

## **CHAIN OF MEETING IN SOUTH CENTRAL UNIT OF IRTSA**

South Central Zone of IRTSA conducted series of meetings at Divisional/sub-unit level. Er.N.V.Ramanamurthy, Zonal Secretary, SCR along with other office bearers toured across South Central Railway. On 4<sup>th</sup> February meeting was held at Tirupathy sub-unit and Carriage Repair Shop, Tirupathy. In the Tirupthy open line meeting, Er.N.V.Ramanamurthy, Zonal Secretary, SCR, said that the unity and belief shown by the Open line Rail Engineers on IRTSA rejuvenated the activities of IRTSA in SC.Railway. Er.K.V.Ramesh, Zonal Secretary, ICF, explained the vigorous persuasion made by IRTSA especially during and after Sixth Pay commission with logical arguments well supported by the statistics to achieve the decade old demand of AC 2 tier pass to all JEs. Er.V.P.Abdul Salm, Zonal Secretary, Southern Railway, said that ever increasing work load of open line Engineers should be transformed in to Incentive to the staff and Supervisors of open line sheds and depots. Er.D.Nayak, Secretary, Tirupathy explained problems pertaining to Tirupathy like, inadequate number of quarters, poor water quality, non-availability of Hospital, requirement of Institute or recreation club etc. He explained the disadvantageous position of Rail Engineers of Tirupathy which improved all the way from a small MG station to an important terminal connected to all the parts of India and proposed to be a world class station. Being a major pilgrimage centre of India the cost of living sores high like Metro cities which is never being compensated, since Tirupaty is classified as un-classified city, he added.

In the meeting held at the Carriage Repair Shop, Tirupaty the substantial reduction in take home pay after the promotion to SSE from JE were raised by the Engineers. In his reply K.V.Ramesh, said that the issue had been discussed in length in 45<sup>th</sup> CGB of IRTSA held at Gorakpur and the demand of incentive rate (as like technicians & JEs) or 30% of basic pay to SSE has already been made. Ramanamurthy called up all Rail Engineers from Tirupathy to actively participate in all the activities of IRTSA. Abdul Salam said that strong platform laid by Er.Harchandan Singh and Er.M.Shanmugam should be strengthened by the younger generation for the betterment of the community. Er.Ramakrishnamurthy, Secretary, CRS/Tirupthy, highlighted the inadequate staff and supervisors available in Tirupathy workshop. For the outturn of 90 coaches per month only 70 supervisors are available, lowest among Indian Railways he added. Er.K.P.Chari, Treasurer SCR appealed for the membership subscription and struggle fund. Er.K.Joginder, President, CRS/Tirupathy proposed the vote of thanks.