

Minutes of ARTEE Central Council meeting dated 05 August '22 :-

A Meeting of ARTEE Central Council was held online on 05 August 2022. The following CC members attended the meeting:

- 1). Sh H.G.Sharma, President
- 2). Sh.Joginder Singh Dahiya ,VP AIR
- 3). Sh.U.K Shukla, VP TV
- 4). Sh. M.Seshagiri, Gen Secretary
- 5). Sh. P.K.Mishra, Addl. Gen Secretary
- 6). Sh. Ved Prakash, Treasurer
- 7). Sh. V.S . Saxena, Secretary (AE)
- 8). Sh. D.K.Sangal , Secretary (SEA/EA)
- 9). Sh.C.S.Azad, AGS(Organisation)
- 10). Sh.B.Kishore Kumar, VP(SZ)
- 11). Sh. Ajay Jain, AGS(Air)- WZ for VP-WZ
- 12). Sh. Debasish Chakraborty, AGS(AIR)-EZ for VP-EZ
- 13) Special invitee- Sh.Umesh Chandra , EX-President,ARTEE

Following issues were discussed and resolutions passed:

1). House passed a resolution to unanimously to conduct a "Physical CWC " at Delhi in the month of September,2022. All arrangements shall be done accordingly.

2). proposal to form a Joint Forum with ADTEA for combined fight on some issues-

The president Sh. Harigopal ji made a proposal to work jointly with ADTEA on following issues:

- recognition of associations
- Notification of EA Normal Replacement payscale
- Notification of tech / Sr Tech payscale
- Notification of SEA payscale as per the decision of Hon. Supreme Court
- Merger of EA/SEA cadre as per the recommendation of Sh. M.C.Agarwal committee
- To protect subordinate engineering employees from refixation & recovery
- ACP benefit to Helpers cadre in Technician payscale

The issue was discussed threadbare. Participants opined that the issues taken up are very relevant and largely reflect our present problems. However, it was strongly felt that, since Joint Forum is a very important decision, with many consequences, CWC must be called and this proposal must be placed before it. Accordingly, it was resolved to place the proposal before CWC.

- 3) Complaint made by Sh. Vijoy Kumar, ex-SS, Bihar to ARO, Prayagraj alleging Byelaw violations in conduct of recent elections- On this issue, the following facts were presented to the CC by the President:

“ARTEE ex-State secretary Bihar, Sh. Vijoy Kumar made a complaint to Assistant Registrar, Prayag Raj, UP State making certain allegations and requesting the ARO to instruct ARTEE President to put off the recent ARTEE election and issue fresh election notification. The following is a summary of his allegations and the factual position:

Allegation 1: “Ignorance of Election Bye – Law rule 17 (b): The voter list not provided by General Secretary/Treasurer...”

Factual Position: The then General Secretary Sh. Manoj Gupta and Treasurer Sh. R. B. Dwivedi were repeatedly requested by the then President Sh. M. P. Chowdhary ji in writing to provide the Voter List. But there was no response from either of them. Hence, he was forced to request the zonal Vice – Presidents to provide the voter lists.

Likewise, Returning Officer also wrote to them for the same but there was no response.

So, the RO was forced to compile the zonal wise data sent by Vice-Presidents.

Allegation 2: “Violating ARTEE’s constitutional rule 4(iii), by providing voting right to three non-arte members namely Sh. Bhubaneswar Thakur (ADTEA member), Sh. Shambhunath Thakur (AADEE member) and Sh. Sushil Kumar (AADEE member), but denying the same to bona-fide ARTEE member Sh. Azad Kumar:”

Reply: The facts of the matter are being ascertained from EZ office-bearers. Some details have been gathered.

Allegation 3: “Violating ARTEE’s bye-law 1 c) and 1 d) by going for online voting :”

Reply: When suggestions for byelaw amendment was sought from ARTEE members, many members recommended the online voting system as a secure, robust and transparent voting system. This system was adopted in the recent elections of AADEE and Prasar Bharati Employees Association. So it was resolved by then CWC to adopt the online voting system. Such adoption in no way violated ARTEE bye-law.

Allegation 4: “Violating ARTEE’s bye-election rule 15a) by Sh. Sanjiv Kumar Singh, unopposed candidate for AGS(TV)(EZ), by canvassing for a particular candidate :”

Reply: As soon as the RO was intimated about this rule violation, Sh. Sanjiv Singh was both telephonically and in writing warned by RO.

On 23/07/2022, the President constituted an Inquiry Committee as per Clause 21 c) of the election byelaws, on the recommendation of RO. This Inquiry committee is expected to submit its findings within one month from its constitution. “

House condemned the act of Ex state secretary- Bihar Mr Vijoy Kumar unanimously and passed a resolution to show solidarity behind our association and President on this matter. PRESIDENT assured the house to send an appropriate reply to ARO , PRAYAGRAJ in stipulated time period given by the O/o ARO PRAYAGRAJ through a formal notice to our Central Office.

Special invitee Shri Umesh Chandra shared his views & Suggestions on staff related matters.

Meeting ended with the vote of thanks by the chair.

M. Seshagiri,

General Secretary