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DRAFT POLICY AND PROGRAMME

18th All India Conference of National Union of RMS & MMS Employees Union, Group 'C' was held from 10-3-2011 to 13-3-2011 at Puducherry.

The AIC debated the present International and national scenario as well as Central Government employees problems in general and RMS & MMS problems in particular. The AIC also held discussion on rise in prices and the need of wage revision without waiting another pay commission.

The AIC conveys strong resentment on the closure of RMS offices and MMS units.

The AIC welcomes new changes in our Department and at the same time pleads with the government not to retrench the staff under the pretext of new changes.

The AIC deeply discussed the policy of outsourcing adopted by the Department and requests the Department to do away with the outsourcing as much as possible.

The AIC appeals to the Department to take proper steps to bring the mails to its fold from the couriers.

The AIC urges the Department to include staff side representative before finalising Mail Net-work Optimization project.

The AIC requests the Department to withdraw unrealistic norms imposed on CRC/EPP/Logistics/Speed Post.

The AIC needs enhanced scale of pay to the Drivers/Artisans.

The AIC solicits the Department to procure more vehicles for MMS operation.

The AIC demands finalization cadre Restructuring at the earliest.

To achieve the above goals, the AIC resolves to organize the programmes as deemed fit.

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REPORT ON 18TH ALL INDIA CONFERENCE

18th All India Conference was held in Puducherry from 10-3-2011 to 13-3-2011 120 delegates and 700 visitors participated in the Conference.

On 9th March 2011, the CWC met at Prithi Mahal, Puducherry and approved Biennial Report and Audited Accounts.

RALLY

A grand rally was organized by the Reception Committee on 10-3-2011 from Kotakuppam Township office to the venue of the Conference.

HOMAGE TO MARTYRS

The bust of our late leader Sri K. Ramamurthi was erected in front of the venue by Sri M. Munussamy, GDS Divisional Secretary, Puducherry. All the General Secretaries of FNPO affiliated unions, Circle Secretaries of Tamilnadu Circle and all the Circle Secretaries of NUR 'C' paid their homage to the statue of K.R. with flowers.

OPEN SESSION

The Open Session was presided over by Sri Subarato Choudhry in the presence of Sri Siva Kozhundu, Chairman Reception Committee. The GS R III welcomed the gathering. Bro. Neil Anderson, Chairperson, Post and Logistics, Union Network International inaugurated the Conference through video. The honourable Chief Minister, Sri V. Vaithalingam formerly inaugurated the conference and addressed in the open session. During his address, he requested the Govt. of India and Postal officers not to close the Post offices in the villages as the villages are relying on the post offices only. Further he requested the Dept. of Posts not to abolish RMS offices, as it will ultimately pave way for flourishing of private couriers.

Smt. Shanthi Nair, Chief PMG addressed the conference. During her address, she stressed the need of the optimization of mail net work

and greeted the conference.

Sri Subarato Choudhry, President NUR 'C' requested the officers that consultation is necessary with the unions before taking decision while introducing new schemes.

Sri D. Kishan Rao, GS NUPE 'C' expressed his greetings to the conference.

Sri T.N. Rahate, GS NUPE PM & Gr. 'D' solicited not to retrench the staff under any circumstances.

Sri A.H. Siddiqui, GS NUR IV greeted the conference.

Sri P.U. Muralidharan, GS NUGDS explained loopholes in Check-off system and requested to remove the loopholes.

Sri O.P. Khanna, GS AIPAOA (FNPO) greeted the Conference.

Sri Parta Pratim Ghorai, GS Civil and Electrical wing union greeted the conference.

Sri H.L. Ramtek, GS AIPAOA (Accts) has also greeted the conference.

Sri S. Sambandam, GS SBCO expressed his happiness in participating the conference and greeted the conference.

Sri G.K. Padmanabhan, Secretary (Head quarters) attended the Conference despite his ill-health. He conveyed that he was proud and happy in attending this conference as founder of NUR 'C'.

The team under the stewardship of S/Sri R. Muthu and his followers, D.G. Paul Pandian, P. Sukumaran, S. Deivanayagam, M. Amavasai, A. Rajendran, N. Karunakaran, Munusamy, P. Kothandaraman, L. Rangana than, M. Sundaramurthy have organized the conference extremely well.

The following dignitaries addressed the open session and greeted the conference :

Sri P.S. Babu and Sri P.V. Subramaniam former GS P III and P IV, Sri A. Soma sundaram, former Vice-President NUR 'C', Sri

R.B. Ghosh, former President, Sri S.N. Sarkar, former Circle Secretary West Bengal Circle, Sri S. Noor Ahmed, former GS NUR IV.

With the vote of thanks of Sri P. Kumar, Secretary Reception Committee the open session ended with National Anthem.

SUBJECT COMMITTEE

Subject Committee meeting was held on 11-3-2011 and 12-3-2011. The GS and Finance Secretary presented the Biennial Report and Accounts in the house. A long debate was held on the subject of MACP Scheme and the Report and Accounts were adopted by the house.

Sri P.G. Datta Banik CS WB Circle initiated the debate on the following issues:

MACP anomalies, closure of RMS offices, downgradation of Division, needs to change the recruitment rules of MMS Drivers and Artisans and harassment of officers.

Sri H.C. Dutta, CS Assam Circle spoke on the issue of compassionate appointment to the dependents of the deceased officials.

Sri D. Christudoss suggested a constitution amendment and grant of 10 days as marriage leave to the employees. He also stated that postal tariff should be revised.

Sri Dharam Singh, Offg. CS Punjab Circle stated about the goondaism of NFPE in Punjab Circle and demanded the CHQ to intervene in the matter.

Sri B. Mohd. Ali, CS AP. Circle spoke on the following issues : MACP anomalies, Special allowance to Accountants and RTP Service.

Sri R.K. Tripathi, CS U.P. Circle expressed the need of new building for Haridwar RMS and also spoke on following subjects ; RTP Service and Special Allowance to LSG Supervisors.

Sri Primitava Ghosh criticized attitude of the higher officers in favouring NFPE and need of the implementation of judgment of CAT KOLKATA the appointment of SA and PA during the year 2006-2008.

Sri Dinesh Yadav, CS Haryana Circle criticised the officers for not conducting union meetings between regular intervals.

Sri Srinivasalu, CS Karnataka Circle addressed on the following issues : MACP, OTA and OSA.

Sri Nagarajan, MMS Bangalore spoke about the harassment of Managers MMS and need of revised scales for artisans.

Sri Devendra Kumar, CS Delhi Circle criticised the Dept. on the following issues : Scale of pay of MMS Drivers and Artisans, non-filling of posts of Sr. Manager/Managers in MMS units, delay in finalizing the new recruitment rules for Asst. Manager.

Sri Nikhalji, MMS Mumbai criticised CHQ for not taking up proper action on getting scales of pay for Drivers on par with SA/PA.

Sri Manu Dev of Delhi Circle opposed the outsourcing and privatization.

Sri Yogendra Yadav has said that the Dept. should necessary steps to deliver the mails within a stipulated times.

A cultural programme was organized by our Puducherry Postal Colleagues. The delegates enjoyed the programme very much.

On 12-3-2011, Subject Committee reassembled and debated 11 items and passed resolutions. The following are the resolutions:-

1. Grant financial upgradation under MACP Scheme to promote officials on par with direct recruit officials.
2. Remove the cap on bonus.
3. Revise OTA rates in accordance with the Sixth Pay Commission salary.
4. Withdraw unrealistic norms imposed on CRC/EPP/Speed Post/Logistics.
5. Count RTP Service for the purpose of promotion and pension.
6. Grant promotion to Artisans on par with the Drivers.
7. Grant OSA to the MMS Drivers on par with RMS Employees.
8. Stop closure of RMS offices.
9. Abolish bag numbering system.

10. Include staff side representative before finalizing Mail Net-work optimization project.
11. Request to introduce new medical claim policy exclusively for Postal Employees.

The need of compassionate appointment was seriously discussed by the West Bengal Colleagues. Sri Deepak Mukherjee initiated the debate and it was supported by all West Bengal delegates. Sri Amal Sarkar, West Bengal MMS Divisional Secretary emotionally demanded that the relaxation appointment should be given to dependent of deceased officials as regular measure by the Dept. without fixing any percentage limit.

Sri Yadav Nandan Singh CS Bihar Circle insisted that RMS offices should not be closed or merged.

Sri Ashok Kumar Singh, CS Jharkhand criticised the present Speed Post net-work.

The house decided to send telegram to the Secretary, Dept. of Posts on the subject that officials who have been recruited in the vacancies of 2006-2008 should be absorbed as per the judgment of CAT, Kolkata.

At the end of the subject Committee meeting the following new office-bearers have been elected unanimously:-

1. The President Sri Subarato Choudhry,
WB Circle
2. Working President Sri Deepak Mukherjee,
WB Circle
3. Vice-President Sri Subhash Singh Yadav,
Bihar Circle
4. Vice-President Sri Manu Dev, Delhi Circle
5. General Secy. Sri D. Theagarajan,
Tamilnadu Circle
6. Deputy General Sri Ramakant Prasad
Secretary Ambast, Bihar Circle
7. Asst. General Sri P.G. Dutta Banik,
Secretary West Bengal Circle
8. Asst. General Yogendra Yadav,
Secretary U.P. Circle

9. Asst. General N.K. Tyagi, U.P. Circle
Secretary
10. Asst. Gen. Secy Devi Ram, Delhi Circle
11. Asst. Gen. Secy. A.A. Peer Mohamed,
Maharashtra Circle
12. Asst. Gen. Secy. K.B. Desai, Gujarat Circle
13. Asst. Gen. Secy. Dharam Singh,
Punjab Circle
14. Asst. Gen. Secy. P. Kumar, Tamilnadu Circle
15. Financial Secy. Pawan Kumar, Delhi Circle

The following have been unanimously elected as Members of the Federal Congress:-

1. Ashok Kumar Singh Jharkhand
2. Devendra Kumar Delhi
3. H.C. Dutta Assam
4. R.K. Tripathi U.P.
5. S.P. Pandey U.P.
6. Umesh Narayan Jharkhand
Choudhry
7. D. Venkatesalu Karnataka Circle
8. H.N. Thakur Bihar
9. Avinash Kumar Bihar
10. Amal Sarkar W.B. Circle
11. D. Christu doss Kerala Circle
12. B. Mohd Ali A.P. Circle
13. P.B. Mhaske Maharashtra
14. S.N. Ahwad Maharashtra
15. M.K. Hazarika Assam

THANKS TO RECEPTION COMMITTEE

The Reception Committee has made a elaborate arrangements for conducting the Conference in a grand manner. Unprecedented crowd in the Conference made a mess on issues such as accommodation and transport arrangement. Despite this lacuna, the Conference was conducted in excellent manner. Our sincere thanks to the Reception Committee.

POLICY AND PROGRAMME

After the election, new office-bearers and important leaders drafted a policy and it was approved. Details of the policy and programme are published as editorial.

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