

## MASS AGITATION BY IRTSA IN FRONT OF CWM'S OFFICE S&T WORKSHOP PODHANUR

28<sup>th</sup> April 2016: Technical Supervisors of Signal & Telecommunication workshop, Podhanur, Southern Railway held a mass agitation in front of CWM's office highlighting main issues of the category to Empowered Committee.

Speaking in the agitation K.V.Ramesh Sr.JGS/IRTSA listed justifications for placing JE in Pay level-8, SSE in Pay level-10 and upgradation of 33% of SSE as Principal SSE in Pay level-11. He questioned the Railways that while all the departments of Government of India have classified the posts in Grade Pay Rs.4600 as Group 'B' (Gaz), only Railway is adamant in not classifying SSE in Group 'B'.

He said that, in departmental anomaly committee Railways have made a decision to upgrade the Grade Pay of JE from Rs.4200 to Rs.4600 and Grade Pay of SSE from Rs.4600 to Rs.4800. After series of internal meetings held in Railway Board, Financial Commissioner had given his formal concurrence for partial upgradation of posts from Group 'C' to Group 'B'. But unfortunately Railway Board in a predetermined manner took negative stand in front of 7<sup>th</sup> CPC and argued against its own decisions to deny genuine aspirations of Technical Supervisors. He also explained the poor career progression of Technical Supervisors which need to be addressed immediately on war footing particularly of Graduate Engineers.

V.P. Abdul Salam Zonal Secretary S.Rly lambasted Railway Board for betraying the category in 7<sup>th</sup> CPC and also in CAT Chennai & Chandigarh. He said that entire system of Railways and Technical officers are depending on Technical Supervisors in every activity and only Technical Supervisors are held responsible for any mishap or nonconformity. Duties and responsibilities shouldered by Technical Supervisors are not reflected in their Pay & allowance and classification of posts.

Er.Sivasamy President IRTSA Podhanur proposed demands resolution which was passed unanimously by the gathering. Er.Krishnan Secretary IRTSA Podhanur thanked all the members for participating in the agitation.

Resolution of demands passed in the agitation was handed over to CWM, which will be forwarded to GM S.Rly & Railway Board.

