

Association of Radio and TV Engg. Employees.

Press Release

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The Association of Radio and TV Engg. Employees (ARTEE), largest Association of Akashwani & Doordarshan supported by Programme Staff Association (PSA) and Akashwani and Doordarshan Programme Production Professionals representing more than 15000 Govt. 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 on 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 the 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 who 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, 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 Gen. Secy. of Bhartiye Majodoor 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 support to the Agitation. Associations announced that if their demands are not met ,agitation will be further strengthen in the entire Country.

Signature

Umesh Chandra, President, ARTEE