

RECOGNISED ASSOCIATIONS' FORUM
OF
AIR & DOORDARSHAN

The Editor

Press Release

Illegal and autocratic steps by the Nominated Member (officiating CEO) in PB to crush employees Associations in AIR & Doordarshan

Employees of All India Radio & Doordarshan are agitated throughout the country due to the anti-democratic steps of the Prasar Bharati Management. The CEO has suddenly found that all those associations, with which they've been dealing for over 40 years, are not recognised and thus they don't need to be consulted on employees' welfare activities. The Nine Associations who were recognised as per the All India Radio Manual and were part of the negotiation process with the management till now as per the JCM Scheme are shocked with the unprecedented move of the Nominated Member who is officiating as CEO Prasar Bharati.

Today, more than 500 employees gathered in front of Akashvani Bhawan to oppose the recent move. The employees, represented by these Associations, started agitation throughout the country under the platform "Recognised Associations' Forum of AIR & Doordarshan" to protect their democratic rights.

Leaders of various Associations, while addressing the Gate Meeting organized at Akashvani Bhawan pointed out that they always followed the rules and it is the Ministry who is sitting on the File of new 'Recognition process' for over 13 years since DOP&T directed the Ministry of I&B to start the process and inform the Associations Accordingly. They pointed out that the Director General, All India Radio, the Head of Department issued several letters for the last four years to the Ministry pointing out that the Associations are pressing hard for the process.

When the Ministry informed in 2009 that the matter is in process, the DG: AIR issued order in February 2010 maintaining the status quo on recognition matter of all nine Associations. Meanwhile Ministry & Prasar Bharati replied to an application under RTI that 'DG: AIR is empowered to give the reply on this matter'. Accordingly DG: AIR informed that all these nine Associations are recognised.

It is reliably learnt that the CEO is annoyed with the reservation of employees for renting the DTH platform of DD. Efforts are being made to rent out equipments for DTH expansion at a huge loss when our staffs are ready to work for the organization. We pointed out that if the CWG irregularities were one time loss to PB, the DTH rental business will be resulting in a recurring loss. We further opposed outsourcing of project works and procurement to outside agencies when we are capable to do it. Perhaps the officer might have thought, we the employees, are obstacles for his misadventures.

In today's gate meeting, the leaders of seven recognised association addressed their members and called upon them to be ready for the battle ahead. Today's meeting was also addressed by the leaders of 'Confederation of Central Government Employees and Workers' (CCGEW) and assured the gathering of their fullest support. A number of MPs have also expressed support and assured them of their presence in the forthcoming day-long Dharna on 21st September.

We request your kind support in our struggle for existence

Sincerely yours



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