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NEW OPERATIONAL NETWORK FOR PARCEL PRODUCTS

Dept. of Posts launched new operational network for Parcel Products from 18/19-11/2013 vide DG Posts O.M. No. 10-23/2013-BD & MD. Before introducing this, the blue print of the new operational network was circulated to the Heads of Circles. Federation/Unions were not consulted before introducing the scheme.

Through this scheme, the Department has introduced two products. One is Express Parcel and the other Business Parcel. The Department also permits that Heads of Circles establish separate Express Parcel Hub in their circle. Express Parcel service is limited 20 cities across the country. Operational network for Express Parcel would also be restricted to these cities.

In regard to business parcel. It consist of Registered Parcel, ordinary Parcel, Business Parcel and BPCOD. The network for business/Registered/ordinary parcel would be a two tier network comprising L1 and L2. There would be 86 L1 and 241 L2 parcel Hubs across the country. The nomenclature of the Parcel Hub is standard. One is Express Parcel Hub and the other Parcel Hub followed by the name of the city/Town.

As the administration has not consulted the service unions/Federations, have not commented on the scheme. Now one year has elapsed. It is high time to revive the scheme with an open mind. Therefore our union suggests the following.

According to the information we received, the introduction of Express Parcel Hub is utterly flop. We are not getting considerable business through this scheme. Because we already have Speed post service which permits booking of article upto 35 kilograms. It is but natural that customers will

prefer Speed Post service instead of Express Parcel Service, as Speed Post service has become well-known among the general public since 25 years.

Coming to the business Parcel now according to the scheme, the Post Office is not allowed to close direct bag to the destination and parcels are sent to mapped Parcel Hubs. This results in flow of more parcels to the Hub. Through this process, both good and bad aspects are there. However good aspects are more. In regard to BPC bulk customers, earlier the business Parcels were sent to TMOs directly to avoid double handling. As per new the scheme, there are now sent to Parcel Hubs. This need to be reviewed to avoid double handling. Now, some circles procure fund to construct express parcel Hubs. The Directorate is also sanctioning good amount for the purpose. This is not correct. When the Express Parcel Scheme is utterly failure constructing new buildings to process business parcels in the Express Parcel Hub is a colossal wasteful expenditure to the Department. With the good intention the Department introduced Express Parcel Scheme. When the scheme has become failure, it is good to withdraw the scheme instead of justifying the mistakes and continuing the same is not worthy by investing more money.

For example, now the Directorate sanctioned Rs. 32 lakhs to construct Parcel Hub in Ekkathuthangal. This is high time to stop the construction to save the money. If there is any proposal to construct Parcel Hub anywhere in the country should be stopped in interest of the Government exchequer. Our union hopes the Department will accept our proposal in the larger interest.

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MINUTES OF THE JCM, DEPARTMENTAL COUNCIL (DC) **MEETING HELD ON 16/12/2014**

Agenda Item 1: Removal of artificial Cap of 60 days for Bonus to Postal employeesAn artificial cap of 60 days has been inflicted for Bonus limit to Postal employees. This irrational boundary in no way linked with the Productivity and hence wrap up of 60 days be removed on the basis of Scientific Methodology.

Decision taken : The proposal will be taken up with the Ministry of Finance. DDG (Estt)

Agenda Item 2 : Fixation of initial pay of Ex-service men recruited in Department of Posts – Non Implementation of DOPT orders. The LPD of Ex Servicemen is not granted as starting pay with certain conditions in the Department of Posts. Necessary instructions to Circles/Divisions are requested.

Decision taken : Circles are again being asked to implement the DOPT's orders in this regard which have already been circulated. DDG (Estt)

Agenda Item 3 : Grant of Split duty allowance to HSG II, HSG I Postmaster Grade II, Postmaster Grade III SPMs/PMs par with other officials. Split duty allowance is not being paid to the above category of officials even though they are put into split duty like other officials as they fall under Group 'B' classification. Split duty allowance may be paid to the above category officials ordered for split duty irrespective of their classification.

Decision taken : Since the officials in the Group 'B' are not granted Split duty allowance as per DOPT orders, it will be examined whether they should be put on Split duty or not. DDG (Estt)

Agenda Item 4 : Split duty allowance at par with Transport allowanceThe split duty allowance is a compensation granted for those officials brought on split duty enabling them to commute between home and office in the break. The rate is too low fixed very long before and it is quite essential to be granted equivalent to transport allowance. Hence it is requested to raise the split duty allowance to the level of Transport allowance as both are purported to be granted for same reasons.

Decision taken : The proposal will be referred to the 7th Pay Commission for examination. DDG (Estt)

Agenda Item 5: Enhancement of financial powers to LSG, HSG II, HSG I officials.In the present scenario of technology and marketing oriented environment, all the Postmasters at the level of LSG, HSG II & HSG I (Including Postmaster Grades) needed to be equipped with enhanced financial powers. For the sake of customer hospitality and small needs of computer related spares, some funds are needed to be stocked at the disposal of such LSG, HSG II, HSG-I level Postmasters. In the back drop of implementation of CBS & CIS and commencement of CPCs under CIS at all HOs there is a definite requirement of enhanced financial powers to provide hospitality to visiting customers to avail insurance services as the same trend is prevailing with our market competitors.

Decision taken : Agreed, in principle. The details will be worked out. DDG (Estt)

Agenda Item 6: Cash handling allowance to SPMs doing treasury duty.The cash handling allowance for the SPMs of single handed of Double handed offices will be paid par with cashiers or treasurers. At present a meager sum ranging Rs. 20/- to Rs. 35 is in vogue not changed for the past 25 years. Hence the cash handling allowance to SPMs may be made equal to the amount paid to cashiers.

Decision taken : Rates have increased from time to time. Presently the rates paid varies from Rs.120/- to Rs. 210/-. Item closed.

Agenda Item 7: Stepping up of pay for promotees par with Direct recruit.Inordinate delay in ordering of stepping up of pay to the promotees par with Direct recruitment P.A.s, recruited after 1.1.2006 and stepping up of pay in Postman cadre.

Decision taken : Relevant orders stand circulated to all concerned vide NO.1-9/2010-PCC dated 05/01/2011. Instructions will be reiterated. DDG (Estt)

Agenda Item 8: Cadre restructuring implementation. Implement Cadre Restructuring in Postal, RMS, MMS and Postal Accounts as per the proposal signed with the JCM (DC) staff side.

Decision taken : The examination of proposals regarding Cadre Restructuring will be expedited

and settled within a period of six months. DDG (Estt)

Agenda Item 9: a. MACP related issues. Promotions accrued by passing departmental promotional examinations should not be counted towards MACP. Implement Jodhpur CAT Judgment.

Decision taken : Hon'ble High Court of Rajasthan at Jodhpur had stayed the order passed by CAT till final disposal of the Writ petition. We may await decision in the court case. DDG (Estt)

(b) Bench mark should not be made applicable to non-gazetted posts.

(c) Stepping up of pay with junior should be allowed in MACP also.

(d) Pay fixation on Promotional hierarchy and not Grade pay hierarchy.

Decision taken : Action is taken as per DOPT orders. Item closed.

Agenda Item 10: Enhance overtime allowance rates at par with Railways. OTA seems to be inevitable in our departments. The rates applicable to Railways may be granted to our department.

Decision taken : The proposal will be referred to the 7th Pay Commission. DDG (Estt)

Agenda Item 11 : Delivery efficiency Modifying the orders dated 22/5/1979 regarding existing time factor given for delivery of articles taking in to account the actual time required for door to door delivery is requested to ensuring the delivery efficiency.

Decision taken : The proposal will be reexamined. DDG (Estt)

Agenda Item 12 : Grant of HRA to the officials who are not provided with standard accommodation

1. The accommodation provided by institutions / Govt. Establishments is not according to the schedule of Accommodation. The rent paid by the department is also nominal. But the officials are foregoing HRA in huge quantum.

2. In rural / semi urban areas the rent paid by department is less than the HRA foregone by the officials.

3. The erstwhile accommodation of A Class, LSG is provided to the officials working in HSG I or without

provided the quarters as per schedule of Accommodation. In all the cases, the quarters may be delinked and officials provided with HRA.

Decision taken : The powers have been delegated to CPMGs. A decision is to be taken by CPMGs on each case based on merits. Item closed.

Agenda Item 13: Request for grant of honorarium for the fixation of pay in respect of those whose increment falls due from 2.1.2006 to 30.6.2006

The work related to fixation of pay as per the Revised Pay rules 2006 and drawl of arrears ,on pro-rata basis was granted vide the authority contained in DG(P) letter no 42-1/2008 PAP dated 21.12.2009.

The fixation done to those officials for whose increment fell in the first half of the year 2006 were ordered to be re-fixed by granting one increment as on 31.12.2005 in the pre-revised pay and arrear be drawn accordingly vide MOF OM No. 10/02/2011-E III-A dated 19.3.2012. More than half of the officials pay coming under purview of this stipulation was done and arrear was drawn from 1.1.2006 to 2012.

The head of the divisions are not granting the honorarium without discerning the actual content and scheme of the work involved in the subject matter by simply misconceiving the matter as sheer grant of one time increment.

The way in which the fixation was re- fixed as per the MOF OM dated 19.3.2012 and the subsequent instruction contained in the OM dated 22.5.2013 & 3.1.2013 on the procedure to adapted sequel to re fixation all stand to testify the wok done now are replica of the work that was initially done as per the RP rule 2006.

Decision taken : The Directorate has not received any such proposal or reference from any of the Circles. Specific cases may be sent to Directorate DDG (Estt)

Agenda Item 14 : Request for not abolishing the GDSV/SV post despite there has been decline in sale of stamps on the basis of the latest statistics.v The statistics of latest nature can not reflect the actual quantum and potential of office in so far as the sales are concerned. There had been a dearth of stamps for a few months and stocks are replenished only recently.

The work rendered surplus because of the abolition of the stamp vendor have to borne by the counter PAS. The counters are adequately manned due to shortage of staff and further the augmentations of clerical staff are overdue in many of the offices where the abolition of SV are intended.

The work of the staff at counters, if interspersed with sale of stamps, the pace and flow of the other main transactions as per the MDW will be terribly upset which will attract the wrath of the customer who have to wait .With addition of more and more new items of work like IMT, Mobile money transfer etc, the counter Pas are really overburdened as each and every transaction of kind requires briefing with customers considerably. It is needless to say what sort of additional work is in store for them once the hand –on – device are introduced and at the stage the output of this performance by field officials are to accommodate in the office transaction.

Already the sale of stamps are being done at counter in the form of PSR collection which is not assigned with time factor for commutation of the work load .The present work load for booking of accountable articles are one and the same for both type, either stamps affixed or cash collected. If the stamp are to vended by the PAS , inevitably it will tell upon the efficiency of the other work resulting in public to prefer the alternate services.Hence it is requested to allow the Stamp vending staff of bigger office where the work load of the counter PA are far in excess of available staff hours and augmentation of the staff are justified. In most of the offices the working strength of clerical strength is less than the sanctioned strength. Decision taken : The existing policy will be reviewed. Redeployment will be done where there is workload. DDG (Estt)

Agenda Item 15: Request for sanctioning the 1/4th of full daily allowance, as special allowance, to those who are compulsorily to take up the boarding and lodging at the training institutes:

As per the GOI (3) 2 below SR 164, the officials staying in the residential training programs by paying the fixed rates are to be given special allowance.

The plea of passing authorities that the new DA rule w.e.f 1.9.2008 cannot be applied is not tenable. As per new rule from 1.9.2008, except new rates

(comprising of three components viz. food bill, accommodation and local travel expenditure none of the other conditions that were in prevalence as on 1.9.2008 were amended. In fact options to claim on either old rate or new rates have also been accorded to options claimants. While the stipulations are so firm and amenable, the contention that the rules prior to 1.9.2008 are extinct is not correct.

For an example , an official in GP 2400/- has to pay Rs.230 per day for compulsory stay in campus at PTC, Madurai whereas the same official is entitled to a maximum of Rs.675/-(450+150+75) if they are at liberty to stay outside.

The difference between the expenditure under compelled state of affair and the official own choice of stay is only sought to be cushioned in the form special allowance to be cushioned in the form of special allowance to equivalent to 1/4th of the DA. This underlying principal and spirit of rule for special kind of DA and officials are to suffer the loss nevertheless legitimate bindings, leave alone, natural justice behold of officials welfare.

Decision taken : The proposal will be taken with Ministry of Finance. DDG (Estt)

Agenda Item 16: Implementation of judgment of Delhi High Court dated 02.07.2011.WP no 3225/2007 in OM No 164/2005 in the matter of Dharam singh others. This has reference to DG (Posts) letter No 2-48/2011-PCC dated 17th Aug 2014 addressed to four CPMsG (Delhi, Tamil Nadu, West Bengal and Maharashtra). Wherein instructions have been issued to draw the arrears of affected officials, but in vain Despite regular issue of reminders, nothing has been done so far. Suitable and early action is requested for regularizing their pay and drawal of arrears of affected official. Total number of officials in all the four circle comes to only 425.

Decision taken : Orders for implementation of judgement have already been issued vide letter No.2-48/2011-PCC dated 7/08/2012 and 03/09/2012. Instructions will be reiterated with directions for implementation in a time bound manner. DDG (Estt)

Agenda Item 17 : Grant of Traveling and Daily Allowance to Mail Overseers in place of Night Halt:Only Memorandum bearing DG (Posts) No I-02/2012-PAP dated 17th January 2012 has been

issued, but no orders for implementation has been issued and sent to all concerned for this change. Such orders need to be issued immediately so that the affected official could get financial benefit.

Decision taken : Instructions issued vide OM dated 17/01/2012 are already clear. The same are being reiterated. Item closed.

Agenda Item 18: Combined working of Mumbai Region and Chief PMG Office work by Chief PMG, Maharashtra Circle Office Staff and Officer (as previously was in practice): This case of combination of work of Mumbai Region into office of the CPMG, Maharashtra has been already taken with the CPMG, Maharashtra as it was in past in existence. Since last so many years or we may say that since opening of separate Mumbai Region only PMG and DPS two posts were there and rest all other staff of CPMG office was dealing the work of Mumbai Region. The copies of letters addressed in details are enclosed herewith for ready reference. The clerical and other posts of Mumbai Region may be redeployed to proposed Telangana Circle. Item dropped.

Decision taken : Item withdrawn/ dropped.

Agenda Item 19: Enhancement of Financial Powers of PMG to condemn of Computer Hardware: The computer and hardware supplied to almost all the post offices are out dated and required to be condemned. Presently, the Regional PMGs have financial power to condemn computer hardware upto Rs 200000/- per year. These financial powers are very low considering the conditions of computers and hardware in almost all the post offices. Due to such low financial powers to the PMGs to condemn the computer and hardware, age barred and out dated computers and hardware could not be condemned. This is creating a great problem in offering smooth and quick services to the members of public. Thus it is necessary to improve the Financial Powers of PMGs to condemn the outdated and time barred computers and hardware.

Decision taken : The Regional PMGs have financial powers for replacement of computer hardware upto Rs.10.00 lakhs. Item closed.

Agenda Item 20: Inadequate Funds for purchase of computer papers : The funds required for purchase of computer papers for all the post offices in the circle are very inadequate. Present requirement of funds to supply adequate

computer paper to offices in Circle is Rs 5 Crores per year. However, the CPMG has financial powers of just Rs 30 Lakhs in this regard. Thus there is acute shortage of paper in whole Circle. Hence, it is needed to improve the Financial Powers of CPMG for purchase of computer papers and stationery every year.

Decision taken : Proposals are being called from the Circles and will be examined. DDG (Estt)

Agenda Item 21: Increase the number of LSG/HSG II & I posts in Circle Administrative offices. Number of LSG, HSG II & I posts in Circle Administrative offices is much and much less in comparison to intricate nature of job performed by the circle and regional offices including DPLI office.

Decision taken : No such proposal is pending. In case the proposal is received, the same will be examined. DDG (Estt)

Agenda Item 22: Stop shifting of CPMG office from Ambala to Gurgaon. It is learnt that recently a move has been made to shift CPMG office from Ambala to Gurgaon which will cause many problems for the people of Haryana. Moreover, Ambala was chosen as the Circle Head's office many many decades back considering geographical aspect and railway link factor etc. Whereas Gurgaon is nearly 60 Kms away from Delhi can that area can easily be covered separately for the purpose of business development taking the advantage of Gurgaon being located within the ambit of National Capital Region.

Decision taken : No decision has been taken to shift the Head Quarters of Haryana Circle. Item closed.

Agenda Item 23 : Merger of posts of charge Hand with Artisan Grade-I The Directorate has issued orders on 03.06.2014 merging posts of charge hand with the Post of Artisan Grade-I based on the VI CPC recommendation. This recommendation was made by VI CPC based on the staff of Railway workshop and Defence workshop. Operation in MMS workshop is entirely different from that of Railway and Defence. For Example, in four Metro cities, we have more than four MMS workshop based on the functional justification whereas in Railways and Defence, they have big workshop like factory. Therefore one charge hand is enough for one shift. But in MMS, there are more workshops in different places we need charge hand for each work shop. Moreover, there are more promotional avenues for Artisan Such as

Master Craftsman, Chageman, Technical Supervisors, Foreman. But in MMS workshop, we have only one promotional that is charge hand. Therefore merging charge hand with Artisan Grade-I is not correct. Hence we request the Department that this issue may kindly be taken up with the appropriate Authority for redressal or we have to obtain permission to create promotion in MMS workshop like Railways and Defence.

Decision taken : The matter will be taken up with the Ministry of Finance. DDG (Estt)

Agenda Item 24: CGHS Facility to all Postal retirees. Request to grant CGHS Cards to Postal retirees par with other C. G. Pensioners. There is no objection from the Ministry of Health to issue of CGHS Cards to the Postal Pensioners par with other C. G. Pensioners. Because of non validation by Department of Posts, this facility is not extended to Postal pensioners. Department of Posts is requested initiate action by lifting its restraint in this regard to enable the Ministry of Health to grant CGHS facility to Postal Pensioners.

Decision taken : Agreed. The issue is pending with M/o Health and Family Welfare, will be followed up. DDG (Estt)

Agenda Item 25 : Irregular utilisation of services of MTS employees in the vacant posts of Sorting Assistants Many Circles Irregular utilisation of services of MTS employees in the vacant posts of Sorting Assistants is prevailing wherein it was instructed to utilise the services of MTS employees in the vacant posts of Sorting Assistants on payment of coolie charges per hour/ due duty. This is exploitation of MTS and GDS employees. In fact the MTS should be utilised in the short term/vacant posts of Mailguards. There is no rule to utilise the services of these employees in the vacant posts of Sorting Assistants as they are not fully trained and qualified to work. (Imparting of training at Postal Training Centers and Computers training). This will result mishandling of public mail causing inordinate delay in receipt of mail. It is not known how the Divisional Heads, has framed his

own rules without observing the norms and rules of the department. Therefore it is requested to issue instructions to all concerned to cancel the irregular orders issued by the Division heads in many circles to protect the sanctity of the rules and honour of Sorting Assistants.

Decision taken : Necessary instructions will be issued to the Circles. DDG (Estt)

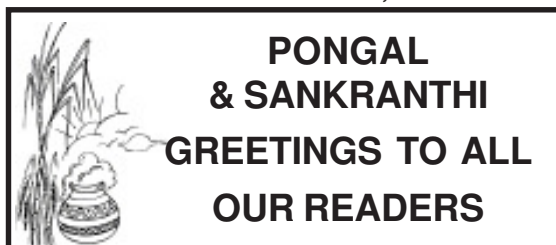
Agenda Item 26 : Revision of FSCAs per the Revised rates of Fixed Stationary charges for post offices the cost of closing of sealing of one bag daily is quoted for Rs. 3/- whereas many administrative authorities has taken this as Rs. 3/- per bag for a complete month. The cost of sealing wax per Kg. is above Rs. 60/- . The rate of FSC may be calculated in its original spirit and the unjustified interpretation of the field level officers shall be nullified by the revised instructions we request to issue by the Directorate.

Decision taken : Agreed. Action will be taken. DDG (Estt)

Agenda Item 27: Care Taking Allowance for all Postmasters/ Sub-postmasters and Sub-record officers. The conditions for grant of Care Taking Allowance are fully applicable to all the Post masters/Sub-Postmasters/Sub-record officers who are doing the CARE TAKERS DUTY apart from their normal duties as a routine. Further, the cleanliness activities are made part and parcel of Memo of Distribution of work Hence Caretaker Allowance @ 10% of pay in the Pay Band is to be paid as prescribed by the Sixth CPC.

Decision taken : There is no justification for grant of Caretaking Allowance to the Postmasters / SPMs / SROs. Item closed.

Agenda Item 28: Request for grant of one Increment to erstwhile Gr.D/MTS in RMS on Promotion to the Cadre of Mail guards by Selection (By Seniority) Ref: Gazette Notification of India, Extraordinary, Part-II Section 3, Sub-section (i) dtd. 20.12.2010 Communicated vide D.G(P) No.44-14/ 2009-SPB-I dtd.28.01.2011 Your kind attention is drawn to the above referred Gazette notification which stipulates about the promotion of Gr.D/MTS to the Cadre of Mail Guard in RMS wing of the Department by allocating 25% of Posts by Selection i.e by Seniority. In RMS wing there are many GDS/MTS who have put in more than 20 yrs of service due to ban on recruitment since decade. After issue of above notification in many Circles the DPCs were held and many Group D/MTS are being promoted to the Cadre of mail guard who has



put in more than 20 years of service. As there is no financial benefit either in the Grade pay or in the increment none are showing interest to join as mail guard resulting the posts are lying vacant. Regarding fixation of Pay in r/o erstwhile Gr. D / MTS who are promoted to the cadre of Mail Guards after the advent of CCS (RP) Rules 2008. The Pay Band /Pay scale fixed for Gr. D /MTS in the revised Pay structure is PB-I/Rs.5200-20200 with grade Pay Rs.1800- Whereas the Pay Band/Pay Scale fixed for Mail Guards is PB-I/Rs.5200-20200 with Grade Pay Rs.2000-.Promotion from the Cadre of MTS to Mail Guard definitely involves higher responsibilities. Normally when an official is Promoted to a higher cadre Post which involves duties of higher responsibility, his Pay on Promotion should be fixed in terms of the provisions contained in FR 22(I)(a)(i). There will be no problem in r/o those officials who get promotion from MTS to Mail Guard who have put in less than 20 years of service as on the date of such promotion. But problem is arising in r/o those officials who get promotion after putting up 20 years of service and more. The reason is that the entry Grade pay for MTS is Rs.1800- and on completions of 10 Years and 20 years of service becoming eligible for Financial Up gradations under MACPS their Grade Pay will raise to Rs.1900- and Rs.2000- respectively. When an MTS having 20 years of service with grade pay of Rs.2000- by virtue of having got MACPS-II will not have any benefit on his promotion to Mail Guard cadre though the duties and responsibilities are higher in nature since the entry grade pay for Mail Guard is only Rs.2000-. This is nothing but definite discrimination towards the officials who get promotion from MTS to Mail Guards by seniority after rendering 20 years. The case of those MTS who get promotion to cadre of Mail Guards after putting 30 years is still worse as their grade pay would be Rs.2400- which is more than the grade pay of Mail Guard which is nothing but ignominy rather promotion. Even the OM No.10/02/2011-E.III/ A dtd.7.01.02013 issued by the Ministry of Finance in this regard is also appears to be ambiguous since in para-3 of the OM does not speak of the above issue since it is only mentioned that "in cases of promotion from one post to another where the promotional post carries the same grade pay as the feeder post, fixation of pay in such cases will be done in the manner as prescribed in Rule 13(i) of the CCS(RP) Rules, 2008." This type of contingency does not arise in postal department

since the promotional avenues are very limited and will not be in quick succession. In the light of the above, it is requested to examine the issue in comprehensive manner and to take up the matter with the appropriate authorities to safe guard the interest of the deprived officials who are promoted after 20 years of service by allowing fixation of pay under the provisions contained in FR 22(I)(a)(i).

Decision taken : There is no provision of re-fixation of pay of MTS / Group 'D' already getting Grade Pay of Rs.2000/- under MACP on their regular promotion to Mail Guard (G.P. Rs.2000-). Item closed.

Agenda Item 29: Provisioning the facility of mobile to Mail Overseer / Cash Overseers:Orders for reimbursement of the actual expenditure incurred on telephone subject to maximum of Rs 20/- per month are solicited with retrospective date.

Decision taken : The proposal is being considered in consultation with IFW. DDG (Estt)

Agenda Item 30: Change of nomenclature of cleaners in M.M.S.The officials who are in the pay band 4860-20200 in the Mail Motor Service and who assist the Motor Mechanics in maintenance of vehicle are now being called cleaners/motor vehicle cleaners. In the background of changing social environment and improving economic conditions the nomenclature " cleaner/motor vehicle cleaner" given to them looks rather out of date and requires a change. our union requests kindly to examine the issue and change their nomenclature as Assistant Mechanic/ Helper.

Decision taken : The matter is being examined. DDG(Estt)

pending matters will be published in next issue.

SRI S. RAVINDRAN RETIRED



Sri S. Ravindran, HSG I RMS 'CT' Dn. Kozhikode and Circle Vice President NUR 'C' Kerala Circle has retired from service on 31-10-2014. He served 40 years in the Department. He worked in the capacity of Branch Secretary, Divisional Secretary, Divisional President in RMS 'CT' Dn. He also held the post of Asst. Circle Secretary NUR 'C' wishes him a happy and peaceful retired life.

GENERAL SECRETARY'S LETTER

Reached Delhi on 1-12-2014.

MARCH TO PARLIAMENT

My sincere thanks to NUR 'C' Circle Secretaries for their earnest co-operation to conduct the March to Parliament effectively. The following Circle Secretaries participated in the rally with their Divisional Secretaries and members. UP, Uttarkhand, Punjab, Haryana, Delhi, AP, Rajasthan and Kerala. Divisional Secretaries of Maharashtra Circle – Mumbai APSO, RMS 'B' Dn. Pune. Participated with their members. Most of the Circle Secretaries responded well. I thank them and salute them for their participation in the March to parliament. I also thank the Divisional Secretaries who have sent their donation to the Federation to meet the expenditure of March to Parliament.

TASK FORCE REPORT

What we anticipated is happening now. Task Force Report has come out proposing corporatization of the Dept. of Posts. If this report is implemented, there will be no mail offices in the country. The seriousness of the report is expressed in our Federal Sentinel. This also is published in our web-site. Divisional Secretaries are requested to conduct General Body meeting to explain the position to the members.

VICTORY IN RRR CASE

The Supreme Court has dismissed the appeal of the Dept. of Posts in absorbing RRR Candidates in Tamilnadu Circle. The judgment will pave way for absorption of all

RRR candidates in Tamilnadu Circle. Our Federation played vital role in the case.

Departmental Council Meeting :

After a gap of one year, Departmental Council Meeting was held on 16-12-2014. 100 subjects were discussed. The out-come of the meeting is published in elsewhere.

Postal JCA :

Postal JCA met on 16-12-2014 and the decision arrived at the meeting is published as PJCA circular. This has been posted in our web-site on 18-12-2014.

Retirement Age :

The Government at last announced that there is no proposed to reduce the retirement age from 60 to 58. Details of the reply of the Minister is published in our web-site.

Yours Fraternally,

D. THEAGARAJAN, General Secretary



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