

The Biannual General body meeting of AIRASA was held in the Railway Institute Jhansi on 27th and 28th April 2015. The meeting was inaugurated by Sri Atulya Sinha CWM/JHS by lighting the lamp. Sri Arwind Kumar Dy FA&CAO,JHS, S.P. Tiwari DFM/JHS Sri Abdul Gaffur SAO/C/JHS, Joy Bendrin SFM/JHS, G.S. Nigam WAO/JHS, Kamlesh Shukla EDPM/JHS, J.S. Rathor AWAO/JHS, S. Dayal ADFM/JHS were also present on the occasion.

Sri Mukesh Khare of JHS welcomed the gathering. Sri Atulya Sinha CWM/JHS appreciated the efforts taken by the staff of JHS in hoisting this event and bringing the entire Accounts staff of Indian Railways here. This was followed by a Cultural program. After a brief meeting of the officers, the second session started.

Sri Partho Bhattacharya President of AIRASA presided over the meeting. Sri Unnikrishnan read out the General Secretary's report. He had detailed on the issues such as payment of arrears to all staff, GP 5400 for all SSO (A), Sr. TIA and Sr. ISA cadre, qualification pay for Appendix 3 A passed candidates, change of designations, court order affirming that restructuring is not promotion and arbitration award effective from 1-1-86 which were taken at different levels with concerned Board officials.

The other issues being hotly pursued were,

- 1) Group B status to all Accounts Asst.
- 2) Gazetted status for SO/TIA/ISA
- 3) MACP in the departmental promotional hierarchy.
- 4) Rs. 5400 Grade Pay for all SO/TIA/ISA cadre
- 5) Earmark 10% of AA posts for Sr. AA.
- 6) Passing training exam / IIA and also absorption against direct quota may be treated as entry level.

The Secretary Finance Sri Reji George spoke about the financial position of AIRASA. He had stated that the Financial position is so weak that it is not possible to run the association with the meagre amount. Already there is a deficit of more than 50,000/- which has been taken as a loan from S. Rly. He also requested that some amount should be withdrawn from the FD, The Accounts could not be passed as the Original FD was not brought to the meeting hall by the AGS.

The following office bearers spoke.

R.K Saraswath . He said that after the 2012 BGM situation of AIRASA is weak. Many demands could not be solved. He had stated many decisions were taken by GS without consultation of the Central body.

A.K.Divedi/JHS stated that the associations glamor should be increased by achieving the legitimate demands so that all members will come under the umbrella of AIRASA. Prasanta Mahanta N.F. RLY. stated that the Finance Position is not sound enough and he cannot understand how the Assn is able to run with the poor money. He stated that when the new committee is formed the FD and other documents should be handed over to the new Sec. Finance.

P. Suryanarayanan KGP stated that there is a communication gap, but we should work together.

Smt Arvind Kaur. All problems can be solved if we sit together and discuss.

Tapan Bashiya CLW . He asked AIRASA should take right step for our scale in the 7th PC. Difference in AIRASA comes due to anomaly in MACP. Regarding FD this should be handed over to the new Sec. Finance.

Ramesh Kumar N.Rly stated that a gap has been created within the CWC members. This should be solved.

Ashish Das/ E.Rly. We have spent a lot of money on Advocate, but actually what happened we dont know.

Suryanarayanan/NGP Frequent meetings and tour to be conducted by Active members.

He suggested to make a small group for mobilising in each corner.

Amarjit Singh Adra. He suggested to publish all news in Whats app and Facebook for better communication.

Nirmal Dey. CLW Some Divisions collected money, wrongly deposite in Zonal fund, but Zonal is not depositing the money in the Central fund. FD should be handed over to the new Sec. Finance.

Nageswara Rao/BZA stated that he had met recently Ananth Kumar Union Minister, MR and MOSR. Ananth Kumar had promised that he would take up our demands with the Railway Ministry.

Mahboob Jakathi. Supervised are getting more than the supervisors. This should be solved. He suggested that the accumulated interest from FD should be utilised for immediate tour to Delhi.

Ashok Dwivedi asked What is the status of direct recruit AA who have been recruited after 1984. Will they get 5400/- AIRASA regd. at Mumbai so HQ at Mumbai, hence FD will be there. Our Bombay Bank Account has been closed, we have to open a New Account.

Wathara Sholapur. Shollapur have collected subscription and wanted to deposit the money in the Central Fund but wrongly credited in the Mumbai Zonal Account. The money is to be transferred to the Central body but Central Rly Zone still not handed over the money to the Central body.

Nirmal Mandal NFR. Induct young generation into CWC. He had said that their Railway is ready to hold the next BGM if entrusted.

Mukesh Khare/JHS We should work like Jhansi Rani to get our demands achieved and surely we will get it.

President Partha Bhattacharya. As far arrears is concerned, though we have won the case in the Patna Court and Supreme Court, Rly Board is trying to mis interrupt some words in the wrong way so that other accounts staff may be deprived. Next hearing is fixed on 9th July. The others who spoke were Basheer Khan, C.D.Tiwari, Anthony Selvam, Govindarajulu. and Rajib Jain from JHS.

The next day morning at 9.30 am we had our CWC meeting. The following Office bearers were elected unanimously for the next two years.

President
SER

Partha Bhattacharjee

Working President
SCR
Gen. Secretary
SR
Sec Finance
CLW

Vice Presidents
ER

DMW/Patiala

NFR

SWR

NR

WR

NWR

NF

Addl. Gen. Secretaries
WR

COFMOW

Secretary Communications
SR

NFR

CLW

Dy. Gen. Secretaries
CR

SR

SE

Central Organising Secretaries
RWF/YNK

Damaraju Nageswara Rao

Reji George

Nirmal Dev

Ashish Das

Arvinda Kaur

P. Mahanta

C.M. Chengappa

Rakesh Gupta

J.P. Maurya

C.P. Singh

Dilip Tamauli

Ashok Dwivedi

Ramesh Kumar

R. Ramani

N.k. Mondal

Tapana Bashya

R.K. Mishra

P.S. Anand

P.Surya Narayana

K. Sadasivam

WR	Mahboob Jakathi
SR	Anthony Selvam
CR	S. Suryanarayana
JHS/ NCR	Mukesh Khare
ALD/NCR	S.B. Tiwari
Joint Secretaries NER	Kamlesh Chaturvedi
ECo.Rly.	K.C.Tripathy
SECR	Gopalakrishna
ICF	C.Govindaraju
SWR	T.S.Mohan
ECR	Uttam Kumar Gupta
ER	Ashish Bandopadhya
SR	M.S. Unnikrishnan Nair

The 34 member new body was read out by Gen. Sec. unanimously, approved by the BGM by all members by clapping of hands. A Memento was also presented to Sri R.K. Saraswath Working President who retired on 28-02-2015, for his valuable contribution to this Assn. He was also one of the founding members of the Assn.

On the concluding day the following Officers attended. DRM Sri S.K. Agarwal was the chief Guest. The other Officers attended were V.K. Tiwari Sr. DFM/JHS, A.K. Chhapolia Sr. DPO/JHS. We are extremely thankful to them for sparing their valuable time.

After the Officers meeting, the New Gen. Sec. Sri Reji George called for an emergency CWC meeting to chalk out the next course of action to get our pending demands achieved. He stated that the Accounts Department has been segregated into fragments due to MACP in the VI th Pay Commission. So there is no Unity among the staff. He said that his first motive would be to solve the MACP anomaly and second to get the V Pay Commission arrears.

The following resolutions were passed.

- 1) FD to be returned to the new Sec. Finance. An amount of Rs. 2,00,000/- to be encashed immediately and credited to SB account for getting out from scarcity of money. The rest to be split into two for a tenure of one year and renewed thereafter according to CWC decisions. When suitable subscription comes the encashed amount would be recouped into FD.
- 2) Subscription of Rs. 35,000/- from Sholapur Divn, 50% to be transferred to the Central body.
- 3) All Office bearers will take responsibility to collect yearly subscription, and share of Central body to be transferred to the Central Body without fail. In this regard it is also decided by CEC that actual collection of subscription for the year or minimum of Rs.5000/- invariably to be deposited in the Central body Account. For this two months time has been fixed to deposit the money.
- 4) Ashok Dwivedi wanted to know, how much amount has been spent for legal expense and estimated amount anticipated for court cases. . He also asked for the Xerox copy of the Wakalat Nama and this to be submitted in the next CWC meeting.
- 5) It is proposed to open a new website and E.mail for better communication purpose.
- 6) The next CWC meeting to be held at Secunderabad.

The following Promoted and retired Office bearers will be our Advisors and Permanent invitees to all the meetings of AIRASA.

Sri N, Srinivasan, Sri Shailender, Sri Rajasekaran all ADFM s, and Reired office bearers Sri Basheer Khan, Sri Velaudhin, Sri M.K. Loganathan, Sri John Rose, Sri Bandi Venkateswaran, Sri Munshi, Sri D. Govindarajulu and Sri R.K. Saraswath. We will never forget their valuable services they have contributed to AIRASA.

On 4th June 2015, 7th Pay Commission had called for AIRASA to present before the Pay commission at New Delhi. Our representatives Mr. Ramesh Kumar Addl. Gen Sec. AIRASA, Mr. Biswajit Boxi from Adra and Mr. Moloy Bandopadiya from KGP/SER had attended the meeting. The Chairman Mr. Mathur and Mrs. Meena Agarwal Agarwal Member Secretary listened patiently and was convinced with our views. Our representatives have stated that that we should be given scales on par with the Central Secretariat. Grade Pay should be given on departmental hierarchy. MACP anomaly should be solved. The Supervisors should get more pay than the supervisors. Gazetted status should be given to all SO/TIA/ISA s. We thank these Office bearers for sparing their valuable time at Delhi.

The Gen. Sec. would like to conclude that the present Financial Position of AIRASA is very weak. We had an amount of Rs. 77397/- in our SB Account at Mumbai. This has been converted to FD due to RBI guidelines without informing any of the signatories. The Bank wants us to convert to Current Account. Now there is not a Penny in the Central Fund. Till a new Account is opened at Mumbai, I therefore request all the Accounts fraternity of Indian Railways to collect their membership immediately and credit to AIRASA South zone Chennai Ac No. 11037325652, as we have been spending money from this Account for the last three years for running our day to day activities of this Assn. All AA s who have got their MACP 5400/- may contribute liberally.

The next hearing of our arrear case is tentatively fixed on 9th of July at Delhi. The Gen. Sec, President, Working President and Sec. Finance will be attending the hearing at Delhi. Other desirous may also attend, but not compulsory.

It is proposed to open a new website www.airasacentral.org shortly for better communication purpose. New E. Mail Id would be airasa97@gmail.com.

Once again I appeal to our fellow brethren to be liberal in contribution as AIRASA is the only association that cares for you and your family. We have miles and miles to go. Let us uphold the Motto of AIRASA * UNITY FOR DIGNITY* and make this Association the strongest Assn in Indian Railways.

(REJI GEORGE)

Gen. Secretary.