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The General Secretaries,
All Affiliated Unions,

Dear Coms.,

Sub: Feedback on the meeting with Hon'ble Minister for Railways

Today I had an opportunity to meet Hon'ble Minister for Railways, whereupon I conveyed our serious concern over inordinate delay in resolving certain long pending major issues, a number of which have already agreed upon in different Negotiating Fora, but the final outcome of the same is still hanging fire. I also emphasized that these issues are of significance for the Railwaymen and causing serious resentment among them because of unwarranted delay in their redressal.

The following issues were again brought to his notice for paying urgent attention thereon.

- (i) **Dispensation of written examination from the process of appointment to the wards of Railway employees under LARSGESS and to enhance the scope of this scheme.**
- (ii) **To implement the agreement on the anomalies of the VI CPC, already discussed and agreed upon in the Departmental Anomaly Committee, which include allotment of GP Rs.4800 in place of GP Rs.4600 to Sr. Supervisors, merger of Technician II GP Rs.2400 with Technician I GP Rs.2800, allotment of improved grade pay to certain categories of Railwaymen, provision of grades to the Stenographers of Zonal Railways as are allotted to those working in the Ministries and Secretariat etc.**
- (iii) **Merger of P. Way Supervisors with J.E.(P. Way).**
- (iv) **Stepping up of pay of Loco Inspectors promoted prior to 01.01.2006 at par with those promoted after 01.01.2006.**
- (v) **Implementation of unanimous recommendations of the Joint Committee on Package and Career Progression of Trackmen in letter and spirit.**
- (vi) **Implementation of cadre restructuring of various categories of the Railwaymen, as already decided in the meetings of the Cadre Restructuring Committee.**
- (vii) **Improvement in the emoluments, working conditions and working hours, including Weekly Rest etc. in case of Running Staff.**
- (viii) **Payment of arrears of Running Allowance to the Running Staff w.e.f. 01.01.2006 and improvement in the rate of ALK.**

- (ix) **Implementation of various Welfare Scheme, already announced in the previous Rail Budget.**
- (x) **Facilities of Privilege Pass and healthcare to both the parents of the Railway employees, as is available in other Central Government Departments.**
- (xi) **Absorption of the staff of quasi-administrative offices in the Railways.**

I also mentioned that, almost all the issues are already agreed upon in different Negotiating Fora, but because of indifferent attitude of the Finance Ministry as also the Railway Board, their settlement is getting unnecessary delayed.

I also informed him that, in case these issues are not resolved within a reasonable time, the Railwaymen, who are badly agitated, would not wait any longer and shall be compelled to resort to direct action, and entire responsibility of which shall rest with the Railway administration.

Hon'ble MR has assured, that the current session of the Parliament is going to conclude on 22nd March, 2013, thereafter, he would definitely look into the issues raised by the AIRF, and would also have discussions with us to amicably get resolved problems of the Railwaymen.

He also informed that, he has already written a letter to Hon'ble Finance Minister for early resolving the issues pending with the Finance Ministry and would also speak to Hon'ble Finance Minister in this connection.

Comradely yours,
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(Shiva Gopal Mishra)
General Secretary