

Letter from the 9 (Nine) recognised Associations of AIR & Doordarshan

Smt. Ambika Soni,
Hon'ble Minister for I&B,
New Delhi.

Sub: Recognition of Associations

Ref: Appeal order under RTI, issued on 19/20.08.2009

Ma'm,

We request your kind attention to the following few lines:

The recent order issued by the Ministry on an RTI application regarding the recognition of Service Associations is against the concept of RSA Act 1993, which not only ignores the directive from the DOP&T, but it supercedes the AIR Manual as well while being contrary to the repeated communications from the Director General, All India Radio, cadre controlling authority for the employees, covered under JCM scheme. The RTI replies are confusing and ultra vires on the following grounds:

1. **Against the concept of RSA Act 1993:** As per Section 8 of Central Civil Services (Recognition of Service Associations) Rules, 1993, the formalities for withdrawal of recognition is defined as: if, in the opinion of the government, a recognised Service Association has failed to comply with any of the set conditions, the Government may, after giving an opportunity to the Service Association to present its case, withdraw the recognition accorded to such Association.

Unfortunately the Ministry neither gave any opportunity to any of the nine Associations nor issued any letter withdrawing the recognition. Yet it is informing all and sundry that the nine Associations are NOT recognised. The irony is, these nine associations are in regular touch with the Ministry officials almost on a daily basis.

2. **Ignoring the Directive from DOP&T:** DOP&T, Ministry of Personnel, PG & Pensions, vide its OM dated 27th August 1998 advised Ministry of I&B, with a copy to ARTEE, that their OM related to Recognition of Service Associations of Central Secretariat only. They further advised that MIB, may process the case and inform the Association accordingly.

Unfortunately Ministry never intimated about any such process to ARTEE till date.

3. **Superceding the AIR Manual:** The All India Radio Manual which is the reference book for the rules, duties and responsibilities of offices, officials and Associations under AIR & Doordarshan clearly states that 9 Associations are recognized.

Unfortunately it seems that the order in the appeal has superceded the AIR Manual.

4. **Communications from the Directorate General:** The O/O DG:AIR has repeatedly stated that they are following the status-quo as per AIR Manual. They have issued an order for this purpose on 5/3/2007 also.

In the recent past on 25/8/2008 the O/O DG:AIR has replied to an application under RTI Act that ADTEA along with other 8 Associations is recognized as per the AIR Manual. Again in September

2009, the O/O DG:AIR reiterated that ARTEE &ADTEA along with other 7 Associations mentioned in AIR Manual are recognised.

It seems that efforts are being made from some quarters of the Directorate & Ministry of I&B to tarnish the image of all associations. It is worthwhile here to mention that these associations have been functioning in a democratic manner for many decades and working as an interface between the government and employees for smooth functioning of the organisation. But, the efforts on the part of some elements in the official circles amount to illegally finishing off all Associations which are legally representing the employees, thus creating a chaotic situation in the department. How such elements benefit from these efforts is best known to them only.

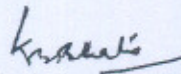
We are confident that your goodself will not support such officials in their efforts to kill democracy in the department under your leadership, especially when your goodself represents the Political party which has always fought for existence of democracy. It is high time for the Ministry to think on the matter very seriously as per the rules and to maintain the status-quo till a final decision is taken after completing the formalities.

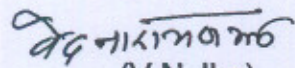
Under these circumstances, We request your goodself to kindly intervene in the matter and settle the issue immediately and to ensure that while upholding the democratic values, industrial peace is maintained in the ministry of I&B.


We are confident that your kind intervention will make the difference.

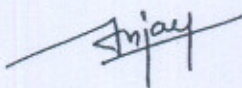
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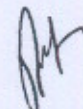
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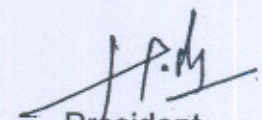

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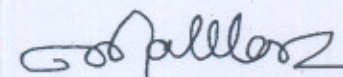

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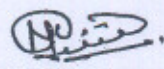

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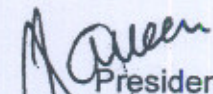

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