

Dear Comrades,

There are two burning issues creeping in Accounts Department today. One is the vth PC arrears and the other is MACP for our CGII SOs.

As far as vth PC arrears is concerned, you might be aware that 5 people from Trivandrum Divn of S.Rly and 5 people of ECR Patna have got their arrears fully backed by AIRASA. Though AIRASA has taken the lead it has been extended only to the applicants.

In the recent Patna Court judgment you might be aware that they have stated that this a representative case and hence it should be extended to all as and when they claim. Hence AIRASA moved to the Principal Bench New Delhi. Three months back the case has been dismissed stating that it is time barred and due to financial crunch it cannot be extended to all.

We would like to state here that if one person in Indian Railways get the arrears naturally all the 20 thousand Accounts staff of Indian Railways are eligible for arrears.

Now we have moved to Delhi High Court and the case is coming for hearing on 5th April 2016. We initially thought of directly going to Supreme Court, but since there is no guarantee of winning, we have decided to go step by step after consulting several Legal experts. Hence we have filed the case in the Delhi High Court. Some of our N.Rly staff has gone directly to the Supreme Court. If we win the case in Delhi High Court, they have chances to win in the Supreme Court. Had we not gone to Delhi High court their chances of winning the case in Supreme Court is very bleak . If they win the case in the Supreme Court most probably we need not go to Supreme Court as both the cases are co-related. Their case is coming for hearing on 8th April. Now let us hope for the best as AIRASA has always got the fighting spirit and has achieved a lot through negotiations with Railway Board officials.

Next is MACP for CGII SOs. You all might be aware that 73 SOs from S.Rly who have gone to the Court had got their MACP 5400/- with arrears from 1-9-08. There are similarly 100 SO/TIA/ISAs from S. Rly who had not gone to Court, were denied MACP. Hence we approached the same Advocate for getting MACP for the remaining people. The hearing will take place on 15th March.

We have written several letters to FC and Railway Minister, to extend the benefit to all the SOs/TIAs/ISAs all over India but no action had been taken from their end. The letters can be seen from our Website. Similarly many FA&CAOs have also written to FC but still no action.

There are similarly 500 SOs all over India who have denied MACP 5400/-.Some of them have approached the local courts Zonal wise. As this case has to be fought Zonal wise based on Cadre seniority, others are requested to go Zonal wise or regional wise. The judgment copy of S. Rly SOs are in the Website.

We have attended the Oral evidence of the VII Pay Commission and it has come in Page No.877. We have been called to attend the anomaly in the VII PC by the Finance Ministry Implementation Cell. GS. President and Working President attended at Delhi on 10-12-2015. The Memorandum submitted is in the Website. We have also sent a Memorandum to the Chairman of the VII Pay Commission Empowered Committee on 10th Feb. 2016. This is also in the Website.

As no allowance was stated in the Pay Commission for SVs, we requested Rly Board and they have agreed to give Rs. 5000/- as allowance. This will be implemented from 1-1-2016.

As far as funds are concerned we are financially weak. As we have to move to Delhi High Court and Supreme Court we require lot of money. We have decided to collect Rs. 500/- towards Court fee **shortly by Cheque** In the name of **AIRASA Ac No.. 35275392197** IFSC Code SBIN0001821 and Rs. 200/- as Membership for the last two years by **Cash immediately**. The membership fee collected should also be remitted to the above Ac. No.

We have opened a new **Website** of AIRASA airasacentral.org This is a Corporate paid Website where you can see the latest activities of AIRASA, latest Rly.Board orders,PNR status, Facebook etc.

We have also opened a **new e.mail** for AIRASA airasa97@gmail.com. You may write letters to GS. give suggestions, etc.

Thanking you,

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General Secretary.