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Comrades!,

As you know, this is not the first instance when the so-called federation of traitors has stabbed us in back.

They posted on their Face Book Page that the file regarding merger of Sr. P. Way Supervisors has been signed by the Member Staff, Railway Board, which is totally false. What to talk of Member Staff, Railway Board, even it was not signed by the AM(Staff), Railway Board. This issue is still pending with the Finance Directorate, Railway Board, i.e. EDF(E), and today, AIRF General Secretary met the Member Staff, Addl. Member(Staff), EDPC-I, Railway Board, and all of them have agreed to move the case in Fast Track.

The federation who has always worked against the interest of the working class in general and the Railwaymen in particular wants to show that they themselves only can resolve this issue. The Railwaymen in general and Sr. PWS in particular understand very well that who is their actual well-wisher and help them in getting resolved their grievances. AIRF called brother Sr. PWS on 24th February, 2013 for the reasons they know better and we are happy that they are acknowledging and appreciating our efforts better.

In this connection, it is pertinent to mention that this issue was discussed in AIRF's PNM Meeting with the Railway Board on 6-7 February, 2013 vide AIRF's PNM Item No.6/2012: Merger of all Permanent Way Supervisor with Jr. Engineer(P.Way), when A.M.(C.E.), Railway Board, had clearly agreed to with our demand, and the same thing he repeated in the "All India Safety Seminar of P. Way Supervisors" organized by the All India Railwaymen's Federation on 24th February, 2013 in New Delhi.

Railwaymen have not forgetten what other federation had done in the historic strikes of 1960, 1968 and 1974, and even after that, whenever any trade union movement was launched by the AIRF, they pinpricked the balloon just to kill the enthusiasm and fighting spirit of the working class.

It is our advice to brother Sr. PWS, please do not get demoralized and mislead with the rumours being spread by other federation and be ready for the struggle if the genuine grievances of the P. Way Supervisors are not resolved amicably within reasonable time by the Ministry of Railways.

Brotherly yours, -sd-For General Secretary AIRF TELEPHONE: 23365912 (P&T)

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The Member Staff, Railway Board, New Delhi

Dear Sir,

Sub: Grievances/demands of the P. Way Supervisors

During "All India Safety Seminar of P. Way Supervisors", organized by the All India Railwaymen's Federation on 24th February, 2013 at New Delhi, the following major issues related to safety and genuine grievances of the P. Way Supervisor Category were enlisted:-

- (i) En-block merger of PWS Category with JE(P. Way) with retrospective effect and all consequential benefits.
- (ii) Fix duty hours and weekly rest, allowances, accommodation, run-over cases due to non-availability of proper maintenance corridor, their headquarters at a place where educational and other facilities are available, risk factor etc.
- (iii) As the pay structure of P. Way Supervisors has been diluted in the successive pay commissions on account of various legal and technical pretext, there is need to totally merge this category with JE(P. Way) with effect from the date Mistry Supervisor of other departments, like Mechanical, Electrical, S&T have been en-block upgraded as JE.
- (iv) The total strength of PWS on the IR is around 4,400 and there are roughly 3,650 PWS on roll, only 17.26% of this category has been upgraded to J.E. the remaining strength is still in GP Rs.2800 causing serious resentment among them, therefore, their pay scales are required to be upgraded to GP Rs.4200.
- (v) The benefit of cadre restructuring/upgradation effective from 01.11.2003 has not been extended to PWS, which is a cause of frustration among this category and needs to be set right.
- (vi) The Headquarters of the PWS needs to be located on those stations where there are adequate facilities for their proper accommodation, education of their children and medical facilities etc. for their families are available.

- (vii) The discrepancies in their MACPS are also cause of discontentment and need to be addressed suitably.
- (viii) The working conditions, including duty hours and weekly rest etc. are also quite unsatisfactory; as such need to be set right at the earliest.
- (ix) The P. Way Supervisors need to be imparted proper training with Refresher Courses from time to time for updating their knowledge in the wake of adoption of advance technology in railway track.

It would be highly appreciated, if aforementioned grievances/demands of the P. Way Supervisors are addressed favourably.

An early action in the matter shall be highly appreciated.

Yours faithfully,

(Shiva Gopal Mishra)
General Secretary

Copy to: Addl. Member(Staff), Railway Board, New Delhi. He is also requested to do the needful in the matter.

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