UPDATE ON BURNING ISSUES AS ON 21/03/2014

ARTEE Central Leadership had a series of Meetings with Authorities on three Core issues.

On Wednesday 19/03/2014, ARTEE had a meeting with Sh. F.Sheheryar, DG(AIR) along with Sh.R.K.Budhraja, EinC (AIR), Dr. Sanjay Dubey, ADG(A), Sh. R.K.Saxena, ADG(D), DG AIR and other officers on 19/03/2014.

On Friday 21/03/2014, ARTEE had a on record official meeting with Brig.(Retd.) V.A.M.Hussain, Principle Advisor (Personnel and Administration), PB, Sh.Y.K.Singh, DDG(A), PB, Dr. Sanjay Dubey, ADG(A), AIR, Madam Vanita Sood, Dir.(A), Sh. Om Prakash, OSD, PB and other officers

Details of discussion in the meetings :

Pay Parity of Technicians with Lighting Assistants :

As we are aware DG (AIR) issued order for Notional Fixation for Tech/Sr.Tech on 11/03/2014. The order had anomalies :

(a). Scale of Sr.Tech is not clear

(b). Notional Fixation demanded in litigation was from July'83 to Dec'95 while as per order Notional Fixation is to be done till date.

(c). Entitlement of Arrears for the period after 01/01/96 in the corresponding scales.

(d). Grant of Scale of Rs. 5000-8000 to Technicians in the spirit of verdict of Hon'ble Supreme Court as Lighting Assistants were further upgraded in pay parity with Asstt. Cameramen.

Decision : A clarification will be sought from Hon'ble Ministry of I & B and Prasar Bharati citing all the above mentioned facts raised by ARTEE and after this clarification corrigendum will be issued accordingly.

One Cadre One Pay :

ARTEE raised the issue that Calculation of Financial Implications are taking a long time and it is being done only for EAs while as per proposal of DG(AIR) dated 17/02/2011, it has to be done for all cadres suffering from the problem.

Decision : A letter will be sent to Hon'ble Ministry of I & B as a reminder to take a decision. A proposal will be made and sent as early as possible.

ACP as per CAT Patna :

ARTEE raised issue of generalizing the ACP benefit as per verdict of CAT Patna. We informed that Prasar Bharati has already issued letter on 04/03/14 to calculate Financial Implications. We offered our services to calculate the Financial Implications. Administration informed that they sought Ministry's guidelines for further action. ARTEE leadership also met Sh. R.K.Budhraja, E.in.C.(AIR) who assured to take steps for preparing a proposal for generalizing the benefit.

Decision : It was decided to sent a Reminder to Ministry of I & B and to take steps to prepare a proposal for generalizing the benefit.

Work on all above decisions is in advance stage and relevant letters will be issued possibly next week.

Sh. Umesh Chandra, President, Sh. Gajendra Sharma, VP(AIR), Sh. Yogesh Kumar, VP(TV), Sh. Rajesh Kr. Gautam, Addl.G.S. and Sh. Anil Singhal, Secy.(AE) represented in Meetings.

ARTEE Central Leadership assure our Members that we are doing everything on above issues as these core issues for all of us.

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