

## **Update on issues**

### **Technician vs Lighting Assistant Issue**

As informed earlier , the combined efforts by ARTEE and ADTEA for getting justice for Technicians yielded result on 10<sup>th</sup> Jan 2013. The combined hearing of SLP filed by ADTEA in Notional Fixation Case and Review Petition by ARTEE in earlier rejected SLP in case with Arrears was listed in Hon'ble Supreme Court on 10/01/2013. After Arguments Hon'ble Apex Court rejected SLP of Department and upheld the Verdict of Hon'ble High Court of Chennai granting Notional Fixation to Technicians with Pay Parity with Lighting Assistants w.e.f. 01/12/1983. The Pay parity is already restored w.e.f. 01/01/1996.

Sh.G.M.Tyagi , Secy.(Stech/tech) , Sh. Ashok Yadav, Office bearer of sister Association and all were following the case and on 13<sup>th</sup> April 2013 it was made clear from Prasar Bharti that a proposal to grant pre revised scale of Rs. 5000-8000 (GP 4200) in pay parity with LA is in process and file put up to Member(P). The approval was granted by CEO, Prasar Bharati on 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2013. Now the followup is being and the letter to Ministry of I & B will be ready in next week. We are following the case keenly and are committed to get it implemented at the earliest.

### **EA(5K) Gwalior Case**

The date in EA(5K) Gwalior case is pending for final disposal in Hon'ble Supreme Court. The date was 22<sup>nd</sup> April and shifted to 26<sup>th</sup> April and again shifted from 26 April to 8 July. We understand the pain and agony of all EA(5K) but we pl. understand that the Gwalior case is filed by two Individuals without even informing us. Now our problem is that we have to pay for this and things are not under our control. The situation is that in M S Rana and Lalit Pawar case we have won from Supreme Court and filed Contempt in CAT. Govt filed review against Sup.Court decision and informed in CAT that we will follow the outcome of Review Petition. And in Review Govt. said that that have filed SLP in similar case of Gwalior and linked Review with this. What we can do when individuals file case and ultimately we have to take the blame. The Contempt, Review and SLP (Gwalior) are linked and are being delayed.

We have been discussing it with our lawyer and we were even prepared for appointing even Sh. Jayant Bhushan for this. Again after shifting of date we discussed. He informed that in May Sup. Court is sitting for 10 days (upto 10th May only) and it is impractical to file an application of early hearing because in any case the date will be after vacations only.

On 26<sup>th</sup> April our Advocate Mentioned the delay in dates of our case to same bench. But the bench of Justice Radhakrishnan. Hon'ble justice informed that they are hearing criminal cases before vacation and asked our Advocate to Mention this in the court of Hon'ble Chief Justice since its a civil case.

Our Advocate mentioned the case than in Court of Hon'ble Chief Justice. CJ referred the mention to Court Master who look after the date mgmt. We have to watch the dates now. There is a possibility of a date before vacation.

on 8th July we will do the preparations accordingly. What else we can do. But We assure all that we are tying our best.

We are watching the developments keenly.

### **EA & SEA Merger**

I along with VP(TV), VP(NZ), AGS(TV) NZ and JS(SEA/EA) NZ are regularly following the matter. A comprehensive proposal mentioning all pros and cons of the issue with full support of documents was prepared and sent to Ministry of I & B.

We are following the case there and as per information Ministry has issued letter to DG Doordarshan to send the file of sound recordists. In this file the protection to Incumbents Sound Recordists was granted. We are following the issue keenly in Ministry of I & B.