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Election for the term 2008-2010

Dear Members,

As per the regular practice, we submitted the constitution with proposed amendments, adopted by the 15th National Convention, to the Assistant Registrar of Societies, Allahabad on 15th January 2008. The amended constitution approved in the National Convention at Chennai was also pending with the Assistant Registrar of Societies. We were expecting the formal approval of both these amendments at any time. Accordingly we notified the process of Elections of the Association for the term 2008-2010.

Meanwhile two-three former members, who were expelled from the membership of the Association approached the o/o Assistant Registrar of Societies, Allahabad and also filed a civil petition in the Hon'ble Tees Hazari Court, Delhi. We have submitted the supporting documents in this regard. Hearing in the case took place on 5th March 2008 where they have demanded a stay on the election process and the decision of Parbhani National Convention on their expulsion. But the hon'ble court refused to grant a stay and they have appealed to the upper court now, which is scheduled, for hearing on 17th April 2008. We have submitted relevant documents to the Asst Registrar of Societies also. But we have received a letter from Assistant Registrar of Societies (Allahabad) vide letter No. 6011 dated 20-03-2008 received on 25-03-2008 in which they have attached the complaints from two of our members and one of them is a senior office bearer of the Association. Stated position of the Assistant Registrar of Societies is that 'elections held under the non approved bye-laws are liable to be termed invalid'. Subsequently we approached the O/O Asst Registrar and explained our position, which has accorded its formal approval to the amended constitution adopted in Chennai.

After carefully going through the content of the said letter, it is decided to stop the election process, which was notified as per the amendments passed in National Convention at Parbhani. The election process was stopped in consultation with General Secretary & Vice-Presidents and after taking the legal opinion.

The letter in this regard to the Returning Officer and its reply is reproduced in page No.2 & 3. Now we have notified the election for the term 2008-2010 as per the constitutions adopted in the 14th National Convention held at Chennai. **The fresh notification and the schedule of election available in page No 3.**

Federation:

In the pre-final step of the 3rd phase of our agitation, we have held relay hunger strike from 26 to 28 March 2008. As the relay hunger strike was organised without affecting the duties and the staff in small stations are nominal, we have restricted the relay hunger strike to the Zonal & state Headquarters. However members of some other station were also granted freedom to hold it without affecting the duties, with intimation to the central office.

At Delhi the relay hunger strike was observed in five shifts from 1000 AM on 26/3/2008 to 0500 PM on 28/3/2008. Gate meetings were held in lunch hours, which was attended in good numbers. Sh.Harish Rawat, Hon'ble MP addressed the gate meeting on 28/3/08.

The response throughout the country was very encouraging...... Latest developments see page No. 8

6th Central Pay Commission

6th Central Pay Commission has submitted it's report on 24/3/2008. As you all are aware, we were not under the purview of the Pay Commission till 27/9/2007. But on the eve of the Mass Casual Leave which was proposed on 28/9/2007, Govt had agreed to retain the employees of AIR&DD with Govt. We had approached the Pay commission with the minutes of the meeting and got the assurance that even if it is not possible to study our case in detail, due to the confusion on PB, it will be recommended that we may be granted the benefits, being Central Government employees on deemed deputation. Now the Pay Commission, in its report reflected their assurance with a specific mention for extending the benefits to us. Their statement is reproduced on page No. 11. Recommended scales are given in page No.12. Details of the report of 6th CPC will be published in next issue of Filament.

Sh. Ashok Pant, Returning Officer ARTEE Election 2008-10, New Delhi.

Dear Pant,

On 3, 4 & 5th Oct 2005 certain amendments were proposed to be made in the constitution of ARTEE. The said proposed amendments were duly approved by the central body of ARTEE at National Convention held at Chennai on 3,4 & 5th Oct 2005.

There after the said amendments were sent to the o/o Assistant Registrar of Societies, Allahabad for their approval vide letter dated 15.06.2006. Although the Association had sought the approval of Registrar way back in June 2006 however the Registrar has recently on 25th March 2008 has accorded its formal approval to the said amendments.

In the mean while certain amendments were also proposed to be incorporated in the constitution of ARTEE by various members. The said proposed amendments were brought to the notice of the committee for amendments which was formed for the same purpose. The same committee suggested that the proposed amendments to be placed before the National Convention and accordingly the same were placed before the General Body held on 16,17,18th November 2007 at Parbhani. The said amendments were also sent by ARTEE to Assistant Registrar of Societies vide letter dated 15th Jan 2008.

In the mean while in pursuance to the amendments approved by the General Body on 16,17 & 18th November 2007 at Parbhani, the election were declared to be held for the year 2008-2010 and were notified on 5th Feb 2008. However on 20.3.2008 the Assistant Registrar of Societies, Allahabad vide its letter informed that certain members of ARTEE have complaints against holding of election of ARTEE for the year 2008-2010, in terms of amendments approved at Parbhani. Along with the said letter dated 20.3.2008 Assistant Registrar of Societies Allahabad has forwarded the said complaints to us.

One of the complaints has been made by Shri Yogesh Kumar (SEA) DDK, Delhi who is at present holding the post of Vice President (North Zone). It is pertinent to state here that when the amendments were placed before the General Body at Parbhani, said Mr. Yogesh Kumar being one of the Vice President was part of the presidium in the General Body meeting and has given due accent for approval of proposed amendments. However surprisingly after giving his consent, it is not understood as to how said Mr. Yogesh Kumar can make any complaints in respect of holding election in terms of amendments duly approved by the house at Parbhani.

Since the Assistant Registrar of Societies (Allahabad) in his letter dated 20th March 2008(received on 25th March 2008) has categorically stated that the Association should act in terms of its approved bye-laws and otherwise, it has further been informed that if any election of the Association is held under the byelaws, which are not approved by the office of Assistant Registrar of Societies (Allahabad) the same will be held invalid.

Although the election for the terms 2008-2010 were notified on 5th Feb 2008 in terms of bye-laws approved by general body and sent for approval to Assistant Registrar of Societies (Allahabad) on 15/1/2008, and the approval was expected at any time. But on 25.3.2008, we have received a letter No.6011 dated 20.3.2008 from the o/o Assistant Registrar of Societies (Allahabad) in which it has been stated that if the election are conducted in term of the bye-laws which have been not approved by this office same will not be recognised.

In this view of the matter, it would be appropriate and in the interest of Association and all its members that the election for the term 2008-2010 be held in terms of byelaws which have recently been approved by Assistant Registrar of Societies (Allahabad) vide letter no 6046 dated 25th March 2008. In these circumstances we have no option but to start the election process afresh.

Under these facts and circumstances stated above you are requested to stop the current process of election which was notified on 5th Feb 2008. The fresh election schedule in terms of approved bye-laws shall be notified by the association very shortly.

We are sending herewith copies of letter dated 20th March 2008 & 25th March 2008 received from Assistant Registrar of Societies for your kind perusal and necessary action.

With regards,

(Anilkumar S) President

Copy for kind information to:

Sh. A. K. Singh, Assistant Registrar of Firms, Societies & Chits, Allahabad.

(Anilkumar S) President

To, The President ARTEE, (By Name Shri Anil Kumar S.), Post Box no. 422, New Delhi. Sir.

With reference to your letter dated 25th March 2008 received from you at 1700 Hrs wherein it is requested to stop the ongoing process of election for the term 2008-2010.

In view of the reasons set out in the said letter, I hereby stop the ongoing process of ARTEE election for term 2008-2010 with immediate effect. All documents related to the election received/ dispatched so far are in safe custody with me. Please direct the disposal of these documents.

This is for your information please.

Thanking you

Yours faithfully,

Ashok Pant Returning Officer

27/3/2008

Copy to :

1. Sh. Sajiv Sharma, ARO.

2. Sh. Vishnu Verma, ARO

3. Sh. Manoranjan Rai, ARO.

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Election Notification of ARTEE For the term 2008-2010

In pursuance of clause 21(ii) of ARTEE constitution, I hereby appoint Sh. Ashok Pant, AE, O/o P&D Unit, DG (AIR), Akashwani Bhawan, New Delhi as Returning Officer (RO) to conduct elections for the term 2008-2010 as per the byelaws of this Association. In terms of clause 30(3), he is required to notify the detailed schedule of this election. Further as per clause 30(6) he can nominate three members of Association to assist him.

He is therefore requested to take immediate action in this matter so that the interest of the Association may not suffer.

Anil kumar S. President

Sh. Ashok Pant Assistant Engineer O/o P&D Unit, DG (AIR) New Delhi – 110001.

Attention Members, Unit Secretaries

All Unit Secretaries are requested to send the M-Form, duly filled, to the General Secretary, at PO Box No.422, New Delhi 110001, latest by 20/04/2008. It is not necessary to send the M Form if it is already send and no additions/ deletions in that list. Modifications if any, should also be communicated within the stipulated time. This should be taken utmost priority to ensure that units are getting the ballots for all the members. Xerox copies, type written and hand written copies also can be used.

All existing Annual members are requested to approach Central Office with the proof of their membership (receipt issued by Central HQ.) for Year 1st April'07 to 31st Mar'08 and subscription Rs. 100/- (One hundred only) for the year starting from 1st April'08 for renewing their membership upto 20th April'08.

Fax No. 011-23354536, Email : <u>gen_secy@arteeindia.org</u> or <u>umsharma01@yahoo.com</u>

Schedule for Election

Dear members,

I have been appointed as returning officer to conduct elections of ARTEE for 2008-2010. Elections shall be held for the following posts as per the schedule given below.

Last date for receiving the nomination paper (upto 1600 hrs.)	s 30-4-2008
Scrutiny & circulation list of valid	
nominations-	05-05-2008
Last date for the withdrawal of nominations (upto 1600 hrs.)	21-5-2008
Circulation of final list of candidates	24-5-2008
Last date for receiving Ballot	
papers (by R.O) - (upto 1600 hrs.)	01-08-2008
Counting of votes –	02-08-2008
Declaration of results –	04-08-2008

Election shall be held for the following posts:

A. Central Office:

- i. President (one)
- ii. General Secretary (one)
- iii. Additional General Secretary (one)
- iv. Treasurer (one)
- v. Vice President (AIR) (one)
- vi. Vice President (TV) (one)
- vii. Secretary (AE), Secretary (SEA/EA), Secretary (Sr Tech/Tech), Secretary (Helper) (One post each)
- **B. Zonal Office**: North Zone (Delhi); East Zone (Kolkata); West Zone (Mumbai); South Zone (Chennai); North-East Zone (Guwahati)
- i. Vice President (one from each zone)
- ii. Assistant General Secretary (AIR) (one from each zone)
- iii. Assistant General Secretary (TV) (one from each zone)
- iv. Joint Secretary (SEA/EA) (one from each zone)
- v. Joint Secretary (Sr. Tech/ Tech) (one from each
- zone)

vi. Joint Secretary (Helper) (one from each zone)

C. State Office:

State Secretary to be elected by members from the respective states as per the list given below. Nominations for the post of State Secretary are to be filled up by the members who are posted at centres (AIR or TV) given in bracket against each state.

State Committees

i.	Andaman & Nicobar (Port Blair)
ii.	Andhra Pradesh (Hyderabad)
iii.	Arunachal Pradesh (Itanagar)
iv.	Assam (Guwahati)
v.	Bihar (Patna)
vi.	Chhattisgarh (Raipur)
vii.	Delhi (Delhi)
viii.	Goa (Panaji)
ix.	Gujarat (Ahmedabad)
х.	Haryana (Rohtak)
xi.	Himachal Pradesh (Shimla)
xii.	Jammu & Kashmir (Jammu/ Srinagar)
xiii.	Jharkhand (Ranchi/ Jamshedpur)
xiv.	Karnataka (Bangalore)
XV.	Kerala (Thiruvananthapuram)
xvi.	Madhya Pradesh (Bhopal)
xvii.	Maharashtra (Nagpur)
xviii.	Manipur (Imphal)
xix.	Meghalaya (Shillong)
XX.	Mizoram (Aizwal)
xxi.	Nagaland (Kohima)
xxii.	Orissa (Bhubaneshwar/ Cuttack)
xxiii.	Punjab, Chandigarh (Jallandhar)
xxiv.	Rajasthan (Jaipur)
XXV.	Sikkim (Gangtok)
xxvi.	Tamil Nadu and Pondicherry (Chennai)
xxvii.	Tripura (Agartala)
xxviii.	Uttaranchal (Dehradun)
xxix.	Uttar Pradesh (Lucknow)
XXX.	West Bengal (Siliguri)

I seek co-operation of all the members in conducting the elections in most free and fair manner.

As per clause 30(6), I hereby nominate S/Sh. Sajiv Sharma AE DDK Delhi, Surendra Kumar, AE P&D DG AIR Delhi & Vishnu Verma, EA, BH, AIR Delhi to assist me in conducting the elections smoothly.

Ashok Pant (RO) Cell: 09818169424. Post Bag no.3, New Delhi –110001. (for ordinary mail)

or

Room No.218, 2nd Floor, Akashwani Bhawan, Parliament Street, New Delhi –110001.(for hand delivery/speed post/courier)

Sajiv Sharma Cell: 09968277886 Surendra Kumar Cell: 09868878852

Vishnu Verma Cell: 09999030808

New Delhi 28-03-2008 Ashok Pant Returning Officer

Election Bye-laws

- 1. Election should take place every 2 years and no member can hold the same post for more than two successive terms for any elected post.
- 2. All members desirous of contesting the election to any of the posts notified in the election notification shall apply to Returning officer on the prescribed nomination form (Appendix III).
- 3. A member may file nominations for more than one post but shall be permitted to contest for only one post with the following conditions:
 - a) Separate nomination forms shall be used for each post
 - b) Nomination for one post will be free of cost
 - c) A non-refundable fee of Rs.200/- per post shall be paid for nomination on every other post
 - d) The fees shall be deposited only through DD drawn in favour of ARTEE, payable at New Delhi. Cheques will not be accepted
 - e) Fee shall be paid along with the nomination. Incase of filing nomination for more than one post without paying the fee, all the nominations shall be rejected.
- a) A member working in any unit of AIR/DD media can contest for the posts in Central office except the posts of Additional General Secretary, Treasurer, & Secretaries(AE, SEA/EA, Sr.Tech/Tech, Helper).
 b). For the posts of Additional General Secretary, Treasurer, & Secretaries (AE, SEA/EA, Sr.Tech/Tech, Helper), candidates should be posted in any office at
 - Delhi at the time of filing nomination for election.
 c) A member working in any unit of AIR media in the particular zone can contest for the post of Assistant General Secretary (AIR) in Zonal office. Similarly a member working in any unit of Doordarshan media in the particular zone can contest for the post of Assistant General Secretary (TV) in Zonal office.
 - d) For the posts of Zonal Vice-President & Joint Secretary (SEA/EA, Sr. Tech/Tech and Helper), candidates should be posted in any office at the Zonal headquarters (Delhi/ Mumbai/Chennai/ Kolkata/ Guwahati) at the time of filing nomination for election.
 - e) A member working in any unit of AIR/DD media in the place mentioned in bracket in the particular state (at the time of filing nomination for election) can contest for the post of State Secretary for the following states.
 - 1. Andaman & Nicobar Islands (Port Blair)
 - 2. Andhra Pradesh (Hyderabad)
 - 3. Arunachal Pradesh (Itanagar)
 - 4. Assam (Guwahati)
 - 5. Bihar (Patna)
 - 6. Chhattisgarh (Raipur)
 - 7. Delhi (Delhi)
 - 8. Goa (Panaji)

- 9. Gujarat (Ahmedabad)
- 10. Haryana (Rohtak)
- 11. Himachal Pradesh (Shimla)
- 12. Jammu & Kashmir (Srinagar/Jammu)
- 13. Jharkhand (Ranchi/Jamshedpur)
- 14. Karnataka (Bangalore)
- 15. Kerala (Thiruvananthapuram)
- 16. Madhya Pradesh (Bhopal)
- 17. Maharashtra (Nagpur)
- 18. Manipur (Imphal)
- 19. Meghalaya (Shillong)
- 20. Mizoram (Aizwal)
- 21. Nagaland (Kohima)
- 22. Orissa (Bhubaneshwar/ Cuttack)
- 23. Punjab& Chandigarh (Jallandhar)
- 24. Rajasthan (Jaipur)
- 25. Sikkim (Gangtok)
- 26. Tamil Nadu & Pondicherry (Chennai)
- 27. Tripura (Agartala)
- 28. Uttaranchal (Dehradun)
- 29. Uttar Pradesh (Lucknow)
- 30. West Bengal (Siliguri)
- 5. VP(AIR), VP(TV), AGS (AIR), AGS (TV) will be elected by the paid up members of the respective media (i.e, AIR or DD).
- 6. For the posts of VP(AIR) & AGS (AIR) the candidates should be serving in AIR at the time of filing his/her nominations.
- 7. For the posts of VP(TV) & AGS (TV) the candidates should be serving in Doordarshan at the time of filing his/her nominations.
- 8. The members working in the O/o the Chief Engineer [R&D, STI(T) & RSTI(T)] shall be considered to be working in AIR media for the purpose of election.
- 9. For the post of Secretary (AE, SEA/EA, Sr.Tech/Tech and Helper) and Joint Secretary (SEA/EA, Sr.Tech/Tech and Helper) the candidate should be from the respective cadre.
- 10. For the post of Secretary (AE, SEA/EA, Sr.Tech/Tech and Helper) and Joint Secretary (SEA/EA, Sr.Tech /Tech and Helper) every member irrespective of his or her cadre in both media shall cast his/her vote.
- 11. No member of the Central working Committee, shall propose or second the nomination of any candidate.
- 12. Nominations proposed or seconded by the CWC members shall be rejected outrightly.
- 13. (a). A member seeking election to a post shall essentially have to be a paid up member of the Association for the preceding two years from the date of notification of Election. His Proposer and Seconder shall have to be a paid up member for the

preceding one year from the date of notification of Election.

- b If candidate/Proposer/ Seconder are in arrears of subscription, nominations will be declared invalid by R.O.
- c The member seeking election to a post has to give an undertaking that he/she is not a member of any other sister Association of AIR & DD for the same period as mentioned in 13(a).
- d Nomination will be rejected if he/she has membership in any other Association as mentioned in 13 (c).
- 14. (a). Withdrawal of nominations shall be duly verified by the Unit Secretary [along with his signature unit secretary will put his rubber stamp giving full details such as Name of the Media Station, Place, Pin code & State].
 - b. Incase a member remains in contest for more than one post after withdrawal date, all his nominations shall be rejected automatically.
- 15. In appeals soliciting votes, the candidates and their Proposers/supporters shall refrain from commenting on the other candidates in the fray.
- 16. (a). The R.O shall send the ballots to unit secretaries with his ink signatures and in turn, at the time of distributing the ballots the unit secretary shall also sign on each ballot paper with ink pen and put his rubber stamp.

(b). If ballot papers have not reached any unit 3 weeks before the last date for receiving ballot papers by R.O, the unit secretary will inform telephonically/telegraphically or by fax to the R.O immediately.

(c). Accordingly R.O. will send the ballots immediately to the respective unit through speed post/ courier.

- 17. a) Every paid up member shall have one vote to be exercised for each post. Paid up member means a member who has paid his subscription (AM/LM) upto the date of notification of Election.
- b) Every unit secretary shall send a certified list of paid up members to the General Secretary (ARTEE) at least 15 days before the last date for receiving the nomination papers. The General Secretary shall submit a list of Unit wise/ State wise/ Zone wise members to the R.O. at least 7 days before the last date for receiving the nomination papers. The GS shall verify with R.O. that Proposer/Seconder and candidates are not in arrears of subscription.
- c) While certifying the paid up membership, unit

secretary has to ensure that LM/AM amount has already reached the Central Headquarter.

- 18. Members shall mark \mathbf{X} in the box against the name of the candidate for whom they cast their votes. After casting their votes they can send the ballots individually or through Unit Secretary (in individual sealed envelop) to R.O.
- 19. a) The ballot papers must be sent by ordinary post to the RO, ARTEE, Post Box/Post Bag No.3, New Delhi 110001.
- b. For hand delivery or through Courier the ballot papers may be delivered at Room No.218, 2nd Floor, Akashvani Bhavan, Parliament Street New Delhi-01.
- 20. a)Candidate may send one representative with a letter of authority or be present him/her self if he/she so desires during the counting of votes.
- b) The candidates or their representatives attending the counting shall sign as witness to the results declared by R.O.
- c) No TA/DA etc. shall be paid to the candidates/ representatives, attending the counting.
- 21. (a). Once the result of the election for any post is declared by R.O, further request for re-counting should be addressed to the President, on the same day. President along with General Secretary and R.O will make the arrangement for recounting, on the same day, if need arises.
- b After declaration of results R.O will seal the ballot box and will keep it under safe custody for another 90 days.
- 22. a) All appeals, petitions and election irregularities may be brought to the notice of the R.O in writing within 30 days after the declaration of the result.
- b If need be, R.O. may advise the President to constitute an inquiry committee or other wise stating reasons in detail.
- c On the recommendation of R.O., President (ARTEE) shall constitute three member inquiry committee including R.O.
- d No TA/DA shall be paid to the petitioner, if the committee calls him/her or representative for evidence.
- e This committee shall submit their report to the President within a time period of one month.
- f The decision of the committee shall be final.

The jurisdiction for legal disputes in connection with election shall be Delhi only.

Obituary

It is with deep sorrow and grief that we inform our members about the sad demise of our esteemed colleague Sh. Narayana, EA, LPT Bantwal (Karnataka) on 02/01/2008 after brief illness. We deeply condole the untimely death of Sh. Narayana. He was 47 years old and survived by wife and a son. He was an active member of ARTEE. We pray that the family of Sh. Narayana should get enough strength to bear the terrible loss.

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- every member (irrespective of their cadre) of both the media (i.e. AIR & DD) shall cast his/ her vote.
- 9. Nomination form/Withdrawal through Fax/E-mail will neither be accepted nor acknowledged.
- **10.** Candidates should post their nominations/withdrawals well in time to take care of postal delays etc as the same cannot be condoned. 11. As per rules and regulations of ARTEE, candidates and voters should have valid membership for the current and succeeding financial
- years and the candidates, proposer & seconder should not be in arrears of membership payment.
- 12. For Annual Members, coming under above-mentioned category, the copy of receipt issued by Central office should be enclosed. For Life members, the LM number should be mentioned.

PB ACT Amendment Bill 2008

Hon'ble Minister for I&B has tabled Prasar Bharati Amendment Bill 2008 to increase the upper age limit of CEO from 62 to 65 years and to restrict the upper age limit of Chairman, Prasar Bharati as 70 years. Ordinance for the same was issued on 07/02/2008.

The bill came for discussion in the Lok Sabha on 17th march and in the Rajya Sabha on 18th March 2008.

Hon'ble MPs from various parties, cutting across political lines raised the issues of employees' plight in Prasar Bharati in regard to the problems faced by the 40,000 employees of AIR&DD.

Sh. Priya Ranjan Dasmunsi, Hon'ble Minister gave assurances in the house that a comprehensive bill to protect the organisation and its employees will be brought to the Hon'ble Parliament at the earliest. He further informed that the Ministry of Finance has already assured that the employees of AIR&DD will be under the purview of the 6th Central Pay Commission.

We are grateful to all Hon'ble MPs in general and Sh. Hannan Mollah, Sh. Tapan Sen, Sh. Varkala Radhakrishnan, Sh. Mohan Singh, Sh. Bhartuhari Mahatab in particular for their serious concern for the employees.

Meeting of the Committee

Meanwhile we had the second meeting of the Committee constituted with the Secretary, Ministry of I&B as the Chairperson, to propose the amendments in the PB Act, on 18/3/2008. We have categorically rejected any proposal other than as suggested by us, i.e. to repeal Prasar Bharati or to amend the Act to retain the employees of AIR&DD and its assets with Govt of India. After the deliberations extended for more than one hour, Secretary I&B has agreed to forward these proposals to the Hon'ble GoM. Though we are in the positive direction in our fight for existence, we have to maintain our agitation programme and to be prepared for a stronger step, if the need arises.

No. 45011/46/2007-BA (P) Government of India Ministry of Information & Broadcasting *****

New Delhi, Dated 26thMarch, 2008

Subject: Minutes of the Meeting of the Committee constituted to consider and recommend amendments to Prasar Bharati Act.

The undersigned is directed to forward the Minutes of the Meeting of the Committee constituted to consider and recommend amendments to the Prasar Bharati Act held on 18thMarch, 2008 at 3.00 p.m. For information and necessary action.

(S.P. SHARMA) Under Secretary (BA-P) Tel. 23073316

To,

- 1. Member Personnel, Prasar Bharati
- 2. Director (BP&L)
- 3. Deputy Secretary (B)
- 4. Chairman, NFADE

Copy to:

- 1. P.S. to Secretary, I&B
- 2. P.S. to Additional Secretary,I&B
- 3. P.S. to Joint Secretary, (B)

FILAMENT

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE CONSTITUTED TO CONSIDER AND RECOMMEND AMENDMENTS TO THE PRASAR BHARATI ACT HELD ON 18TH MARCH 2008 AT 3.00 P.M.

A meeting was held under the Chairpersonship of Secretary, I&B in Committee Room (Room No.655, 'A' Wing, Shastri Bhawan) on 18th March, 2008 at 3.00 p.m. to further discuss the proposed amendments to the Prasar Bharati Act. List of the participants is annexed.

2. At the outset, Secretary, I&B welcomed all the members. She mentioned that the Ministry has received the letter dated 27.2.2008 rejecting the amendments proposed in the last meeting held on 8.2.2008. However, she will like to know the views in detail from members of NFADE with regard to the proposed amendments to the Prasar Bharati Act. All the five members of the NFADE expressed their views which are summed up as under:

(i) The proposed 'deemed deputation' status to Prasar Bharati employees with facilities at par with Central Government employees as per recommendations made by GOM is not acceptable. The members mentioned that they would like to continue as regular Government employees. In case the proposed amendments changing their status to 'deemed deputation' was agreed to, there will be three types of employees in Prasar Bharati, which is not desirable.

(ii) The employees representatives said that the Government should repeal the Prasar Bharati Act. In case for some reason this option is not acceptable the second option could be considered whereby employees and assets of All India Radio and Doordarshan should be with Government while granting functional autonomy to Prasar Bharati on policy decisions such as programme content.

(iii) Amendments now proposed only relate to 'deemed deputation' status of Prasar Bharati employees only. Comprehensive amendments to the Prasar Bharati Act, 1990 may be considered as suggested by NFADE in its letter dated 22.10.2007.

(iv) As per recommendation of GOM in its last meeting, facilities of CGHS, General Pool accommodation to the employees of Prasar Bharati and admission of their wards to Kendriya Vidyalaya was to be extended. However, Prasar Bharati are still facing problems in getting these facilities particularly on outstation transfers. It was mentioned that they are no longer eligible for any fresh allotments. No orders for CGHS benefits or Kendriya Vidyalaya admissions have been issued by the respective ministries.

3. Secretary I&B informed the members that a Note has already been sent for approval of the Cabinet Committee on Accommodation on the issue of continuance of allotment of accommodation from General Pool to the employees of Prasar Bharati. Other two issues viz. CGHS facility and admission of wards in Kendriya Vidyalaya have also been taken up with Ministry of Health and Ministry of HRD respectively. Response from these Ministries is awaited. However, in order to ensure that employees of Prasar Bharati do not face any difficulty in the matter of health or admission to Kendriya Vidyalayas, she will speak to the concerned Secretaries in the Ministry of Health and Ministry of HRD.

4. Summing up the discussion, Secretary, I&B informed members that the present mandate given by GOM was to propose amendments to Section 11 of the Prasar Bharati Act, 1990 and the CCS (Pension) Rules so far as it relates to 'deemed deputation' status of Prasar Bharati employees, as per the recommendations of the GOM in its last meeting. She assured the members that views expressed by them today will be placed before GOM in its next meeting. Finally, it was decided that a draft agenda for GOM in its next meeting, indicating views of members of NFADE will be prepared by Member (Personnel), Prasar Bharati and sent to the Ministry at the earliest.

5. The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair.

Obituary

Shri G. Danendran, Diesel Engine Driver, AIR, Port Blair Passed away on 30-03-2008. He was the Asstt. Unit Secretary, ARTEE, AIR Port Blair Unit. We pray to almight for peace to the departed soul. We also pray that the family should have enough strength to bear this unbearable loss.

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No.: STI(T)/Deptt. Exam./SEA/)/2007-2008

Circular Memorandum

Sub: Departmental Competitive Examination for the promotion of Senior Engineering Assistants to the grade of Assistant Engineers against 2007-08 vacancies.

A Departmental Competitive Examination for the promotion of Senior Engineering Assistants of All India Radio and Doordarshan to the grade of Assistant Engineers for the 75% exam quota against the vacancies for year 2007-08 will be held on 9th, 10th and 11th **May**, 2008.

The Number of vacancies is approximately **101** (**Gen.: 68, SC: 13, ST: 20**). These vacancies may be treated as tentative which are subject to change in future with the change in circumstances, if any.

The eligibility conditions for appearing in the examination are as follows:

a) Senior Engineering Assistants with 3 years service in the grade as on **01.01.2007**or Senior Engineering Assistants with 8 years regular service in the grade of Senior Engineering Assistants and Engineering Assistants combined together as on **01.01.2007** and

b) Possessing qualifications not lower than those prescribed for direct recruits to the post of Engineering Assistants in Akashvani and Doordarshan.

The syllabus for this examination will be same as that followed for the previous examination. The pattern of question papers will be as follows:

1. Each paper will have three sections, viz: A, B and C.

2. Section A will contain 30 objective/fill-in-the-blanks/minor numerical type questions. All questions will be compulsory. This section will carry total marks of 30.

3. Section B will contain 5 numerical questions, out of which 3 questions will have to be answered. This section will carry total marks of 30.

4. Section C will contain 7 descriptive type of questions, out of which 4 questions will have to be answered. This section will carry total marks of 40.

5. There may be minor variation in the pattern of question paper depending upon the requirement.

The examination schedule is given below:

	Paper	Subject	Date	Time	Durati
ſ	Ι	Broadcast Engineering	09.05.2008 Friday	10:00 to 13:00 Hrs.	3 Hours
ſ	II (A)	Radio Engineering	10.05.2008 Saturday	10:00 to 13:00 Hrs.	3 Hours
ſ	II (B)	Television Engineering	10.05.2008 Saturday	10:00 to 13:00 Hrs.	3 Hours
	III	General Subject	11.05.2008 Sunday	10:00 to 13:00 Hrs.	3 Hours

Paper I on the first day and Paper III on the third day are compulsory for all the candidates. On the second day, the question papers of II(A) and II(B), bunched together, will be distributed to the candidates. They may choose to answer either II(A) in full or II(B) in full and **not partly from both**.

The Examination will be held at Delhi, Mumbai, Chennai, Kolkata and Guwahati. All the candidates will appear for the Examination at their respective Zonal Headquarters. Change of examination center will not be allowed.

These instructions may be brought to the notice of all the eligible SEA's working at your Station/Kendra/Office. Willingness from eligible candidates may be obtained in the following proforma and forwarded to the respective Zonal Chief Engineers on or before **11.04.2008**.

1.	Name:
2.	Present Post Held:
3.	Date and grade of Entry in AIR/DD:
4.	Total number of years as EA and SEA combined as on 01.01.2007
5.	Number of years completed as SEA as on 01.01.2007:
6.	Educational Qualification:
7.	Category:

The zonal Chief Engineer will allot roll number, intimate examination centre and issue permit for appearing for the examination. The Head of Station/Kendra/Office in which the candidate is at present working should issue a letter to the candidate authorizing him to appear for the examination at the centre allotted alongwith three specimen signatures of the candidate, duly attested. At the Examination Hall, the Examination Superintendent will verify this signature before admitting the candidate. It is obligatory on the part of the candidate to carry his identity card, authorization letter and admit card.

Only TA may be paid to the candidates as admissible under the relevant rule S.R. 130.

Receipt of this Memorandum may kindly be acknowledged. Hindi version is enclosed.

(N.A. KHAN) Director (Engineering) For Chief Engineer (Training)

Dated : 10/3/2008

Letters to authorities:

Letter No. ARTEE/P/PB/M(P)/Cadre Review/2008/1, dated 05/01/2008

Shri. V. Shiva Kumar, Member Personnel, Prasar Bharati, PTI Building, New Delhi.

Sub: Cadre Restructuring.

Sir,

We welcome the initiative by your good office to review the cadre structure of Engineering Cadres of AIR & Doordarshan. Kindly refer to our discussion on the necessity of review of the Engineering cadres, right from Khalasi to Engineer –in – Chief (HAG), in totality as these cadres are functioning as a chain as the lower cadre is the feeder cadre for the next cadre in this hierarchy and the residency in each cadre is more than 20 years.

I am hereby attaching the proposals from this Association for review of the cadre structure of Engineering cadres, particularly of subordinate engineering cadres.

I once again request your good self to kindly consider this proposal while considering the cadre review of any cadre in AIR & Doordarshan.

Thanking you,

Yours Sincerely,

(Anil kumar S.), President.

Copy for kind information to: Ms. Mridula Ghai, Director (P&EA), All India Radio, New Delhi. Sh. S. P. Pant, DDA (E), All India Radio, New Delhi

Letter No. ARTEE/P/PB/M(P)/recoveries-1/2008/01, dated 15/01/08

Shri. Shiva Kumar, Member Personnel, Prasar Bharati, PTI Building, New Delhi.

Sir,

Sub: Re – fixation of pay at stations.

Kindly refer to our representation No. ARTEE/P/PB/M (P)/recoveries - 1/2007/11 dated 22/11/07 through which we have brought it to your kind notice that some stations of Doordarshan, like DDK Pondicherry has started the process of refixation of pay of SEA/AE/ASE by quoting the letter from the Directorate of Doordarshan.

It was also mentioned that the matter pertains enhancement of pay scales of different cadres as a consequence of the honorable Supreme Courts judgment regarding EA's pay scales.

We requested your august office to kindly to intervene in the matter and keep in abeyance; the refixation till a final decision is taken. Accordingly the Director, DDK Pondicherry has kept the refixation in abeyance in the month of November 2007 after the telephonic instructions from GM(P), on your kind advice.

But the Director, DDK Pondicherry has issued fresh orders on 09/1/2008 to refix the pay of 5 employees of the station, of course by quoting the **old instructions** from the DD Directorate, again.

We once again request your good self to kindly take necessary steps to ensure that DDK Pondicherry or any other station should not act in haste & isolation till a final decision is arrived at, by competent authorities.

Thanking you,

Yours Sincerely,

(Anil kumar S.), President.

Copy for kind information to:

Sh.P.K.Pathak, GM(P), Prasar Bharati, New Delhi.

<u>Recommendation of 6th Pay Commission on AIR&DD Employees</u>

Employees of Prasar Bharati

7.22.20 : The Commission had received many demands from Central Government employees on deemed deputation to Prasar Bharati for restructuring of posts/cadres in Prasar Bharati. The Commission has not made any recommendation on the posts in Prasar Bharati, since it is an autonomous body and therefore, outside the Terms of Reference of the Commission. In any case, Central Government employees on deemed deputation to Prasar Bharati will be governed by the extant rules in this regard.

Pay scales Recommended by VI Central Pay Commission

2.2.18 The following scheme of revised pay bands is, accordingly, being recommended: - (In Rs.)

Pre-Revised Revised				
Pay	Pay Scale	Pay	Corresponding	Grade
Scale		Band	Pay Bands	Pay
S-1	2550-55-2660-60-3200	-1S	4440-7440	1300
S-2	2610-60-3150-65-3540	-1S	4440-7440	1400
S-2A	2610-60-2910-65-3300-70-4000	-1S	4440-7440	1600
S-3	2650-65-3300-70-4000	-1S	4440-7440	1650
S-4	2750-70-3800-75-4400	PB-1	4860-20200	1800
S-5	3050-75-3950-80-4590	PB-1	4860-20200	1900
S-6	3200-85-4900	PB-1	4860-20200	2000
S-7	4000-100-6000	PB-1	4860-20200	2400
S-8	4500-125-7000	PB-1	4860-20200	2800
S-9	5000-150-8000	PB-2	8700-34800	4200
S-10	5500-175-9000	PB-2	8700-34800	4200
S-11	6500-200-6900	PB-2	8700-34800	4200
S-12	6500-200-10500	PB-2	8700-34800	4200
S-13	7450-225-11500	PB-2	8700-34800	4600
S-14	7500-250-12000	PB-2	8700-34800	4800
S-15	8000-275-13500	PB-2	8700-34800	5400
	cale 8000-275-13500	PB-3	15600-39100	5400
	(Group A Entry)			
S-16	9000	PB-3	15600-39100	5400
S-17	9000-275-9550	PB-3	15600-39100	5400
S-18	10325-325-10975	PB-3	15600-39100	6100
S-19	10000-325-15200	PB-3	15600-39100	6100
S-20	10650-325-15850	PB-3	15600-39100	6500
S-21	12000-375-16500	PB-3	15600-39100	6600
S-22	12750-375-16500	PB-3	15600-39100	7500
S-23	12000-375-18000	PB-3	15600-39100	7600
S-24	14300-400-18300	PB-3	15600-39100	7600
S-25	15100-400-18300	PB-3	15600-39100	8300
S-26	16400-450-20000	PB-3	15600-39100	8400
S-27	16400-450-20900	PB-3	15600-39100	8400
S-28	14300-450-22400	PB-4	39200-67000	9000
S-29	18400-500-22400	PB-4	39200-67000	9000
S-30	22400-525-24500	PB-4	39200-67000	11000
S-31	22400-600-26000	PB-4	39200-67000	13000
S-32	24050-650-26000	PB-4	39200-67000	13000
S-33	26000 (Fixed)	ApexScale	80000 (Fixed)	Nil
S-34	30000 (Fixed)	Cab.Sec./E	qu. 90000 (Fixed)	Nil
Increm	ients & Span		,	
-1S Annual increment @ 2.5%. Span 18 years. PB-1 Annual increment @ 2.5%. Span 50 years.				
PB-2 Annual increment @ 2.5%. Span 40 years. PB-3 Annual increments @ 2.5% & 3.5%. Span 32 years.				

PB-2 Annual increment @ 2.5%. Span 40 years. PB-4 Annual increment @ 2.5%. Span 20 years. **PB-3** Annual increments @ 2.5% & 3.5%. Span 32 years.

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