

THE ARTEE EAST ZONE BULLETIN

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Friends, you are aware that with the Election process for the term of 2011-13, New ARTEE East Zone committee took charge from old committee and tried our level best to work towards the welfare of staff members. After taking the charge, ARTEE East Zone committee took a resolution that now onwards, **no individual donation** will be collected in the name of ARTEE-EZ, **which creates a gross mistrust and grudge among our members**. The new Zonal committee tried to reach grass root members by visiting different places of East Zone by charging host units to pay sleeper class train fare. All these tours improved interaction between members of Unit Level and Zonal committee. Following are the Places where East Zone committee visited time to time to get first hand knowledge of different problems faced by our members.

1. The first meeting this Zonal committee held was at Cuttack. 2. Meet at DDK Bhubaneswar. 3. Meet at Berhampore. 4. Zonal council meet arranged by HPT & AIR Jamshedpur, where members from all over the Jharkhand and some places of Bihar were present. 5. Meeting with **Helpers** and **Sr Tech** cadre in AIR Kolkata, when they came to attend departmental Examination, to discuss their cadre based problem and tried to forward their feelings in proper channel for further action. 6. Meeting at DDMC Gaya. 7. Meeting at DDMC Dhanbad 8. Meeting at Santiniketan. 9. Meeting at DDMC Burdhaman for their long pending problems. 10. Meeting at DDK & AIR Patna. 11. Meeting at DDK Muzaffarpur with the presence of Member Personnel of Prasar Bharati Sri V. Shiva Kumar and President ARTEE and members from all over the state of Bihar. We enormously indebted to DDK Muzaffarpur unit to arrange this fantastic meet. 12. Vice President ARTEE meet at AIR and LPT Bhagalpur. 13. Vice President ARTEE meet at LPT Khagaria. 14. Meet at LPT Begusarai, which was actually a workshop arranged by members of DDMC Bhagalpur. 15. Vice President ARTEE's visit to AIR and DDK Patna. Beside this ARTEE EZ arranged a numerous meeting of Ex Zonal office bearers & meeting with Unit Secretaries of different installation of Kolkata time to time. ARTEE East Zone committee has benefited enormously by all this interaction and tried our level best to inform members on different issues related to staff welfare matter and took necessary action by forwarding the same to necessary section of CE office for proper redressal.

In this short span of time ARTEE-EZ committee succeeded to pursue Chief Engineers to release transfer list of different sub-ordinate cadre which was halted some time for the vested interest of some section of bad elements and due to court cases. With the help of ARTEE CWC (thanks to Sri Anil Kumar S. GS ARTEE), ARTEE EZ committees also succeeded to pursue Chief Engineer EZ to issue MACP list for huge number of Sub-ordinate cadres by the direct intervention of Prasar Bharati Secretariat. We extend our gratitude to **Sri V Shiva Kumar, the then M(P),PB and Sri G. Jayalal Sr. GM (P)** to extend their support for the welfare of East Zone staff members.

Unfortunately some section of Prasar Bharati Secretariat was against the representation of Staff members and de-recognized all Associations under AIR and DD with the name of implementation of RSA ACT of 1993 (DOP&T) in the month of September 2011. This attack came in the time when three Associations were agitating under the banner of SSS for some genuine demands about their service condition and to implement different court cases, which were already won in Supreme Court of India.

Eventually **ARTEE EZ Council along with the help of all unit secretaries** worked very hard to make contact Hon'ble MPs of different Political parties and different Trade Union leaders and to apprise them the truth behind this de-reorganization story and request them to raise this issue when Prasar Bharati Amendment Bill 2011 will come to Raya Shabha and Lok Shabha for approval.

A good numbers of Hon'ble MPs from East Zone reacted immediately by issuing strong Protest letters to Hon'ble Min of I&B and some of them assured to raise the issue when it will come to the House for debate.

On the 8th December 2011 and 20th December 2011 are historic days for the members of ARTEE when both Hon'ble Raya Sabha and Hon'ble Lok Shabha passed the Prasar Bharati Amendment Bill by voice vote with amendments in the Section 11 of the said ACT. **Which ended the long anxiety and un-certainty of the 38,000 existing employees of AIR & DD (recruited up to 5.10.2007) (for their salary, Pension and all other benefits) to be a Central Government Employees till their retirement. Both the house also witnessed a loud protest by a substantial number of Hon'ble MPs from different parties and corner of the country, debated for the different issues like fill up vacant posts, better Promotional channel and anti staff stance by ministry regarding De-reorganization of all staff welfare associations. This instance shows that we are not alone in this fight.**

Although all staff welfare associations are facing enormous attack from Authority in the name of De-recognition of associations ARTEE is working hard in all fronts to get back the recognition of associations. By hard work of our leaders and members **on 22.11.2011 Prasar Bharati Secretariat issued the order to start recognition process. By another order on 21.12.2011 Prasar Bharati has finally instruct by another order to comply all Head of the Office to act accordingly (as said by the 22.11.2011 order) to start Recognition Process of Associations or face dire consequence. All orders are available at AIRNET. We are hopeful to finish the job very shortly.**

Friends, it is needless to mention that members are the true strength of any Association. So, we hope all you should be united and work hard together to get back the recognition of our beloved ARTEE by **filling up the RSA (Recognition of Service Association) forms to deduct Rs. 10 per month form salary as a subscription and submit it to office.** Please help your unit secretary, to complete the process as soon as possible, to help you more from Association platform.

LONG LIVE ARTEE

LONG LIVE UNITY

BHASKAR BASU... Vice President ... ARTEE/EZ.

Very important instruction to Unit Secretaries to fill up RSA FORM

1. All unit secretaries to supply 03 numbers RSA form to all members to be signed. Blank RSA form supplied with this envelope. Please take Xerox copy as much you need. If already submitted to office Please don't forget to send it to ARTEE central office without fail.
2. Unit Secretaries should counter signed the form to authorize the member and make his sign in the place mention for Unit Secretary.
3. Unit secretaries should submit 1 copy of each member's signed form to Head of the office. For LPT members they should sent it to DDMC head. If possible with a covering letter. Insist office to send a report to Manager(P), Prasar Bharati, PTI Building, Sansad Marg, New Delhi 100 001.
4. 1 copy of each member's signed form must be sent to ARTEE central office. At ARTEE. PO BOX 422. GPO, New Delhi 110001. (For ordinary Post). **or** To, Internet Section, ARTEE, All India Radio, Broadcasting House, Parliament Street, New Delhi 110001. (For courier or Speed Post). **Just like we send ballot during Election Process.**
5. 1 copy of each member's signed form must be kept in ARTEE-Unit file for any future requirement.
6. If possible, please send a SMS to **VP-ARTEE/EZ 9433098541 or 9433636532**, confirming the completion of the job.

Hurry up, don't lose the time. Last date to do the same is 29th February 2012—but don't wait for last date.