

Minutes of ARTEE Central Council Meeting held on 19.12.2020

A Central Council in virtual mode meeting under the chairmanship of the President (in-charge) Sh. Yogesh Kumar held on 19.12.2020 at 2.00 pm.

The following Central Council members attended the meeting.

SNo.	Name	Post
1.	Sh.Yogesh Kumar,	VP (TV)
2.	Sh.Joseph Martin CJ,	VP (AIR)
3.	Sh.Umesh Chandra,	National Advisor
4.	Sh.RB.Dwivedi	Treasurer
5.	Sh.Anup Katiyar	Secretary (Tech-Sr.Tech)
6.	Sh.Subhranshu Ghosh,	VP (East Zone)
7.	Sh.Nandkumar P. Wankhede,	VP (West Zone)
8.	Sh.R.Ramasubramaniam,	VP (South Zone)
9.	Sh.Ved Prakash,	VP (North Zone) Jt.Charge
10.	Sh.Basant Lal Meena	VP (North Zone) Jt.Charge
11.	Sh.Sanjoy Purkayastha,	AGS AIR(NE) (Representative of VP(NE Zone))

The members of the bye-laws amendment committee were also had invited as special invitees. The following members of the bye-laws amendment committee also attended the meeting.

1.	Sh.Yashwant S.Tahasildar	Chairman
2.	Sh.Manas Datta,	Vice - Chairman
3.	Sh.C.S.AZAD,	Secretary
4.	Sh.M.Sheshagiri.	Member
5.	Sh.Zubair.K	Member

At the beginning of the meeting the President (in-charge) Sh. Yogesh Kumar welcomed all attendees of the meeting and informed the house about the health position of President Sh.M.P.Chaudhari & whole house offered their best wishes for the speedy recovery of the President.

The house discussed the following Agenda items :

1). Amendment in BYE-LAWS.

President (in charge) Sh. Yogesh Kumar proposed for a Resolution to submit the approved recommendations of BYE LAWS AMENDMENT COMMITTEE 2020 by Central Council to the department/authorities. The chairman of “BYE LAWS AMENDMENT COMMITTEE 2020” Sh. Yeshwant S Tahasildar, AGS TV WZ placed the Resolution and House adopted the resolution with the majority of the Votes.

On behalf of Central Council, President in-Charge whole heartedly thanked the members of the Bye-laws Amendment Committee under the chairmanship of senior leader Sh. Yashwant S Tahasildar for their commendable efforts for the finalization of the amendments in bye-laws in a stipulated time period. House also decided to go ahead with further process like submitting Amended byelaws to Prasar Bharati etc without any further delay.

President (in-charge) Sh. Yogesh Kumar ensured the house to present the approved Bye-laws Amendments to the department/authorities within a week.

2).Tech Cadre Merger Issue.

The House discussed the issue in details. National adviser Sh. Umesh Chandra expressed his view that it seems DoEXP is unwilling to grant merger of D.Tech and M.Tech who are in GP less than the GP of technician (GP 4200/) with Technician. The House discussed various options in this issue. It is decided that the reply to be send by MIB should be convincing to DoEXP with various options. It is decided to pursue the issue vigorously .

3). 25/2/1999 Scales Issue.

VP-AIR Sh. Joseph Martin informed the house that even though DG AIR with the approval of CEO, Prasar Bharati had requested Ministry of I & B to withdraw its direction/order dated 31.01.2018 to consider pay scales granted as per MIB O.M dated 25.02.1999 as one upgradation while granting MACP. The decision in this regard has to be taken by DoPT which is the nodal agency for MACP.

Earlier in two occasions Ministry had referred this matter to DoPT and in both occasions DoPT reiterated its stand that the pay scales granted as per Ministry O.M dated 25.02.1999 as one upgradation for MACP.

But now there is a positive development that Ministry have accepted the pay scales 5000 - 150- 8000 (4200 GP) granted to Technician as normal replacement scales . This is definitely a positive development. But we needs to be very alert and must do our all out efforts to get a positive decision .

Sh. Umesh Chandra, N.A. suggested that if we can convince Hon'ble MIB to refer the file to Deptt of Legal Affairs (Dola), we can expect endorsement of as DoLA earlier gave its advice that "these scales are Restoration of Scales and may not be treated as Upgradation". The matter may be pursued in this direction. House discussed the option and decided to consider the suggestion.

4). EA to SEA Promotion.

President in charge informed the development about EA to SEA Promotion of all Zones together. Central Team visited ADG HR & DDG HR many times in this issue .ADG HR Madam was unavailable due to COVID 19 Infection since last one & half month. Team ARTEE had already informed the authorities about the injustice faced by the EAs other than North Zone and have informed here about the negative impact if promotion list of other zones not issued at the earliest. President in charge assured to meet the higher authorities of PB this week again to expedite the process urgently.

5). Transmitter Closure Issue.

House discussed the offhand Closures of Transmitters of DD & AIR by the department without any advanced replacement of the same. House decided unanimously to oppose such steps of management at highest level with full might and with a suggestion to upgrade those transmitters gradually to ensure the role of AIR & DD as " National Broadcaster".

President in-charge Sh. Yogesh Kumar appreciated the commendable efforts of SZ ARTEE TEAM to reinstate the transmission of MW Transmission of AIR ALLEPPEY within few days only after the order of closure by the department. President in-charge Sh. Yogesh Kumar also eulogized the decisive role of Sh. C.S.AZAD,State Secretary-U.P to ensure the withdrawal of order of closure of MW Transmitter of AIR-Gorakhpur by the department instantly. House also applauded rigorous political and organizational persuasion by of its Kerala and UP State Units.

6). Miscellaneous items with the permission of Chair :

After the Agendas items finished, house discussed some miscellaneous issues with the permission of Chair.

- **Issue of Overdue of Transfer List of Difficult stations of SZ :**

With the permission of the President in-charge & VP SZ , AGS TV SZ Sh.M.Sheshagiri raised the issue of extreme delay in release of transfer list of difficult stations under the jurisdiction of office of ADG SZ and shared the miserable situation of affected members posted at such difficult stations of SZ since last 3 years & more. President in charge Sh.Yogesh Kumar assured to meet ADG HR,PB this week & a resentment letter shall be served to The CEO,PB by the President,ARTEE on this serious matter of staff welfare.

- **Issue of MACP to Deprived Sr. Technicians :**

With the permission of the President in-charge ,State Secretary U.P Sh.C.S.AZAD raised the issue of denial of MACP to Senior Technicians. Due to it, Senior most Sr.Techs would be forced to retire with the GP of RS.4600 only. This issue was discussed in the house very seriously and resolved with a decision to follow it up gravely.

- **Appointment on Compensatory Ground :**

With the permission of the President in-charge ,VP WZ & few other invitees shared their concern about the apathy in the department on the matters of Appointment on Compensatory Ground to eligible family member of deceased subordinate engineering staff(Permanent). House paid their concern about the untimely deaths of working subordinate engineering staff all over the zones during ongoing Pandemic period of COVID-19 this year and resolved with an unanimous decision to represent such unfortunate cases of bereaved families of deceased subordinate engineering staff to the department to consider it as an extraordinary case of Compensatory Appointment on highest humanitarian ground.

Meeting dissolved with a unanimous decision to maintain the discipline of the association from highest to bottom level of leadership in a cordial way to work collectively in the interest of Association & members only.

Meeting ended with vote of thanks by the chairman of the meeting Sh.Yogesh Kumar, President In-charge & VP TV.

YOGESH KUMAR
President In-charge