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No.PSA/OC/1/S-MIB/2015/35

10.01.2015

To,
The Secretary,
Ministry of Information & Broadcasting,
Shastri Bhavan,
New Delhi-110001.

Sub: Gate meeting at Delhi on 16.01.2015 by ARTEE.

Ref: Ministry Order dated 08.09.2014 (No.503/5/2014-BA-E)

Sir,

It is with a great sense of pain and anguish that we are writing this letter to your kindself, and we wish to bring to your kind notice the above mentioned Ministry order that has in one simple letter indirectly done away with the benefit granted to more than 20,000 employees working all over India in All India Radio & Doordarshan by the then **Union Cabinet under the able Prime Ministership of Hon'ble Sh.A.B.Vajpayee on 25.02.1999**. It was the fulfillment of an assurance given to thousands of staff members by the untiring and dynamic Minister Late.Sh.Pramod Mahajan. Later, the GOM under the next Government had also specifically not withdrawn the benefit. Now as a sequel to the Ministry order an over enthusiastic PAO office in some states have started recovering huge amounts of money running into several lakhs from retiring employees in Novemembr and December. This is clearly causing mental agony to these employees as all their retirement plans are vastly effected due to the above mentioned Ministry order.

In this context we wish to state that we have already written to the to your kindself on 05.11.2014 and have not received any response. However, the Hon'ble Minister of State Col.Rajyavardhan Singh Rathore was kind enough to meet us on 06.01.2015 and gave us a very sympathetic hearing. He also directed us to meet the Joint Secretary to explain the issue. Hundreds of employees are retiring in January, and again they are also facing the same agony of recoveries. Prasar Bharati had already written a detailed reply to the Ministry on 22.10.2014 in response to the ministry letter dated 08.09.2014 , but the ministry has conveniently referred the issue to DOPT, rather than considering different aspects of the issue and keeping it's Order/ Circular in abeyance.

In this painful scenario when hundreds of employees are going to suffer for want of a decision from the Ministry, we cannot remain a mute spectator to an issue affecting all the programme staff. Hence our Association unanimously supports the GATE MEETING convened by ARTEE to protest against the injustice due to the Ministry order dated 08.09.2014.

**R.Srinivasan, President,
Dr.S.K.Nahar, Executive Vice-president,
Pankaj Pati Pathak, General Secretary
(Programme Staff Association of AIR & DD)**

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- 1. Hon'ble Chairman, Prasar Bharati, PTI Building, New Delhi.**
- 2. The CEO, Prasar Bharati, PTI Building, New Delhi.**
- 3. Sh.V.A.M.Hussain, Principal Advisor, Prasar Bharati.**
- 4. The Director General, All India Radio, New Delhi,**
- 5. The Director General, Doordarshan New Delhi.**
- 6. Sh. Umesh Chandra, President, ARTEE.**
- 7. Sh. Pawan Kumar Kohli, General Secretary, ADTEA,**
- 8. Sh. Umesh Mishra, President, ADP3.**