

CENTRAL PRESIDENT VISITS NEW DELHI

On 24th and 25th April M.Shanmugam, Central President/IRTSA visited New Delhi along with K.V.Ramesh, JGS/IRTSA and Shanmugavel, Advisor and other office bearers.

He met Sri.P.K.Sharma, Additional member staff, Railway Board and handed over memorandum on upgradation of Grade Pay to the Technical Supervisors / Rail Engineers, Grant of Group –B gazette status and inclusion of training period for the purpose of financial upgradation under MACPS scheme. The team also represented the issue of pay fixation to the group of Apprentice Mechanics who were on training when the recommendation of V pay commission was implemented.

Earlier the delegates met Com.S.G.Mishra, GS/AIRF. Upgradation of Grade Pay, grant of Group-B and MACPS anomalies were highlighted to him. Removal of undue advantage of integrated seniority awarded to the running staff who are one grade below than the Technical Supervisors / Rail Engineers was highlighted to him and the delegates told him that whatever the expected benefit of upgrading some percentage of posts to Group-B will only benefit the running staff since Technical Supervisors / Rail Engineers cannot reach even the zone of consideration for the selection. The Railway Board's new proposal 70% LDCE and 30% seniority selection will not bring any relief to the cadre the delegates added.

The delegate also met Director and Dy.Director on the issues of pay fixation to the 1994 batch of Apprentice Mechanics and reduction of training period from one and half year to one year for the Design and Drawing cadre.