

# **REPORT**

## **Zonal Engineering Conference**

On 5<sup>th</sup> Feb. 2012 Zonal Engineering Conference was organized by the Union's Engineering Branch of Ajmer Division at Sr. Railway Institute, Ajmer in which more than 800 Zonal Engineering staff participated to discuss their burning issues related to their day-to-day working. The subject matter of the conference was exclusively related to Engineering Staff

Com: J. R. Bhosle, Treasurer AIRF graced the occasion. Com. U.C.Tyagi, Genl. Secy NWREU, Sh. Manoj Seth, Divl. Rail Manager, Sh. S.M. Khichi, Addl. Rail Manager were Guest of Honour.

Com: J.R. Bhosle was of the view that in Railway set up, Engineering is the backbone. The welfare of Engineering staff should be our prime concern. Issues pertaining to Engineering Staff were also taken seriously by AIRF and raised them at Board level for providing all facilities to them like AC Passes, Night Duty Allowance, Transport Allowance, Uniform, Education allowance for their wards during various pay commissions.

Due to Bhagirathi effort of AIRF, the recommendation for providing higher Grade Pay of 1900, 2400 and 2800 for Trackman Category was also been made at Board level. Com: U.C.Tyagi promised for redressal of all the problems of Engineering staff at Zonal level. He said that most of the Engineering Staff are not able to say about their problems. It is the duty of Union people to look after them.

Com: Mukesh Mathur, Divl. Secretary NWREU Ajmer said that the staff with higher qualification should get better career opportunities in Railways and promised that all possible efforts will be made by Union in this regard.

DRM Ajmer Shri Manoj Seth and ADRM Shri S.M. Khichi appreciated NWREU for organizing such a beautiful and fruitful programme for Engineering staff. They promised that timely redressal of the problems of Engineering staff. Com: Babu Singh, Divl.Secy. NWREU Jodhpur presided the conference. Com: Anil Vyas, Divl. Secy. Bikaner and Ashok Saxena, Divl. Secy. NWREU Jaipur emphasized the need of change of category under 10% intake.

The issues raised/discussed in the conference were inclusion of track machine staff in safety category, filling up of vacancies, outsourcing of day to day work, Promotion prospect of trackmen, educational qualification of PWS in ranker /LDCE quota, change of category of trackmen under 10% intake, regular selection under GDCE, merger of Gr.II in Gr.I (Artisan staff), covering of all categories in LARSGESS, Camping coach with adequate facilities for TMC, Facility to Engg staff in ART, Working condition of P.Way Supervisors and staff, Deteriorated condition of Rly. Qtrs and colonies, Good quality uniform and payment of adequate stitching charges to track staff, Removal of G.P. 2000 in MACPS, 8 hrs duty of Gate-men, Abolition of New Pension Scheme, Abandan of age old Rly. Qtrs, Grade Pay 4800 to Supervisors, appointment of specialist in Rly Hospitals, Mobile Van facility to road side station's staff etc.

