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MINUTES OF CEC MEETING HELD ON 19.7.2013 AT DR. AMBEDKAR BHAVAN, CHANDIGARH.

1. CEC of IRTSA met on 19.7.2013 at Dr. Ambedkar Bhavan, Chandigarh, which was attended by 62 CEC members. The meeting paid homage to Er.Rehman, Senior Vice President CEC & Zonal Secretary/N.Rly who left for heavenly abode recently. Er.Kalyan Banerjee, Working President welcomed CEC members from all over Indian Railways and presided over the meeting for the first one hour after which Er M. Shanmugam presided on his arrival..

2.1 ADDRESS BY GS IRTSA: Er. Harchandan Singh, General Secretary IRTSA, in his inaugural speech said that last six months turned out to be period of waiting for up-gradation of 3300 posts to Group-B, formation of 7th Central Pay Commission (since Government had not agreed for 50% DA merger from 1-1-2011), Removal of glaring anomalies of MACPS like inclusion for training period for the purpose financial upgradation under MACPS, 3rd financial upgradation after 20 years from the date of first promotion / financial upgradation, etc.

2.2 GS said that MACPS is no substitute for promotions & career planning. Technical Supervisors must get adequate Time Bound Promotions.

2.3 Proposal for upgradation of grade Pay from Rs.4600 to Rs.4800 had been sent by Railway Ministry to Finance Ministry 3 times, but was returned by Finance Ministry. Railway Board has been urged to send the proposal again.

2.4 Case for grant Grade Pay of Rs.4600 to then CMA-I is pending in the High Court of Calcutta. If required, IRTSA will implead in the case.

2.5 A case has been filed by IRTSA in CAT, Chennai for higher grade pays to JEs & SSEs. IRTSA is represented by its Joint General Secretary, K.V.Ramesh and three respondents are Ministry of Railways, Ministry of Finance and DoPT. The case is presently with the Deputy Registrar CAT Chennai for completion of Pleadings.

2.6 Even after repeated orders of DOPT after every Pay Commission, Railways have not changed the Classification of Senior Technical Supervisors from Group C to Group B, even though the CAT New Delhi had held their Classification in Group c as Anomalous. Railway Board is not ready to grant 100% Group-B gazetted status to SSE / CMS / CDMS / Sr.Engineer(IT). IRTSA has therefore, decided to file a Court Case on the issue. HOWEVER, that had been pended in view of the impending proposal for upgrading around 3300 from Group C to group B posts - which is hanging on for quite some time.

Loco Pilots / Running Staff in the Grade Pay of Rs.4200 in PB-2 have been equated with the SSE in the Grade Pay of Rs.4600 in PB-2 for the purpose of integrated seniority for selection for promotion from Group C to Group-B (70% seniority quota). This is most unjustified and ultra-vires.

All these issues have to be settled as per natural Justice, he said. Increasing the number of Gazetted posts only will bring the much sought relief to the Engineering Graduates who are getting rotted in their entry grade itself.

2.7 Recommendations of Cadre Restructuring Committee are expected to be implemented soon. Large number of JEs, CMAs & DMS will be benefitted.

Cadre Restructuring will not bring any relief to the apex scale of SSE, CMS, CDMS & Sr. Engineer/IT. Condition of DR Engineering Graduates was the worst off without a single promotion in their entire career.

IRTSA's demand of Time Bound Promotions and combined cadre restructuring of Group-C, B & A only can bring the solution for their career progression.

2.8 Central Govt. Employees Confederation, JCM Constituents and recognised federations of Railways have given a call for Strike Ballot for non acceptance of long pending demands – including setting up of 7th Pay Commission etc. Decision on participating – as an Association or as individuals - in the strike, will be taken at the appropriate time after the Ballot.

2.9 IRTSA website www.irtsa.net had 17 lakh hits during the last five years and very widely seen across the country. IRTSA Facebook group has also become very popular and members

from all over the Indian Railways, are participating in the debates on the Facebook very enthusiastically.

“Voice of Rail Engineers” - official organ of IRTSA - is a very useful journal. It is distributed to all the CEC members, Zonal and sub unit office bearers besides the annual subscribers.

2.10 GS called upon all the Rail Engineers to unite and strengthen IRTSA for effective pursuance of their demands.

3. Er. Shanmugam, Central President IRTSA informed about his recent meeting with General Secretaries of NFIR and AIRF and briefed about the position of main demands of IRTSA. He said that only more vigorous agitations will fetch results and called for more active participation of all Zones in the programmes conducted by IRTSA. He also advised the CEC members to induct more youngsters as office bearers.

4. V.B.Naryanan, Zonal Secretary/ICF, Er. Baskara Babu, SC.Rly, Er. Surjit Singh of RCF, R.K. Pondey, Zonal Secretary/N.E.Rly, Er. Srivastava of N.Rly, Er. Sugata Dutta Zonal Secretary/CLW, O.N. Purohit, Zonal Secretary/NW.Rly, Sujit Kumar, WP/S.Rly, Er. Komal Sharma & Gaurav Kananjiya of CMT and Soren Singh of Stores also spoke in the meeting and explained the activities in their zones and the demands of their cadre.

5. **RESOLUTIONS PASSED IN THE CEC MEETING:** Following decisions were taken by the CEC - after detailed discussions:

i) **MAIN DEMANDS:** CEC reiterated the Main Demands of Rail Engineers and called for their early acceptance as per Detailed Resolution attached herewith.

ii) **OBSERVANCE OF PROTEST DAY:** IRTSA WILL OBSERVE “PROTEST DAY ON 25TH SEPTEMBER, 2013, ALL OVER INDIA BY RAIL ENGINEERS –ON MAIN DEMANDS

iii) **COURT CASE FOR GROUP B:** IRTSA shall file a Court Case after the next CGB Meeting for Classification of Posts of Senior Section Engineers (SSE), Chemical & Metallurgical Superintendent (CMS), Chief Depot Material Superintendent (CDMS) and Senior Engineer/IT - in Group B Gazetted on the Railways as per DOP Orders – (after reviewing the position Reg: the proposed upgradation of 3300 posts from Group C to Group B - presently under consideration of the Railway Board).

iv) **CASE FOR GP OF LAB & STORE ENGRS:** A legal cell shall be formed from representatives of C&M & Store Engineers to assist the GS & K.V. Ramesh JGS IRTSA to examine the possibilities of filing a Court Case for Grade Pay of Lab & Store Engineers.

v) **ANNUAL CONFERENCE:** 48th Annual Conference & CGB Meeting of IRTSA shall be held on 14 & 15 Nov, 2013. at Golden Rock Workshops, Trichy - hosted by Southern Railway Zone.

vi) **ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION:** Annual subscription of IRTSA should be increased from Rs.150 to Rs.200 PA from next year 2014. CGB will consider this Constitution amendment.

vii) **VOICE OF RAIL ENGINEERS:** All the members of IRTSA shall mandatorily contribute Rs.50 for annual subscription for “Voice of Rail Engineers”.

viii) **QUARTERLY REPORTS OF ACTIVITIES:** All Zonal Secretaries & Sub-Unit Secretaries shall send their quarterly report of activities to President & GS IRTSA and to the Manager “Voice of Rail Engineers” & to the Webmaster irtsa.net navtejpv@gmail.com – for their information and publication.

The meeting dispersed after a vote of thanks to the chair.

(Harchandan Singh)
General Secretary IRTSA

Copy for information and necessary action to:

i) All CEC Members ii) All Zonal Secretaries and iii) All Sub-Unit secretaries IRTSA

WITH A REQUEST TO:

I) IMPLEMENT THE ABOVE DECISIONS OF CEC – IN LETTER & SPIRIT.

II) OBSERVE PROTEST DAY ON 25TH SEPTEMBER, 2013, ALL OVER INDIA BY RAIL ENGINEERS BY HOLDING DHARNA & DEMONSTRATION & WEARING BLACK BADGES.

III) RAISE SUBSCRIPTION @ RS.150 PA & SEND CENTRAL QUOTA @ 40% BY DD IN FAVOUR OF IRTSA, TO CENTRAL TREASURER (CT) IRTSA, ER. ON PUROHIT, 106 SURAJ NAGAR, JODHPUR-342008.

IV) COLLECT LEGAL-CUM-STRUGGLE FUND @ RS.1000 PER HEAD AS PER RESOLUTION OF CGB/CEC & SEND THE SAME TO CT ON ABOVE ADDRESS