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# **RESOLUTIONS OF DEMANDS OF RAILWAY ENGINEERS -**ADOPTED BY CGB MEETING & 50th ALL INDIA ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF IRTSA HELD AT DR. AMBEDKAR ARANGAM, ICF CHENNAI ON 27<sup>TH</sup> & 28<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2015

Central General Body (CGB) Meeting and 50<sup>th</sup> All India Annual Conference of Indian Railways Technical Supervisors Association (IRTSA) held at Dr. Ambedkar Arangam, ICF on 27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> October 2015, discussed the demands and problems of about 70,000 Technical Supervisors / *(Junior Engineers & Senior Section Engineers, CMS, CMA, CDMS, DMS & IT Engineers) working* in various Departments of the Railways - including Civil, Mechanical, Electrical, Signal & Telecom Engineering, Drawing and Design wings, Material Management / Stores Deptt, IT and Chemical & Metallurgical Labs) who supervise and manage around 8.2 lakhs workforce out of around 12.5 lakhs railway employees.

The conference observed that undue extension of 4 months given to the 7th Pay Commission was unjustified especially since the Pay Commission had asked for an extension of only one month. Denial of Interim Relief and DA Merger for the employees & Pensioners, particularly after the undue extension to the 7th CPC, has added insult to injury to the Central Government employees & Pensioners; and they were much agitated over it.

The Conference earnestly hoped that, while deciding the pay scales, 7<sup>th</sup> CPC, the Government and the Ministry of Railways, would consider the qualifications, specialised Training, knowledge and other job requirement, experience & expertise, continued updating of technical knowhow with effective training and periodical refresher courses, mounting responsibility and accountability, multifaceted work contents, fatigue and hazardous working conditions, mental & physical strain especially pertaining to the said categories. As already brought to the notice of 7<sup>th</sup> CPC by IRTSA, that key to efficiency and competitive spirit in work lies not only in getting appropriate salary for the job but also with dignity & status.

Important role of these on the spot field managers was recognized by 3rd CPC to an extent by the 4th CPC which exclusively granted appropriate pay scales to Technical Supervisors than rest of Group C cadres - based on their job content and other factors. But this relativity was shattered by the V & VI CPC which completely ignored their Duties and responsibilities and diluted their status by seriously disturbing their relativity.

Further the fact that Indian Railways is basically a technically oriented organization and the safe, successful and efficient performance of this organization lies primarily in the hands of its technical work force - had escaped their reckoning.

Technical Supervisors / Supervising Engineers shoulder the direct responsibilities of safe, efficient & 'Failure-proof' production, repair, maintenance and operation of Rolling Stock, Locomotives, P-Way, Works, Bridges, Signal & Telecommunication Systems, Overhead Equipment (OHE) and other assets and equipment on the Railways. Reduced manpower, introduction of large number of new trains, addition of new assets and introduction of new & modern technologies etc, have substantially added to their duties and responsibilities over the years. Other departments are only supporting departments for the technical & operating departments .but had been given not only parity with them but even higher Grade pays in some cases by the 6th CPC.

Therefore, 7<sup>th</sup> CPC, the Government and the Ministry of Railways will hopefully understand the significance and sensitiveness of the work-content of the Technical Supervisors / Supervising Engineers on the Railways, their responsibility and accountability in the system as well as the factors like 'higher professional qualifications', 'longer training period' & 'greater responsibilities' as well as accountability towards public safety and efficiency of the Railways.

It was regretted that, the supporting categories like Accounts, Teachers and Nurses who were all along in the lower pay scales than the Technical Supervisors, were given up-gradation and were placed even two grades higher than Technical Supervisors. Worse and even more humiliating is the fact that the pay of categories, which work under the Technical Supervisors, were also equated with them - undermining the Supreme Court judgment of "the supervisor's pay cannot be equal to the person being supervised".

The CGB appealed to Railways, Government & 7<sup>th</sup> CPC to consider the genuine demands of these categories and they were requested to remove various obstacles that come in the way of attracting talents to the railway service and in improving the efficiency of working system by providing appropriate replacement scales for Junior Engineers and Senior Section Engineers, CMT Engineers, Stores & IT Engineers and Drawing and Design Engineers, which may justify the relativity of the emoluments in accordance with the job contents, working conditions, accountability & responsibilities, multi-faceted skills& critical management capacity.

The CGB & the Conference of IRTSA, strongly appealed to the Government and the Ministry of Railways, to accept the following long pending genuine demands in the interest of natural justice and to mitigate the extreme hardship and frustration of the employees especially amongst the Rail Engineers.

# MAIN DEMANDS

 a) RECOGNITION OF IRTSA – a forum to discuss and resolve the problems of the Frontline Managers/Rail Engineers/Technical Supervisors on Railways - as recommended by the Railway Accident Inquiry Committee (RAIC) – 1968 & 1978 & Railway Reforms Committee (RRC).

b) **Continuance of system of Staff Council in the Production Units of Railways**, which has separate representation for Technical Supervisors / Supervising Engineers.

- 2. a) Earlier submission of 7th Pay Commission Report.
  - b) Merger of 50% DA from 1-1-2011 and 100% DA with Pay from 1-1-2014.
  - c) Grant of Interim Relief from 1-3-2014 from the date of setting of the 7th CPC.

d) Four times rise of Basic Pay & Pension with 40% Fixation Benefit – as per detailed justification submitted by IRTSA in the Memorandum and evidence before the 7th CPC.

- 3. Withdrawal of National Pension System/New Pension Scheme (NPS) and Restoration of existing benefits of Pension & GPF for those appointed after 1.1.2004. Refund of contributions to NPS with Interest thereon at appropriate rate.
- 4. Removal of maximum ceiling of Rs.3500 for payment of PLB.
- 5. National Holiday Allowance at double the wages to JEs, SSEs and other Technical staff for working on National Holidays

# PAY SCALES / PAY BANDS, GRADE PAY, INCREMENTS & DESIGNATIONS

- Up-grading of posts of JEs, DMS, CMA-II to replacement Grade Pay of Rs. 4800 keeping in view their Duties & responsibilities and quantum increase thereof due to modernization & safety requirements and to <u>restoring Pre 6<sup>th</sup> CPC</u> "Horizontal Parity & Vertical Relativity" with Accounts Staff, Nurses & Teachers etc.
- 7. a) Up-grading of posts of Senior Section Engineers, CDMS, CMS & Sr.Er(IT) to replacement Grade Pay of Rs 5400 – keeping in view their Duties & responsibilities and quantum increase thereof due to modernization & safety requirements and to restore the Pre- Sixth CPC "Horizontal Parity & Vertical Relativity" with Accounts Staff, Nurses & Teachers etc.
- 8. b) Up-grading of posts of In-charge Senior Section Engineers, CDMS, CMS & Sr.Er(IT) to replacement Grade Pay of Rs.6600 PB-3
- Up-grading of posts of CMA-I to replacement of pre-6<sup>th</sup> CPC scale of Rs.7450-11500 since Direct Recruitment qualifications of CMA-I are BE / B.Tech. (Chemical / Metallurgical) or MSc

(Chemistry); and as the Sixth CPC had recommended (vide Para 3.4.7) that the posts with Engineering Degree as Recruitment qualifications be upgraded to Pre-revised grade of Rs.7450-11500.

10. a) Restructuring / Reorganisation of staffing pattern of IT Centres in Zonal Railways & Pus - as per staffing pattern of Computer Centre in Railway Board (vide letter No No:ERB-I/2011/25/4 dated 14.07.2011).

b) Upgrading the existing posts of JE/IT from the grade pay of Rs.4200 to GP of Rs.4600 and the existing posts of Senior Engineer/IT from the Grade Pay of Rs.4600 to Rs.4800 – at par with their counter parts in the Railway Board, w.e.f. the date of upgrading of IT Cadre in Railway Board.

- 11. Up-grading of P-way Supervisors & Senior P-way Supervisors as JEs w.e.f. 1-11-2003 at par with all other technical Departments and as per judgement of High Court.
- 12. **Parity in Fixation of Pay of Promotes & Direct Recruits** Fixing the pay of promotes at least at Entry Pay for Direct Recruits in each grade.
- 13. Minimum Annual Increment of 5 % PA (instead of 3%).
- 14. a) Re-designation of DMS and CDMS as JE & SSE / AE (Material Management) respectively.
  - b) Re-designation of CMA and CMS as JE & SSE / AE (C & M) respectively.

# CAREER PROGRESSION AND PROMOTIONAL AVENUES

- 15. a) Proper Career Planning & Time Bound promotions to all Rail Engineers as for Group A.
  - b) Four to five time bound promotions after every 4 years of service to all Technical Supervisors.
- 16. Promotion of JEs, DMS, CMA directly as Assistant Engineer (AE) Group 'B' Gazetted as in all other Government Departments like CPWD, Telecommunication and MES, where the JEs are promoted directly to the post of AE in Group 'B' (Gazetted)
- 17. Combined "Cadre Restructuring" of posts in Group 'A', 'B' & 'C' on Railways to meet with job requirements in the changed technological scenario and to provide adequate avenues of promotion.
- 18. Upgrading of adequate %age of posts of Technical Supervisors from Group 'C' to Group 'B' (Gazetted).
- 19. Grant of at least 5 Functional or Non-Functional promotion to all Railway Engineers/Technical Supervisors as given to all the Group A organized service officers.
- 20. Classification of all Posts of JE/CMA/DMS in Group B Non-gazetted as in all other Departments.
- 21. Classification of all Posts of SSE/CMS/CDMS in Group B Gazetted as per orders of DoPT
- 22. Restoration of cuts made in the recommendations of Cadre Restructure Committee from 2013.
- 23. No surrender of posts for Cadre Restructuring of Safety Categories of Technical Supervisors and Technicians / Helpers, as the sanctions are as per yardsticks/ Benchmarks and surrender of posts adversely affects safety and efficiency as well as increases stress on these over burdened staff.
- 24. Integrated seniority for promotion from Group C to Group B should be considered for the same Grade Pay both for Technical Supervisors and for Running Staff to avoid discrimination on account of the Running Staff being given unjust advantage of one scale.
- 25. Removal of disparity in Cadre Restructuring of Technical Supervisors (JEs, & SSEs) vis-à-vis other Inspectorial Staff (like Traffic Controllers & Commercial Inspectors).
- 26. Cadre Restructuring of JE & SSE Drawing & Design and DMS/CDMS (Stores Supervisors) at par with other Technical Supervisors, due to their same recruitment qualifications as Diploma in Engineering, similar training and vital job difficulties & multi-skilled job requirements.

- 27. Promotion of serving Engineering Graduates against 50% posts of direct recruitment quota of Organised Group A officers (in IRES & SCRA) with necessary age relaxation in view of same qualifications and the working experience as well.
- 28. a) Graduate Engineers recruited directly as SSE in the GP of Rs.4600 should made eligible automatically to appear for Group 'B' LDCE selection whenever JEs/SSEs who are Junior to DR SSE are eligible to appear for the said selection.

Or b) Minimum service requirement for Graduate Engineer SSEs/CMS/CDMS for eligibility to appear for LDCE be reduced from existing 5 years to 3 years in view of their qualifications.

- 29. In future Direct recruitment of Graduate in Engineers should be made only in Group A but not in Group C as nowhere else they are recruited in Group C.
- 30. LDCE for Promotion from Group C to Group B should be conducted on all India level preferably through UPSC every year to avoid bias and favouritism.
- 31. No accumulation of vacancies be allowed at any level as it seriously and adversely affects promotion of concerned staff.
- 32. All vacancies and anticipated vacancies in Group B should be taken into consideration on the date of notification for the selection to Group B including backlog, if any from previous year(s).
- 33. Increase in Percentage of Group B and Group A Posts (viz-a-viz Group C) on the Railways commensurate with modernization on the Railways and at par with other Centre Govt. Departments.
- 34. Withdrawal of system of written tests for promotion from JE/SSE to Group 'B' Cadre so as to bring in uniformity with officers and with other Departments since no written tests or selections are held for promotion from Group 'B' to Group 'A' in Indian Railways nor are any such written tests held in other Central Government Departments for promotion from Junior Engineers to Assistant Engineers or in the State Government Services.
- 35. Merger / Integration of different trades of Technical Supervisors of Mechanical Departments in Workshops and Production Units with a unified Trade of "Mechanical Engineering" to all Technical Supervisors recruited henceforth without affecting the seniority of the existing incumbents.

#### **INCENTIVE & SPECIAL PAY**

- 36. Extension of Incentive Scheme to Diesel & Electric Loco Sheds, C&W Depots, P-Way, Works & Bridges and S & T Depots etc. to meet with the additional workload in these areas.
- 37. Provision of additional Staff & Technical Supervisors as per Benchmarks / Yardstick for additional workload on account of new Trains, new lines & other additional assets.
- 38. Honorarium / Incentive to Technical Supervisors & Staff for additional workload in C&W, P-Way, Works, Bridges & S&T Depots, Sheds, TRD etc, especially on account of fluctuating / seasonal rush of workload due to Special Trains, Military Specials, accidents and other exigencies.
- 39. Grant of Special Pay / Technical Allowance / Technical Pay to all Technocrats / Engineers / Technical Supervisors as granted to the scientific officers in other departments.
- 40. Revision of rates of Incentive Bonus & PCO Allowance from the date of effect of Sixth and Seventh Pay Commissions in Railway Workshops & Production Units;
- 41. Rates of Incentive Bonus / PCO Allowance should be increased whenever the dearness allowance payable on the revised pay structure goes up by 50%.
- 42. Revision of rates of Incentive Bonus & PCO Allowance in Railway Workshops & Production Units - as per Revised Pay Bands & Grade Pay in keeping with ILO norms – which require the rates to be based on average of the wages instead of at the minimum level.
- 43. a) Incentive Bonus to all SSE on actual Basic Pay & DA on financial up-gradation under MACPS.

b) Incentive Bonus to SSE (Senior Section Engineers) at Hourly Rates of Bonus like JEs (Junior Engineers) (as recommended by RITES for Group Incentive Scheme in Production Units)

OR Raising of the existing rate of Incentive to SSE to at least @ 30% of Pay (instead of 15%) – (to compensate for loss of take-home- Pay on promotion from JE to SSE).

c) Incentive Bonus to SSE in Workshops & Production Units without any deduction for Leave, Holidays, training or out station duty – as it is linked with Basic Pay and does not compensate for the loss of Incentive Bonus in terms of Take-Home-Pay on promotion from JE to SSE.

- 44. Extension of Incentive Scheme to left out areas & Cadres in Workshops & Production Units.
- 45. PCO Allowance to Drawing / Design, Chemical & Metallurgical Lab Staff, Store Depots & IT/EDP Centres in Workshops & Production Units, considering their contribution to improved productivity and quality control (as recommended by RITES and as adopted for C&M Staff in DMW Patiala & RWF Bangalore).
- 46. PCO Allowance to JEs, SSEs & other Technical Staff of PCO Cadre Workshops at par with Ex-Cadre Staff Working in PCO in all Workshops.
- 47. Design Allowance to Drawing, Design Staff as recommended by Fifth Pay Commission.

### MACPS

- 48. MACPS AS PER CADRE HIERARCHY & NOT GRADE HIERARCHY as per judgments of various courts including Supreme Court of India.
- 49. 3rd MACP after 30 years of regular service OR 10 years after 2nd Promotion/MACP OR 20 years after first Promotion whichever is earlier.
- 50. Counting of initial training period for MACPS as regular service since it is qualifying service for pension & increments and paid for from general revenue.
- 51. Promotion through LDCE (Intermediate Apprentice JEs) should be counted as initial appointment for financial up-gradation under MACPS.
- 52. Grant of Financial up-gradation under MACPS to the direct recruit Graduate Engineers in Design & Drawing Cadre Considering entry grade pay as Rs.4600 for the purpose of MACP to all the directly recruited Engineering Graduates in Design/Drawing cadre Ignoring the promotion earned in the pre revised scale from 5500-9000 to 6500-10500 as the same had been up-graded.
- 53. Elimination of the discrimination in the MACPS by placing all the Engineering Graduates in the pre- revised scale of Rs.7450-11500 irrespective of their date of recruitment & irrespective of their date of promotion to the pre revised scale of Rs.6500-10500.
- 54. Counting of Past service of P-Way Supervisors as JEs (since 1-11-2003 like all other Departments) for grant of MACPS.
- 55. Provision of all benefits on financial up-grading under MACPS including entitlements for travel & treatment in hospital etc. as MACPS was introduced to compensate for lack of Promotion.
- 56. Financial Up-gradations under MACPS after every 5 years of service or atleast after 8 years of service in a grade at par with Armed Forces (instead of after 10, 20 & 30 years of Service given to Civilian employees).

# ALLOWANCES & MERGER OF DA ETC.

- 57. Merger of 50% of DA (Dearness Allowance) with Pay for all purposes w.e.f. 1-1-2011 & 100% DA with Pay for all purposes w.e.f. 1-1-2014 as done in the past to neutralize the impact of excessive inflation.
- 58. Exemption of all Allowances from Income Tax as recommended by Fifth CPC, since the Allowances are granted to compensate the prize rise & erosion of real wages.

- 59. 2.6 times uniform increase in Transport Allowance wef 1-1-2006 (of the sum of pre-revised TA & CCA) in pre-revised scales up to Rs.7450-11500, as in case of scales placed in PB-3 with grade pay of Rs.5400 and above.
- 60. Transport Allowance may be revised as 10% of Pay + DA for all class of cities, since fuel cost is almost same everywhere.
- 61. 30% Special Heavy Duty Allowance to Track Temping Staff & Track Temping Engineers. (As recommended by Sub-Committee of Railway Board in 1996).
- 62.30% Training Allowance for Faculty (Professors, Lecturers & Instructors) of Basic Training Centers, Zonal Training Schools and Technical Training Centers at par with National/Central Training Academies and Institutes for Officers.
- 63. a) Grant of suitable Honorarium to Senior Technical Supervisors (i.e. S.S.Es. etc.) for the additional non-technical duties

OR b) Withdrawal of following Non-technical duties, unjustly imposed on Technical Supervisors (JEs & SSEs), even though separate staff is provided for the same; while these non technical duties & responsibilities divert the attention of Technical Supervisors from vital technical duties – adversely affecting the safety & efficiency of the system:

- I. Boxing & Disbursement of wages to workers
- II. Supervision and Witnessing of payment of wages to workers;
- III. Holding of D&AR Inquiries;
- IV. Holding of Trade Tests;
- V. Custody of Stores,
- VI. Witnessing of GA attendance card punching etc.
- VII. Filling up of Confidential Reports of Staff, etc.
- 64. National Holiday Allowance at double the wages to JEs, SSEs and all other Technical staff for working on National Holidays
- 65. Overtime allowance for SSE for putting in additional working hours in Production Units, Workshops, Open line sheds & Depots, etc.
- 66. Compensatory Rest or Honorarium / Overtime Allowance to SSE for working on Sundays and Holidays.

OR: One month's additional salary in a year to Open-Line Staff - for working on Sundays & Holidays, as extended to Railway Protection Force (RPF) personnel.

67. a) Revision of rates of Incentive w.e.f. 1-9-2008 - for acquiring additional Professional qualifications;

b) Restoration of six advance increments for acquiring additional professional qualifications (like AMIE / BE etc.) - instead of lump-sum payment introduced in lieu thereof, in view of recurring advantage to the Railways (on account of additional qualifications).

- 68. Payment of Night-Duty Allowance for full period of Duty performed between 6.00 P.M. to 6.00 A.M., instead of 10.00 P.M. to 6.00 A.M. as night hazards are created after sunset.
- 69. Revision of Breakdown Allowance (BD Allowance) for Open line Technical Supervisors from the present Rs.200 pm to at least 20% of basic pay like special pay to Loco Pilots.
- 70. Extension of allowances like HRA, Transport allowance, TA/DA, CEA, etc to Trainee JE/SSE, CMA/CMS, DMS/CDMS & JE/Sr.Er(IT).

#### WORKING CONDITIONS

- 71. No Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) in Railways in any form in any field.
- 72. No privatization or corporatization of Production units & Workshops on Indian Railways.

- 73. No transfer of Intellectual property Rights to Private Firms like designs of Coaches, Wagons & Locos etc.
- 74. No transfer of work to Private Sector for high density rail traffic corridors (like Mumbai Ahmedabad, Chennai Bangalore etc)
- 75. Improvement of working conditions & work environments and provision of basic amenities in the Open Line C&W Electrical & Mechanical/C&W Depots, Sick Lines, Diesel Sheds, Electric Loco Sheds & EMU Car Sheds, S & T, Permanent Way Depots, IOW / Engineering Depots, Bridges, OHE, Printing Presses, C&M Labs, Store Depots, Workshops and PUs and I.T. Centers etc.
- 76. a) Reduction of Working Hours of all Technical Supervisors and Staff to 42 hours a week as recommended by I.L.O. and National Commission of Labour.

OR b) Reduction of Working Hours of all Technical Supervisors and Staff to 48 hours a week including Lunch Break – as provided for in the Factories act.

- 77. Amendment of HOER/ (Hours of Work and Period of Rest) Rules, 2005"-
  - I. Classification of all JEs & SSEs as "Continuous" (and not as "Excluded")
  - II. Statutory provision for periodic rest for the Technical Supervisors (JEs & SSEs) on Railways
  - III. Payment of Over Time Allowance at double the rate of wages for extra hour(s) put in after working for 48 hours in a week or for more than 8 hours in a day.
  - IV. Over Time Allowance) should include HRA under HOER similar to those covered under Factories act (in terms of RBE No. 29/2010 dated 17.02.2010).
- 78. Amendment of Factories Act to compensate for actual number of extra hours put in.
- 79. Restoration of Linen management to the Commercial Departments for supply of linen in trains as done in the past; And withdrawal of this non-technical work from the Mechanical / Electrical Department / Depots unjustly transferred to them.
- 80. Provision of proper Manpower as per Benchmark / yardstick for repair and maintenance of Rolling Stock and Locomotives, P-Way, Works, S & T, Bridges and other Technical Services.
- 81. Filling up of all posts of Technical Supervisors & Staff to avoid set-back to Safety& efficiency.
- 82. Formulation of annual calendar for Timely holding of all selections and completion of processes thereof.
- 83. De-linking of "Integrated Rake Link System" to avoid public complaints and to ensure safety.
- 84. Provision of separate Washing Lines for "Exterior Washing" and, "Cleaning of Coaches".
- 85. "Dry Pit Lines" for "Under-Gear Repair and Examination" for proper inspection and repairs.
- 86. Extension of Factories Act to Sheds and Open Line Depots and Power Houses.
- 87. Provision of Benchmark for infrastructure for C&W, Engineering, S&T & Electrical Depots; Periodical Technical Audit of the availability of the infrastructure (by independent agencies).

# **PENSION & RETIREMENT BENEFITS**

88. NPS: a) Withdrawal of New Pension Scheme / National Pension System (NPS) for those recruited after 1-1-2004 and restoration of Old Pension Scheme for all of them – and refund of the contributions made by them so far with Interest thereon at appropriate market rates.

b) Till NPS is withdrawn, Provision for withdrawal of funds from contribution to New Pension Scheme, after a specified period of service - to meet with Social obligations & other personal exigencies as from the Provident Fund.

c) Employees who were empanelled for appointment before 31.12.2014 but appointed after should in any case be brought under old pension scheme.

- 89. Additional Pension: 10%, 20%, 30%, 40%, 50% & 100% additional Pension/Family Pension after 65, 70, 75, 80, 85 & 90 years of age respectively (instead of starting it from 80 years onwards).
- 90. Commutation: No reduction in Commutation value of Pension as resorted to after Sixth CPC.
- 91. Fixed medical allowance for National Pension System (NPS) retirees at par with Pre-2004 appointees.
- 92. FMA: Grant of Medical Allowance of Rs.2000 pm to all retired employees & Pensioners at par with those of EPFO and periodic revision thereof keeping in view high cost of medicines for day to day treatment.
- 93. Removal of limit of 2.5 km for payment of Fixed Medical Allowance (FMA).
- 94. Rate of interest on SRPF should be at par with interest on PPF.
- 95. Minimum Ex-Gratia Pension of Rs.3500 plus DR to all SRPF Optees at par with 50% of Minimum wage of CG Employees.

### WELFARE, GENERAL AMENITIES & MISCELANIOUS

- 96. Separate Rest Houses/ Clubs / Technical Libraries for Technical Supervisor as for the Railway Officers or allowing use of Officer Rest Houses / Clubs to JEs & SSEs.
- 97. Recognition of M.B.A. / G.D.M.M. etc., as additional professional Qualifications for Technical Supervisors, for grant of Incentives for acquiring additional professional qualifications (as for A.M.I.E. / B.E. etc.) to provide greater motivation and improved efficiency.
- 98. Eligibility of Half C.L. (Casual Leave) for half working days (like Saturedays etc.).
- 99. Restoration of 12 days CL (Casual Leave) to all Central Govt. employees.
- 100. Arrangement for 'Cashless' Medical treatment in Government Hospitals in case of 'Emergency' as available in Recognized Private Hospitals.
- 101. Early orders on inclusion of both 'Dependent Parents' (Father & Mother) for Medical treatment – as recommended by the Fifth and Sixth Pay Commissions and as old Parents are the responsibility of employees / children as per Maintenance and Welfare of Parents and Senior Citizens Act, 2007.
- 102. Post retirement complementary pass after completing 10 years of service for Ex-service men & widows of Railway servant.
- 103. Inclusion of both Dependent Parents (father & mother) in Privilege Pass as old Parents are the responsibility of employees / children as per Maintenance and Welfare of Parents and Senior Citizens Act, 2007 and as recommended by 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> CPC and as applicable for LTC.
- 104. Eligibility for Private In-patient Rooms for Technical Supervisors (in GP Rs.4200 & above) & their Dependents (instead of General wards).
- 105. Accident Free Service Award to Engineers & other Technical Staff working in Open Line C&W Depots, Electrical General Services, Diesel Sheds, Electrical Loco Sheds & Car Sheds, Power Houses & S & T, P-Way, Works, Bridges, OHE, Printing Presses, Workshops and Production Units.
- 106. Provision of CUG Mobile Phones / SIM cards to all JE, SSE, CMA, CMS, DMS & CDMS for better efficiency and inter-action.
- 107. Replacement of system of Confidential Reports with Self-Appraisal system to bring in greater objectivity, motivation & improved productivity.
- 108. Provision of Laptop Computers to all JE, SSE, CMA, CMS, DMS & CDMS in the interest of work and efficiency through faster communication and inter-action.

- 109. Provision of adequate facilities and proper maintenance of Supervisors' Rest Houses, Holiday Homes and Supervisors' Institutes / Training Schools & Supervisors Hostels etc.
- 110. Adequate allocation of Staff Benefit Funds (SBF) for Supervisors Welfare and recreation.
- 111. Separate pool of quarters for all technical supervisors.
- 112. Proper amenities & maintenance of quarters for all technical supervisors as for officers.
- 113. Removal of ceiling of 4 Dependents on Privilage Passes specially if the Railway Employee has 2 children and his Parents and / or Widow Sisters etc. are also dependent on him / her and are included in the Pass.
- 114. Remove age limit of 25 years for entitlement of Pass by Railways for dependent son in case the son continues to be dependent / unemployed beyond that age also.
- 115. Issue of Smart Card in place of Pass / PTO to avoid paper work
- 116. On-line booking / Reservation on Pass / PTO against a Unique ID Code / Aaddhar Card or Smart Card.
- 117. "Tatkal" facility for "Privilage / Complimentary Passes" on payment of "Tatkal" charges.
- 118. Eligibility for Pass / PTO in premium trains.
- 119. Removal of quota restrictions for Pass / PTO in Jan Shatabdi Express.
- 120. Increase in quota of seats for Pass / PTO in Duronto, Rajdhani, Shatabdi Express.
- 121. Eligibility of Self, Wife and 2 dependents on Privilege Pass to travel in Rajdhani / Shatabdi / Duronto Express – Removal / increase of ceiling of only one/two seats/Births on the Pass.
- 122. One additional set of pass by surrendering 3 sets of PTOs.
- 123. On-line booking of retiring rooms for Railway employees.
- 124. Medical and Pass facility to the dependents of Trainees / Apprentices.
- 125. Doubling of amount of Gratuity in case of death in harness
- 126. Raising ceiling for Payment of Gratuity and for exemption thereof from Income Tax.
- 127. Raising of Exemption Limit from Income Tax to Rs. 5 Lakhs
- 128. Exemption of DA, HRA & other Allowances from Income Tax as recommended by Fifth CPC.

# 129. Resolution on line of action:

CGB authorised the President and the General Secretary IRTSA to decide the Line of Action on Pursuance of Demands after the release of Report of Seventh CPC and issue necessary directive thereon.

A Meeting of CEC may also be held early after the the release of Report of Seventh CPC – to consider the Report and decide further Line of Action thereon.

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