

Return from Delhi

Dear Friends,

President Partho Bhatacharya and GS AIRASA Reji George were in Delhi last week. Our 5th PC arrears hearing was on 2nd Aug. As the Railway Advocate did not come prepared, he asked the judge for some time so it has been adjourned to 24th Oct. Next regarding 5400 GP for our SOs, on completion of 4 years as on 1-1-16, this was discussed with top officials at Rly Bd. We were sailing on a smooth boat when the 7th PC recommendations came, but when the Gaz notification came there was a small hitch, that this matter will have to be referred to DOPT. The truth came to light what had happened. There are two sets of Officers in Rly. Bd. One is the Accounts Officers who are totally in favour of giving us 5400 GP but there are non Accounts officers who are not interested in giving us 5400. These Officers were influenced by some people, whom you know who they are. They have told, the Accounts people should not be given a higher GP. The Railway Accounts officers have told that these people have passed All India Competetive Departmental exam conducted by Railway Board that is why we are giving a higher GP, but these people were not ready to listen, supported by non Accounts Officers. Our Rly Accounts Officers have promised that they would do the best for us. Next we went to DOPT met the Officer dealing with our case, briefed him everything and also submitted a memorandum. We have told them there are a lot of litigations of this case in various courts in India. The Finance Ministry instead of solving this case has only complicated this issue. Next we went to Finance Ministry and also submitted a memorandum there. The same letter is available in our website. Regarding stepping up nothing is being done so far but modalities are being worked out. So dear friends we have to wait for few more days or else we have to resort to some sort of agitation. Meanwhile we would request you to appeal to your FA& CAOs or Sr.DFMs to write to FC and EDPC 2, for granting 5400 to all SOs who have completed 4 years as on1-1-16. As no restructuring was done for JAA and AA for the last 29 years, we have requested them to do so. Regarding special pay for Stock Verifiers we have asked for 5000 Rs, but they have agreed for 2500 rs. We have also discussed about designation change and Gaz. Status. So dear friends let us be united together to strive for our demands as AIRASA is the only Assn. that cares for you and for your family.

Thank you,

GS. AIRASA.