

Update on Various Issues as on 07.02.2015

During the last week, ARTEE Central Office had meetings at various levels, including DDG (A), DG (AIR), Respected CEO, Hon'ble Ministry of I&B and Hon'ble Ministry of Law to pursue our pending issues. An update on the issues is given below.

[1]. The Recovery due to 25.02.1999 Scales as Upgradation:

Central office took up the matter in the most urgent manner. After the Gate Meeting of 16/01/15 the issue gained momentum. Now the issue has two aspects:

[a]. Keeping the Recovery in Abeyance:

We demanded that Recovery should be kept in abeyance till the issue decided to a finality. As per the decision taken at the Meeting with JS (BII) on 20.01.15, a note prepared and file is sent to the Hon'ble Ministry of Law and ARTEE had meetings at various levels. The progress is positive and we expect a positive output soon.

[b]. Settling the issue of Upgraded Scales in MACP:

As DOPT has sent the file back to the MIB for want of a self contained note, the note is being prepared and will be sent to DOPT as early as possible.

[2]. Recovery of Sr. Tech by ADG (E), North Zone:

On 4th Feb 2015 O/o ADG (E), NZ issued an unwarranted Order to make huge Recoveries from Sr.Techs. This order was issued without following the proper

order from DG (AIR) and without following proper procedures. It was done on the basis of Clarification issued in a case by Railway Recruitment Board. ARTEE raised its strong Resentment in DG (AIR) and in the ADG (E) North Zone office. ARTEE President immediately contacted DDG (A), who agreed that it is wrong and instructed to keep it in abeyance. On 05.02.15, Central Office and North Zonal Body of ARTEE had a Meeting with ADG(E) NZ and after strong arguments and heated exchange the order is withdrawn. ARTEE Central Office congratulates North Zone body under the leadership of Sh. L.R.Gupta, VP(NZ). ARTEE express its disappointment that our Engineering bosses are always very instrumental in implementing negative recommendations, while so many obstacles are posed in the way of implementing positive recommendations, including Court Verdicts.

[Click here for ADG \(E\) NZ Order](#)

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[Click here for Order to withdraw the Order of Recovery.](#)

[2]. EA & SEA Merger:

The issue is hanging like an another similar to 25/2/1999 order since last 5 Years and due to this the Examination for SEA to AE is not being held since 2009. A good 400+ vacancies are lying vacant and Management is using this as an opportunity to downgrade EA and SEA in G.P. 4200 in the Designation Jr. Engr. Now, As per our information, a revised proposal is being prepared in Prasar Bharati without any Change in Designation, to allow EAs to appear in the Examination for the post of AE. After approval of CEO the proposal will be sent to the Hon'ble Ministry of I & B.

[3]. Bio Metric system in LPTs / HPTs/LRSs.

The issue is being taken up in the lines of the order issued by Railway Recruitment Board. ARTEE raised the issue of the impracticability of the Bio Metric System in LPTs. Department assured to look into the issue and find out a viable solution. On 04.02.15 President met our Respected CEO to pursue the matter. The CEO assured to find out some solution. We are pursuing the matter, but we have to keep in mind that, punctuality is an essential part of our service.

[Click here for Letter Submitted to Respected CEO, PB.](#)

(4). Abolishment of all Vacant Posts by Prasar Bharati on 31.03.2014:

ARTEE already addressed this issue and President raised the issue with CEO, PB in the meeting with him on 04.02.15. CEO assured and instructed PA (PA) to look into this matter. The confusion on the issue is expected to be cleared soon.

[Click here for the letter submitted to CEO on the issue](#)

[5]. ACP As per CAT Verdict Patna:

Process of Generalization has gained a substantial progress after the delegation of powers to DG (AIR).

(a). Writ Petition in Hon'ble High Court, Patna:

Government is misleading on the pretext that writ Petition filed in the Hon'ble High Court Patna is admitted. ARTEE Central office is in touch with the

Applicants of PATNA. On 04.02.15 the petition had to come up for hearing for removal of objections after submission of documents. But Could not come up as the case was listed very low in cause list. Next date is awaited. After this the date of Admission will be fixed and after arguments from both sides the decision of Admission or Denial will be taken by the Hon'ble High Court, Patna.

(b). Hearing in Principle Bench CAT Delhi:

Meanwhile, as reported earlier on 05.02.15, in a hearing in Hon'ble CAT Delhi this issue was argued. Government side submitted that the Writ Petition is admitted. Our Advocate argued that in the past it was granted the benefit to some Members subjected to the outcome of the Review Petition which was pending in the Same High Court at that time. He argued that same may be extended to the Applicants also. The judgment is reserved. We expect a positive outcome.

(6). One Cadre One Pay for EA(5K):

After the clearance by the Department of Expenditure, in some cases filed in Individual Capacity, a detailed note has to be prepared for Generalization and it has to be sent to the Ministry of Law, on the basis of the decision taken at the Meeting of ARTEE with CEO on 22.04.14, the subsequent Approval in 122nd by the Prasar Bharati Board and on the basis of the Generalization Case filed and won by ARTEE. A reply is to be prepared by MIB, as per query raised by the Hon'ble Ministry of Law about our Generalization proposal. Due to the deployment of some MIB officers in Delhi Election duties, the issue may be delayed for some more time. We are doing our best that file is again sent to the Hon'ble Ministry of Law as early as possible.

(7). Tech v/s Pay Parity with Lighting Assistants in 5000-8000 scale:

Proposal for Generalization is put up in the Hon'ble Ministry of I&B. But the process is slow as the Individual case filed by Ashok Yadav and others is still pending and the next date is on 11.03.2015.

(8). ACP to Helpers in Tech Scale:

As informed earlier, ARTEE has filed an OA to generalize the benefit of OA 1949/2012 to all eligible Helpers. The Court gave two months time to implement it. But in the meantime, DG Doordarshan filed a Review Petition in OA 1949/2012 in CAT Delhi. We are viewing all options. No hearing took place as there is no date of hearing is given. As per the latest information, the Government has changed its Advocate. We will update the further development, but no progress can be made unless this Review Petition is finalized.

(9). Cadre Review of Sub Ordinate Engg. Cadres:

On 19/01/15, Sh. Shayamal Sircar, Consultant who is looking the work of Cadre review had a meeting in the Prasar Bharati Secretariat and discussed the structure with us. Efforts are on for further progress in the matter.

(10). Technicians Joined in 4000-6000 Scale after 25/2/1999:

ARTEE is going to file an OA for Technicians joined between 25.02.1999 and 05.10.2007 in 4000-6000 scale to grant them the Scale of Rs. 4500-7000. The date in the similar case in CAT Kolkata is on 10.02.15 and we are waiting for this and if a favorable verdict is delivered in CAT Kolkata, it will be helpful in the Generalization case also.

Central Office