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MINUTES OF 51ST ALL INDIA ANNUAL CONFERENCE & CGB MEETING OF IRTSA HELD ON 3RD & 4TH OCTOBER 2016 AT SENIOR INSTITUTE LALAGUDA SCR SECUNDRABAD

51st All India Annual Conference & Central General Body meeting of IRTSA was grandly hosted by South Central Railway Zone of IRTSA at Secundrabad on 3rd and 4th October 2016.

CGB was presided over by M.Shanmugam Central President IRTSA. Technical Supervisors / Rail Engineers from all over Indian Railways participated in the two days conference.

- 1. Procession:** On 3rd morning Rail Engineers went in a procession to Lalaguda Workshop and then to Conference venue to highlight their main demands & resentment to the Railway Administration & the Committees formed after the 7th CPC Report.
- 2. Flag hoisting:** President Sri M.Shanmugam hoisted IRTSA flag in front of Conference hall to mark commencement of CGB.
- 3. Welcome:** Er.N.V.Ramana Murthy, Convener of 51st All India Conference and Zonal Secretary South Central Railway welcomed the delegates from all parts of Indian Railways.
- 4. Inaugural Speech: Er.M.Shanmugam Central President IRTSA** inaugurated the conference. In his inaugural speech president narrated history of IRTSA and briefed important achievements of IRTSA over more than 50 years. He called upon younger generation to actively participate and take over the leadership of IRTSA and strengthen it further. He explained actions taken by IRTSA after submission of 7th CPC including Mass dharna at New Delhi, Zonal & Divisional levels, seminars conducted in projecting the main demands, meeting with Minister for Railways, MoSR, Members of Parliament, CRB, Board Members and Federation leaders, etc.
- 5. General Secretary's Report:** General Secretary IRTSA's report was submitted by K.V. Ramesh Sr.JGS IRTSA in the absence of General Secretary IRTSA Sh Harchandan Singh due to his sickness. GS report reflected on economic & inflationary conditions of the nation, Submission of 7th CPC report & its follow up action, Committees formed after the implementation of 7th CPC report, proposed strike by constituent of JCM & Federation & its postponement in view of assurances by the government, Role of Indian Railways, Danger of Privatization, FDI and downsizing, Need to increase the strength of Technical Category, merging of Railway Budget with General Budget, important decision taken on staff matters, 7th CPC's adverse impact on the category, Court cases on higher pay for JE & SSE and Group 'B' (Gaz) to Senior Supervisors, various memorandum submitted to different authorities, main demands pursued by IRTSA after 7th CPC implementation, organizational activities, Task before the category for achieving main demands, membership drive, acknowledgment and achievements of IRTSA over the period of 50 years. *(Copy of the Report of GS IRTSA for 2015-16, is attached herewith for ready reference)*

Deliberations on GS Report: Many of CEC members actively participated in the deliberation held on GS report. Er.K.Gobinath said that JEs & SSEs should be appraised about IRTSA during their training itself by the CEC members of respective areas. Er.Thirumaran said that recognition of IRTSA should be taken as most important demand to the Government. Er.Tamilmaran warned about wrong propaganda being done in the name of the category and he said that Supervisors as category are above Engineers. Er.P.Baskaran requested all CEC members to take all the youngsters into the fold of IRTSA by properly educating them about the achievements of IRTSA in getting incentive, bonus, designation change, SSE pay scale modification after 5th CPC, court cases fought by IRTSA for main demands of category, etc. Er.Nirmal Chandran said that IRTSA has travelled for 51 years without any break and achieved many laurels to the category. Brand IRTSA has gained good reputation not only among the cadre but also with Railway Administration. He also added that IRTSA should concentrate on open line Engineers working in P.way, Bridge, S&T, OHE, C&W, etc to improve their working conditions. Er.E.Ramesh asked every Rail Engineer to be a core member of IRTSA to realize the demands. Er.Krishna Rao remembered the sacrifices made by predecessors in IRTSA particularly during general strike. Er.Mathiazhan appreciated the report submitted by K.V.Ramesh on behalf of General Secretary IRTSA. GS Report was approved unanimously after discussion & some clarifications.

- 6. Statement of Accounts for the year 2015:** Er.O.N.Purohit Central Treasurer presented the statement of accounts for the year 2015. The statement of accounts was approved unanimously after discussion.
- 7. Address by GS from Chandigarh:** Sh Harchandan Singh General Secretary IRTSA, who could not attend the Conference due to Viral, addressed the Conference from Chandigarh on Phone network. He briefly highlighted the achievements and challenges before the category especially after the 7th CPC and the latest developments on certain issues – especially in respect of proposed upgrading of posts in GP

4600 Group C to GP 4800 in Group B, Orders of CAT Chennai to MOF on Gade Pay of JE & SSE etc. He emphasized the need for unity and continuous effective struggle for justice.

8. **Zonal Secretaries Reports:** Er.V.B.Naryanan ZS ICF, Er.M.K.Bhatnagar ZS RCF, Er.R.K.Pandey ZS NER, Er.R.B.Singh ZS WR, Er.B.Jayakumar ZS RWF, Er.Vinod Kumar ZS SWR, Er.V.P.Abdul Salam ZS S.Rly, Er. Ashoke Chowduray ZS CLW, Er.R.Mohanty AZS E.Rly, Er.Vivek Sukla AZS NR, Er,O.N.Purohit ZS NWR, Er.Ramanamoorthy ZS SCR and other representatives of various Zones presented their report about the activities in their respective zones.

9. **Address by Er. Darshan Lal Working President IRTSA:** Er. Darshan Lal in his spirited speech called upon all the Rail Engineers to rally behind IRTSA and its seasoned leadership. IRTSA is representing the cause of Technical Supervisors from pre 3rd CPC days till date and advised youngsters not to get deviated by fringe forces who are not focused on demands of the category. He said that fraternity developed by IRTSA among its cadres throughout the country helps in resolving work related technical problems and personal problems besides the all India policy matters.

10. **Open Session & Technical Seminar**

Open session & Technical Seminar were also held in large number of local Members also participated besides the Delegates and CEC Members.

Sri.P.U.K.Reddy Chief Workshop Manager, Lalguda, SC. Railway inaugurated the Technical Seminar as the Chief Guest. Dy.HODs and other officers also graced the Technical seminar on topic "Introduction of Modern Technology in Rolling Stock on Railways"

In the cultural programme after the Technical Seminar, Baby. Amurutha and Kuamri. Gopika Krishna gave excellent dance performance. Some of retired stalwarts of IRTSA from SC. Railway were also felicitated by CWM.

11. Er.K.V.Surendranathan Working President IRTSA initiated the proceedings of second day on 4th Oct 2016. He advised all the members to work for 100 percent membership for IRTSA.

12. **Resolutions of demands**

Resolutions of demands were initiated by Er.K.V.Ramesh Sr.JGS with a detailed preamble. Er. V.B.Naryanan proposed main demands of IRTSA, Er. V.P.Abdul Salam proposed demands on Pay, increment & Designation, Er. K.L.Vinod Kumar proposed demands on Career progression and promotional avenue, Er.M.K.Batnagar proposed demands on incentive, special pay, bench marks & yardsticks, Er. B.Jayakumar proposed the demands on MACPS, Er.Ashoke Chowdhury proposed demands on allowances, Er.Zaheer Hussain proposed the demands on allowances specific to the category, Er.Nirmal Chandran proposed demands on working conditions, Er.R.B.Singh proposed demands on financial management, expansion and privatization on Railways, Er.K.Gobinath proposed demands on pension & retirement benefits and demands on welfare, general amenities & Miscellaneous were proposed by Er.E. Ramesh, Er.Balakrishnan and Er.Vetri.

Resolutions of demands were adopted by 51st Annual Conference & CGB Meeting of IRTSA after considering the suggestions given by Er.R.Jatana, Er.E.Ramesh, Er. Nirmal Chandran, Er.Manjegowda, Er.Hari and others (*A copy of the Resolutions of Demands of IRTSA is attached herewith*)

13. **Resolution on Line of action:**

1. **a) Resolution on line of action:** CGB unanimously approved the Resolution on Line of Action proposed by Er.K.V.Ramesh Sr.JGS. CGB authorized the President and General Secretary IRTSA to continue to pursue all the demands of IRTSA especially demands arising after 7th CPC. CGB authorised them to issue directives to all the Units of IRTSA on the Line of Action as required from time to time for the realization of Demands keeping in view the decision of the Government on the Reports of the Committees formed after the 7th CPC reg. Allowances, Multiple Factor, NPS and Group Insurance etc.

14. **Resolution on Court Cases:** CGB approved the following resolutions on court cases as proposed by Er.K.V.Ramesh Sr.JGS:

i) **Reg: Filing of Appeal / Writ petition in Punjab & Haryana High Court Chandigarh against the decision of the CAT Chandigarh for Classification of Senior Supervisors on Railways in Group B (Gazetted):**

CGB IRTSA Resolved to file an Appeal / Writ petition in Punjab & Haryana High Court Chandigarh for and on behalf of IRTSA against the decision of the CAT Chandigarh in OA No. 211 PB of 2014 IRTSA-vs-UOI for Classification of Senior Supervisors on Railways in Group B (Gazetted).

CGB IRTSA authorised Er. Darshan Lal Working President IRTSA, Er. Harchandan Singh, General Secretary IRTSA & Er. K.V.Ramesh Sr.JGS IRTSA to take the necessary legal opinion in the matter and to file Appeal / Writ petition and file related Affidavits for and on behalf of Indian Railways Technical Supervisors Association (IRTSA for short), in respect of Orders of CAT Chandigarh in OA No. 211 PB of 2014 in Punjab & Haryana High Court Chandigarh.

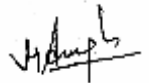
ii) **Reg. Filing of Appeal in CAT Chennai or High Court Chennai for Higher Grade Pay of Rs.4600 to JEs & Rs.4800 to SSE.**

CGB IRTSA Resolved to file a Review Petition / Appeal / Writ petition in CAT / High Court Chennai for and on behalf of IRTSA, in case the Ministry of Finance and / or Ministry of Railways do not favourably decide about the Grade Pay of Rs.4600 to JEs & Rs.4800 to SSE as proposed by the Railway Board and as per decision of CAT Chennai in OA 706-2013 - IRTSA-vs-UOI,

CGB IRTSA authorized Er.M.Shanmugam Central President IRTSA, Er. Harchandan Singh General Secretary IRTSA and Er.K.V.Ramesh Sr.JGS IRTSA to seek legal opinion and to file Review Petition / Appeal / Writ Petition and the related Affidavits for and on behalf of Indian Railways Technical Supervisors Association (IRTSA for short), in CAT Chennai or High Court Chennai in respect of the orders of CAT Chennai in OA 706-2013 - IRTSA-vs-UOI.

15. **Resolution on Legal fund:** As proposed by Er,Darshan Lal Working President IRTSA, CGB IRTSA resolved to collect Legal Fund at the rate of at least Rs.500 per head for the two Court Cases Reg Group B and Grade Pay. CGB appealed to all Rail Engineers & Members of IRTSA to contribute at least Rs.500 towards the Legal Fund IRTSA at the earliest so as to reach the Central Treasurer IRTSA before 15th November, 2016
16. **Resolution on Struggle fund:** CGB IRTSA resolved and appealed to all Members of IRTSA to contribute Rs.500 per head towards the Struggle Fund of IRTSA for the struggle for pursuance of Main Demands of the Category as per Charter of Demands.

It was further resolved that out of the said amount of Struggle Rs.300 will cent to the Central Treasurer IRTSA before 31st March 2017 for the struggle by CEC at Central level, Rs.100 shall sent to the Zonal Head quarter / Zonal Secretary / Zonal Treasurer for struggle at Zonal level and Rs.100 shall be retained by the Sub-Unit / Division for struggle at Sub-Unit / Divisional level.
17. **Resolution on Membership drive:** Er.V.P.Abdul Salam proposed the resolutions for intensive membership Rs.300 per member drive by all Zones,
18. **Next Annual Conference & CGB Meeting:** It was decided to hold the 52nd Annual Conference & Central General Body meeting of IRTSA at Gorakhpur hosted by NE Railway.
19. **Election of new office bearers & Members CEC:** Er.M.S.V.R.Pandian, Er.Ashoke Chowdhury and Er.Raju conducted election to elect new office bearers for the year 2016-17. Er.M.Shanmugam, Er.Harchandan Singh and Er.O.N.Purohit were unanimously elected as Central President, General Secretary and Central Treasurer respectively. Er.Darshan Lal and Er.K.V.Ramesh were elected unanimously as Working President and Sr.Joint General Secretary respectively. *(Complete list of CEC elected by the CGB is attached).*
20. **Observance of 51st foundation day of IRTSA:** CGB IRTSA resolved and directed all Zones / Units and Sub-Units of IRTSA to observe the 51st Foundation Day of IRTSA appropriately on 27th November, 2016.
21. The 51st CGB was concluded by handing over the flag of IRTSA to Er.R.K.Pandey Zonal Secretary NE. Railway who will be hosting 52nd All India Annual Conference & CGB Meeting of IRTSA at Gorakpur.



Harchandan Singh
General Secretary, IRTSA

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