

## IRTSA Trichy Division, S.Rly Meeting



Divisional meeting of IRTSA Trichy Division was held at construction office, Trichy on 20.01.2013. M.Shanmugam, Central President IRTSA presided over the meeting. Er.Kiran Kumar welcomed the Technical Supervisors / Rail Engineers of Civil, Stores, Chemical & Metallurgical departments. In his address Kiran kumar said that even though all the projects were completed successfully by the works department with many constrains and limitations, supervisors were made scapegoats for any short comings which were beyond their control. Basic facilities like clerk, class four staff etc are not provided to the supervisors of works department who extract work mainly from untrained non railway employees. Non grant of financial upgradation under MACPS to the eligible employees for the past three years is deeply concerning the supervisors, he added.

In his address Er.Shathivel called upon the administration to resolve the main issues of civil engineers like Bench marking the work of civil engineers, compensation / additional man power for additional work, creation of stores facility in civil engineering department, detaching the responsibility of maintaining the “M” book by Works (IOW) engineer, etc. He also said that supervisors should not be asked to write exams many times for the promotion to the same post, due to insufficient vacancies available in the promotion post. Instead those who passed the written test & selection should be emplaned permanently and promoted as and when vacancy arises.

In his address Er. M.Shanmugam, Central President IRTSA said that functioning of IRTSA is not against any unions, associations etc and members of IRTSA are free to join any union or association as per their wish. He has explained the efforts made by IRTSA in getting the uniform designation of JE/SSE to all the Technical Supervisors of Railways. Grant of First class passes to all JEs and other employees in the same grade pay was achieved by IRTSA through recognised federations by explaining the facts and figures to all the authorities concerned. He explained the actions initiated by IRTSA to achieve the demands like Justified Grade Pay, cadre restructure, MACPS etc. He also nominated Er.Kiran Kumar as IRTSA Trichy Division Secretary which was approved by the house.

Er.V.P.Abdul Salam, Zonal Secretary/S.Rly appealed to all Technical Supervisors / Rail Engineers to get united under the umbrella of IRTSA to change the pitiable pay scales, working condition and social status. He advised all the members to regularly visit [www.irtsa.net](http://www.irtsa.net) to get updated themselves about the activities of IRTSA and to know about the latest official orders. Er.K.V.Ramesh, JGS/IRTSA asked the Engineers to get fired-up to convert the challenges into chances. He appealed to all the members to contribute the annual membership, struggle fund and subscription for “Voice of Rail Engineers”. He thanked all the members for attending the meeting in full strength despite being Sunday.