

## **Artisan Technical Supervisors Conference held at Barwadih in Dhanbad Division of East Central Railway on 29.6.2011**

East Central Railway Karamchari Union organized Artisan and Technical Supervisors Conference at Barwadih in Dhanbad Division of East Central Railway, which was attended by nearly 150 delegates. The meeting was presided over by Comrade S. K. Pandey, Working President of the union.

The Conference was inaugurated by M. N. Bajpayee, General Secretary of the Union, who told that Artisan Technical Supervisors have a greater role in running the trains. During British rule the pay scale of Artisan and technical Supervisor was very low but due to constant efforts of AIRF the economic as well as promotional prospect of these staff has increased. In 1978 RWCT was formed from AIRF side comrade Priya Gupta the then Working President Comrade T.N. Bajpayee the then Vice President, AIRF put several suggestions because of their efforts the Working condition, promotional prospect financial condition of Artisan Technical supervisors were improved. Not only this, the promotional prospects have further been improved during cadre restructuring. .

AIRF suggested to enhance grade pay of Technician-II from Grade Pay –Rs. 2400/- to Rs. 2800/- . Percentage in MCM should also be enhanced MCM should be placed in Rs. 4200/- Rs. 4600/- similarly for Technical Supervisors Grade pay of Rs. 4800/- & Rs- 5400/- should also be allotted. From Artisan side S. K. Tiwari , Vice President of the Union placed before the house, the problems faced by Artisan staff from Technical supervisors side comrade S.S.D. Mishra/Treasurer of this union placed the views of AIRF & ECRKU regarding problems of Artisan & Technical Supervisors at the same time, the efforts done by AIRF & ECRKU. The General Secretary has already explained before you regarding efforts of AIRF ECRKU. We can achieve our demands and improve working condition only through our unity. All Artisan and Technical Supervisors should function jointly under the banner of ECRKU. On this occasion 16 participants from all the categories of Artisan & Technical Supervisors placed their views in the last a resolution was adopted.