

NFADE met Secretary, Ministry of I&B – 09/09/2009

NFADE had a meeting with Sh. Raghu Menon IAS, Secretary, Ministry of I&B in his chamber at Shastri Bhavan. The following points were discussed with the Secretary :

1. ***The situation prevailing in Prasar Bharati for the last few months compelled us to reiterate our original demand for repeal of Prasar Bharati Act 1990 immediately.***
2. We have brought to the notice of the Secretary that the committee constituted, by Hon'ble GoM under the chairmanship of Secretary, Min. of I&B along with five representatives of NFADE, to propose amendments to PB Act 1990. We pointed that in the last meeting of the committee on 18/3/2008, we were assured that the contentions/demands of NFADE will be communicated to Hon'ble GoM, on behalf of the Committee. On our demand of restarting of committee meetings, Secretary I&B assured that if needed the committee meeting will be restarted.
3. ***We requested for the restarting of the meetings of the Departmental Council, especially when the Hon'ble Cabinet has already removed the confusion regarding the status of employees. The Secretary assured that he will see the prevailing rules with regards to the Govt employees working under the Prasar Bharati and will establish the grievance redressal system accordingly.***
4. ***When we brought to his notice that*** It has become a regular practice in Prasar Bharati since last 6-7 months, that the employees welfare, including the timely payment of salary, has been ignored, reasons best known to the Ministry. Under these circumstances the Federation demanded that ***the funds for AIR&DD may be disbursed directly to both the Directorates*** as was the system prevailing before changing of funding system in the Prasar Bharati. Secretary was surprised to know that the employees are not getting salary on time at various stations and assured to look into the matter very seriously.
5. ***Federation registered its resentment over the recent contentions attributable to the Ministry with reference to the matter of recognition of various Associations and pointed out that it is against the concept of RSA Act 1993, ignoring the directive from DOP&T, superceding the AIR Manual and contradicting the repeated communications of the Director General, All India Radio, cadre controlling authority for the employees covered under JCM scheme.***

Secretary I&B advised us to meet JS(B) to apprise her of the issues in detail and assured that he will take the input from the JS(B) and assured to settle the matters as per rules.