

51st FOUNDATION DAY MEETING OF IRTSA HELD AT TRICHY, S. RLY

51st foundation day meeting of IRTSA was held at Trichy Southern Railways on 24th November, 2016.

In largely attended meeting held at Golden Rock workshop, Er.Thirumaran Secretary IRTSA GOC welcomed central, zonal office bearers and members of GOC unit. He briefed on achievements of IRTSA particularly First Class Pass for JEs, three financial upgradations under MACPS, incentive for SSEs, restoration of promotional increment among the merged grades, etc.

In the interaction meeting Er.Shankar & Er.Venkatesan said that in Diesel wing neither incentive nor OT for SSE is paid even though they were required to stay beyond working hours on many occasions. Er.Pugazhanthi said that no Compensatory rest is given to SSEs for working on Sundays. He also said that there is no proper staff room is available for both male & female Supervisors working in GOC. Er.Kumaravel CMS demanded incentive for CMT engineers and acceptance of 7th CPC recommendations on higher pay level for CMT engineers. Er.Joseph briefed about hardship faced by Supervisors due to shortage of Inspectors. Er.C.K.Ravindran demanded incentive for supervisors working in cadre PCO since they are shouldering similar duties & responsibilities of ex-cadre PCO supervisors. Er.Subarayalu said that, supervisors' posts in ex-cadre should be rotated regularly and atleast during the promotion supervisors working in ex-cadre should be posted in shop floor. Er.Sripathy demanded CUG SIM card for all SSEs since very limited CUG SIM cards extended to a few SSEs are not useful.

In his address K.V.Ramesh Sr.JGS IRTSA explained about the demands raised by members. He briefly explained about legal battle of IRTSA for Higher Pay & classification of posts as Group 'B'. He also explained about meeting held with CRB, MS, EDPC & other officers at Railway Board on pay level upgradation of Technical Supervisors and partial upgradation of apex posts to Gazetted. He remembered service rendered by many IRTSA leaders on the foundation day celebration of IRTSA.

Er.V.P.Abdula Salam Zonal Secretary Southern Railway in his inspiring speech motivated all the Engineers to unit under the umbrella of IRTSA, which have its roots all over Indian Railway and travelled long way since its foundation in the year 1965 by then Apprentice Mechanic & founder General Secretary Harchandan Singh.

In his presidential address Er.Shanmugam wished all the members of IRTSA on the occasion of foundation day celebration. He narrated history and achievements of IRTSA. He said that 7th Pay Commission has done gross injustice to the category of Technical Supervisors. He also explained activities of IRTSA towards achieving the demands of the category. He also appealed to all the members to contribute membership, struggle fund & legal fund. Er Zaheer Hussain proposed vote of thanks.

Meeting at TPJ C&W Depot

Earlier IRTSA delegates visited TPJ coaching depot and held meeting with open line engineers. Following engineers were nominated as office bearers,

President - Er. S.Ramadoss
Vice President- Er. M.Muthusamy
Secretary - Er. G.Sundravadivelu
Treasurer - Er. Jeein J Paul