

Association of Radio and TV Engineering Employees

Report of First Day of Relay Hunger Strike

The Association of Radio and TV Engineering Employees (ARTEE), the largest Association of Akashwani & Doordarshan, supported by Programme Staff Association (PSA) and Akashwani and Doordarshan Programme Production Professionals representing more than 15000 Government Employees of Helper, Tech, Sr. Tech, EA, SEA, AE, Trex, Pex, Prod. Asstts., Floor Assistants and other cadres belonging to Sub Ordinate Cadres working in Prasar Bharati on deemed deputation are in the path of Agitation against totally unjustified huge Recoveries from Serving and Retiring Employees from their salary on the pretext of Scales granted 16 years back. These scales were granted when late Sh. Pramod Mahajan was Minister of I & B in 1999, as per verdict of Hon'ble Supreme Court w.e.f. 01/01/1978, Now, while granting MACP Scheme, Department is treating these scales as an Upgradation and by this all Employees who have already granted MACP Scheme are facing huge Recoveries to the tune of 7 Lakhs and more.

Associations have launched Agitation on Jan'2015 and the Agitation was postponed on the Assurance of Col. (Retd.), Sh. Rajyavardhan Singh Rathore, Hon'ble MOS, MIB. When Recoveries were continued, Employee Associations filed a Case in CAT Delhi, which granted Absolute stay on the Recoveries but Department is continuing with it even after stay. It is pertinent to mention that as per verdict of Hon'ble Supreme Court in Rafiq Massiah case these Recoveries are impermissible.

On this and other demands like ACP PATNA, Tech / LA Pay Parity / Tech(4K) / Helper ACP Association of Radio & TV Employees (ARTEE), has launched 5 days Relay Hunger Strike from 22.02.16 to 26.02.16. The Relay Hunger Strike is supported by PSA and ADP3 Associations also. A Lunch Hour Gate Meeting in DD Bhawan was organized in Mandi House on 22.02.2016 which was attended by large number of employees and addressed by Sh. Umesh Chandra, President, ARTEE, Sh. Sanjeev Soni, Vice President ADP3, Sh. R.Srinivasan, President, PSA.

The Agitation is supported by Bhartiye Majdoor Sangh, The lunch hour Gate Meeting was also addressed by Sh.B.S.Bhati, State President, BMS Delhi & Nagendra Singh ji, State General Secretary of Bhartiya Mazdoor Sangh.

The President of ARTEE Sh. Umesh Chandra informed that the issue of Recovery is sent to DoPT for final Consideration. BMS Leaders assured all sorts of support to the Agitation. Associations announced that if their demands are not met, agitation will be further strengthened in the entire country.



Beginning of Relay Hunger Strike by President, ADL.G.S, VP(NZ) & Unit Secy, DDK Delhi



Yogesh, VP(TV) and S.P.Dubey, JS(SEA/EA) NZ in Gate Meeting



Gate Meeting Addressed by President



Address by Sh. Nagendra Singh, State Gen.Secy. Delhi BMS



A big and sincere Members listening the Addresses



The Stage of fist Day