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No. FNPO/HSG-I/Gazetted Status

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To
The Secretary &
Chairman Postal Services Board,
Dak Bhawan,
New Delhi -110001.

Respected Madam,

Sub: Request for grant of Gazetted Status to HSG-I Cadre.

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On behalf of our FNPO Federation on the above subject, the following few lines are brought to the kind personal notice of the Hon'ble Secretary Madam for favour of kind perusal and consideration.

The Cadre of HSG.I is the top post in general line with highest responsibilities and very lesser recognition and regards from the Department and most of the HSG.I officials are holding the posts of Head Postmasters and Dy Postmasters which are the key posts in operative side to deal with majority of public and they are compelled to work up to the satisfaction of lakhs of customers attending to the HOs and other major offices like, like MDGs/HSG.II SOs in spite of heavy staff shortage of 40% to 50% without inviting any public complaints to the maximum extent possible. The HSG.I officials are personally responsible in dealing with cash management in their HOs and also to all SOs under their jurisdiction in Crores of rupees every day. Further, the HSG.I Postmasters were made responsible for any frauds that have taken place under their jurisdiction and identified as subsidiary offenders and ordered for huge recovery in lakhs of rupees and in some cases even the retirement benefits of HSG.I Postmasters were held up for years together for their just procedure lapses and made scapegoats in such fraud cases.

But, in spite of such heavy responsibilities, their yeoman services were not recognized by the Department either with higher pay or by grant of Gazetted Status which is their long pending issue and the same was demanded by our Federation since long without any favourable action.

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The said demand of grant of Gazetted Status was denied by the Department vide DTE (SR Section) F.No.SR-02/1/2023-SR-DOP(Part 3) dated 10.11.2023 stating that "Grant of Gazetted Status is linked with statutory and financial powers vested with any post. As such change of classification is not feasible." But whereas in our Department, Private Secretary in pay level 7 is also a Gazetted Post without statutory and financial powers while ASP Cadre in pay level 8 is also without financial powers, which clearly shows the discrimination of the Department towards HSG.I cadre although the Cadre is having both statutory and financial powers.

In this connection, the following few points are furnished hereunder for king perusal and reexamine and favourable orders in the matter:

- (1) HSG.I Postmaster is having statutory powers as he is appointing authority of Postmen & MTS Cadres in Head Post Offices and big SOs like MDGs and also empowered to write APARs of Postmen & MTS Cadre and other powers as defined in Schedule 5 of Postal Manual Volume III.
- (2) As per Directorate No.18-7/92-CI dt. 20.07.1993, HSG.I Postmaster is having financial power of Rs.60/- and the Directorate has recently called for comments/opinions for revision of financial powers of Postmasters in view of computerization of Post Offices to meet the needs of computer repairs/for purchase peripherals.
- 1) Post Master in HSG I cadre is discharging the duties of Drawing and Disbursing officer (DDO) and as per GFR 2017 Rule 2(XII) " Drawing and Disbursing Officer (DDO) means a Head of Office and also any Gazetted officer so designated by a Department of Central Government, a Head of Department or any Administrator, to draw the bills and make the payments on behalf of Central Government. The term shall be include a Head of Department of an Administrator where he himself discharge such function.
- 2) All DDO's are in Gazetted status in all Central Government Departments except HSG I cadre in DOP, who were workings as Post Masters in Head Post Offices.
- 3) Post Master in HSG I cadre is the Head of CPC (PLI) in H.O.'s and having powers as approver for policies up to 20lakh and powers to settle all PLI /RPLI claim cases and maturity cases etc in his powers.
- 4) Duties of HSG I Cadre are well defined in RTI Manual -2 point No.2 (Powers and Duties of Officers and employees in DOP) on Department's official website.

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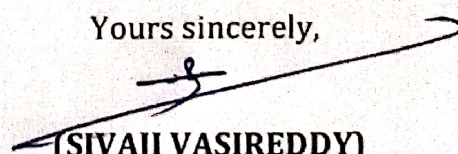
- 5) Post Master in HSG I cadre is only official who authorized to deduct Income Tax of Officers / Officials of DOP and responsible for maintaining GLs Heads of his HO including under SOs / BOs and issue Form-16 / Form-16A to the Officers / Officials of DOP and agents respectively.
- 6) In State Governments for example in Education Department one Head of the Department in a school / college who is having just 5-10 teachers under his control were identified with Gazetted status. But where as in our Department the HSG I Head Post Master has to manage / control 50 to 70 officials of all cadres without Gazetted Status.
- 7) Further in the latest implementation of APT 2.0 the responsibility of HSG I cadre has become more with additional duties.

As stated above there are so many points and references which are justified to confer Gazetted status to HSG I cadre and are fully justified.

Hence its humbly requested Hon'ble Secretary Madam to kindly look into the above mentioned highest responsibilities and duties that are being attended by HSG I cadre Officials to confer Gazetted status to HSG I cadre which is long pending demand of our Federation.

Hoping for Kind and Positive Response at the earliest possible Madam to resolve this justified demand.

Yours sincerely,


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The Member (P), Dak Bhawan, New Delhi-110001 for information and with a request to take immediate necessary action.