

Workshop Staff

7.7.71 Workshop Staff comprise artisans and personnel working in Ordnance Factories, Naval Dockyards, Base Repair Depot, etc. in Ministry of Defence, Railway Workshops, Loco Running Shed and Carriage and Wagon Depots in Ministry of Railways, in Central Government workshops, production units and in departmentally run establishments. Most of the workshop staff is employed under the Ministry of Railways and Ministry of Defence. They have sought upgrades for various levels as brought out below:

Category	Existing Grade Pay	Proposed Grade Pay
Semi-Skilled	1800	1900
Skilled	1900	2800
Highly Skilled Gr-II	2400	4200
Highly Skilled Gr-I	2800	
Master Craftsman	4200	4600
Chargeman	4200	4800
Foreman	4600	5400

Analysis and Recommendations

7.7.72 The VI CPC had stated that the posts of skilled and highly skilled workers have an established relativity with the posts of LDCs and UDCs respectively and had recommended retention of this relativity. The next higher post of Master Craftsman was recommended to be placed in GP 2800. This corresponded with the V CPC pay scale of ₹4500-7000, which was the scale in which the post of Master Craftsman was in all workshops other than those in the Railways. The Railways had upgraded the post of Master Craftsman and placed it in the scale

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of ₹5000-8000 even though its promotion post, that of Chargeman, was also in an identical scale.

7.7.73 Initially, recommendations of the VI CPC were implemented only in the Railways. However, subsequently the cadre structure prevailing in the Indian Railways was adopted in all workshops. As a result, now there is full parity among all workshop staff in the Central Government.

7.7.74 The Commission is of the view that this parity is in harmony with the required qualifications and job profiles. Hence, there does not appear to be any case for placing them at a higher scale.