

IRTSA TEAM LED BY SHRI.M.SHANMUGAM CENTRAL PRESIDENT / IRTSA MEET SMT. MEENA AGARWAL, OSD, DEPARTMENT OF EXPENDITURE, MINISTRY OF FINANCE & SECRETARY, VII CENTRAL PAY COMMISSION.

On 11.02.2014, **Shri.M.Shanmugam**, Central President / IRTSA met **Smt.Meena Agarwal**, OSD, Department of Expenditure, Ministry of Finance & Secretary, VII Central Pay Commission. CP/IRTSA greeted the Secretary/VII CPC and had elaborately presented the demands of Technical Supervisors.

During the discussions, he explained how the technical supervisors in Railways deprived of the right Grade Pay and how their pay was deteriorated during previous pay commissions since III CPC and how the supremacy of technical supervisors of Railway has lost over the years.

He also stated that the hands of Board were tied up because of the demand of union to revise GP for all those in the GP of Rs.4600 which was turned down by ministry of finance. He insisted to give approval for the proposal send by Ministry of Railways atleast to provide unique pay for the top most technical post of Group "C" without diluting them with all their categories drawing GP of Rs.4600. He insisted OSD / Expenditure to consider enhancing GP of technical supervisors from the existing GP of Rs.4600 and Rs.4200 to Rs.5400 and 4800 for SSEs & JEs respectively.

An elaborate memorandum consisting of all resolutions passed in the IRTSA CGB held at Tiruchy was also handed over to Respected Member Secretary/ VII CPC.

He also requested her to call IRTSA for rendering oral evidence before VII CPC as done by previous CPCs. CP/IRTSA was accompanied by **Shri.K.Shanmugavelu** Advisor/IRTSA, **Shri.E.Ramesh**, JGS/IRTSA & Staff Council Member/ICF, **Shri.B.Saravanan** CEC Member/IRTSA and **Shri.V.Balakrishnan** TA to CP/IRTSA

IRTSA REPRESENTED THE ISSUES OF PENSIONERS AT FINANCE AND OTHER MINISTRIES.

CP/IRTSA took up the issues concerned with pensioners with ED/Pensioner's portal @ DOPT and various Nodal officers like Director / Expenditure, Director / Revenue and Director / Co-ordination of Ministry of Finance and ED/Passenger @ Railway Board.

Following issues were represented.

1. Male Pensioners' may be given 50 % rail fare concession at age of 58 on par with women.
2. Companion of traveling pensioners in train be granted 30 % of rail fare concession Pensioners at the age of 80 be given 100% rail fare concession.
3. Atleast 50% of all allowances drawn during service to be continued even after retirement.
4. Pensioners must be exempted from all taxes including service tax as recommended by V CPC.
5. Ministry of Civil aviation should restore the air travel concession without any conditions as existed before 2003.

CP/IRTSA with IRTSA office bearers along with **Shri.A.Saminathan** President /All Bharat Pensioners' association / Tamilnadu visited respective officers of Ministry of Finance pursuing the issues.

The whole team also met **Shri. Oscar Fernandes**, Hon'ble Cabinet Minister for Road Transport & Highways on 11.02.2014 @ 23.50Hrs at his office and Hon'ble Minister assured to take up all the above issues to the notice of **Smt.Sonia Gandhi & Shri.Ragul Gandhi** and do the needful and redress.