

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE ZONAL MINISTERIAL & DRAWING STAFF CONFERENCE HELD ON 16-3-2012 BY THE SOUTH CENTRAL RAILWAY MAZDOOR UNION AT SECUNDERABAD**

The South Central Railway Mazdoor Union an affiliate of All India Railwaymen's Federation has conducted the Zonal Ministerial and Drawing Staff Conference in the Rail Nilayam Auditorium today i.e. on 16-3-2012 at Secunderabad. The Conference was attended by more than 500 employees working in Ministerial and Drawing Staff categories in the South Central Railway.

The above Conference was inaugurated by Com.Shiva Gopal Mishra, General Secretary, AIRF.

Speaking on the occasion, Com.Shiva Gopal Mishra, General Secretary, All India Railwaymen's Federation congratulated the EDB Division of SCRM Union for holding the Conference. He has also stated that the Railways are passing through a critical stage. He mentioned about the compliments given by the Hon'ble Minister for Railways in his budget speech over the working of Railwaymen. He also stated that the statement given by the Hon'ble Minister for Railways in his budget speech that the Railways are facing financial crisis due to implementation of VI CPC recommendations is incorrect and stated that due to lack of co-ordination and planning only the Railways are facing financial crisis. He supported the hike in fares in the Railway Budget presented by the Minister of Railways and stated that Railways is the cheaper mode of transport hen compared to any other transport. The duties performed by the Trackmen are no way inferior to the army jawans and it is unfortunate, that, the recommendations of the committee set up to go in to the problems of the Trackmen have not yet been implemented. While raising the slogan "RAIL BACHO DESH BACHAO" he stated that the AIRF will not be a silent spectator in thwarting the efforts of the Ministry of Railways in privatising the departmental activities. He has also stated that anomaly in fixing of pay on par with the juniors due to implementation of VI CPC recommendations has also been taken up by the AIRF. He vehemently criticized over the attitude of Ministry of Finance in not granting approval for several recommendations made by the Ministry of Railways and the DOPT in favour of the Railwaymen. He has also stated efforts are being made to secure orders for implementation of LARSGESS to all the categories. He also demanded for appointment of wards of Railwaymen in the Railways and also for engagement of Act Apprentices from among the wards of Railwaymen.

He has described the Ministerial and Drawing Cadre as an intellectual cadre and stated that they are denied in granting benefits on par with other staff in VI CPC recommendations. He also stated that the due to non-filling of vacancies and surrendering of retirement vacancies, the existing staff are overburdened. He has also assured that AIRF will do every effort in increasing the percentage of higher posts in Ministerial and Drawing Categories in Cadre Restructuring to improve the promotional prospects. He has also demanded for removal of Grade Pay of Rs.2000 for the purpose of grant of MACP benefit.

The Conference was held under the Presidentship of Com.V.P.R.Pillai, President,SCRM Union. Com.Shiva Gopal Mishra, General Secretary/All India Railwaymen's Federation was the Chief Guest and Shri J.N.Jagannath, Addl.General Manager and Shri K.Seshasayi, Chief Personnel Officer and Shri Pradeep Kumar, Principal Chief Engineer of South Central Railway were the Guests of Honour.

Com.V.P.R.Pillai, President/SCRMU, Com.Ch.Sankara Rao, General Secretary/SCRMU, Com.R.Satyanarayana, Vice President/SCRMU/EDB Division and Com.P.Yugandhar, Divisional Secretary/EDB/SCRMU spoke on the occasion.

The following resolutions were passed during the conference:

1. Benefit of Financial upgradation under MACPS to Drawing Staff those recruited as Tracer/Asst.Draughtsman.

2. Demand for granting improved Grade Pay of Rs.5400 to remove the injustice done to Drawing/Technical and Ministerial Cadre in granting Grade Pays by VI CPC.
3. Upgradation of 15% of supervisory posts in apex grade of Drawing and Ministerial cadre to Group 'B'.
4. Structure of the Drawing Cadre on par with Technical Supervisors.
5. Extending the benefit of MACPS taking into account the training period on initial appointment.
6. Earned Leave of Railway employees – accumulation.
7. Free Pass and Medical facilities for parents of Railway employees.
8. Facility of on line reservation of duty/privilege passes.
9. Enhancement of contribution towards CGIS.
10. Demand for lifting the ceiling of 300 days for encashment of earned leave on retirement.
11. Exemption of Transport Allowance from the purview of Income Tax – enhancement of exemption limit from Rs.800 to Rs.3200 plus DA there on.
12. Provision of employment to the wards of Railwaymen.
13. Filling up of all vacancies including back log vacancies of SC and ST and OBC.
14. Extension of LARSGESS to Non-safety categories also.
15. Grant of National Holiday Allowance and Compensatory Rest (CR) to the Ministerial and Drawing Staff.
16. Surrendering of posts in Ministerial and Drawing Staff categories.
17. Dispensation of written examination to the candidates for promotion to the post of senior clerk under Departmental quota.
18. Merger of Jr.Clerk and Sr.Clerk and allotment of Grade Pay of Rs.2800/-.
19. Filling up of all vacancies of Ministerial Cadre all over the Indian Railways.
20. Filling up of the vacancies of Jr.Clerks.
21. Grade Pay of Rs.4800/- to Typist Cadre on par with other cadres.
22. Parity between Field and Secretariat Stenographers.
23. Grant of PCO Allowance/Incentive Bonus to the Design & Drawing Engineers working in Production Units and Workshops.
24. Change of designation of Peons.
25. Appointment of Clerks on Compassionate Grounds.
26. Training to periodical Ministerial and Drawing Staff.
27. Better deal to erstwhile Group 'D' employees.

The conference was concluded with vote of thanks by Mr.Murari, Treasurer, Rail Nilayam Headquarters Branch of SCRM Union.

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