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Dear friends,

I have been receiving a lot of Phone calls and messages on certain doubts regarding 5th PC arrears from our staff. The main doubt is, why in the Railway Board letter dated 13-1-2022, they mentioned only applicants. Why the letter has been served to E. Rly and S. E. Rly only. First let me give you a clear picture of this case. It was on 18-12-2019 that AIRASA and 23 others have won the 5th PC arrears case at Delhi High Court. High Court of Delhi directed Admn. to pay arrears with effect from 1-1-96 instead of February 2003. It also directed to pay interest @ 6% till date of implementation of its judgment. The Railways not satisfied with the Verdict went to Supreme Court. AIRASA also filed a Vakalatnama at Supreme Court. Supreme Court upheld the decision of High Court Delhi on 8-1-2021 thereby AIRASA won the case in the Supreme Court also. Not satisfied with the Supreme Court verdict the Railways filed a review Petition. On 25-8-2021 the review petition came for hearing and it was dismissed. The Railways were silent for two months and they have no signs of issuing the orders. After waiting for two months, in the second week of November 2021 President Mr. Partho, Mr. Reji George GS had been to Delhi and filed a contempt as elected representatives of AIRASA on behalf of all Accounts staff of Indian Railways. Prior to filing contempt we have also informed Railway Board. On 21-12-2021 the contempt petition came for hearing. Now Supreme Court upheld the decision of High Court Delhi by dismissing the review petition of the Railways. Now Railway Administration has no chance to go to any Court, further accept to implement High Court Delhi orders within four weeks. Railway Advocate accepted the notice and asked to come for hearing on 24-2-2022. On 21-12-2021 the Delhi High Court has asked to file a compliance report within 4 weeks. As we have filed the contempt Railway Board woke up and issued two letters one to GM E. Rly and one to GM S. E. Rly to pay arrears first to the applicants ie. 23 others to avoid contempt of Court. Now AIRASA represents the entire Accounts staff of Indian Railways and the amount involved is 200 crores. Meanwhile Railway Board after getting a Positive clearance from Law Ministry has sent the file to Ministry of Finance for approval of AIRASA case representing the entire Accounts staff of Indian Railways. At the same time South Eastern Railway has been asked to file a compliance affidavit in consultation with Railway council on behalf of all the Railways. So every Accounts staff of Indian Railways will be getting. There is no need of Panic. Meanwhile some people who does not know anything about Court proceedings have been spreading rumors that we should not have gone for contempt. It is to be noted here that it is only one Advocate for AIRASA and (23 others) (staff of E. Rly and S. E. Rly). Our Advocate has done a wise thing by filing a contempt on behalf of AIRASA. We have also spent lakhs and lakhs of rupees to achieve this marvelous feat. So just wait for one month, every Accounts staff who were on the rolls from 1-1-1996 will be getting.

Reji George GS/AIRASA.