

The Real Facts about Sr.Tech,Tech,D.Tech, M.Tech Merger Proposal

As you are aware, on 30.06.2014 DG AIR had submitted a proposal to Prasar Bharati with recommendation to merge Tech and Sr.Tech, D.Tech and M.Tech as Technical Assistant.

[Click here for the Proposal submitted by DG AIR on 30.06.14](#)

In the meantime, the cadre review committee has submitted a detailed proposal for re-constructing of the subordinate engineering cadre which also included the merger of Tech,Sr.Tech,D.Tech, M.Tech as Sr. Broadcast Technician in 4200/- GP. Hence DG AIR through the letter dated 08.07.2015 communicated to Prasar Bharati that the earlier proposal submitted on 30.06.2014 to re –designate Technicians and Sr. Technicians as Technical Assistant has now redundant and further requested not to pursue the earlier proposal submitted on 30.06.14.

[Click here for DG AIR Letter to PB dated 08.07.2015](#)

Hence in the name of Cadre Review Proposals the further steps in proposal submitted on 30.06.2014 were stopped. Mean time in Ashok Yadav Case and in case filed by ARTEE Court directed department to grant pre revised scale of 5000-8000 to Technicians. Considering this positive development ARTEE again raised the issue of merger of Technician cadres through its representation dated 07.03.2016.

[Click here for the representation dated 07.03.16, submitted by ATTEE to DG AIR](#)

As a result of our representation dated 07.03.2016, DG AIR issued a letter (enclosing the representation submitted by ARTEE) on 19.04.2016 to Prasar Bharati to consider the demand of merger of Tech cadres as demanded by ARTEE.

[Click here for the letter dated 19.04.16 by DG AIR to Prasar Bharati](#)

But the officials in Prasar Bharati was of the view that Prasar Bharati can initiate further action in this matter only after placing all Technicians with Central Government status in the Pre revised scale of Rs.5000-8000. Due to the efforts by ARTEE, DG AIR through its letter dated 26.10.2017 informed Prasar Bharati that “proposal for granting the pre revised Pay Scale of Rs.5000- 8000 to those who were

appointed between 26.02.1999 to 05.10.2007 has been referred to MIB for approval, which has been agreed in principle. Hence all incumbents Tech and Sr.Tech who are government servant would be placed in the same Pay scale of Rs.5000-8000". DG AIR further informed that Cadre Review committee report is likely to take some time and has become imperative to revisit the proposal of merger of Tech cadres

[Click here for letter dated 26.10.17 by DG AIR to Prasar Bharati](#)

But ARTEE succeeded in placing all employees appointed between 26.02.1999 to 05.10.2007 in Rs.5000-8000 scale, through the DG AIR order dated 18.12.17. After this positive development Prasar Bharati raised some quires to DG AIR in this matter and when the reply was delayed in DG AIR, ARTEE through its letter dated 27.04.18 expressed its strong disappointment in replying the quires raised by Prasar Bharati and demanded to send the reply to the quires at the earliest.

[Click here for Letter dated 27.04.18 to DG\(AIR\) Against Delay in Sending Reply to PB in Tech/Sr.Tech Merger Issue](#)

As a result of our persuasion DG AIR send the reply to the quires raised by Prasar Bharati. Finally, as a result of our continuous efforts, Prasar Bharati Board in its meeting held on 21.05.2019 approved the merger of Tech /Sr.Tech/ M.Tech/ D. Tech in pre revised scale of Rs.5000-800 ie Rs.4200/- Grade Pay with designation as Junior Broadcast Engineer and on 28.05.19 Prasar Bharati send the Proposal to Ministry of Information and Broadcasting for further action and approval. This proposal is based on the proposal submitted by ARTEE. The issue will be vigorously pursued in Hon'ble Ministry of Information and Broadcasting.

[Click here for the Sr. Tech, Tech, D. Tech, M. Tech Merger Proposal Sent by Prasar Bharati to MIB](#)

As mentioned above, on 28.05.2019, Prasar Bharati send the proposal to the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting for approval.

Since Prasar Bharati not got any reply from Ministry about the proposal send to Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, on 28.05.2019, ADG (HR), Prasar Bharati wrote a D.O letter dated 24.10.2019 to the Joint Secretary, Ministry of Information and Broadcasting to expedite the proposal.

On 10.10.2019, Ministry of Information and Broadcasting asked some more information and clarifications about the proposal submitted by Prasar Bharati. The information and clarifications asked by Ministry is as below.

I). Duties and responsibilities of Technician, Senior Technician, Mast Technician and Diesel Technician

II). Justification for the merger of Mast Technician, Diesel Technician with Technician and Senior Technician despite a wide margin in pay scales between Mast Technician, Diesel Technician (Pre revised Rs. 4000-6000) with Technician and Senior Technician (Pre revised Rs. 5000-8000) by virtue of Supreme Court Order.

III). Latest Recruitment Rules in vogue of EA, SEA, Sr. Technician, Technician, Diesel Technician and Mast Technician.

IV). Financial Implications if any.

Due to the efforts of ARTEE, on 24.10.2019, Prasar Bharati sent the detailed reply for the clarification sought by the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting. In this letter Prasar Bharati has submitted justification for the merger of Mast Technician, Diesel Technician with Technician and Senior Technician.

[Click here for clarifications Send by Prasar Bharati to Ministry](#)

On 19.11.2019, Ministry again asked justification for the merger of Mast Technician, Diesel Technician with Technician and Senior Technician despite a wide margin in pay scales between Mast Technician, Diesel Technician (Pre revised Rs. 4000-6000) with Technician and Senior Technician (Pre revised Rs. 5000-8000) by virtue of Supreme Court Order. In the above said letter Ministry also mentioned that merger of the post of Tech, Sr. Tech, D.Tech and M.Tech is to be done in Government Pay Scales and not in Prasar Bharati Pay Scales.

[Click here for Copy of Ministry Letter dated 19.11.19 to Prasar Bharati](#)

Sensing the seriousness of the issue, ARTEE leaders met officials in Prasar Bharati and due to the effective persuasion of ARTEE, Prasar Bharati through its letter dated 05.12.2020 informed MIB that the higher pay scales granted to Technicians and Sr. Technicians by the orders of DG AIR in compliance with the order passed by the Supreme Court do not , per-se tantamount to up gradation of Pay Scale of Posts.

[Click here for the Copy of the Letter dated 05.12.2019 send by Prasar Bharati to Ministry](#)

After receiving all the clarifications from Prasar Bharati and due to the rigorous follow-up of ARTEE, Ministry on 23.04.2020 send the proposal for the merger of Tech cadres to Department of Expenditure (DoEXP)

[Click here for the copy of the proposal send by MIB to DoEXP](#)

After the examination of the proposal in the DoEXP , they asked few clarifications about the proposal from MIB and MIB asked Prasar Bharati to provide the reply to the clarifications asked by DoEXP.

[Click here for the copy of the Clarifications asked by DoEXP from MIB](#)

Due to the efforts of ARTEE, Prasar Bharati send the reply of the clarifications asked by DoEXP.

ARTEE Team has been following the developments at Ministry of Information and Broadcasting also on priority to this issue and the focus is on its earliest implementation. ARTEE Team has visited Ministry on 09.09.2020 also and discussed the issue of Tech/Sr.Tech merger with Under Secretary .We discussed the issue in detail and requested him to send the concerned file to finance ministry with a positive note in favour of the proposed Merger of Tech/Sr.Tech/M.Tech/D.Tech in the pre-revised scale of Rs.5000-8000 i.e. G.P Rs.4200 as Government Scale and with the recommended designation as "**Junior Broadcast Engineer**".

We assure our members are that we are sincerely and effectively following the issue at various levels and are determined to make the merger process to its logical conclusion.

Friends, ARTEE is committed for the earliest solution of this issue since 2014 and it is in our top most priority because this proposal is based on the proposal submitted by ARTEE firstly. ARTEE leadership is determined to share all information of future activities regarding this issue with transparency to all of you till the successful merger of the technician cadres as soon as possible.

Honorable Members, Just keep your hope and faith intact with our beloved "ARTEE ". The result is bound to be very pleasant and positive for all of you.

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