

# **Minutes of Central Council Meeting on 23<sup>rd</sup> Feb 2017, Kolkata.**

A meeting of Central Council held in Kolkata on 23<sup>rd</sup> Feb 2017 during Golden Jubilee Celebrations. The Minutes and Resolutions of the Meeting are given below:

In the beginning President informed the House about the recent developments.

## **Organizational Issues:**

### **[1]. Representation received from DDK Patna:**

Considering the request and faith posed in ARTEE by Members of DDK Patna, It is resolved to restore the ARTEE UNIT of DDK Patna. Since the decision of dissolution was taken by CWC, this adhoc decision will be placed before Next CWC for ratification. UNIT may start its functioning immediately.

House was pleased that DDK Patna Unit has expressed faith in ARTEE and expected that Unit will follow the discipline of Association and language of their communications will not be disrespectful to leadership.

### **[2]. Current Scenario about Unity:**

House discussed the formation of a new outfit by some suspended and expelled leaders and expressed its disappointment that their act will weaken the bargaining powers of the cadres from Helper to AE.

**President informed the house that after the news was flashed in Social media, he issued show cause notices to the persons whom names were appeared as office bearers. He received the reply only from Sh. Manoj Kumar Gupta. In his reply he clearly replied that he is not Member of any other Association.**

House discussed the issue and Resolved to recommend the revoking of the suspension of Sh. Manoj Kumar Gupta to CWC, since the decision was taken by CWC depending upon the conduct.

House also pledged not to allow divisive forces to be successful and resolved to keep ARTEE United.

**[3]. Case for Prasar Bharati Employees EA (5K):**

House expressed its concern over the problems of Prasar Bharati Employees and discrimination with them.

House Resolved to file a Litigation for Grant of the pre revised scale of Rs. 6500-10500 i.e. Grade Pay 4600/-.

All works related to this will be carried out by President. Case for Technicians will be filed separately.

**[4]. Efforts to Make ARTEE More Strong and Powerful:**

In our endeavor to keep ARTEE United and make it more powerful, the House discussed various measures.

***After discussion, House resolved to welcome back All Leaders and Members whether expelled/Suspended earlier or left ARTEE of their own, to strengthen it. ARTEE will whole heartedly welcome all.***

**[5]. Declaration of Elections for 2017:**

President informed the House that Sh. Jay Ram Singh informed that Assistant Registrar of Societies, Allahabad has approved our byelaws.

Even though the Hon'ble Court Patiala House issued direction to Prasar Bharati to appoint observer for Elections as per DoPT norms, Prasar Bharati has not taken any action since last two months.

House decided to approach Prasar Bharati to appoint Observer so that Elections may be declared as early as possible.

Gen.Secy. informed that Work of Updating Voter List is in full swing and it will be completed as per schedule.

## **[2]. Cadre based Issues:**

House informed that all cadre based issues were discussed in details in the open session on 22<sup>nd</sup> Feb 2017. Details are as given below:

### **[1]. Helper ACP Issue:**

As we have been informing regularly, the issue is based upon the Case of Rishi Raj & Ors, But the Advocate of Sh. Rishi raj is taking date after date. We have hired a very prominent Advocate Sh. Manish Bishnoi from ARTEE side and ready to do whatever required. Next date may be crucial for the issue.

### **[2]. Tech (4K) Issue:**

We all know that the file was cleared from DoEXP but there was unclarity in MIB order as per O/o DG AIR and for this O/o DG(AIR) sent the query to MIB. MIB has decided to seek opinion of Department of Legal Affairs (DoLA). The file is being sent to DoLA. We are keeping a close track on the file movement.

We are aware about widespread resentment of the issue, but we have to acknowledge that there are things which are beyond our control but better late than never. We are trying to solve the issue at the earliest.

We also acknowledge the concern of our Tech(4k) brothers as there issues was not taken earlier with same intensity.

### **[3]. Tech vs LA Issue:**

We have informed earlier also that DoEXP has raised fresh query due to another case filed in Individual capacity. Hon'ble MIB referred the query to DG(AIR) and reply from DG(AIR) is sent on 18.01.2017.

Now the follow up will be done in Ministry and all efforts will be done to send the file to DoEXP as quickly as possible.

### **[4]. Pendency of EA(5K) Arrears :**

However many of EA(5K) have got their Arrears, but around 30 members are left. We have submitted a list and are in the process of reviving contempt.

**[5]. ACP PATNA to EA, SEA to AE**

We have been keenly following and supporting the cause. Recently Hon'ble CAT issued notice for criminal proceedings against authorities who issued speaking Order. In another development a district court from Motihari has found a case of criminal offence in first instance and notices are issued to DG(AIR), Dy. Director, DDK Patna and DDA(E), DG(AIR).

We are vigorously following it to get it solved.

**[6]. SEA to AE Promotions:**

As informed earlier that DG(AIR) has asked NABM to conduct the examination as per existing Rules for the vacancies up to July 2012, the date on which the decision of Merger was taken. A reminder is sent to NABM to conduct the examination.

**[7]. EA and SEA Merger:**

Prasar Bharati has asked DG(AIR) for a fresh proposal in Grade Pay Rs. 4600 as the earlier decision was in 4200. This proposal is sent. The issues are being followed in PB. Follow-up work may delay as Prasar Bharati is being shifted from PTI Building to Phase-III, Doordarshan Bhawan, Copernicus Marg, New Delhi-110001

**[8]. Tech and Sr.Tech Merger:**

The issue is being followed separately.

**[9]. AE to ADE Promotions:**

As informed that with the persuasion of ARTEE, DG(AIR) has agreed to consider our concerns raised by Members like eligibility from next date of acquiring degree and missing names.

#### **[10]. Funding after March 2017:**

The issue is concerned to all and we have taken it up in September 2016 itself. as per the cabinet decision dated 14.09.2012, Central Government has been providing financial support to Prasar Bharati for meeting 100% expense towards salary and salary related expenses, and this support is available till the Financial Year 2016 - 17 only. In this regard a draft cabinet note was sent by Prasar Bharati to MIB for seeking government support for salary and salary related expenses beyond 2016-2017. As per the letter dated 23.08.2016 by ADG (B&A), Prasar Bharati to DG(A),DG AIR it was very clear that " if cabinet's approval is not obtained well in time , it will become difficult for the Ministry to make provision in the budget for salaries for the year 2017 - 18 onwards". Realizing the importance of the issue, ARTEE intervened in the matter and on 27.09.2016 wrote a letter to the Hon'ble Prime Minister

We had sent another reminder dated 19.01.2017 with a request to our Hon'ble Prime Minister. It is indeed very happy to see that Union Budget 2017-18 has set apart Rs 4,409 crore for the I&B Ministry for 2017-18, 5.96% more than what was allocated last year. In this Rs. 2996.70 crores is allocated to Prasar Bharati for the establishment and other expenditure. In the last budget the allocation to Prasar Bharati was Rs. 2766.86 crores. An increase of Rs.229.84 crores is allowed in the union budget 2017-18, compared to the previous Union Budget. Hence we expect that there shall be no further funding crisis after March 2017

#### **[11]. Cadre Review of Engg. Cadres:**

We know that Cadre Review Exercise shall solve many of our problems. Prasar Bharati has asked DG(AIR) to sent its comments on some of the contentious issues. DG(AIR) is preparing these details. We are monitoring the progress of Cadre Review.

#### **[12]. 25.02.1999 Upgradation Issue:**

The file is in DoEXP and ARTEE had a meeting with Joint Secy. (Pers), DoEXP on Tuesday. The issue is in final stage and we are putting our whole hearted efforts that the issue is settled in our favor.

Meanwhile the issue is pending in Hon'ble CAT Delhi also.

**[13]. 3<sup>rd</sup> MACP for Sr.Tech:**

We have obtained stay on the Recovery. The issues flagged when DoPT adjudged the grant of 3<sup>rd</sup> MACP wrongly implemented in Railways and issued instructions to recover it. The effected people obtained stay from CAT and same thing we followed when similar objections were raised for us.

The issue is before court of law and as per our Advocate opinion, our case is strong.

**[14]. 7<sup>th</sup> CPC for Prasar Bharati Employees**

It is a welcome sign that Ministry of Finance has issued order for autonomous corporations. We have submitted a letter to Prasar Bharati to prepare a proposal and send it to Hon'ble MIB and then DoEXP.

The issue will be followed on priority so that our PB Brothers get the benefit of 7<sup>th</sup> CPC.

We at Centre are working vigorously and most sincerely to expedite all the issues. We understand that our problems are complex but we are optimistic that we will succeed in solving our problems.

At the end house expressed its heartfelt gratitude to East Zone Body for Organizing three days Golden Jubilee Functions and pledged to keep Spirit of Unity High.

House also thanked Sh. P.K.Sanyal for his invaluable contribution to the cause of Welfare and his service to ARTEE.

Meeting ended with Vote of Thanks.

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