRTSA had a conference with senior advocates Sri. Sanjeev Manrai and Sri. S. P. Garg at Chandigarh on 18.01.2015. In their two hour meeting following points were discussed in detail in the context of the points already raised in the original application and the rejoinder filed by IRTSA before the CAT Chandigarh -

1. Non implementation of previous pay commissions recommendations by Railways on classification of posts.
2. Non compliance of orders of DoPT by Railways on classification of posts (to classify the posts of SSE, CMS, CDMS & Sr.Er/IT in Group 'B').
3. Meager number of Group 'B' posts in Railways (with the ratio of 1:114 in Railways as against 1:20 in other Government departments).
4. Increase in number of Group 'B' posts in all Government departments during the last thirty years except in Railways.
5. Assurance given by DoPT to the 5th CPC that "the effort was to ensure that posts carrying similar functions were given the same classification"
6. Similarly placed posts in CPWD, Ordnance Factory, Telecommunication, etc are classified as Group 'B'
7. Lack of promotional avenue to Technical Supervisors / Supervising Engineers (Just one promotion to the JEs in their entire career and not even single promotion to the directly recruited Engineering Degree holders in the cadre of SSE, CMS, CDMS & Sr.Er/IT)
8. Recommendations of various members of Railway Board (including MS, MM, FC, etc) for reclassification of posts of senior Technical Supervisors into Group 'B'. (as per notings thereof - copies of which procured by IRTSA under RTI and placed before the Tribunal as annexure to the petition/rejoinder).
9. Concurrence given by Financial Commissioner for the proposal to upgrade senior supervisors from Group 'C' to Group 'B'.
10. Financial advantage to Railways by placing the senior supervisors from Group 'C' to Group 'B'.
11. Necessity to upgrade senior supervisors from Group 'C' to Group 'B' in the new scenario of Privatization & FDI as well as increased duties & responsibilities due to modernization, upgradating technology, capacity addition, etc

Hearing of the case (OA 211/PB 2014) is fixed on 23rd January 2015.