

Report of Tour of Andhra Pradesh by State Secretary

Dear President Umesh ji,

On the request of the staff of LPT Amalapuram and Tuni (which are under threat of closure), a team comprising of myself, AGSTV Sri Seshagiri, Jt. Sec. (Helper) Sri Murali Mohan and senior ARTEEian Sri Ravindra visited those two LPTs on 2nd&3rd Nov and had close discussion with the staff.

We explored the ways to keep the LPTs running. At Amalapuram we found that the people of the town very determined to continue the LPT in digital mode. They have been demanding an FM station also for a long time. Our members are in touch with the local MP and he has already met DG-DD officials. We explained the latest overall situation and suggested some ways to keep these transmitters running. We promised the staff that whatever be the final outcome, we are committed to protect the interests of the staff, and will strive for choice places for them in case of closure.

We used this opportunity to visit other LPT/HPT/AIR stations in the area and meet our members there. Besides LPT Closure issue, we interacted with them on many others like salary late payment, 25/02/99 & recoveries, Helper court case, latest developments on DTech/DED/MTech/Tech/Sr Tech merger, 5400 AE implementation, restarting of MACP orders etc.

The response from the members has been tremendous. Members expressed a lot of expectations on the new CWC. We took their suggestions on many issues and shall report in the forthcoming CWC meeting.

With warm regards,

**V.V. Subba Raju,
State Secretary, ARTEE,
AP State**

