

DG (AIR) Issued Clarification about its Order dated 07.02.2019

As you are aware on 07.02.2019, DG (AIR) had issued an Order designed to disturb the historically unbroken pay parity of Technicians with Lighting Assistants established by the highest court of the land, achieved after much struggle and litigation. This Order totally negates the spirit of the DG-AIR Order dated 11.03.2014. The order dated 07.02.2019 has created confusion, scope for misinterpretation and has given ample opportunity to field offices to prejudicially withdraw / modify the Pay Scale of Technicians.

Even though the Order dated 07.02.2019 was issued by misinterpreting the Court order in a case filed by a member of our sister Association. This is also most surprising that the leadership of that Association was not even aware that what kind of order is going to be issued. ARTEE registered its strongest resentment against this order through its representation to DG AIR dated 11.02.2019 with an Appeal to Technician Fraternity to Represent in Large Numbers to Register their Protest.

We want to highlight that what kind of threats the order dated 07/02/19 has posed to our Tech and Sr. Tech brothers.

[1]. The Admin employees in stations started their sinister move to withdraw scale of 5000-8000 granted as per DG(AIR) Order dated 12/05/17 w.e.f. 01/01/96 Notionally and Arrears from April 2015 as per ARTEE OA 4424/2014.

[2]. We all know that all Tech joined after 25/2/99 and before 05/10/2007 were placed in 4000-6000 scale. ARTEE filed OA 1575/2015 and all such Technicians and on 17/05/2017 DG(AIR) released an Order to grant them Scale of 4500-7000 on actual basis from their Date of Joining. We got information that Admin people are now saying to Recover the Arrears and grant the scale 4500-7000 Notionally as per DG(AIR) Order dated 07/02/19. In some stations where Arrears were not disbursed, Admin started refusing the Arrears.

So in nutshell the order dated 07/02/19 has posed the threat of withdrawing what we have got in last few years instead of giving us Arrears.

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Today as a result of the hectic and tactical persuasion by ARTEE, DG AIR issued the much needed Clarification on 11/3/2019.

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About no mention of Arrears from 23/10/2011, the stand of DG(AIR) is that they have interpreted the Verdict of Hon'ble High Court, Chennai in Vijaykumaran Case correctly. Now it is upto the Association to which this case belongs to take up the issue further. We think they have to Challenge this 07/02/2019 Order. ARTEE is always open for any kind of support whatsoever may be for the cause.

It is very unfortunate and deplorable that one newly born Association used the above order dated 07.02.2019 to create panic and confusions among Members Technicians for their selfish motive of Membership. It has become their habit to jump to claim credit of every good thing and to blame others for adverse developments. ARTEE Central Office strongly condemns such irresponsible actions.

We are happy that we could successfully save our Members from threats posed by the 07/2/19 Order.

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