UPDATE ON One Cadre One Pay issue

Contempt Hearing in Principle Bench CAT Delhi

The Contempt Petition in OA 1742 and 1743 came up for hearing in Principle Bench CAT Delhi on 22/8/2014. The Government Counsel conveyed that the issue of implementation for Applicants have been sent to the Department of Expenditure, after obtaining the clearance of the Law Ministry and asked time for the implementation. And the Government Counsel requested to close the contempt petition. Our Advocate argued and opposed this and appealed that contempt notices must be issued to all four Respondents i.e Hon'ble Secy. (I&B), CEO PB, DG (AIR) and DG (DD) and they should be asked to submit the Affidavit about their willingness to implement. He also argued that the time granted should be the final opportunity.

After hearing the arguments Hon'ble Justice granted that time and Next date of hearing is on 28th Oct 2014, because of Holidays in the month of October. The encouraging thing is that the Contempt is revived and will be continued. Sh. Rajiv Sharma, Standing Counsel, Prasar Bharati was also present in the hearing.

Meanwhile, on 21/8/2014 Central Office has arranged a detailed Meeting of the Advocate with some of the EAs (5K), who came to watch the hearing. The EAs asked many queries from the Advocate. The Advocate categorically informed that on the basis of these OAs, the Government is not bound to Generalize it for all. For this purpose a separate OA has to be filed and preferably a Single OA representing all beneficiaries. He also opined that, It would have been better, if an OA for generalization was filed along with these OAs. For this purpose Central Office has already submitted one representation to the Hon'ble Ministry of I &B.

After consultation with the EAs (5K) who came for watching the contempt hearing and the EAs (5K) from outside Delhi, it is decided that , If required ARTEE SHALL FILE AN OA FOR ALL OF ITS MEMBERS. For this purpose, we are giving one representation to be submitted by Individuals though proper Channel to their stations and advance copy to Hon'ble Secretary I&B as addressed in representation. Also one copy to be sent to Central Office at arteecentral@gmail.com

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All EA (5K) are cautioned about Money Mongers and elements who always look for opportunity to churn money by sensitizing the issues by invoking the sentiments of our <u>Members</u>.

Central Office also wants to warn such elements that strict Disciplinary Action shall be contemplated against the violators.

ARTEE Central Office also discussed the issue of grant of scale of Rs. 4500-7000 to the Technicians recruited after 25/2/99 as per the verdict of CAT Kolkata. The Advocate advised that a Contempt may be filed after it is implemented for EA (5K) applicants, since in the verdict by Kolkata CAT it is said to follow the course of proceedings of OA 1742 and OA 1743.

Following EA(5K) were present in the Meeting with Advocate and in Contempt proceedings.

- [1].Shri Chandrashekhar Azad
 [2]. Shri Niranjan Kumar
 [3]. Shri Ashish Kumar
 [4]. Shri C.B.Singh Abhay
 [5]. Shri Prabhu Nath Singh
 [6]. Shri Manoj Kumar Sahoo
 [7]. Shri M.S. Rana
 And many others from Delhi.
- DDK Lucknow LPT Navada (Bihar) DDK Patna DDK Patna AIR NBH New Delhi DDK Patna LPT Kotdwar (Uttarakhand)

Almost All the Central Executive Members were present in the hearing on 22-08-14.

Organizational Efforts for Generalization.

As we informed earlier, after the exclusive Meeting with ARTEE by the CEO, Prasar Bharati on 22/4/2014 (Minutes available on website), Central Office is trying its best to get the proposal prepared for the same in DG (AIR). An extensive proposal is prepared by the EPM Cell with Financial Implications one time around 38 Crores and annual around 5.75 Crores.

The Current status is that, the proposal sent to Prasar Bharati on 21/8/2014.

We shall try our best that all three proposals will be sent together to the Hon'ble Ministry of I &B from Prasar Bharati. As informed earlier Prasar Bharati Board in its Meeting on 8th July 2014 has already approved all three core decisions taken by the CEO in the Meeting with ARTEE on 22/3/2014. These proposals are being prepared as per these decisions.

We are regularly liasoning with the officials in the Hon'ble Ministry of I&B also. Central Office once again reiterates that all issues are equally important for us and we are doing our best in this regard.