

IRTSA holds mass dharna at Jantar Mantar New Delhi successfully

Technical Supervisors / Rail Engineers from all over Indian Railways participated

GS NFIR & GS AIRF addressed the dharna in support of IRTSA's demands

Restoration of PCO allowance for L-8 SSEs, inclusion of training period for MACPS, implementation of MACPS w.e.f.01.01.2006, Group-B for SSE, creation of posts are part of main demands.

2nd April 2026, IRTSA conducted mass dharna at Jantar Mantar, New Delhi successfully. Large number of Technical Supervisors / Rail Engineers participated in the dharna spiritedly. Around 200 Junior Engineers (JEs), Senior Section Engineers (SSEs), Chemical & Metallurgical Assistant (CMA), Chemical & Metallurgical Superintendent (CMS), and others participated to highlight their genuine demands to Railway Board and Government of India.



Dr.M.Raghavaiah General Secretary NFIR and Com. Shiv Gopal Mishra General Secretary AIRF addressed the mass dharna in support of the demands of IRTSA. Er.Darshan Lal Central Working President IRTSA presided over the mass dharna. Er.K.V.Ramesh General Secretary IRTSA welcomed Federation General Secretaries, Zonal Secretaries of various zones of IRTSA, CEC office bearers, active members of IRTSA participating in mass dharna. Com.L.N.Pathak Patron IRTSA addressed the gathering spiritedly. Sh. Amrik Singh President RCF Employees Union & Working President IREF addressed the dharna in support of the demands of IRTSA.



Com.S.G.Mishra GS AIRF



Dr.M.Raghavaiah GS NFIR



Er.K.V.Ramesh GS IRTSA

In his speech K.V.Ramesh General Secretary IRTSA briefed important demands of IRTSA to GS AIRF and GS NFIR and requested for their support and effective persuasion with Government. GS IRTSA briefed about necessity for five grade structure for Technical Supervisors starting from pay level-7 for Junior Engineer and grant of Group-B (Gaz) status for SSE/CMS/CDMS/SE(IT). Withdrawal of PCO allowance for SSEs upgraded to level-8 and cessation of PCO allowance, NDA & NH allowance for SSEs receiving non-functional upgradation to level-9 severely demotivated the senior most SSEs. The demands for inclusion of training period for the purpose of MACPS and implementation of MACPS w.e.f.01.01.2006 are not being accepted by Government despite of many favorable judgements by many courts including Hon'ble Supreme Court. Delay in Cadre restructure is causing frustration among Technical Supervisors particularly with JEs said GS. Government's delay in approving the proposal of Railways for creation of 5000 posts in supervisory cadres and 2000 posts in Group-B cadre is creating many operational problems, while the number posts to be created is very less, delay in its approval is not acceptable added GS IRTSA. He briefed about judgement of CAT Chennai in OA 1568/2027 pleading for higher pay level for JEs and SSEs. Hon'ble Central Administrative Tribunal (CAT) Chennai directed Railway Board to take up the issue of pay anomaly of the applicants (SSE & JE), before the 8th CPC

after getting the comments from the applicant association (IRTSA) within a period of three months from the date of receipt of a certified copy of this order.

GS IRTSA specially brought to the notice of both the General Secretaries on the issue of “Considering entry as GP Rs.4600/level-7 for the purpose of MACP to all the directly recruited Graduate Engineers in Design and Drawing Cadre appointed before 01.09.1998” in light of PCPO/ICF letter No. PB/S1A/Misc./MACP, dated 02.08.2025 to Railway Board.

Com.S.G.Mishra General Secretary AIRF appreciated the spirit of members of IRTSA for organising mass dharana at Jantar Mantar after long time and said it is absolutely necessary to have such dharans and agitations to convince Railways and Government for achieving genuine demands of this vital safety category. GS AIRF said Railways ignored the importance of Technical Supervisors, their career progression, classification as Group-B etc. He said RBE No.155/2022 not cleared the stagnation of senior Technical Supervisors and Railway Board require to act further on removing the stagnation. He informed the participants when CRC committee said cadre restructure will not be done for categories received 50% upgradation through RBE No.155/2022, Federations vehemently opposed it and Railway Board reversed its decision. GS AIRF condemned the action of withdrawal of PCO allowance for level-8 SSEs and cessation of PCO allowance, NDA & NHA for supervisors receiving NFU to level-9 and said federations will fight for restoring cessed allowances. He expressed his anguish for delay in creation of posts for new assets. GS AIRF promised, he will work in cooperation with elder statesman Dr.M.Raghavaiah General Secretary NFIR for the betterment of Railway men and All Central Government employees.

Dr.M.Raghavaiah General Secretary NFIR said 8th pay commission's nine themes and restrictions of 3500 characters each for expression of concern and solutions are insufficient for submission of memorandum. He said 8th CPC doesn't have detailed knowledge and records on functioning of previous pay commissions. GS NFIR on unjustified withdrawal of PCO allowance for SSEs upgraded to level-8 said, Railway board has not handled the issue of eligibility of PCO allowance and other allowance properly for supervisors upgraded to level-8 vide RBE No 155/2022. He further added that, in its communication to Finance Ministry seeking clarification on eligibility of certain allowances for the posts upgraded to level-8 vide RBE No.155/2022, Railway Board failed to mention about no change of designation, duties and responsibilities when SSEs are upgraded to level-8, further Railway board failed to mention SSEs who got level-8 and level-9 through MACPS are eligible for payment of PCO allowance and only mentioned there is no provision for payment of PCO allowance beyond level-7. GS NFIR expressed his concern on poor career progression of Technical Supervisors particularly of graduate Engineers recruited as SSEs are not addressed by Railways.

Both GS NFIR & GS AIRF asked office bearers of IRTSA to feed information and data for Federations for preparing effective memorandum to 8th CPC.





Glimpses of Mass Dharna organised by IRTSA at Jantar Mantar New Delhi



Er.Sunil Kumar Zonal President SR, Er.M.Bapat ZS RWF, Er.Akilesh Viswakarma ZS NR, Er.R.B.Singh ZS WR, Er.MMVGK.Raju ZS SCR, Er.Jagtar Singh ZS RCF, Er.Subrata Das ZS ER, Er.K.Gobinath ZS ICF, and others spoke in the dharan. Er.Surjit Singh Central Treasurer IRTSA felicitated General Secretaries of the federations.

Resolutions on main demands proposed by GS IRTSA was passed by the participants of the dharna unanimously.

Er.G.Aranganathan Furnishing Division Secretary IRTSA ICF zone proposed vote of thanks. He thanked GS AIRF and GS NFIR for sparing their valuable time in support of IRTSA and for addressing the dharana. He thanked General Secretary IRTSA, Er.Darshan Lal Central Working President, Er.Surjit Singh Central Treasurer, all zonal secretaries, CEC office bearers and active members for participating actively in the dharna. He specially thanked Er.Surjit Kumar Central Treasurer IRTSA, Er. Sunil Kumar Zonal President IRTSA/Southern Railway, Er.Subrata Das Zonal Secretary Eastern Railway, Er.Srinivasa Rao, Er.Jayaraman, Er. Yaga Srinivasa, Er. Ranjit, Er. Kamalesh, Er. Anantharaman, Er. Deepak, Er. K.J.Sundaravathanam, Er. N.Srinivas, Er. A.Srinivas and others for making elaborate arrangements for the success of the dharana.

Long live IRTSA

K.V.Ramesh, GS/IRTSA