UPDATE ON ISSUES AS ON 22.05.2015

ACP PATNA: After the dismissal of the Writ Petition CWJC No.1869/2015 filed by the Government, in the hearing of IA 2918/2015 filed by ARTEE to intervene, Central Office has re initiated its efforts of expediting the implementation for all eligible EAs, SEAs and AEs.

A meeting of ARTEE members of all Delhi units was organized on 20.05.2015. The meeting was attended by more than 150+ members and was addressed by ARTEE leaders and office bearers of B.M.S with whom ARTEE is affiliated. In the meeting it was decided to stage a one day long dharna in front of the DG (AIR) Office on 28th May 2015.

On 11th May I met CEO, Prasar Bharati in the presence of Member (P), at 19:30 hrs, who assured me to adopt a positive decision on three core issues passed by the Prasar Bharati Board and asked me to meet Member (P) separately.

On 21st May, I met DG (AIR) who assured me for a positive approach on our issues and he conveyed that he discussed the issue in Prasar Bharati, as I sent him a mail informing about the dismissal of Writ Petition of Government.

On 21st, Member (P) called DG (AIR) officials and discussed the status of all court cases, including our issues. On 21st, We served a representation to challenge the speaking order issued in OA No. 757/2013 and 4429/2014, which is a pre requisite to challenge the speaking order in the Court of law.

On 22nd, Member (P) called me and discussed our issues and he conveyed that he has instructed to calculate Financial Implications of ACP PATNA for Retired EAs/SEAs/AEs and also for people who got promoted to JTS level as ACP has to be given to them also for the period they were EA/SEA/AEs.

Member (P) assured to hold an official meeting very soon with all the preparations possibly by next week on all issues passed by the Prasar Bharati Board. Sh. Rajesh Kumar Gautam, Addl. General Secretary was also present with me in the meeting.

In the light of these positive developments and Managements positive intentions, the scheduled of One day long Dharna in front of DG(AIR) Office is deferred till next information, but Members have to be on high alert as we may take any step on a short notice in case of any negative development.

EA (5K) Issue: We are in continuous touch with the officials in the Hon'ble Ministry of I&B. Yesterday, I spoke to Deputy Secretary (BA-E), and discussed the issue. He assured me that file will be sent to the Department of Expenditure as quickly as possible.

Tech vs LA Pay parity Issue: We have already served a representation to challenge the Speaking Order issued in OA 4424/2014 and we are taking this issue also on top priority with the management. Very soon a MA will be filed to challenge the Speaking Order.

Helper ACP Issue: We are waiting for the copy of the judgment for dismissal of Review Petition filed by Government in CAT Delhi on 14.05.15. Immediately a representation will be served to challenge the speaking order in OA 3605/2015 filed by ARTEE for all eligible Helpers.

Cadre Review: The exercise is reaching its finality. We have adopted a very strong and clear stand on some basic anomalies, which were existing since decades. Report will be finalized soon.

We are working in all issues with commitment and positive developments are testimony of our efforts. Stay united and we shall succeed.

Umesh Chandra, President, ARTEE.